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Reporting Office <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	Office of Origin <b>SALT LAKE CITY</b>	Date <b>12/22/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>12/19 - 21/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI; FRED T. HARRIS</b>		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: <b>seb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>UPUC</b>	<b>b7c</b>

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/10/60 at Salt Lake City.

Salt Lake City airtel to Los Angeles, dated 12/17/60, (Inter-office);

Los Angeles airtel to New York, dated 12/22/60, (inter-office).

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On 12/21/60 DAN ROWAN, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, advised that he has been a personal and close friend of PHYLLIS MC GUIRE of the Mc Guire Singing Act for about two years. ROWAN referred to MC GUIRE as "his girl". During the interview of ROWAN on 12/21/60 at his residence, he received a telephone

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for possible dissem. to Senate Select  
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Approved: *WBS* Special Agent in Charge

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call from PHYLLIS MC GUIRE in New York City. ROWAN advised MC GUIRE at this time that he was being interviewed by Agents of the FBI in regard to the tapping of his telephone in Las Vegas, Nevada. u

DAN ROWAN advised that he did not know SAM GIANCANI and did not know of any particular relationship which existed between PHYLLIS MC GUIRE and GIANCANI now or in the past. u

Prior to signing the statement concerning information which he furnished, ROWAN consulted with his attorney by telephone. His attorney advised him that it would be alright for him to sign the statement. ROWAN requested that he be furnished a copy of the statement. A copy of the signed statement is being furnished to ROWAN by letter dated 12/22/60. u

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of:  
Date:

[REDACTED] seb  
December 22, 1960

Office: Los Angeles, California

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Los Angeles 139-77

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Title:

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI;  
FRED T. HARRIS

Character:

UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION AND USE  
OF COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis:

DAN ROWAN, Los Angeles, California, in signed statement  
12/21/60, advised he did not give authority to anyone to  
record telephone calls or install listening devices in  
his hotel room in Las Vegas, Nevada. u

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DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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On December 21, 1960, DAN ROWAN  
[REDACTED] Los Angeles, California,  
was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].  
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ROWAN furnished the following signed statement:

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"Los Angeles, California  
December 21, 1960

b7c "I, Dan Rowan, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, make the  
following free and voluntary statement to [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED] who have  
identified themselves as Special Agents of the  
FBI. I have been told that I do not have to  
make a statement and that any statement I do make,  
may be used against me in a court of law. No  
threats or promises have been made to induce me  
to give this statement, and I have been advised  
of my right to consult an attorney.

"About October 26, 1960, I checked in at  
the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada and was put  
in room #228 or 226.

"About five or six days after checking in at  
the Riviera, I was told by the resident manager of  
the hotel, that my room was messed up because they  
had discovered that the telephone in my room #228 or  
226, had been tapped and that a listening device had  
been placed on the bed. The manager told me the  
Sheriff's Officers arrested an individual in the  
lobby of the Riviera named Balletti, who they  
had checked at the request of the resident manager.  
I was told that Balletti was the person who had been  
responsible for the tapping of my phone in room  
#228 or 226. At the Sheriff's office in Las  
Vegas, Nevada, I signed a complaint against Balletti  
concerning the violation for which the Sheriff's Officers had  
arrested Balletti.

"On the same day of arrest, which was about  
November 1, 1960, at the request of Frank Sennes,  
entertainment director at the Riviera, I discussed  
the phone tapping incident with Harvey Silbert and  
Elias Atoll. Silbert and Atoll are members of the  
Corporation which operates the Riveria Hotel.



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After discussing the matter with Silbert, I decided the further pressing of charges against Balletti would inconvenience me and would result in nothing but inconvenience to me. About November 1, 1960, at the Sheriff's Office in Las Vegas, I signed a release and dropped making charges against Balletti.

"I did not give anyone the authority to record telephone calls or to install listening devices in my room #228 or 226, at the Rivera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, on or about October 26, 1960, or at any other time.

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"The above statement and the following paragraph is written in the handwriting of Special Agent [redacted]. The second, third, fourth and fifth paragraphs were written as told by me and they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"I have initialed each page and the corrections.

"Signed  
"/s/ Dan H. Rowan

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"Witnesses:  
"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif.  
"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif. 12/21/60."