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ABNER ZWILLMAN

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ZWILLMAN.

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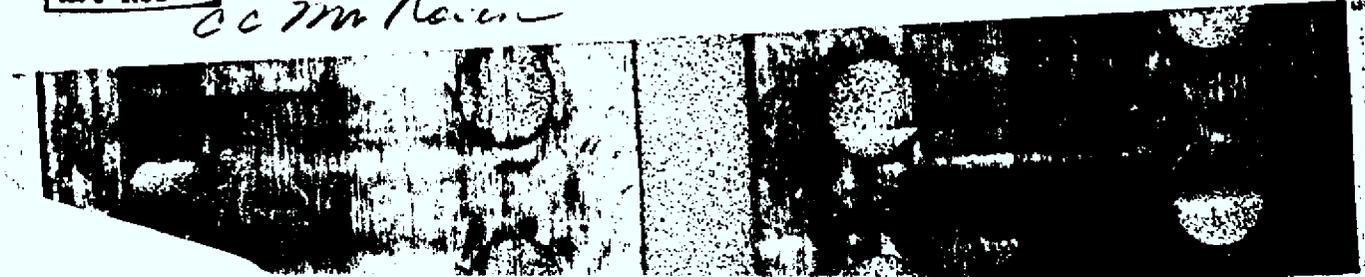
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1-15-58

FROM: *AB* SAC, NEWARK (92-389)

SUBJECT: **ABNER ZWILLMAN, WAS.
ANTI-RACKETEERING
(OO: NEWARK)**

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Re SAC Letter 57-70.

The following Criminal Informants have furnished and are considered to be able to furnish information on the above subject:

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Agents have been alerted to elicit all information available on subject and his associates, from any and all logical contacts.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEWARK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEWARK	DATE 12/27/57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/5,6, 9-12,19,20,21,23,24/57
TITLE OF CASE ABNER ZWILLMAN, was. Abe Zwillman, Abraham Zwillman, Longy Zwillman, Longie Zwillman, Longey Zwillman, George Long, A. Long, A. Spitzel, Abe Spitzel, Al Williams		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

SYNOPSIS:

Subject born 7/27/05, Newark, N. J. Presently resides 50 Beverly Rd., W. Orange, N. J., with wife, daughter, stepson, and father-in-law. Public Service Tobacco Co., Hillside, N. J.; Federal Automatic Company, Hillside, N. J.; and Greater Newark GMC Truck Sales Co., are legitimate business concerns in which subject is presently active. Subject admitted in 1938 interview and in 1951 testimony his acquaintanceship with well-known members of the racket element, both local and national. Details of subject's background, both criminal and legitimate, set forth. Details of arrest record set forth. Trial of ZWILLMAN on income tax evasion resulted in hung jury on 3/1/56. Decision as to a retrial of subject for income tax evasion awaits Justice Dept. action. Description set forth.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

b7C The Vital Statistics records of the city of Newark, New Jersey, were checked on December 10, 1957, by SA [REDACTED]. The record of ZWILLMAN's birth is maintained in the book covering the period from September, 1903, to February, 1905. The record itself indicates subject's birth date as July 27, 1904; however, to the left margin of record, it is changed to indicate the birth date was July 27, 1905. A clerk in the Vital Statistics Section examined the record and advised that the change indicated on the record was to mean 1905, and for all purposes, his date of birth is officially considered July 27, 1905. The Vital Statistics records indicated the child, ABNER ZWILLMAN, was male, white, father listed as REUBEN, age 32 in 1905, whose occupation was given as peddler, country of birth, Russia. His mother was listed as ANNIE SLAVINSKY, age 27 in 1905, born in Russia. The medical attendant at the time of birth was J. J. RACHLIN (writing practically illegible).

A check of Newark City Directories revealed that ZWILLMAN resided at the following locations:

1905 at time of birth -
96 Waverly Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

1916 to 1927 -
259 Broome Street
Newark, New Jersey

1927 to 1929 -
6 Shanley Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

1930 to 1933 -
127 Goodwin Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

1933 to 1935 -
120 Hansbury Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

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1935 to 1946 -
32 South Munn Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey

1946 to present -
50 Beverly Road
West Orange, New Jersey

Records of the Newark Board of Education for the period when ZWILLMAN reportedly attended Newark schools are not readily available. They are in the process of being located, and will be reported in the future.

ZWILLMAN's occupational background, both legitimate and illegitimate, will be discussed subsequently.

b7c The Vital Statistics records of the township of Millburn, New Jersey, were examined at the Municipal Building, Millburn, by SA [redacted] on December 10, 1957.

Marriage Book #2, covering the period November 4, 1933, to December 14, 1940, Page 361, reveals the following:

On July 7, 1939, at 10:40 a.m., ABNER ZWILLMAN in the township of Millburn married his wife, whose maiden name was MARY MENDELS STEINBACH. The record reflected the following concerning ZWILLMAN:

Residence:	32 South Munn Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey
Occupation:	Merchant
Birthplace:	Hillside, New Jersey
Father:	RUBIN ZWILLMAN
Mother:	ELLA SLAVIN
Age:	34
Color:	White
Marital Status:	Single

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Information concerning his wife indicated she resided at 691 Elizabeth Avenue, Newark; age 25; white; divorced; previous marriages - one; name of former husband, JOHN STEINBACH; birthplace - Newark; father, EUGENE F. MENDELS; mother, KATHERYN STELLIN.

