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ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, ET AL, UPUC. OO LAS VEGAS. RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES JUNE 28 LAST. ROBERT MAHEU LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED JUNE 29, IDENTIFIED JOHN ROSELLI AS JOHNNY THROUGH WHOM HE MADE ORIGINAL CONTACT WITH GIANCANA AND WHO REGISTERED WITH HIM AT KENILWORTH HOTEL AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, UNDER NAME J.A. ROLLINS. CLAIMS MET ROSELLI TWO YEARS AGO THROUGH [REDACTED]. ADMITTED HE DISCUSSED PLANS TO WIRE DAN ROWAN'S ROOM WITH ROSELLI BEFORE ORDERING IT DONE. STATED HE WOULD STICK TO EXPLANATION PREVIOUSLY GIVEN AND WOULD NOT HAVE ORDERED INSTALLATION IF HAD NOT BEEN WORKING FOR CIA. ROSELLI NOT AT LOS ANGELES APARTMENT AND BELIEVED TO BE IN LAS VEGAS. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, et al.
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This case involves a wire tap placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin by Arthur James Balletti and one J. W. Harrison, not further identified. Balletti is employed by Edward DuBois, a former Bureau Agent who runs a private investigating agency in Miami, Florida. Balletti admits to having been assigned to surveil Rowan in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was accompanied by J. W. Harrison, not further known to him who was supplied by Robert Maheu, another former Bureau Agent. Dan Rowan is reportedly engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire Sisters trio, who is also reportedly a girlfriend of Sam Giancana who is under investigation by the Chicago Office as a top hoodlum.

Maheu has claimed that the coverage of Rowan was put on in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which has had interests there. Maheu advised that he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through an individual known only to him as "Johnny."

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Maheu has now advised that the "Johnny", through whom he made original contact with Giancana, is John Roselli, who is under investigation as a top hoodlum by the Los Angeles Office and who registered with him at the Kenilworth Hotel at Miami Beach, Florida, under the name J. A. Rollins at about the time

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Balletti proceeded to Las Vegas to surveil Rowan. Balletti, Maheu and Dubois have continually denied knowing the identity of J. W. Harrison and other investigation to date has been unfruitful in this regard. It is possible that he is identical with Roselli. U

Maheu admits he discussed plans to wire Rowan's room with Roselli before ordering that it be done. He stated he would stick to his explanation previously given and would not have ordered the installation if he had not been working for CIA. Giancana is taking evasive action to avoid interview and his attorney has stated Giancana would not talk to FBI Agents. X(u)

ACTION

The field is locating Roselli to interview him. Investigation is being vigorously pressed to ascertain the identity of J. W. Harrison and determine the full implication of Maheu, Giancana, Roselli and the other subjects in this case. U

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We should vigorously
press this.

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From: Director, FBI (139-1157)

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, et al.
WPUC

Re LA radiogram dated 6-30-61.

If not already done, Roselli should be immediately located and thoroughly interviewed for full details of his knowledge of this matter and appropriate offices advised in the event re-interviews with other subjects and suspects are indicated as a result of information furnished by Mahou and Roselli.

This matter must be vigorously pressed and completed and reports submitted to reach Bureau by 7-12-61.

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From: Director, FBI (139-1201)

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, et al.
UPUC
OO: Las Vegas

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Re LArep 6/30/61. u

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In view of Maheu's admission that he ordered wiring of Rowan's room, Los Angeles should thoroughly interview him for the full details as to Roselli's role in the matter, how the plan was conceived and implemented, including identities of personnel involved. You should resolve the identity of J. W. Harrison and ascertain if DuBois and Balletti's story of how Balletti was supplied by DuBois and Harrison supplied by Maheu is substantiated by Maheu. u

The interview of Maheu should be thorough, searching and of such a nature as to resolve the complete planning and implementation of the wire tap and the implication of each of the subjects and suspects in this case. This interview must be conducted immediately and leads set out to other offices to resolve any questions or discrepancies noted on the basis of prior information developed. u EX-116

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Based on the results of the above interview of Maheu, Los Angeles should attempt to reinterview Roselli and, as indicated, Miami should thoroughly reinterview Balletti and DuBois. u

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Re: Arthur James Balletti, et al.

Chicago should advise if Giancana has changed his attitude and is making himself available for interview and, if so, thoroughly interview him relative to this matter.

This matter must be vigorously pressed to resolve any questions, results of interview with Maheu submitted immediately and leads developed from this interview completed and reports submitted within ten days of receipt of this airtel.

NOTE:

Case involves wire tap placed on phone of Dan Rowan, member of comedy team of Rowan and Martin and boy friend of Phyllis McGuire, songstress. Subject Balletti has stated tap placed by J. W. Harrison who was not further known to him. Robert Maheu, former BuAgent previously stated he ordered coverage of Rowan on behalf of CIA's anti-Castro activities but did not order phone tap. Now admits authorizing wiring of Rowan's room and discussed with John Roselli, top hoodlum, LA. Roselli on interview only admits knowing Maheu but refused to give any other information. Investigation indicated San Giancana and John Roselli (both under investigation as top hoodlums in CG and LA, respectively) were possibly involved. Investigation being vigorously pressed to ascertain Maheu's, Giancana's and Roselli's and other subjects' full implication in this matter.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (139-77)
RE: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI; ET AL
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OO: Las Vegas

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Re Buairtel 7/10/61 and 7/11/61.

