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It would appear from the above that PIGNATELLO is undoubtedly a front for GIANCANA in Las Vegas and specifically at the Coach and Four Restaurant.

~~GERALD O'HARE~~

LV 10-C has previously reported that O'HARE in the past has handled the bets for employees and guests at the Desert Inn Hotel. In June, 1961, MORRIS B. DALITZ, principal owner of the hotel and a top hoodlum, national, issued instructions that O'HARE was not to be permitted to make any calls through the hotel switchboard to any race book in the City of Las Vegas.

O'HARE resides at 2401 Santa Clara Drive and is known to have at least two phones in his house. Hoodlums from other parts of the country have called these numbers during recent months.

As reported under the above heading, SAMUEL M. GIANCANA was in the Las Vegas area during July, 1961, at which time he made arrangements to purchase an interest in the Coach and Four Restaurant. He indicated he was going to set JOHN DREW, referred to hereafter, and others up as possible "dummy owners". Information appeared in a local Las Vegas newspaper in August, 1961, that JOHN DREW and JERRY O'HARE had purchased the Coach and Four Restaurant and had been approved for a liquor license to operate the restaurant.

It would appear from the above that in addition to handling bets on various sporting events, O'HARE is also possibly acquainted with GIANCANA and has been set up as a front by GIANCANA in the Coach and Four Restaurant.

~~LONNIE JOE CHADWICK~~

Las Vegas sources had advised that CHADWICK is a close personal associate of JOHN DREW. CHADWICK was employed until a few months ago as a pit boss at the Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas. He subsequently quit this job and has since been traveling to Los Angeles and other parts of the country with DREW. He was recently gambling in Reno when IRS Agents

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which lodge operates a gambling casino.

~~SAM~~ BAKER, aka

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BAKER formerly operated the Villa Venice, an Italian restaurant in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was alleged to have had contacts with the hoodlums of Italian extraction who reside in various parts of the country. Investigation of BAKER did not develop any information indicating he was then engaged in criminal activity or directly connected with anyone currently engaged in criminal activity.

~~LESTER BENJAMIN~~ BINION

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OO: Las Vegas
Las Vegas File 92-391
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BINION has resided for several years at 2040 Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, Nevada. He came to Las Vegas in the 1950's from the Dallas, Texas, area. He was involved there in criminal activities and since has done time for income tax evasion. He formerly had an interest in the Horseshoe Club, Las Vegas, however, he was forced to sell this interest when he was convicted in the tax evasion case. His only known interest at the present time is in his ranch at Jordan, Montana, where he raises livestock and horses. He has not been known to be implicated in any criminal activity during recent years and for several months was carried as a PCI of the Salt Lake City Division.

~~NATHAN~~ BLANK, aka

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OO: Las Vegas ^{NEV.}
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Previous investigation disclosed BLANK has been unemployed for several years and spends most of his time loitering around the down town Las Vegas area. Las Vegas