The marriage license bore number 2030, applied for on July 3, 1939, and issued on July 5, 1939, at Newark, New Jersey, by H. S. REICHENSTEIN. The officiating officer at the marriage was JULIUS KRILL, Recorder of the Borough of Caldwell, New Jersey. A witness to the marriage was listed as ETHEL MORGANSTERN, 691 Elizabeth Avenue, Newark. Only one witness to this marriage was listed, though the records called for the listing of more than one witness, and contained only a question mark on the marriage record where a second name should have appeared.

The "Newark News", issue of July 7, 1939, carried an account of the wedding that day of ZWILLMAN to one MARY DE GROOT MENDELS STEINBACH, living at the time according to the news release at 373 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey. MARY STEINBACH was mentioned as a divorcee, and the mother of a five-year-old son. Her first marriage in 1933 was reported as an elopement to Elkton, Maryland. Her first husband, JOHN STEINBACH, was reported as the son of an Asbury Park, New Jersey, department store and hotel owner. The marriage was performed by the Recorder of Caldwell, New Jersey, at the Chanticleer in Millburn, a well-known restaurant, which was then and is still operated by one WILLIAM NAUE.

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[REDACTED] BUCHALTER, by ZWILLMAN'S own admission was an associate of ZWILLMAN. BUCHALTER was electrocuted for his connection with the investigation of "Murder, Incorporated."

The "Newark News", in reporting the marriage of ZWILLMAN, related that some 300 guests were present at the wedding, most of whom were reported as notorious racket men throughout the East. The paper further carried comments that

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ZWILLMAN was a former fruit and vegetable dealer, who was recognized during prohibition days as one of the unofficial bosses of New Jersey liquor traffic. He was also reported in the newspaper account as being the proprietor of the Public Service Tobacco Company at 1464 North Broad Street, Hillside, New Jersey, and as having interests in several wholesale liquor concerns. A forty-day wedding trip, according to the paper, was planned, after which the couple would reside at 32 South Munn Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey.

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On December 9, 1957, SA [REDACTED] was advised by [REDACTED] of the Office of Selective Service Records, Armory, Trenton, New Jersey, that ABNER ZWILLMAN, born July 27, 1904, at Newark, New Jersey, was issued Order Number 114411, and was subsequently classified 4-H, 1-AH and 4-A. [REDACTED] advised that the registration card for ZWILLMAN as of December 9, 1957, was in the possession of the United States Attorney's Office, Newark, New Jersey, having been charged out as of January 24, 1956, and forwarded to the attention of Mr. BESSER, Assistant United States Attorney.

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On December 6, 1957, the Grantor-Grantee Index was checked by SA [REDACTED] at the Essex County, New Jersey, Registrar's Office, Hall of Records, Newark, New Jersey, for the period 1920 through December 5, 1957, in the names of ZWILLMAN and MENDELS. Book G-108, Pages 284-286, indicates that two tracts of land were conveyed to EUGENE MENDELS on September 25, 1946. These tracts cover the present residence address of ZWILLMAN, his family, and his father-in-law, EUGENE E. MENDELS.

Book L-110, Pages 534 and 535, indicates that another parcel of land was conveyed to EUGENE MENDELS on April 5, 1948, which parcel is part of and is an extension to the residence property.

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Book G-111, Page 598, indicates that on July 8, 1948, EUGENE F. MENDELS conveyed to MARY ZWILLMAN the residence location covering the present residence at 50 Beverly Road, West Orange.

Book 2714, Page 288, indicates that on July 7, 1948, a mortgage of \$46,000 at 5 per cent interest was given by MENDELS to ZWILLMAN. The filing of this mortgage was made on July 8, 1948.

The above real estate matters were all handled through ZWILLMAN's attorney, CHARLES HANDLER, 790 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, a former corporation counsel for the city of Newark.

Testimony at the income tax evasion trial of ZWILLMAN in February, 1956, was made to the effect that during 1947 and 1948 work costing \$20,000 was done on the home of ZWILLMAN. Testimony concerning this repair work was given by contractors who performed work on the residence. The general contractor, SEBASTIAN PAMPALONE, a South Orange contractor, testified he received \$13,981 for remodeling and repair work on the house. He said Mr. MENDELS paid all but \$4,000 of this amount in cash installments, and the \$4,000 payment was made, according to PAMPALONE, by check from Mrs. ZWILLMAN.

No other properties were found as a matter of record in the official Essex County Registrar's Office from 1920 to date.

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An examination of the Newark City Directories from the year of ZWILLMAN's birth, 1905, to date revealed there was no information which could identify ZWILLMAN's family from 1905 until 1916. In 1916, both ANNIE, widow of RUBIN, and ELLA A., widow of RUBIN, were indicated to be residing at 259 Broome Street, Newark. 1927 was the first year in which were listed members of the family other than the mother. In 1927, ANNA, widow of REUBEN, and ABRAHAM, a peddler, and ETHEL N. were listed as residing at 6 Shanley Avenue. In 1929, there was added BARNEY, listed as a printer at 6 Shanley Avenue. In 1931 at 127 Goodwin Avenue were listed ALICE E., widow of REUBEN, ABRAHAM, BERNARD, and ETHEL. In 1932, there were listed ELLA E., widow of REUBEN, and ABE, BARNEY (President-Treasurer, Zaitz Shoe Company, 190 Halsey Street), residence, 127 Goodwin Avenue, ETHEL, and LARRY, a projectionist. In 1937 were listed ANNA, a widow, ABNER (Secretary-Treasurer, United States Yeast Corporation), LAWRENCE, a projectionist, and IRVING, a projectionist. In 1939 and 1940, there were listed only ANNA, IRVING, and LARRY, all at 120 Hansbury Avenue. In 1941 and 1942 were listed ANNA, widow, and IRVING, projectionist. In 1943, there were listed ANNA, widow of RUBIN, and IRVING (MOLLY), in United States Army. From 1951 to date at 120 Hansbury Avenue were listed ANNA, widow of RUBIN, and ETHEL.