MAHEU reinterviewed in Beverly Hills, California
on 7/13/61.

MAHEU stated that in October, 1960, he requested EDWARD L. DUBOIS, JR., Miami Beach, Florida to institute technical surveillance on DAN ROWAN at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, but left details to DUBOIS. He claims he does not recall if he specified type of installation to be used but was interested only in conversation within ROWAN's room and had in mind the installation of a microphone and transmitter and not a telephone tap. He claims he definitely did not request a physical surveillance.

MAHEU stated he takes full responsibility for ordering this installation and that although he discussed installation with JOHN ROSELLI it was not made at ROSELLI's request or at the request of SAMUEL GIANCANA or for GIANCANA's benefit. He stated that this was his own decision based on reasons given in a previous interview.

MAHEU insists he does not know unknown subject, aka J. W. Harrison and denies he made a call to DUBOIS to substitute one of his own men as claimed by DUBOIS. Stated DUBOIS charged him for transportation and time for two men.

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ROSELLI in Las Vegas, Nevada but MAHEU expects him to be in Los Angeles the first of next week. u

Miami will reinterview BALLETTI and DUBOIS in an effort to identify unknown subject. u

Los Angeles will attempt to reinterview ROSELLI on 7/17/61 if he is at his Los Angeles apartment. u

Report being submitted. u

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Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin LAS VEGAS	Date 7/20/61	Investigative Period 7/6-19/61
TITLE OF CASE ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI; UNSUB, aka J. W. Harrison		Report made by 	Typed By: 
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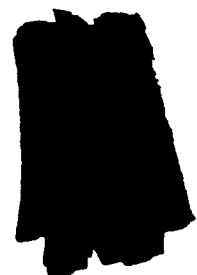
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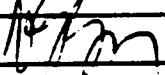
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Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: July 20, 1961

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File No.: 139-77

Bureau File No.: 139-1201

Title: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also
known as J. W. Harrison

Character: UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION AND
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Synopsis:

ROBERT MAHEU stated he requested technical surveillance on DAN ROWAN by DUBOIS, but does not recall specific instructions. Was interested only in conversation in room and had in mind microphone, not telephone, tap. Claims decision to order installation was his own and not made at the request or for benefit of GIANCANA or ROSELLI. Denied knowing identity of unsub. ROSELLI admits knowing MAHEU but declined to answer other questions.

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ROBERT MAHEU was interviewed at 190 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, on July 13, 1961. MAHEU was informed of his right to an attorney and that he did not have to answer questions and that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law. MAHEU stated that in connection with the confidential assignment for Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) he had been in contact with SAMUEL GIANCANA and had received valuable assistance from GIANCANA, which, in turn, was furnished to CIA. MAHEU had reason to believe that GIANCANA may have disclosed information regarding the project and, in view of the sensitive nature of the project, he, MAHEU, decided to determine whether or not GIANCANA had actually talked to unauthorized persons. He was aware that GIANCANA was very close in a romantic way with PHYLLIS MC GUIRE of the Mc Guire Sisters Trio. He said that if GIANCANA had disclosed this information regarding project to anyone, he would have disclosed it to PHYLLIS MC GUIRE. He said that he was also aware that in the fall of 1960 the relations between PHYLLIS MC GUIRE and GIANCANA were strained and that PHYLLIS was romantically involved with DAN ROWAN, who was appearing at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas. He considered it very vital to determine whether or not GIANCANA was reliable and decided to order an installation on DAN ROWAN's room in an effort to determine whether or not GIANCANA had disclosed any information regarding the project to PHYLLIS MC GUIRE. (u)

MAHEU stated that this decision was his own and that GIANCANA had no knowledge that the installation was made. He said that he did discuss this with JOHN ROSELLI, since he felt obligated to discuss it with ROSELLI, as ROSELLI had been instrumental in putting him in contact with GIANCANA. MAHEU denied that the installation was made at the request of ROSELLI or GIANCANA or for the benefit of either ROSELLI or GIANCANA.

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On 7/13/61 at Beverly Hills, California File # Los Angeles 139-77
 by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 7/17/61 b7c

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He said that he did discuss his decision with ROSELLI some time prior to ordering the installation but does not recall the specific date or place where he discussed the matter with ROSELLI. He pointed out that he does not recall whether or not this occurred during October, 1960, when they were both registered at the Kenilworth Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida. He pointed out that he had met with ROSELLI on a number of occasions and, therefore, does not recall the specific occasion in which he discussed his decision with ROSELLI. He does not recall what comment ROSELLI made when informed of his decision.

