

Statements relative to John F. Kennedy
and Robert F. Kennedy, from F.B.I.
Elsurs (Criminal Intelligence Program)

ABBREVIATIONS

IR -- Internal Revenue (Service)

LCN -- La Cosa Nostra

2. On February 8, 1962, Angelo Bruno and Willie Weisburg discussed the Kennedys. Angelo Bruno at that time was the leader of organized crime in the city of Philadelphia. Bruno was also a member of the Commission. Weisburg is a business associate of Bruno's. Weisburg is complaining about the FBI and the Kennedys.

Weisburg: See what Kennedy done. With Kennedy, a guy should take a knife, like one of them other guys, and stab and kill the (obscenity), where he is now. Somebody should kill the (obscenity). I mean it. This is true. Honest to God. It's about time to go. But I tell you something. I hope I get a week's notice. I'll kill. Right in the (obscenity) in the White House. Somebody's got to get rid of this (obscenity).

Bruno responds to Weisburg's statements with the following story:

"Look, Willie, do you see there was a King, do you understand. And he found out that everybody was saying that he was a bad king. This is an old Italian story. So, there was an old wise woman about 140 years old. So, he figured. Let me go talk to the old wise woman. She knows everything. So he went to the old wise woman. So he says to her. I came here because I want your opinion. He says, do you think I'm a bad king. She says, no, I think you are a good king. He says, well how come everybody says I'm a bad king? She says because they are stupid. They don't know. He says, well how come, why do you say I'm a good king. Well, she said, I knew your great grandfather. He was a bad king. I knew your grandfather. He was worse. I knew your father. He was worse than them. You, you are worse than all of them, but your son, if you die, your son is going to be worse than you. So it's better to be with you. (All laugh) So Brownell (former Attorney General) was bad. He was no (obscenity) good. He was this and that.

Weisburg: Do you know what this man is going to do? He ain't going to leave nobody alone.

Bruno: I know he ain't. But you see, everybody in there was bad. The other guy was good because the other guy was worse. Do you understand? Brownell came. He was no good. He was worse than the guy before.

Weisburg: Not like this one.

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Bruno: Not like this one. This one is worse. Right? If something happens to this guy. (Laughs)

Weisburg: Let me tell you something. The FBI always hated the IR. Always. The IR never checked with the Treasury men. They went separate ways. They wouldn't give each other information. They wanted the credit themselves. He made it with local authorities. He made it ring-around-the rosy, pal.

Bruno: Oh, yeah. This guy is an accountant, see. So, now, he had to do something worse. So what? He started to think, what can I do more than the other guy. The other guy made the anti-racketeering law, gambling laws, he did this and he did that. What can I do. He says, I know what I can do. Anybody that has a record that is police property, when he gets pinched, no bail. (Bruno then compares the Italian process of not allowing bail and incarcerating individuals until proven innocent.)

Weisburg: It's still America, though.

Bruno: So, it's still America. They are trying to pass a Federal law that you can't take the Fifth (amendment). When they grant you immunity you can't take the Fifth.

Weisburg: They are not going to pass that law.

Bruno: But they might.

4. On February 17, 1962, the following conversation was held between Angelo Bruno, previously identified as a Commission member and leader of the Philadelphia family, and Mario Maggio, and Peter Maggio. The latter two individuals are in-laws and associates of Bruno's.

Maggio: ...Kennedy is going to leave, they are going to make him a special assistant (to the President) out of him. They want him out of the way, he is too much, he is starting to hurt too many people, like unions. He is not only hurting the racket guys, but others, anti-trust...I think that he is going to leave. But the only reason he won't leave, which I heard before, you see he wants Edgar Hoover out of that.

Bruno: Edgar Hoover.

Maggio: He wants Edgar Hoover out of the FBI because he is a fairy, you know he is a fairy, I heard this before...

Bruno: Who?

Maggio: Edgar Hoover is a fairy...

Bruno: Who would ever listen to that bullshit...

Maggio: Listen to this. Edgar Hoover is not married and neither is his assistant, read back in his history...

Bruno: His assistant?

Maggio: I heard a story about Kennedy being a fairy...

Maggio then relates a story about a Boston newspaper talking about Kennedy going to a party dressed as a girl and concludes, "I can't see Kennedy getting out of this job, I told Paul. They are going to make this a family affair and he wants to be President."

