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John E. Bacon 8/27/60

This case involves an allegation that Arthur  
Balletti and another unidentified individual placed a wire  
tap on the telephone of Dan Rovin, a member of the county  
of Rovin and Martin, in October, 1960.

The Criminal Division was previously advised that  
Robert Mahou, after concealing his full connection with this  
matter, informed that coverage of Rovin was in furtherance of  
activities of Mahou on behalf of the Central Intelligence  
Agency (CIA) relative to anti-Castro activities.

CIA furnished the information set forth in the attached  
memorandum regarding his utilization of Mahou in connection  
with anti-Castro activities. According to  
Mahou contacted Dan Giacanna in connection with this program.  
Reports of investigation of Giacanna have been furnished to  
the Department in the case entitled "Samuel N. Giacanna,  
Anti-Sabotaging."

Since the purpose for placing the wire tap on Rovin's  
telephone, which is the basis for this investigation of the  
violation of the Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications  
Statute, has not been determined, the full investigation requested  
in this letter is continuing and copies of reports will be  
furnished to the Department upon receipt.

In view of the information regarding CIA's attempted  
utilization of the hoodlum element in connection with anti-  
Castro activities, CIA has requested that this information be  
handled on a "need-to-know" basis.

- 1 - Mr. Byron R. White  
Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
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- 1 - Mr. Evans (Enc.)
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NOTE:

Case involves wire tap placed on phone of Dan Rowan of comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Rowan reportedly engaged to Phyllis McGuire of McGuire Sisters trio who is also reportedly a girl friend of Sam Giancana, under investigation by the Chicago Office as a top hoodlum. Maheu claims coverage of Rowan (although not to include telephone tap) put on in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element which has had interests there. From the information furnished by Maheu and CIA, it is difficult to determine any need for Maheu to put full coverage on Rowan (including wire tap) in connection with Giancana's reported efforts on behalf of CIA. It appears possible Rowan was being covered by Maheu on behalf of Giancana ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ relative to the reported conflict between Giancana and Rowan for the affections of Phyllis McGuire. In view of this, investigation is being vigorously pressed and airtel was sent 5/12/61 to LV and other offices having leads in this matter. Information in attached letterhead memo relative to CIA's utilization of Maheu in its anti-Castro program was furnished to Liaison Agent by [redacted] CIA. (u)

In accordance with arrangements made between Liaison and CIA, this information relative to anti-Castro activities on behalf of CIA by Maheu and Giancana should be limited to those in the Department on a "need-to-know" basis. Dissemination only being made to Department. This should be routed through Division 5 for its information. (u)

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