MANEU said that he requested EDWARD L. DUBOIS, Jr., a Miami Beach private investigator, to institute a technical surveillance of DAN ROWAN's room at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. He said that he does not recall what his specific requests were regarding the type of installation to be used, but had left this up to DUBOIS. He said that he was interested only in conversation within DAN ROWAN's room and had in mind the installation of a microphone and transmitter and not a telephone tap. He said, however, that he does not recall whether or not he specified not to make a telephone installation. He said that he does recall that he definitely did not request a physical surveillance of ROWAN. FLA

MANEU stated that he does not know the identity of the unknown subject, also known as J. W. Harrison. He said that he definitely did not contact DUBOIS and tell DUBOIS that he would send one of his men. He insisted that DUBOIS had furnished both men to handle this assignment in Las Vegas and that DUBOIS had charged him for transportation and time for two men. FLA

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MAHEU repeated that he would take full responsibility for ordering the installation, that the installation was made for the reasons he had given above and in a previous interview, and definitely was not made at the request or for the benefit of JOHN ROSELLI or SAMUEL GIANCANA. u

Date 7/13/61

JOHN ROSELLI was contacted at Drucker's Hair-dressers for men, 514 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. ROSELLI was informed of his right to have an attorney and that he did not have to say anything and that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law. U

ROSELLI admitted that he has known ROBERT MAHEU for approximately five years. When asked if he knew SAM GIANCANA, ROSELLI stated, "Let's discuss the weather. I do not care to answer any more questions." ROSELLI stated that he knew of nothing illegal that MAHEU had done, but for any additional information regarding his association with MAHEU, the Agents should talk with MAHEU himself. U

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 by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 7/10/61 hrc

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~~JOHN~~ ROSELLI was telephonically contacted by SA
[redacted] at his Los Angeles apartment, 1251 Crescent
Herbert Boulevard, Los Angeles, on July 19, 1961, in an
effort to arrange an interview. ROSELLI advised that he
did not care to discuss his association with MAHEU at any
time with the FBI.

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SUBJECT: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, ET AL
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RE Bureau airtel dated 7/27/61.

All investigation in Las Vegas Division has been completed. This matter was discussed with USA HOWARD W. BABCOCK at Las Vegas on 8/2/61, relative to presentment to a FGJ. Mr. BABCOCK stated after reviewing all the investigative reports, that he is not certain in his mind, that it can be proven that any information received by BALLETTI, and UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Aka, J. W. HARRISON was ever disseminated, hence all necessary elements of violation would not be present.

Mr. BABCOCK stated that he is also concerned about possibility of information becoming known of ROBERT MAHEU performing work for CIA, and of his contact with SAMUEL M. GIANCANA. Mr. BABCOCK stated that it could conceivably cause embarrassment to the CIA and of course the US Government.

He stated that he still has the matter under consideration but feels somewhat reluctant to present the matter to FGJ since it appears doubtful that a True Bill would be

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Mr. BABCOCK said however, that he has not made a definite decision and would appreciate receiving the views of the Bureau and the Department, after consideration of the entire results of the investigation. u

The Bureau is requested to obtain views of the Department on this matter in order that same can be discussed with Mr. BABCOCK, and this matter be brought to a logical conclusion. u

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office LAS VEGAS	Office of Origin LAS VEGAS	Date 8/16/61	Investigative Period 8/2/61 - 8/16/61
TITLE OF CASE ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI; UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Aka J. W. Harrison		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: [REDACTED]
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- Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/19/61 at Chicago;
- Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/20/61 at Los Angeles;
- Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/1/61 at Miami;
- Las Vegas airtel to Bureau dated 8/3/61;
- Bureau airtel to Las Vegas dated 8/10/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Upon return of USA HOWARD W. BABCOCK, who will be on vacation until about 9/1/61, it will be suggested to him that he might desire to discuss his views in this matter directly with the Criminal Division of the Department. *h7c*

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Date: 8/16/61

Office: Las Vegas, Nevada

Field Office File No.: Las Vegas (139-1)

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Synopsis: USA, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised not certain violation exists in this matter, and is reluctant to present matter to FGJ since it does not appear a true bill could be obtained, and in view of possible embarrassment to the U. S. Government in view of CIA action. (u)

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DETAILS:

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA:

On August 2, 1961, the facts in this matter were discussed with United States Attorney, HOWARD W. BABCOCK, relative to presentment to a Federal Grand Jury. He advised that he is not certain in his mind that it can be proven that any information received by BALLETTI and Unknown Subject, also known as J. W. HARRISON, was ever disseminated; hence, all necessary elements of violation would not be present.