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On November 9 and 10, 1938, ZWILLMAN was interviewed at the Newark Office by the then SAC A. P. KITCHIN and SA [redacted] At the time of this interview, ZWILLMAN listed the following as his relatives, ages being given as of 1938.

Father:	Deceased
Mother:	ELLA ZWILLMAN, age 61, 120 Hansbury Avenue, Newark, New Jersey
Sister:	BESSIE WARSHOWSKY, age 38, Sheer Avenue, Newark, married and two children
Sister:	ETHEL MORGANSTEIN, age 31, Elizabeth Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, married, no children
Brother:	BARNEY ZWILLMAN, age 28, Elizabeth Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, married, no children
Brother:	LARRY ZWILLMAN, age 27, 120 Hansbury Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, single, resides with mother
Sister:	PHOEBE OLINER, age 25, Keer Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, married, one child
Brother:	IRVING ZWILLMAN, age 21, 120 Hansbury Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, single, resides with mother

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ZWILLMAN advised he then supported his mother who was his only dependent.

He stated he attended grammar school to the eighth grade, but did not complete grammar school, and has had no other education.

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Rumors in the past were received to the effect that LONGIE ZWILLMAN was interested in the Vogue Gown Shop in Newark.

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None of the current residences of ZWILLMAN's family, other than his mother's and ETHELIE's, have been determined as of this time.

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A check on December 11, 1957, at the Hall of Records, Essex County, New Jersey, by SA [REDACTED] indicated that in Volume V-85, Page 144, it was reflected that property at 120 Hansbury Avenue was deeded to ELLA ZWILLMAN, a widow, such recording being made at the request of C. HANDIER. In the Mortgagee-Mortgagor Index, Volume X-76, Page 23, it is recorded that as of March 28, 1933, ELLA had a first mortgage of \$7,965, and a second mortgage to CHARLES HANDIER in the amount of \$5,000. The second mortgage was recorded on September 12, 1933. The discharge of second mortgage as paid and satisfied was recorded in Book U-2, Page 64, on December 12, 1944. This discharge was requested by the firm of Kessler and Kessler, Attorneys. No recording is listed as to whether the property is now clear.

In connection with a deed check on EUGENE E. MENDELS, it was determined at the Hall of Records in Volume T-90, Page 306, that KATHRYN S. MENDELS, wife of EUGENE E., and mother of MARY ZWILLMAN, died on July 3, 1936. EUGENE E. MENDELS was willed by his wife, KATHRYN, property at Overlook Avenue and Luddington Road, West Orange. This property was sold and a mortgage of \$9,000 was assumed by the buyer. This property was transferred to EDNA J. STAHLIN on July 2, 1936, with the comment that no transfer stamps were required as the consideration in the transfer of the property was in an amount less than \$500.

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On December 5, 1957, SA [REDACTED] checked the records of the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles, which reflected Driver License #3606339, issued April, 1956, to ZWILLMAN, then residing at 50 Beverly Road, West Orange, New Jersey. On his driver's license, he was described as born July, 1905, weight between 180 lbs., and 200 lbs., hair black,

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eyes green, height 6'1", employed Public Service Tobacco Company, 1464 North Broad Street, Hillside, New Jersey. SA [REDACTED] determined at this time that New Jersey License Plate H12H3 was issued on June 14, 1956, for a 1956 Chrysler Nassau, Serial Number 32392, to MARY W. ZWILLMAN, at the Beverly Road address. This car was insured with the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company. There was no record of another automobile at the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Bureau registered to ABNER ZWILLMAN or to any other ZWILLMAN in West Orange.

B. CRIMINAL RECORD

The identification record of ZWILLMAN under FBI Number 346 333 is as follows:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Police Department, Newark, New Jersey	Abe Zwillman #--	March 8, 1927	atrocious assault and battery with intent	dismissed
Sheriff's Office, Newark, New Jersey	Abraham Zwillman #A-741	November, 1928 (finger-printed, December 12, 1930)	atrocious assault and battery	December 11, 1930, received \$1,000 fine and 6 months in Essex County Penitentiary
United States Marshal, New York City, New York	Abner Zwillman #C-23-292	August 22, 1939	contempt of court	appeal sent 6 mos freed on bail and sent reversed

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
United States Marshal, Newark, New Jersey	Abner Zwillman #3649-A	June 23, 1953	attempt to evade Income Tax etcetera	no bill
USM Newark NJ	Abner Zwillman #3649-A	5/28-54	defeat & evade income tax, etc.	

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On December 11, 1957, IRVING GROSS, Clerk of Court, Part I, Criminal Court, City of Newark, and EDWARD DEVORE, Clerk of Court, Part II, Criminal Court, City of Newark, advised SA [REDACTED] that all records over twenty years old were destroyed as a result of court order, and that the only records they would now have would be the records containing the same information listed on the arrest record of ZWILLMAN, as set forth in the Newark Police record.

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Mr. GROSS and Mr. DEVORE both advised SA [REDACTED] that they recalled the names of the complainants listed on the arrest record, namely, JACOB ROSEN, IEO KAPLUS, MEYER SATSKY, and JACOB KLEIMAN, as having been connected with the illegal alcohol rackets during prohibition and to have possibly been connected in some way with ZWILLMAN. They offered the opinion that it was common in these days for fights to occur among the men themselves, but for the complaints to be withdrawn when pressure would be put on them.

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As will be set out below, IEO KAPLUS was allegedly shot by ZWILLMAN.

