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TO : Mr. Parsons

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FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, et al.
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS (UPUC)

At the Department's request, we are conducting investigation into wire tapping activities by Arthur James Balletti who was arrested by the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, on local wire tapping charge. Balletti and one J. W. Harrison allegedly tapped the phone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Rowan allegedly is romantically interested in Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire sisters trio, as is Sam Giancana, Chicago top hoodlum. Investigation thus far does not directly involve Giancana in this wire tapping activity.

The attached letterhead memorandum, a copy of which has been furnished to the Criminal Division in connection with the UPUC investigation contains information provided by Robert Maheu, Maheu and King Associates, Inc., Washington, D. C. Maheu is a former Bureau Special Agent. Maheu, when interviewed in connection with this case, 4/18/61, furnished information indicating he sent Balletti to Las Vegas to technically surveil conversations between Dan Rowan and Phyllis McGuire. Maheu said it was not his intention that the law would be violated and monitoring of Rowan's telephone calls was not intended. Telephone was tapped, however.

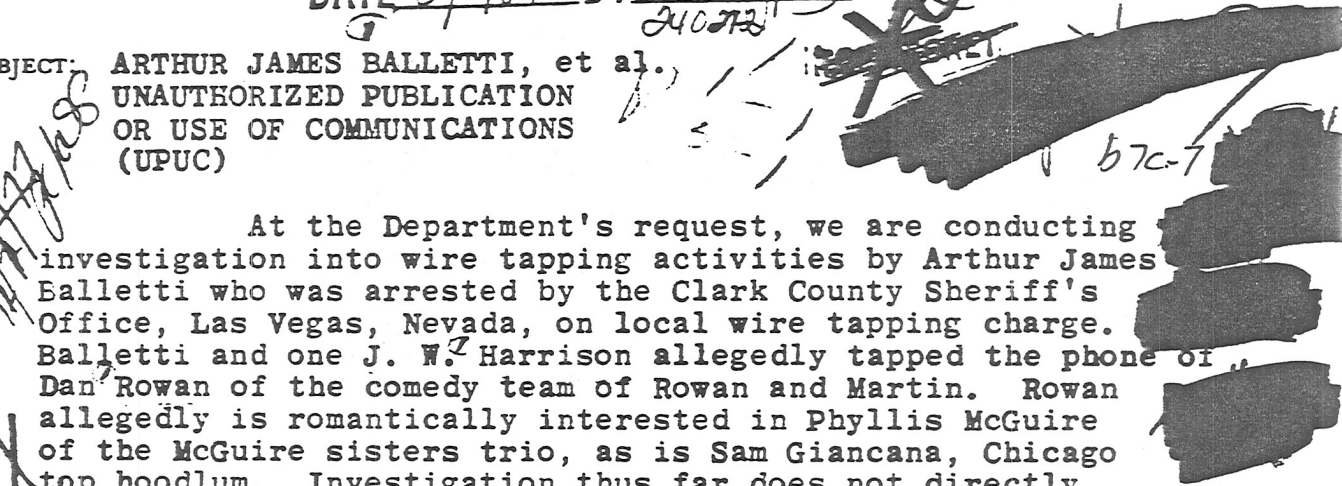
Maheu insinuated he has, for a considerable time, been working with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in connection with the recent invasion of Cuba by anti-Castro forces. He said he has been traveling extensively throughout the United States particularly in Miami, Florida, area. Maheu advised he was quite disturbed by our UPUC investigation because it could possibly have jeopardized the work he has been doing.

OBSERVATIONS

It is noted Maheu insinuates he has been operational in the United States for CIA and there may be a tie in between this case and his anti-Castro work for CIA.

Enclosure - handled
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