Mr. BABCOCK also advised that he is very concerned about the possibility of information becoming known of ROBERT MAHEU performing work for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA),

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and his contact with SAMUEL M. GIANCANA. Mr. BABCOCK stated that it could conceivably cause such embarrassment to CIA, and of course, to the U. S. Government. (u)

Mr. BABCOCK said he is reluctant to present the matter to a Federal Grand Jury since it appears doubtful that a true bill would be returned. He said he would appreciate receiving views of the Department of Justice in this matter. (u)

Assistant U. S. Attorney, RAYMOND E. SUTTON, advised on August 15, 1961, that Mr. BABCOCK is presently on vacation and would not return to duty until around September 1, 1961. (u)

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Reporting Office LAS VEGAS	Office of Origin LAS VEGAS	Date 9/7/61	Investigative Period 9/5/61
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of ~~██████████~~ **WBA, Reno**

~~██████████~~ **Omaha, Nevada**

Date: **9/2/61**

Bureau File No. **139-1202**

FOR JAMES HILLET; UNKNOWN SUBJECT,

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 2, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, Et Al.
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE
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This case involves a wire tap placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin by Arthur James Balletti and J. W. Harrison. Balletti was employed by Edward DuBois, a former Bureau Agent who runs a private investigating agency in Miami, Florida. Balletti admits to having been assigned to surveil Rowan in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was accompanied by J. W. Harrison, not further known to him who was supplied by Robert Maheu, another former Bureau Agent. Dan Rowan was reportedly engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire Sisters trio, who was also reportedly a girl friend of Sam Giancana. Giancana is under investigation by the Chicago Office as a top hoodlum.

Maheu claimed that he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interest there. Maheu said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli, a Los Angeles top hoodlum. Maheu authorized wiring of Rowan's room and discussed this matter with John Roselli.

[REDACTED SECTION]

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Department, by memorandum dated 1/31/62, has requested that we reinterview [REDACTED] to determine whether the CIA would object to the institution of a criminal prosecution in which Robert Maheu might be a defendant.

- 1- Mr. Evans
- 1- Liaison Section

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI

ACTION

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It is recommended that the Liaison Agent with CIA
reinterview [REDACTED] in accordance with the Department's
request.

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ADDENDUM 2-8-62 (SJK:han):

On February 7, 1962, [REDACTED]

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

February 9, 1962

Director, FBI

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EX 107

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, et al.
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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DATE 3-25-81 *SH*

Reference is made to your memorandum of January 31,

1962.

[REDACTED]
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was contacted regarding
this matter on February 7, 1962.

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NOTE: This case involves a wire tap placed on the telephone
of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin by Arthur James
Balletti and J. W. Harrison. Robert Naheu, a former Bureau Agent,
is a possible subject in this case in that he claimed he ordered
the coverage of Rowan in behalf of the CIA's efforts to obtain
intelligence information in Cuba.

The Department by memorandum dated 1-31-62 requested that we
reinterview *[REDACTED]* to determine whether the CIA would
object to the institution of criminal prosecution in which Robert
Naheu might be a defendant.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *ABx*

DATE: 3/23/62

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

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SUBJECT: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka J. W. Harrison
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE
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This case involves a wire tap placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan by Arthur James Balletti and J. W. Harrison. Robert Maheu, a former Bureau Agent, is a possible subject in that he claimed he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba and CIA verified that Maheu had been retained by them. The Department requests that we contact CIA to determine specifically whether that agency would object to the institution of criminal prosecution against subjects Balletti, Maheu and an unknown subject (aka J. W. Harrison) for conspiracy to violate the "Wire Tapping Statute." *XS(u)*

On 2/7/62, at the specific request of the Department, personal contact was made with CIA to determine whether CIA would object to prosecution of Maheu. A CIA [REDACTED]

ACTION

Since prosecutive policy is involved and in view of CIA's [REDACTED] it is felt that this should be resolved in writing. Attached for approval is a letter to CIA. The letter is to be delivered by liaison. *2/1/32/49 b7c*

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI

BACKGROUND

An extensive investigation has been conducted by the Bureau concerning a telephone tap placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin by Arthur James Balletti and J. W. Harrison. U

Balletti, who is employed by a private investigating agency admitted to having been assigned to surveil Rowan in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was accompanied by J. W. Harrison, not further known to him, who was supplied by Robert Maheu, a former Bureau Agent. Rowan was reportedly engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire Sisters trio who was allegedly a girl friend of Sam Giancana. Giancana is under investigation as a top hoodlum by the Chicago Office. U

Maheu, who reportedly authorized the wiring of Rowan's room, claimed that he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of the CIA's efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, who had interests in Cuba. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Department on 1/31/62 requested that we contact [REDACTED] to determine whether the CIA would object to institution of a criminal prosecution in which Robert Maheu might be a defendant. CIA replied that they would object to any prosecution which would necessitate the use of CIA personnel or CIA information. (u) o/s
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The Department now requests that we recontact [REDACTED] to determine specifically whether the CIA would or would not object to the institution of criminal prosecution against the subjects Balletti, Maheu and Harrison for conspiracy to violate the "Wire Tapping Statute." (u) 670

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Date: March 23, 1962

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Attention: Director of Security

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, et al.
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE
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TO [Redacted]
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This case involves a wire tap placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin by Arthur James Balletti and J. W. Harrison. Balletti was employed by Edward DeBais, who runs a private investigating agency in Miami, Florida. Balletti admits to having been assigned to surveil Rowan in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was accompanied by one J. W. Harrison, not further identified, who was supplied by Robert Mahou, who also conducts private investigations. Dan Rowan was reportedly engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire Sisters trio, who was also reportedly a girl friend of Sam Giancana. Giancana is a hoodlum.