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The files of the Identification Division of the Newark Police Department were checked by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Identification Bureau, could locate no records of KAPLUS, SATSKY, or WEIEMAN. There was a record of [REDACTED] which maybe identical with an individual

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known as [REDACTED] however, there is no significant information contained therein.

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On December 12, 1957, Docket Clerk MICHAEL GENOVESE,
United States Courthouse, Southern District of New York,
made available Docket Number 105-482 to SA [REDACTED]
which revealed the following information.

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On August 15, 1939, while a witness before the August, 1939, Grand Jury, ZWILLMAN was directed to answer as to what business he engaged in and with whom he worked from 1926 through 1932.

On August 18, 1939, ZWILLMAN was given another opportunity to answer this inquiry. On August 21, 1939, United States District Judge JOHNSON J. HAYS, Southern District of New York, adjudged ZWILLMAN in contempt of court and sentenced him to six months at the Federal House of Detention, New York City. ZWILLMAN was paroled in the custody of his attorney, ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYS. Bail was fixed at \$10,000 pending appeal.

The docket indicates that the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company furnished surety on behalf of ZWILLMAN on August 22, 1939. On the same date, an order was filed in the docket allowing the defendant to depart from the jurisdiction of this court to his residence in East Orange, New Jersey, and to enter into business in the counties of Essex, Union, and Bergen. An appeal was filed on this date.

On November 16, 1939, an order to grant the defendant permission to leave the jurisdiction of this court to enter business in Chicago, Illinois, was filed by United States District Judge ALFRED J. COX.

On January 26, 1940, an order to grant the defendant permission to go anywhere in the United States was filed by United States District Judge WILLIAM BONDY.

On February 29, 1940, an order was filed ordering ZWILLMAN for retrial. This order was filed by United States District Judge COXE.

On December 31, 1954, a "nolle prosequi" was entered and filed in the Southern District of New York, signed by United States District Judge EDWARD J. DICKOCK.

Assistant United States Attorney DANIEL F. MCMAHON, Chief of Criminal Division, Southern District of New York, made available United States Attorney's files in instant case on December 12, 1957, and in addition to the foregoing information, it was noted that on January 15, 1940, the District Court's verdict in this case was reversed by the United States

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Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and ZWILLMAN was ordered to appear for retrial on March 4, 1940. This trial was subsequently adjourned until April 22, 1940, and never restored to the calendar for trial in the Southern District.

Contained in this file were letters between the Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, and the Attorney General, Criminal Division, Washington, D.C. These letters were the basis for ZWILLMAN's nolle prosequi as it was determined successful prosecution would be unlikely in view of recent court decisions involving the Fifth Amendment. The file indicated that the charge against ZWILLMAN was nolle prosequi on December 31, 1954.

On June 23, 1953, ZWILLMAN was arrested by the United States Marshal, Newark, New Jersey, on charges of evading payment of \$54,114 on his 1946 income. On July 14, 1953, a Federal Grand Jury returned a "no bill" against ZWILLMAN in connection with this arrest, vacating the complaint.

On May 28, 1954, ZWILLMAN was arrested by the United States Marshal, Newark, New Jersey, and charged with evasion of income tax. This arrest had to do with the alleged evasion of income tax payments of \$46,100 for the years 1947 and 1948. This actual trial commenced January 19, 1956, and was given to the jury on February 29, 1956. After 30 hours of deliberation, the jury reported on March 1, 1956, that they could not agree on a verdict. On December 20, 1957, United States Attorney CHESTER A. WEIDENBURNER advised SA [REDACTED] b7c that at the present time the files are in the hands of the Department in Washington, where it will be determined as to whether ZWILLMAN will be retried. Decision for such retrial will not be made locally.

Following the jury disagreement, ZWILLMAN was continued on \$5,000 bail.

Attorneys representing ZWILLMAN in this income tax procedure were JOHN E. TOOLAN and MORRIS SHILENSKY.

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C. ASSOCIATES

b7c During the investigation to locate LOUIS BUCHALTER, with alias DEPKE, ZWILLMAN was interviewed at the Newark Office on November 9 and 10, 1938, by then SAC A. P. KITCHIN and SA [REDACTED]

b7c ZWILLMAN exhibited a desire to cooperate, but prior to making any admissions or comments, requested whether or not information he might furnish during the interview concerning his activities during prohibition days would be disclosed to the authorities, although he stated at this time that he did not fear any violations of the law concerning his liquor operations, inasmuch as the 18th Amendment had been repealed. At the time, ZWILLMAN was advised by SAC KITCHIN and SA [REDACTED] that this bureau had no jurisdiction over the making or transportation of alcohol, and that that matter comes within the purview of the United States Internal Revenue Department. He also was advised that the interview with him was strictly confidential, and any cooperation that he might be able to render would be appreciated and would be kept in confidence. Upon being apprised of this fact, he was prompt in his responses to questions, and related much information in connection with activities during prohibition days.

He stated that he first became acquainted with LOUIS BUCHALTER in about 1926. His acquaintance came about as a result of prohibition, at which time there were numerous groups or mobs, as he called them, who had their principal offices and were operating liquor headquarters in prominent hotels in New York City. He stated that some of these gangs in the hotels controlled as much as an entire floor consisting of 15 to 20 rooms, and that from these various points, each combination operated their liquor distributing businesses.

ZWILLMAN admitted association with the following individuals. Many listed below are of national prominence and others are of local prominence. Many are now deceased. Identifying data concerning all of them is not presently available to this office. From his own admission, they are listed as follows:

LOUIS BUCHALTER, with alias Lepke

BUCHALTER was electrocuted following investigation in connection with what was popularly referred to as "Murder, Incorporated." ZWILLMAN advised he had a close association with BUCHALTER.

