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Informant advised that he was recently in company with PHIL CRACCIOLA at MALOOF's Snack Bar on Kercheval Ave. He stated that CRACCIOLA recently purchased this restaurant from FREDDIE MALOOF. Informant advised that CRACCIOLA had rented several rooms upstairs over a store across the street from MALOOF's Snack Bar and that he was setting the place up to open a card game and crap game. He stated that he had already hired JOHN "HAFI" ELIAS and PETE LEONARDO to "work" his game, however, BILLY GIACALONE came to CRACCIOLA's restaurant and warned him not to open. Informant stated that CRACCIOLA "got the message" and he has given up his plans to open a gambling room. Informant said that PETE LEONARDO went back to his old job as a "stick-man" at the Macomb Social Club, a syndicate gambling joint run by FRANK MUDARO and BUSTER LUCIDO.

In commenting about PHILLIP CRACCIOLA, Informant advised that CRACCIOLA is "built like a fire hydrant" and is a "real rough" little guy. He said that CRACCIOLA was a judo and karate expert. Informant recalled that several years ago he and SAMMY GIORDANO were in Maloof's Snack Bar and somehow GIORDANO got "mouthing off" at CRACCIOLA. He said that GIORDANO didn't know CRACCIOLA and their argument "spilled outside". Informant revealed that GIORDANO thought he was going to "eat CRACCIOLA alive" and, after GIORDANO missed the first punch, CRACCIOLA threw GIORDANO over the hood of a car into the middle of Kercheval Avenue. Informant claimed that GIORDANO didn't get up and he had a hard time in dissuading CRACCIOLA from "really stomping" SAMMY G. He added that he helped SAMMY to his car and took him to his apartment in the Chateau-Frontenac where GIORDANO "holed up" for several days.

Informant advised on 4/13/63, that he had received a telephone call at home from a stripper named SHAWNA, who is appearing at the Book Bar on Michigan Ave., Detroit. He stated that SHAWNA is Candy DAVIDSON's girl friend. He revealed that SHAWNA lives at the Imperial Hotel and CANDY DAVIDSON lives in Grand Rapids, Mich. Informant disclosed that SHAWNA told him that CANDY has asked her to call him and request that they both come to see him Sunday, 4/14/63, in Grand Rapids as CANDY had "something important" for Informant. He added that he has no idea what CANDY might have lined up for him in Grand Rapids but that he did intend to visit CANDY DAVIDSON.

Informant advised that he was in company with JOE LAUDICINI the previous evening at the Wolverine Hotel. Informant

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revealed that LAUDICINI ran a very successful horse handbook "in partners" with an Italian guy named PETE (LNU) from out of his flower shop in the Hotel. Informant stated that LAUDICINI told him that he had to close down recently as PETE (LNU) "ran away" with \$70,000.00 out of the business. He said that LAUDICINI believed that PETE fled to New York City. Informant added that LAUDICINI was complaining that the worst thing in the handbook business is that "protection money has gone way up." Informant advised that LAUDICINI confided in him that he has "The Inspector downtown" on his payroll. He added that LAUDICINI did not name this Police Inspector, although LAUDICINI operated his "book joint" in the First Precinct.

Informant advised that he has been with NICK DITTA for only a short time on a couple of occasions recently. He said that DITTA had a guy in from New York the past few days who stayed at DITTA's home. Informant claimed that he did not meet this individual, an Italian guy, and DITTA seemed to want to "hide" him. He added that this friend of DITTA's was to return to New York City that same day, 4/11/63.

Informant advised that TONY MOCERI owns the AAA Store Fixtures on Gratiot Ave. and Medbury St., Detroit. He described MOCERI as being about 60 years old and stated that MOCERI used to operate a moonshine still years ago in Detroit and had been engaged in whiskey smuggling. Informant advised that NICK DI FATTA is said to have been missing for some time and, from the word that he receives, DI FATTA has not been seen around town in at least 1½ months. Informant advised that BILL VICARY is in business again. He said that VICARY now owns and operates his own tool and die shop around Hoover and Nine Mile Rds. Informant advised that AUGIE DI ORIO is real tight with his money. He commented that his brother, ERNIE DI ORIO, "doesn't have a dime". He remarked that a lot of numbers action of MIKE POLIZZI's numbers operation is taken over the phone at DI ORIO's A & C Store Fixtures on Gratiot and Vernor Highway, Detroit.