Mahou claimed that he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interests there. Mahou said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli, a Los Angeles hoodlum. Mahou authorized wiring of Rowan's room and disclosure of this matter with John Roselli.

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Note: See memo Rosen to Belmont, 3/20/62

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**Director
Central Intelligence Agency**

At the request of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, this matter was discussed with the CIA Director of Security on February 7, 1962, and we were advised that your agency

[REDACTED]

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3rd day*

The Criminal Division has now requested that CIA specifically advise whether it would or would not object to the initiation of criminal prosecution against the subjects, Balletti, Mahou, and the individual known as J. W. Harrison for conspiracy to violate the "Wire Tapping Statute."

An early reply will be appreciated in order that we may promptly inform the Criminal Division of CIA's position in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

DATE: April 5, 1962

FROM : D. J. BRENNAN

SUBJECT: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, ET. AL.
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE
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Reference is made to Bureau letter to Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) dated March 23, 1962. This case involves a wire tap placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin by Arthur James Balletti and J. W. Harrison. Robert Maheu, former Bureau Agent, is a possible subject in this case in that he claimed he ordered the coverage of Rowan in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain intelligence information on Cuba. We were informed by CIA

[REDACTED]

On April 2, 1962,

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ACTION:

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The above information is being directed to the attention of the Investigative Division.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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THE CHIEF OF THE DIVISION
OF THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE
HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT
THIS CASE WILL BE
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MEMO H.A.G. 4/12/62

April 10, 1962

Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

Director, FBI

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, et al.
UNREGISTERED PUBLICATION OR
USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

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EX-109

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated
March 19, 1962, your file number 82-46-5.

Central Intelligence Agency.

[REDACTED]

It is suggested that should you have any further
inquiry in this regard you may wish to communicate directly
with the Central Intelligence Agency. No further action
will be taken by the FBI unless specifically requested by
the Department.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

DATE: April 13, 1962

FROM : D. J. BRENNA

SUBJECT: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, ET. AL.
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 5, 1962, advising that Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was opposed to prosecution of Robert Maheu since such action could lead to exposure of most sensitive information relating to the Cuban invasion of April, 1961, and could result in damaging embarrassment to the U. S. Government. (u)

For your information,

ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the attention of the General Investigative Division.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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Director, FBI

ARTHUR JAMES BELLETTI, AKA, ET AL.;

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EX-115

Enclosed herewith for each office is a copy of a self-explanatory Departmental memorandum dated 2/18/63.

Each office should promptly place the "Top Secret" classification on the various communications as instructed by the Department. You are likewise responsible for advising other offices, such as SA, of the Department's instructions.

It will not be necessary to advise the Bureau that the Department's instructions have been complied with.

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- 2 - Chicago (139-103) (Enclosure)
- 2 - Los Angeles (139-77) (Enclosure)
- 2 - Miami (139-63) (Enclosure)
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NOTE: We conducted an extensive investigation concerning a telephone tap placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Our investigation developed that Robert Maheu, a former FBI Agent, ordered the coverage of Rowan in behalf of CIA in an effort to obtain intelligence info in Cuba. Rowan was reportedly engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire Sisters trio and she allegedly was a girlfriend of Sam Giancana. He is a top hoodlum under investigation by the Chicago Office and was believed to have many contacts in Cuba as a result of gambling interest there. Prosecution in this matter was not undertaken because there was a lack of sufficient evidence that info intercepted was ever disclosed and also due to the possible embarrassment of CIA. It is noted that CIA confirmed that Maheu had been retained for the purpose of developing intelligence info through Giancana.

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To: SAC, Las Vegas (139-1)

From: Director, FBI

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, AKA, ET AL.;
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Reference is made to the Departmental memo dated 3/19/63 which was enclosed with referenced letter. U

It is noted under Numbers 4 and 5 that the Department refers to the same report and it appears that Number 4 should have referred to the report of SA [redacted] dated 6/30/61 at Los Angeles. This matter has been discussed with the Department and the Department is presently reviewing its file and you will be advised of the results. U

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NOTE: On 3/22/63, it was pointed out to Mr. Peterson of the CRIMINAL Division that the Departmental memo under Nos. 4 and 5 referred to the same report. A review of the Bufiles indicates that the Department probably meant for No. 4 the report of SA [redacted] dated 6/30/61 which refers to CIA interest in this matter. Mr. Peterson advised that Departmental Attorney John Keeney is presently out of the city but he will have his review the matter upon his return and advise the Bureau. U

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TO

W. C. Sullivan *7014#22,330*
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March 6, 1967

FROM

W. E. Wannall

- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Papich
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- 1 - Inspector

SUBJECT

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INVESTIGATION OF ATTEMPTS TO
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO

