

Mob Probe Panel Hit By Trapolin

The legislative committee investigating organized crime has been criticized for "lack of use" of intelligence information about Carlos Marcello.

Ivor A. Trapolin, former chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Crime and Delinquency, wrote to the committee chairman, state Sen. Adrian G. Duplantier, quoting statements about Marcello by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; U.S. Sen. John L. McClellan, D-Ark.; Ralph Salerno, a member of the Organized Crime Task Force of the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, and others.

Each of the statements implied Marcello was an underworld character and the statements of Hoover, McClellan and Salerno claimed Marcello was a Mafia boss.

"It is difficult for one to imagine that all of these sources, including J. Edgar Hoover, Sen. John McClellan and Ralph Salerno, could all be wrong," Trapolin wrote.

"But this is the impression one was left with after your committee received the testimony of Carlos Marcello.

"The reason for this is clear. There has been a lack of use by you of local, state and national intelligence information. National and local authorities have not been called on to become involved. There has not been proper preparation prior to appearance of witnesses."

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