JACOB SHAPIRO, with alias Gurrah

ZWILLMAN met SHAPIRO through BUCHALTER. He stated he had very little to do with him, but whenever SHAPIRO wanted favors in New Jersey, he would contact ZWILLMAN, and because of SHAPIRO's association with BUCHALTER, ZWILLMAN would handle the matter for him. ZWILLMAN at no time made any requests of SHAPIRO for favors for himself.

ZWILLMAN advised that nobody cared to have any dealings with SHAPIRO socially, inasmuch as he was very gruff in his manner, and embarrassing when in company with others.

MORRIS SAMUEL WOLINSKY, with alias Dimples

ZWILLMAN advised he was well acquainted with WOLINSKY, who was very close to BUCHALTER. ZWILLMAN stated at that time he would not hesitate to loan money to WOLINSKY at any time. He had a close association with WOLINSKY.

BENJAMIN KUTLOW, with alias Cuddy

ZWILLMAN became acquainted with KUTLOW around 1930, and met him at one of the "offices" in New York. By offices ZWILLMAN referred to the operating headquarters of the liquor distributors in New York. KUTLOW was also close to BUCHALTER.

WILLIAM MORETTI

MORETTI was murdered gangland fashion in 1951. ZWILLMAN admitted knowing this former prominent New Jersey racketeer.

CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO

ZWILLMAN admitted knowing LUCIANO, who is nationally known.

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TEDDY NEWBERRY

ZWILLMAN knows NEWBERRY as visiting Hot Springs, Arkansas, with other prominent hoodlums.

JOSEPH STACHER, with alias Doc Rosen

ZWILLMAN advised that he is very well acquainted with DOC ROSEN, and advised further that he awaited ROSEN's arrival when he came on the boat some 25 years previous. He denied ever being associated with ROSEN in business, and at no time was in partnership with ROSEN in connection with any activities in New York or New Jersey. (Information does indicate that ROSEN had actually been associated in the Public Service Tobacco Company, a legitimate venture, in which ZWILLMAN is now active.)

WILLIAM WEISMAN

ZWILLMAN described WEISMAN as a big bookmaker operating in New York, who controlled hatcheck concessions in night clubs in New York.

LOUIS KRAVITZ,

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ZWILLMAN knows KRAVITZ only as an associate of BUCHALTER.

HENRY TEITELBAUM, with alias Heinzie.

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ZWILLMAN, when examining a photograph of TEITELBAUM, laughed heartily, and remarked that this man is "crazy." ZWILLMAN stated that any information this man would give would amount to nothing but nonsense, and he was considered a jester and a stooge. ZWILLMAN stated TEITELBAUM was an errand boy for BUCHALTER.

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HENRY GOLDBERG, with alias "Dutch"

ZWILLMAN made acquaintance with GOLDBERG through the illegal liquor business. GOLDBERG on occasion would visit at ZWILLMAN's Third Ward Political Club in Newark, adding that every time GOLDBERG appeared in Newark, he was looking for favors for somebody, and it appeared that he was trying to "front" for everyone in New York City.

MIKE COPPOLA,

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ZWILLMAN advised he first met COPPOLA at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas, that COPPOLA loved horses, and promoted jockeys for horse races. ZWILLMAN described COPPOLA as a regular fellow and a big sport.

BARTOLA FAILLA, with alias "Little Frankie"

ZWILLMAN identified FAILLA as being connected with the WILLIE MORETTI group, but had no idea of his activities, though he had seen him on numerous occasions in Newark and Passaic, New Jersey.

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BENJAMIN SIEGEL, with alias "Bugs", deceased

ZWILLMAN was very close to SIEGEL, and obviously admired SIEGEL. He stated SIEGEL had been in partnership with BUCHALTER and GURRAH SHAPIRO in liquor distribution in New York, and they were considered as one group, BUCHALTER, SHAPIRO, and SIEGEL. ZWILLMAN stated that when he went to California, SIEGEL was the first one he contacted, and he spent considerable time with him, and sometimes stayed with him at his residence. ZWILLMAN stated he would not have hesitated to do any favor no matter what the request might have been for SIEGEL.

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JOSEPH STASSI, with aliases Riollo,
Joe Rogers, Hoboken Joe,

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ZWILLMAN stated STASSI was a big bookmaker and dealt in horse races. He was also reportedly opening a cabaret in New York City.

CHARLES DUEFLIER

ZWILLMAN met, but had no personal dealings with this individual.

"TOE" DAVIS

ZWILLMAN admitted he was well acquainted with DAVIS, in prohibition days. ZWILLMAN advised that DAVIS, as far as BUCHALTER was concerned, would not give the right time. He described DAVIS as a moody person and very easily riled.

BUNNY WALLACH, with alias "Whitie"

ZWILLMAN described WALLACH as a "punk cab driver", whom he had taken off a cab and given a job driving one of his beer trucks. He also added that he had given WALLACH a job as an outside salesman and contact man for the Public Service Tobacco Company.

CY SEIDENBERG

ZWILLMAN admitted acquaintanceship with this individual for fifteen years, but at no time had any business dealings with him. He described SEIDENBERG as connected with a group which operated Munkacsy's Mineral Water Company of Caldwell, New Jersey. ZWILLMAN stated he had been offered an interest in this mineral water company, but stated he declined as there were too many fingers in the pie. He described SEIDENBERG as the individual who had been indicted for the shipment of firearms to Spain, and added that SEIDENBERG was the operator of the Hillcrest Club, located near the Douglas Hotel in Newark.