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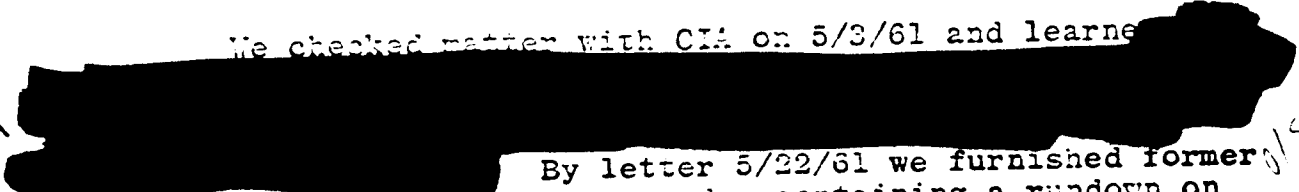
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In accordance with instructions, attached letter has been prepared for Attorney General setting forth all data in our files concerning captioned matter. Briefly, information being furnished is as follows:

Matter first came to our attention in Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of violation of Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Callevo, arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, by local authorities on wire tapping charge. Wire tap involved was on telephone of Dan Rowan, member of Rowan and Martin comedy team. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire, girl friend of top hoodlum Sam Giancana and member of McGuire Sisters singing trio.

Through our investigation we determined involvement of Robert A. Maheu, private detective, who stated coverage on Rowan instituted in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) efforts to obtain Cuban intelligence data through hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana. Maheu was in contact with Giancana through services of John Roselli, another hoodlum, and Maheu authorized wiring of Rowan's room.

We checked matter with CIA on 5/3/61 and learned



By letter 5/22/61 we furnished former Attorney General Kennedy a memorandum containing a rundown on CIA's involvement in this. The originals of the letter and memorandum were returned to us for filing purposes. A copy of that memorandum is being attached to instant letter being sent to Attorney General. *(u)*

On 5/3/62 Kennedy discussed with the Director a number of matters, including admission by CIA that Robert Maheu had been

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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan
Re: GENERAL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION
INDICATIONS TO SEND REPORTS TO
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO

hired by that Agency to approach Sam Giancana to have Castro assassinated at a cost of \$250,000. Maheu stated he had issued orders that CIA should never undertake such steps again without first checking with Department of Justice and stated because of this matter it would be difficult to prosecute Giancana or Maheu then or in the future.

We learned on 6/20/68 from CIA [REDACTED]

It appears Roselli is using his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. In May, 1968, when Bureau Agents endeavored to interview him he immediately flew to Washington and informed his former CIA informant [REDACTED] CIA, has advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CIA in furnishing this information to were asked that it be held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis. We have, however, included it in the attached proposed letter to the Attorney General noting this CIA specific restriction. *X(u)*

We have two other references in our files to the over-all above information which we have included in the letter. One relates to a statement by Giancana in October, 1960, that he had met with an individual who was to assassinate Castro in November, 1960. The other is an article in the 8/16/63 issue of the "Chicago Sun Times" reporting that CIA agents had contacted Giancana to obtain Cuban intelligence.

ACTION:

If approved, attached letter will be sent to the Attorney General, with a copy for the Deputy Attorney General.

*The Attorney General
advised for this information
on 8/13/68
[Signature]*

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

March 6, 1967

The Attorney General

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Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Papich
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- 1 - Inspector

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO**

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Our files contain the following information concerning the captioned matter, much of which has been furnished by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on a strictly highly confidential "need-to-know" basis. In view of this, it is requested that it be handled on a most restrictive basis.

This matter first came to our attention in the Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of a violation of the Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Balletti, who had been arrested by local authorities in Las Vegas, Nevada, on a local wire tapping charge. Balletti and another unidentified individual in October, 1960, had reportedly placed a wire tap on the telephone of Dan Rowan, a member of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the well-known McGuire Sisters singing trio who was also known to be a girl friend of Sam Giancana, a top hoodlum.

During the course of the Balletti investigation it was ascertained that Robert A. Maheu, a private detective, was involved. Maheu during interview claimed he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interests there. Maheu said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli, a Los Angeles hoodlum. Maheu stated also that he authorized the wiring of Rowan's room and had discussed the matter with Roselli.

The essence of the above was furnished ~~not forwarded~~ Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy by letter dated May 22, 1961, which enclosed a memorandum of the same date containing data made available on May 3, 1961, by [redacted] who at that time was [redacted] regarding his utilization of Maheu in connection with anti-Castro activities. Since our files show that Mr. Kennedy returned the original of our letter and its enclosed memorandum dated May 22, 1961,

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September 14, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

This responds in full to the following enumerated interrogatories submitted for consideration in a letter, dated September 5, 1978, to the Attorney General and signed by G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA. (U)

"1. On what dates and for how long was Nosenko questioned by the FBI about Lee Harvey Oswald— from 1964 to present?"

The files of the FBI indicate that Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko was interviewed regarding Oswald and/or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on February 26 and 27, 1964, and on March 3, 4 and 6, 1964. The FBI files do not record the specific duration in whole or in part as to topical discussions, of those five interviews; however, summary communications indicate the February 27, 1964 interview was conducted on the afternoon of that date and the March 4, 1964 discussion of Oswald occurred at the outset of an afternoon interview on that date. (U)

"2. When Nosenko was questioned by the FBI about Lee Harvey Oswald, who did the questioning?"

