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Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 5/1/64.

In the Primary Election, 5/5/64, in the Democratic Primary, Attorney HAROLD RICKERT, JR., former Mahoning County Court Judge and son of Mahoning County Common Pleas Judge HAROLD RICKERT, SR., was the victor and will oppose Republican incumbent CLYDE OSBORNE, who was unopposed, in the November, 1964 General Election. It has not been announced as yet, but Atty. CHARLES F. HENDERSON, former Mayor of Youngstown, under a reform administration, will be OSBORNE's campaign manager.

On 5/3/64, RALPH FRANCIS GAUDIO, Youngstown hoodlum, pimp, fence and rackets figure was arrested by Bureau Agents at New Orleans for UFAC-POSSESSION OF BURGLAR'S TOOLS. GAUDIO was on 3 years probation from Richland County, Mansfield, Ohio, and it had been determined he allegedly had a "fix" and in no way could violate this probation or was bound by probation rules.

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Upon noting GAUDIO's absence from the Youngstown area, Bureau Agents, in cooperation with the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office, pressed Richland County authorities to declare him a probation violator.

CV 344-2 advised he recently received a letter from the niece of GIUSEPPE PINDELLI, in Argentina, wherein she advised that PINDELLI allegedly has leukemia. Informant stated he has no further details at this time, but as soon as he receives further information, he will immediately advise.

Magr. JOHN LETTAU, Chancellor of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, and President of the Youngstown Citizen's Committee, advised that questionnaires were sent to all of the political candidates in the May Primary in Mahoning County, which were filled out and returned to the committee. Now, in preparation for the November General Election, these questionnaires will be reviewed and in certain cases the candidates will be interviewed on television concerning the qualifications and backing, so that the general public will have a better knowledge of the candidates. He also stated that possibly the Committee may make recommendations on certain candidates.

Regarding the 34 contempt citations following the Mahoning County Grand Jury, Judge SIDNEY RIGELHAUPT, Common Pleas Court, Mahoning County, has deferred any action until the contempt cases were officially referred to him by journal entries from the 7th District Court of Appeals of Ohio. Now that the entries, which were made 5/4/64, have been received. Judge RIGELHAUPT is reviewing these cases as to those which have the most likelihood of being sustained by the Court of Appeals, before taking official action.

In connection with the second phase of the Mahoning County Grand Jury, a new subpoena list is being formulated at the present time with the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office and a conference will be held with Mahoning County Common Pleas Judge DAVID G. JENKINS, at which time the Prosecutor will discuss the feasibility of referring the matter to a Special Investigative Grand Jury. By seating a Special Grand Jury, this will circumvent the problem previously encountered when Judge RIGELHAUPT dismissed the regular session of his Grand Jury.

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It is expected this Grand Jury will run approximately 2 weeks and it is too early at this time to speculate as to the number of indictments, if any, that will be secured.

CV 544-C advised on 5/6/64, that DOMINICK MALLAMO, aka., "BIG DOM," head of the "Calabrese Organization" in Youngstown, contacted him and asked him if JOHN STEVENS, aka., "POPEYE," was still in the numbers business. Informant stated he advised MALLAMO that he has heard that STEVENS is out of the numbers business, and then again, at times, he hears that he is in business, but that his personal opinion is that STEVENS is out of business. MALLAMO told informant he has heard the same, and told the informant that he likes STEVENS and that he would not like to see STEVENS get into any trouble by telling everyone that he is out of business when he actually is doing business on the side. MALLAMO then told the informant that he wants nothing from anyone, that he likes a peaceful atmosphere around town, and that some day soon he wants to retire when all of the "heat" around Youngstown has died down, but he cannot, with the people like STEVENS, telling people he is out of business, when he actually is not. MALLAMO then added that he hopes STEVENS is out of business. Informant stated he felt MALLAMO was inquiring of him about STEVENS inasmuch as he knows STEVENS is a friend of the informant, and MALLAMO apparently is not receiving a payoff from STEVENS, and if STEVENS were operating, he would be obligated to pay off to MALLAMO.

On 5/5/64, PETE FETCHET was interviewed by Bureau Agents at the Champion Short Hole Golf Course, north of Warren and Champion, Ohio, and FETCHET advised he purchased this golf course with STEVE WILLIS, about 2 weeks ago, and that he and WILLIS are going to operate the business. FETCHET advised he is completely out of the numbers business and has not operated since his home was raided in the fall of 1963, based on a search warrant signed by an FBI Agent. He stated the raid resulted in a great deal of embarrassment to his wife and family and was especially hard on the children in school. He stated the children were badly affected by the resulting publicity, and some of their former associates would not have anything to do with them, and for this reason stated he does not intend to go back in business.

FETCHET stated he is greatly relieved to be out of the numbers business, and advised he took a leisurely vacation to Florida, which was his first vacation in 12 years.

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He stated he cannot run a booking business and leave town on vacations, and that the raid on his home might have been worth the problems it caused his family because of his present contentment.

CV 591-C was questioned regarding his membership in the C.M.A.S. Club (Calabrese Mutual Aid Society), 19-5th Ave., Youngstown, and he advised he is currently behind in his dues, but continues to receive letters and notices of meetings held, inviting him to attend. He was questioned as to whether or not this was a "secret organization," and he advised it was not, but stated there is an "inner" group within the Calabrese Club, which is a secret group. Informant stated that only Calabrese are invited to join, and added that the late BILLY NAPLES (bombing-murder victim 7/1/62) had been refused membership by DOMINICK MALLAMO, as NAPLES was not Calabrese. Informant related he had been invited some years ago to join the "inner group," but had refused as he knows these men "work with the underworld and are sworn to secrecy." He explained that SAM ADORNATO of Indiana, Pa. is a second cousin of his, and a member, and on one occasion ADORNATO told MALLAMO that the informant "was o.k.," and MALLAMO immediately invited the informant to join.

CV 591-C stated that at one time "instructors" of this "inner group" were CHARLES VIZZINI, former operator of the Deluxe Cafe in Youngstown (who is a Sicilian), and 2 Calabrese, PAUL and MIKE ROMEO. Informant stated VIZZINI was not permitted to attend the secret meetings then held on Sunday mornings at the Workingmen's Club (operated by MALLAMO), as he was not Calabrese, although he "taught" the men. Informant stated that leadership in this Calabrese group came from PAUL ROMEO to MALLAMO due to PAUL ROMEO's advanced age. Informant stated he was not aware of any ceremony or oath to be taken upon entering this group, as he had not joined.

CV 591-C until recently expressed a desire to stay away from MALLAMO because of fear of reprisal in the event his informant status became known by MALLAMO. Informant stated, in his opinion, this group is not Cosa Nostra, from what he knows of it without being a member, but is rather a smaller, similar type group of persons of Calabrese descent who operate a criminal type organization.

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Informant stated these persons were sometimes called "shortcoats" and they engaged years ago in shaking down mill workers regularly, and it was rumored that some mill workers had been killed when they refused to pay tribute to them after they got the newly immigrated Italians jobs in the mills in Youngstown.

CV 591-C stated that the FBI has seriously hurt organized crime in Youngstown by closing down gambling, as no money from barbut is now coming in, which was big money, and which would normally be sent to higherups in other larger cities.