"MUTTIE" HECHTS

ZWILLMAN described this individual as operating a bar and grill at 35 Broome Street in Newark. "MUTTIE" HECHTS' bar was said by ZWILLMAN to be a hangout for most of the Third Ward boys.

JAMES "NIGGY" RUTKIN, deceased

ZWILLMAN admitted acquaintanceship with RUTKIN for the past fifteen years, and stated RUTKIN spent considerable time at the Novelty Bar and Grill. ZWILLMAN denied any interest in the Novelty Bar and Grill. He stated that JULES ENDLER and his brother were the actual owners, and RUTKIN used the Novelty Bar and Grill as his headquarters, because of his friendship with the ENDLERS.

ZWILLMAN stated RUTKIN had an interest in the Dempsey-Vanderbilt Hotel in Miami, Florida, and that the combination in this hotel was JACK DEMPSEY, "NIGGY" RUTKIN, JULES ENDLER, and MAX WAXMAN. ZWILLMAN denied business association with RUTKIN.

"CHAMP" SIEGAL

ZWILLMAN admitted meeting SIEGAL, but does not know him well, and knows nothing of his activities.

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GERARD CATENA, wa., Jerry

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ZWILLMAN admits acquaintanship with CATENA for many years previous. CATENA is well known in Newark rackets circles and attended the recent meeting of hoodlums at Apalachin, New York, on November 14, 1957.

SAM BOSTON

ZWILLMAN stated that he knows SAM BOSTON as the most well known operator in the "numbers racket," and is considered the biggest placer and taker of gambling bets in the country. He operated out of his main headquarters in New York and would take any type of bet on any sort of game and was said to be known to almost any gambler. ZWILLMAN stated he has no business association with BOSTON other than knowing of his popularity among gamblers.

BEN MARDEN

ZWILLMAN knows MARDEN as operator of the Ben Marden's Riviera at the George Washington Bridge. ZWILLMAN was not well acquainted with MARDEN.

SOL WURTZEL

ZWILLMAN stated he met this individual through "BUGS" SIEGEL in Los Angeles, California, and that WURTZEL was connected with the Fox Film Corporation. He had met him approximately four times. ZWILLMAN considered SIEGEL and WURTZEL close friends.

WILLIE ALBERTS

ZWILLMAN met ALBERTS some eight years previous to interview when ALBERTS appeared in Newark, N.J. in company with some of BUCHALTER's associates. BUCHALTER's associates were said to be attempting to front for ALBERTS in an effort to obtain for ALBERTS, through ZWILLMAN, the bonding business in the state of New Jersey. ZWILLMAN stated at that time there were numerous individuals who had already been in the bonding business in Newark and he was unable to assist them. ALBERTS was known to have been

in the bonding business for many years, but never had any direct dealings with ZWILLMAN. He stated ALBERTS never again approached him regarding the control of placing of bonds in the state of New Jersey.

NICHOLAS DELMORE, FBI Number 319465

ZWILLMAN admitted knowing DELMORE for eight or nine years and he advised that he operated the Berkeley Heights Road House in Union County. He stated DELMORE is a known gambling operator, but that he would not attempt to interfere with the business in Newark. He stated DELMORE operated his own gambling business in Union County and that the Third Ward mob in Newark had very little dealings with him. DELMORE is approximately 70 years of age and there is no information that he is currently active in criminal circles. He has no criminal record since 1937, except for deportation action in 1953 which was dropped in December, 1956, after the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia ruled in DELMORE's favor. DELMORE appears to be residing as retired in Long Branch, N.J.

"LITTLE AUGIE" PISANO

ZWILLMAN admitted knowing this individual for several years. He knew him to operate, at one time, the Paddock Cabaret in Miami Beach, Florida.

SAM "GAME BOY" MILLER

ZWILLMAN admitted meeting MILLER on numerous occasions when visiting Cleveland, Ohio, and other occasions, and is not acquainted with his enterprises. He knew MILLER to be acquainted with BUCHALTER, WOLINSKY and MOE DAVIS.

JOHN J. BRESLIN
(Bergen County Prosecutor, 1938)

ZWILLMAN spoke very highly of BRESLIN, stating that he knew him and that he was "just another politician with whom people must keep in touch sometimes." ZWILLMAN would not commit himself as to his association with BRESLIN. ZWILLMAN stated that BRESLIN was considered a "regular fellow," and commented he had been in the Prosecutor's Office

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for a number of years.
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VERNE C. MILLER
VIVIAN MATHIAS

ZWILLMAN acknowledged his acquaintance with this individual. VERNE MILLER was sought as one of the participants in the attempt to free FRANK NASH in what was referred to as the Kansas City Massacre, in which NASH, three police officers, and a Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent were killed. MILLER subsequently was killed.

VIVIAN MATHIAS was the alleged paramour of VERNE C. MILLER. VIVIAN MATHIAS was interviewed by Sioux Falls Agents in December of 1938. She stated that immediately after the Kansas City Massacre, MILLER hid out for a time in a place known as LONGIE ZWILLMAN's place, located about 35 miles from Newark. She stated that while MILLER was hiding out, other fugitives from justice were also there. It was determined that while ZWILLMAN was stopping at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in February, 1933, he telephonically contacted VERNE C. MILLER in Kansas City. When interviewed in November, 1938, ZWILLMAN denied ever having met VIVIAN MATHIAS, although admitting knowing VERNE MILLER.

MAX FOX

ZWILLMAN admitted knowing FOX for eight years and knew him as a betting commissioner.

MOE SEDWAY

ZWILLMAN admits acquaintanceship with SEDWAY and stated that SEDWAY was at one time a member of the SIEGEL-MEYERS-LUCIANO combination, and that SEDWAY was a key man in the distribution of Munkasy's Mineral Water in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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"WAXIE" GORDON

ZWILLMAN was acquainted with GORDON but not closely.