The FBI interviews of Nosenko, during which he was questioned about Oswald and/or the assassination of President Kennedy, were conducted by Special Agents (SAs) Aleksio

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Mr. Breckinridge,

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P.S. see pages 4, 5, 6, & 7. If declassification of all identified passages poses no problems to CIA, please send me a note to that effect or indicate what sentence or sentences you feel must remain classified. The HSCA request of 12/18/78 is attached for your information. Thank you very much.
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Poptanich, Maurice A. Taylor and Donald E. Walter on February 26 and 27, 1964; by SAs Poptanich and W. Marvin Gheesling on March 3 and 4, 1964; and by SAs Poptanich, Taylor and Walter on March 6, 1964. (U)

"3. What background, if any, did the interrogator have in interrogations? What knowledge did the interrogator have with respect to Oswald's background?"

There are no retrievable FBI statistics upon which to base a quantification of the interrogatory experiences of the SA personnel who interviewed Rosenko on the five pertinent occasions. Suffice it to say, the techniques of cooperative and hostile interrogations are integral aspects of the training and almost daily duties of SA personnel. In that regard, it is noted that during the February and March, 1964 interviews SA Poptanich had almost 13 years of SA experience; SA Taylor had over 31 years of SA experience; SA Walter had completed almost 17 years of SA experience; and SA Gheesling had over 13 years of SA experience. Further, their respective personnel files disclose the following: (U)

SA Poptanich was then fluent in the Russian language (Rosenko's native tongue). The Annual Report of Performance Rating, dated March 31, 1962, noted that SA Poptanich, during the previous twelve months, had participated in the interrogation of a Soviet defector and his knowledge of the Russian language and mores of the Russian people proved most helpful relative thereto. (U)

SA Taylor, on September 11, 1962, received an incentive award in recognition of the superior fashion his responsibilities were discharged over an extended period of time. The Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Washington Field Office, in submitting a recommendation for the incentive award, commented that SA Taylor had demonstrated exceptional ability in the interrogation and debriefing of three Soviet defectors, all of whom were intelligence officers. SA Taylor's Performance Rating for the period April 1, 1963—March 31, 1964,

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noted he was recognized as the finest interrogator on the Soviet espionage squad in the Washington Field Office, which accounted for his assignments to interview Soviet defectors. (U)

SA Walter was the recipient of a personal letter of commendation, dated October 3, 1963, from the Director, FBI, for his superior work in the handling of a very sensitive, complicated, fast moving, and highly publicized espionage case. Previously (on November 7, 1954), he had received a meritorious salary increase for his outstanding work on another espionage case, successful interrogation being the key aspect of that investigation. (U)

SA Cheesling, at the time of the pertinent Rosenko interviews, served as a Supervisor at FBI Headquarters and had considerable experience in espionage, intelligence and counterintelligence investigations. SA Cheesling supervised the field investigation of Oswald (from the latter's return to the United States on June 13, 1962 until September, 1962, and from November 22, 1963 through mid-1964). He was assigned exclusively to supervisory responsibilities relative to the assassination of President Kennedy. (U)

While the specific knowledge of Oswald's background, possessed by these SAs at the time of the Rosenko interviews, can be answered only by the SAs themselves, SA Cheesling's prior assignment to supervision of the Oswald investigation would tend to indicate that he, at least, was quite knowledgeable of data contained in FBI files concerning Oswald. (U)

4. On the dates that Rosenko was questioned about Oswald, does there now exist or did there ever exist:
- a tape of the questions asked and Rosenko's answers;
 - a transcript of the questions asked and Rosenko's answers;
 - a summary of the questions asked and Rosenko's answers?

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As noted in FBI memorandum dated June 19, 1978, captioned as above, and which was prepared in response to HSCA letter, dated June 13, 1978, to the Attorney General, FBI records searches have not located any extant tape recordings or verbatim transcripts of FBI interviews with Mosenko that concerned Oswald and/or the assassination of President Kennedy. A document has been located which indicates that FBI personnel did record the February 26 and 27, 1964, interviews of Mosenko, among others. Since no recordings or transcripts have been located, it can be assumed that the recordings were used by the interviewing SAs to check the accuracy of their notes prior to dictating the results of the interviews. It is further assumed that, upon verifying the accuracy of summary reportings of the interviews, the recordings were disposed of since they had served the purpose for which they were made, although no record of such disposition can be found. Summary reportings of the five pertinent interviews are extant, and were delivered to the HSCA on March 21, 1978. (U)

- "5. What criteria, if any, was used to determine:
a. what subjects to question Mosenko about;
b. how much time to devote to each subject?"

FBI files do not contain a specific enumeration of criteria used to determine the particular subjects Mosenko was to be questioned about nor the amount of time to be devoted to each subject in the questioning. (U)

- "6. What significance — with respect to possible foreign involvement in the assassination as well as to the issue of Mosenko's bonafides (sic)—did the FBI attach during the years 1964-1968 to Mosenko's statements about Oswald?"