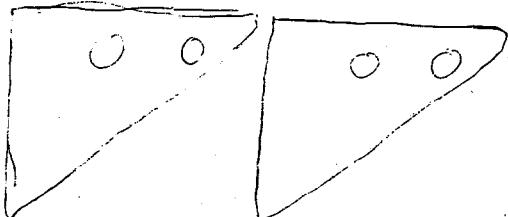
5. On April 22, 1962 a memorandum from the Director of the FBI to the Attorney General states that Mr. Celano and Ralph Pierce referred to Robert Kennedy as "vicious" for ordering the Illinois Bell Telephone Company to cut off telephone service to Illinois Sport News. Both of these individuals are top echelon associates of Sam Giancana.

6. On May 2, 1962 two New York LCN members, Sal Profaci and Michelino Clements, and a third unidentified individual named Bob, had the following conversation:

Clemente: "Bob Kennedy won't stop today until he puts us all in jail all over the country. Until the Commission meets and puts its foot down, things will be at a standstill. When we meet, we all got to shake hands, and sit down and talk, and, if there is any trouble with a particular regime, it's got to be kept secret, and only the heads are to know about it, otherwise some broad finds out, and finally the newspapers."

Later in the conversation, Clemente states that things are not like they were years ago, when the Commission would meet once a month, and there were no cops around to spy on them.

Clemente stated that today, in order to have a meeting, you have to tell each one individually about the meeting, without letting them know who else will be present, or what the meeting is going to be about, so that there will be no chance of any information leaking out.



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October 23, 1962

Pat Marcy, John D'Arco and Congressman Roland Libonati

Libonati gave them a Cuba-China-India war briefing. Indicates he doesn't even know who is running against him because any opposition is laughable.

"Last time, you guys built me up to 98,000 votes and the other guy got 23,000. Who ran against me last time?" His Republican opponent in the current election will be Joseph D. Day.

Libonati on Robert F. Kennedy:

"I killed six of his bills. That wiretapping bill, the intimidating informers bill...."

Libonati thinks that John Kennedy is a sweetheart, but Robert F. Kennedy is cruel.

Libonati describes how he opposed a Robert Kennedy bill and then got a call from Mayor Daley. Libonati told John F. Kennedy to stop Robert Kennedy from calling Daley on such matters. Bobby said on TV that his brother wants him to stay out of politics because he is the Attorney General. Libonati takes credit for this, saying, "That was me."

13. On January 17, 1963, Raymond Patriarca, Gennaro Angiulo and Peter Limone had a conversation regarding Robert Kennedy. Patriarca is the Boston LCN leader and a Commission member. The following is a summary of his statement.

Raymond states that things are not too good as long as Attorney General Kennedy is in Washington, D. C. Relates an argument he had with Robert Kennedy when called before a Congressional committee three or four years ago.

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14. On February 28, 1963 Sam Giancana stated, referring to the outcome of a recent local election:

"That will teach that little (obscenity) Kennedy, who runs Chiicago."

Chicago Div. FBI Elsur

October 14, 1963

Sam Giancana, Charles "Chuck" English, Tony Accardo and Butch Blasi are present.

They discuss Robert Kennedy not being available for a Columbus Day Parade, but coming to Chicago on October 13th for a B'nai B'rith affair. The Jews downtown were beaming.

Discuss the Bobby Baker scandal. He just resigned his job; they didn't do anything to him. He must have come out with a ton of money.

Discuss Police Superintendent O. W. Wilson's chart (presented before the McClellan Committee at the Valachi Hearings). "On top he had an Italian organization."

Joe Glimco (an associate) appeared on CITY DESK a Sunday media talk show and said that if they checked out Police Superintendent O. W. Wilson as thoroughly as they have checked Glimco, Wilson would be in jail, and Bobby Kennedy too!!

Chuck English speaks of the possibility of the Teamsters Union going back into the AFL. It would hurt Kennedy if they were to take Hoffa back.

They discuss golf. Someone asks if Bobby Kennedy plays golf, they know that John Kennedy does. Suggest putting a bomb in his golf bag. (hey all laugh.)

F.B.I. electronic surveillance of Stefano Magaddino
May 23, 1963.

Magaddino: "We are in a bad situation in Cosa Nostra.
When Profaci died, the Borgata broke up"

"They know everything under the sun. They know who's back of it, they know Amici, they know Capodecina, they know there is a Commission. We got to watch right now, this thing, where it goes and stay as quiet as possible".

Magaddino expresses a bitter hate for Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

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F.B.I. Buffalo Division Elsur on Stefano Magaddino.

October 31, 1963. Peter A. Magaddino during a discussion of President Kennedy states,

"He should drop dead."

Stefano Maggadino adds, "They should kill the whole family, the mother and father too"!! "When he talks he talks like a mad dog, he says, 'My brother the Attorney General'. Why he never won a case. He never tried a case".

This comment is followed by many obscenities by Stefano Magaddino.