Informant advised that he was with FREDDIE KRUSE, the "house bondsman" for MIKE RUBINO's numbers house, recently. He said that KRUSE commented on the recent Detroit Police Dept. raid on DANNY COSENTINO's horse handbook and that KRUSE told him that COSENTINO's operation belonged to TONY GIACALONE. Informant advised that KRUSE also expressed his belief that he doesn't think that MIKE RUBINO is going to jail on the Palm Furniture bankruptcy case, but that "JOHNNY AYOTTE is going to ride the beef". He disclosed that FREDDIE KRUSE is also of the

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opinion that SAMMY GIORDANO will do a little time in jail with AYOTTE on this case.

Informant advised that he knows two of the three Chevis brothers in Detroit. He said that GUS CHEVIS is a gambler who is married but who hangs around most of the time with Negro girls. He revealed that SAMMY CHEVIS is an ex-fighter who he recalled was arrested with JAKE GIORDANO in the 40's for their part in handling counterfeit OPA gas ration stamps. Informant added that SAMMY CHEVIS was a suspect with CANDY DAVIDSON and HARRY FLEISHER in the State Senator WARREN HOOPER murder and did time with them for the later stick-up of a Pontiac, Mich. gambling club.

Informant advised that TOMMY MARINO used to be in the numbers with PETE CILLUFFO. He said that he had heard that MARINO is now in "horse action", as is CILLUFFO, and that MARINO's new interest in the horses may stem from his brother's activity in racing a stable of horses around the country. Informant commented that MARINO's brother owns a horse named LESLIE L. which will race at local Detroit tracks.

Informant advised that he was recently in company with FRANK PAGOTO at Pagoto's East End TV Sales Co. at 13940 Kercheval. Informant stated that in conversation PAGOTO told him that he was looking for SAMMY GIORDANO's brother, TONY GIORDANO, who owes him (PAGOTO) \$1500.00, from a numbers swindle GIORDANO pulled on him.

Informant advised that he has been spending some time around the Master Realty Co., 13331 Mack Ave. recently. He said that LOUIE PETERS owns Master Realty. He stated that DAVE EDWARDS, who is of Syrian nationality, is PETER's brother-in-law and also works at Master Realty. Informant added that HYMAN "LINDY" NISKAR hangs around the real estate office all the time with EDWARDS. Others who work at Master Realty, according to Informant, are SALVATORE "MOPS" LICAVOLI, MOE CEDAR and WILLIAM SONDERCROFT.

Informant advised of the identity of a card game which is played widely at the Cavalier Club and in various card rooms around Detroit. He said the game is call variously "Klabyash" or "Klabby". Informant said that it is a Russian card game but it is played mostly by Jewish gamblers. He added that ABIE SHERMAN is probably the foremost exponent of Klabyash

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in Detroit. Informant referred to Klabyash as a bidding game where six cards are dealt and one card is turned over. He said that it is like euchre. Informant stated that the Jack is highest and if you take the last trick you take 14 points. He related that Jewish terminology is used in Klabyash, i.e., the Jack is called "yash", the nine is called "menal", and the last trick is called "shtalk".

Informant advised that there is some talk around that Polo's Drive In Restaurant will re-open. He stated that Polo's was owned by PETER PALAZZOLO, who sometimes uses the name PETER POLO, and that PALAZZOLO is awaiting trial on an arson charge stemming from the fire which demolished his drive in last year. Informant advised that actually PALAZZOLO's mother owns the southeast corner on Connors and Mack Aves., Detroit, and that she has it up for sale and is asking \$30,000.00 for the whole corner lot.

Informant advised that he does not know SAMUEL PAYNE, ROBERT YOUNTS, or GEORGE HOFFMAN. A photograph of PERRY WILLIAM WHITE, under Detroit PD No. 111049, was displayed to informant and, though he stated that WHITE was vaguely familiar to him as an individual he thought to be active in the Negro numbers in Detroit, he did not know WHITE personally.

Informant advised that he had recently heard of a book or article written by former U.S. Narcotics Commissioner HARRY ANSLINGER who reportedly mentions of deceased Dr. BERNARD WEISS of Detroit who allegedly buried two million dollars obtained through illegal narcotics sales. Informant advised that he was recently talking to an individual he knows, whom he described as a "legitimate kid", and this individual mentioned to him that his own doctor had spoken about the two million dollars buried by Dr. WEISS. Informant stated that this individual told him that his doctor had remarked that when Dr. WEISS ever "got any grief" he always called "BLACK BILL" TOCCO in Grosse Pointe. Informant advised that he could only guess as to Dr. WEISS' relationship with "BLACK BILL" TOCCO.