LEFTY CLARK

ZWILLMAN admitted acquaintanceship with this individual, stating that he originally came from Detroit where he was known as a gambler. He advised the Clark Township gambling establishment with which LEFTY CLARK was allegedly connected was closed at the time of the interview.

PHIL REGAN

ZWILLMAN was acquainted with REGAN, who was an actor and a former New York City policeman. ZWILLMAN admitted attending benefits at which REGAN entertained.

MEYER LANSKY

ZWILLMAN admitted acquaintanceship with LANSKY for ten years. He knew LANSKY to be very friendly with BUCHALTER. In 1938 he stated LANSKY was in a legitimate fruit produce business in New Jersey.

HERMAN SPITZEL

ZWILLMAN admitted knowing SPITZEL for approximately six years. (Nothing known concerning SPITZEL in Newark.)

MARINO BELLO

ZWILLMAN advised BELLO was the stepfather of JEAN HARLOW (deceased), with whom ZWILLMAN was well acquainted.

PHILIP KOVALICH
HYMAN HOLTZ

ZWILLMAN advised he knew KOVALICH and HOLTZ and he recalled an incident when they were picked up along with BUCHALTER, GURRAH SHAPIRO, "BUGS" SIEGEL, and others during a raid at the Franconia Hotel in N.Y.C. on November 11, 1931.

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AL SILVERS, was., Al Lubin, Al Silverman

ZWILLMAN stated that he had occupied a suite of rooms at the Hotel Riviera in Newark, N.J., in June of 1933. He stated that SILVERS was known at that hotel as AL LUBIN. SILVERS also had an apartment at 32 South Munn Avenue, East Orange, N.J., where ZWILLMAN resided. SILVERS received mail at the Riviera Hotel. It is to be noted that on October 23, 1933, AL SILVERS purchased a Ford Coupe under the name of A. SILVERMAN in Brooklyn, N.Y., and that this automobile was later abandoned by VERNE C. MILLER in Chicago, Illinois, during MILLER's getaway on November 2, 1933.

On the evening of March 26, 1951, ZWILLMAN testified before the Senate Crime Investigating Committee in open hearings at Washington, D.C. During this testimony ZWILLMAN admitted acquaintanceship with several individuals listed above and with the following:

FRANK COSTELLO

ZWILLMAN admitted knowing FRANK COSTELLO, nationally known member of the racket element, well.

SALVATORE MORETTI

ZWILLMAN said he knew MORETTI for some twenty years.

JOSEPH REINFELD

ZWILLMAN had known REINFELD for 25 years. (REINFELD is a former bootlegger and is presently a wholesale liquor distributor.)

HARRY DAVIS

ZWILLMAN met DAVIS around 1924 or 1925.

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JOSEPH DAVIS

DAVIS is not further identified.

MICHAEL LASCARI

LASCARI is an associate of CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO and an associate in the present operation of the Public Service Tobacco Company, Hillside, N.J., in which ZWILLMAN is active. ZWILLMAN mentioned that he understood that LASCARI and LUCIANO were brought up in the same household.

CHARLES HANDLER

ZWILLMAN has known HANDLER for 35 years. He was at the time of interview, Corporation Counsel for the city of Newark. HANDLER, according to ZWILLMAN, occasionally handled some of his (ZWILLMAN's) legal matters.

I. GEORGE GOLDSTEIN

ZWILLMAN states GOLDSTEIN had done accounting work for him. ZWILLMAN indicated in the testimony in reply to a question by the Committee Counsel RUDOLPH HALLEY that GOLDSTEIN has been used to handle his accounting work since ZWILLMAN first met him during an income tax problem involving ZWILLMAN and JOSEPH STACHER, with aliases.

ARTHUR LONGANO

LONGANO went to prison approximately the same time JOE ADONIS did, in 1951, but ZWILLMAN could not recall LONGANO being known to him.

TONY GUARINI

GUARINI died in 1957. ZWILLMAN stated he may have known him but cannot place him. GUARINI also went to jail during the gambling investigation in Bergen County in 1951.

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JAMES LYNCH, wa., "PIGGY"

ZWILLMAN could not be certain if he had or had not met LYNCH. LYNCH also went to jail during the gambling investigation in Bergen County.

JOE ADONIS

ZWILLMAN's testimony was "Of course I know him."

ABE RELES

RELES was the individual who jumped from a building while in police custody as a witness in pending murder cases. ZWILLMAN stated he may have met RELES but would not know him.

ARTHUR TANNENBAUM

ZWILLMAN stated he may have met TANNENBAUM but would not know him.

JOSEPH BOZZO

ZWILLMAN admitted knowing him. BOZZO is a Passaic County politician and an alleged racket contact.

FRANK ERICKSON

ZWILLMAN admitted knowing ERICKSON, a nationally known gambling character.

HAROLD HOFFMAN (deceased)
Former New Jersey Governor

ZWILLMAN stated he knew of HOFFMAN but did not recall knowing him personally.

HARRY STROMBERG

ZWILLMAN stated he knew STROMBERG as being in the dress business. ZWILLMAN had heard it mentioned that he was in the gambling business, but he did not actually know.

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WALTER VAN RIPER

VAN RIPER had been a County Judge and was subsequently Attorney General for the state of New Jersey.

ZWILLMAN claimed to know him only as he knew numerous other people in New Jersey.

JACK FRIEDLANDER

ZWILLMAN grew up with FRIEDLANDER and admitted knowing him for many years.