The FBI, during the years 1964-1968, considered Mosenko's statements about Oswald to be very significant elements of his initial reportings, the veracity of which had to be assessed in relation to the totality of information furnished by him. The FBI perceived Mosenko's statements about Oswald, depending upon a subsequent, definitive resolution of Mosenko's bona fides, to be the most authoritative information available indicative of a lack of Soviet governmental involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy. (R)(u)

FBI intends to declassify

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"7. What significance — with respect to possible foreign involvement in the assassination as well as to the issue of Nosenko's bonafides (sic)—does the FBI attach today to Nosenko's statements about Oswald?"

The FBI does not perceive any significant evidence of foreign involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy, nor does the FBI perceive any credible evidence that Nosenko's defection was a Soviet ploy to mask Soviet governmental involvement in the assassination. Therefore, the FBI is satisfied that Nosenko reported the facts about Oswald as he knew them. (X)(u) FBI intend to declassify

"8. If the answer to question 6 is different from the response to question 7, when did the change occur and why?"

Has been declassified for HSCA Public Hearings
The FBI had no direct access to Nosenko from

April 3, 1964 until April 3, 1969, and therefore was not in a position to make an objective assessment of his bona fides nor of the veracity of information furnished by him. Thus, information provided by him, in early 1964, was accepted at face value and qualified in terms of the source and the conditions under which it was received. On October 1, 1968, the FBI advised the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) that, based upon a review of material provided by CIA, the FBI found no substantial basis to conclude that Nosenko was not a bona fide defector; however, the FBI did not reach any overall, definitive conclusions regarding his bona fides because of a lack of access to Nosenko and all collateral information pertinent to such an assessment. Effective May 11, 1977, the CIA and FBI concurred that Nosenko was a bona fide defector, based upon an assessment of the totality of information furnished by him. (X)(u)

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"9. What was the FBI's position from 1964 to 1968 on the question of whether Nosenko is bonafide (sic)?"

FBI will declassify based upon concurrence of CIA

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**The FBI, from 1964 to 1968, characterized Nosenko
as a Soviet defector whose bona fides had not been established.**
(U) (S) The FBI will declassify based upon concurrence of CIA

**"10. What is the FBI's position today on the
question of whether Nosenko is bona fide (sic)?"**

**The FBI currently characterizes Nosenko as a former
Soviet Committee for State Security (KGB) officer who has
furnished reliable information in the past, and considers
Nosenko to be a bona fide Soviet defector. *(U) The FBI
intends to declassify.***

**"11. If the answer to question 9 is different from
the response to question 10, when did the change
occur and why?"**

**The answer to question 9 is considered responsive
to question 11. (U)**

**"12. What was the FBI's position from 1964 to
1968 on whether Nosenko was telling the truth in
the statements he made to the FBI about Oswald?"**

**The FBI did not take a position, from 1964 to 1968,
on whether Nosenko was telling the truth in the statements
he made to the FBI about Oswald. The statements were accepted
at face value and qualified in terms of the source and the
conditions under which they were received. (U)**

**"13. What is the FBI's position today as to
whether Nosenko was telling the truth in the
statements he made to the FBI about Oswald?"**

**The FBI is satisfied that Nosenko truthfully
reported the facts about Oswald as he knew them. (U)**

**"14. If the answer to question 12 is different
from the response to question 13, when did the
change occur and why?"**

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As indicated in the responses to questions 7 and 8, the FBI, as of October 1, 1968, found no substantial basis to conclude Nosenko was not a bona fide defector; as of May 11, 1977, accepted a CIA assessment that Nosenko was a bona fide defector; and has not perceived any significant evidence, from 1964 to date, that Nosenko reported other than the facts about Oswald as he knew them. (S) *The FBI will declassify based upon the concurrence of CIA.*

"15. Did either the FBI or the CIA have primary responsibility for investigating Nosenko's statements about Oswald? If neither had primary responsibility, was there any division of responsibility?"

The FBI had primary responsibility for investigating Nosenko's statements about Oswald that pertained to his (Oswald's) activities in the United States, including the assassination of President Kennedy. The CIA had primary responsibility for investigating Nosenko's statements about Oswald's activities abroad. (U)

"16. What communication, if any, existed between the FBI and CIA with respect to evaluating and/or investigating Nosenko's statements about Oswald?"

The FBI forwarded a letter, dated March 6, 1964, from the Director, FBI, to the Director, CIA, enclosing memoranda dated February 28, 1964, and March 4, 1964, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald," which summarized the results of FBI interviews of Nosenko regarding Oswald on February 26 and 27, 1964, and March 3 and 4, 1964. The results of a CIA interview of Nosenko on January 23, 1964, regarding Oswald were furnished to the FBI in a letter from the CIA dated April 28, 1964. These particular pieces of correspondence, while not setting forth any specific requests or investigative leads, were furnished for purposes of evaluation. (U)

Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable from FBI Headquarters files or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding. (U)

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