CHARLES FISCHETTI

ZWILLMAN advised he met him once.

ROCCO FISCHETTI

ZWILLMAN recalls meeting him once.

D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

1) Illegal Liquor

A story accepted in the Newark area is that ZWILLMAN first became a feared man when, in 1923, he shot one LEO KAPLUS in the leg. KAPLUS was at that time in the bootlegging business and controlled what was commonly referred to as "bootlegger's row" in Newark. As a result of this shooting, other Newark mobsters allegedly took particular note of ZWILLMAN. (It will be noted in the criminal record of ZWILLMAN that on March 8, 1927, one LEO KAPLUS was the complainant at the arrest of ZWILLMAN. The complaint was subsequently dismissed.) Although he was quite young, ZWILLMAN allegedly had a small interest in a numbers game at this time in Newark and was reportedly associated in that particular racket with several well-known gangsters.

ZWILLMAN's influence grew and at a later date he reportedly took control of the Third Ward in Newark, organizing what he referred to as his own group.

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An article in the "Newark Ledger," under date of October 30, 1935, appeared under the byline of Anonymous. This article commented on the activities of ZWILLMAN, stating that he had a great deal to do with putting many politicians in office. It mentioned the fact of his Third Ward Political Club located at Waverly and Avon Streets in Newark. The article commented on his various arrests for assault and battery which resulted in all but one of the complaints being withdrawn. It made mention of the fact that when ZWILLMAN was sentenced to Essex County Penitentiary for six months, he allegedly had available to him a telephone in his cell, was permitted callers at all hours, had other than prison meals, and, upon leaving, gave gifts of money to guards and a new car to one of the jail officials.

There was also comment of a newspaperman whom ZWILLMAN beat up at Child's Restaurant on Park Place. This newspaperman supposedly mistook ZWILLMAN for a prohibition attorney and asked him what he was doing in Child's. A fight ensued; however, the newspaperman refused to identify ZWILLMAN as the assailant, according to this news article. The article then related that ZWILLMAN paid \$122.00 for breakage in the restaurant resulting from the fight.

The article also inferred that ZWILLMAN sought the love of a blonde movie actress, giving her a diamond bracelet and other gifts. The actress allegedly came to a party in 1932 at a downtown Newark hotel which party was being given by ZWILLMAN. The article then commented he met her subsequently at a Western desert resort between and during her several marriages.

The article also mentioned that ZWILLMAN maintained soup kitchens in both Military and Lincoln Parks during depression years, until the newspapers discovered the matter and he ceased such activity.

The article then listed that the Third Ward Political Club operated by ZWILLMAN was held up and that the pockets of the members of the club were rifled. This holdup was believed to have been carried out by members of the RITCHIE BOIARDO group of the First Ward, Newark. Apparently, relations were strained between the ZWILLMAN and

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BOIARDO groups, with the result that a representative of AL CAPONE reportedly came to Newark and settled the disagreement, whereupon a big party was thrown, allegedly by BOIARDO, where ZWILLMAN and BOIARDO exchanged presents and made up. The article mentioned that this may have been where the diamond belt buckle worn by BOIARDO was secured. The newspaper carried, in the middle of the article, a photograph of BOIARDO wearing a large belt buckle which was apparent in the photograph. The article inferred that this was the gift from ZWILLMAN.

The article referred to ZWILLMAN's chief of staff as DOC ROSEN, mentioned as an associate above, who is presently active in gambling operations in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The article commented ZWILLMAN never went to jail or was prosecuted as a result of the fights, except in the case where he beat up a Negro who testified against him. It was pointed out above concerning the Prosecutor Detective's report to the effect that PRESTON BUZZARD, who was the complainant in the case for which ZWILLMAN went to the Penitentiary, had been a numbers writer for ZWILLMAN and had beat the bank for \$1500.00. After the shortage in the bank was discovered, the beating allegedly took place and although BUZZARD supposedly was offered money to withdraw the complaint, he refused to do so.

During the investigation to locate LOUIS BUCHALTER, ZWILLMAN was interviewed at the Newark Office of the FBI on November 9 and 10, 1938, by then Special Agent in Charge A. P. KITCHIN and SA

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During this interview, ZWILLMAN stated that his first acquaintance with LOUIS BUCHALTER came about during prohibition, in approximately 1925, at which time there were numerous groups or mobs, as ZWILLMAN called them, who had their principal offices and were operating liquor headquarters at prominent hotels in New York City. He stated that some of these gangs at the hotels controlled as much as an entire floor consisting of 15 to 20 rooms, and that from these locations each combination operated their various liquor distributing businesses.

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ZWILLMAN related that he had control of a group of individuals who assisted him in operating his liquor distributing agency in New York during prohibition days. He stated he spent time at the Victoria Hotel and numerous hotels whose names have since been changed. He stated that the groups operating this liquor business were so tremendous that it would be impossible to relate the various combinations. However, he denied having been connected with any syndicate or combination and stated he operated singly with numerous associates.

ZWILLMAN advised that BUCHALTER, in 1928, was in charge of a group distributing liquor and was considered one of the bigger operators at that time. He said that BUCHALTER's group was known as the LEPKE-GURRAH-EUGS SIEGEL combination.

ZWILLMAN stated that on numerous occasions it was necessary to contact different groups, inasmuch as there was an arrangement between all of the groups not to "muscle in" on each other's territory, and that therefore each group was known to distribute a particular brand of liquor and had a particular territory.

ZWILLMAN stated that during the course of these liquor operations he had occasion to lend money to BUCHALTER and vice versa. As a result of this association and assistance to one another, ZWILLMAN stated that whenever BUCHALTER and his group desired any favors in the state of New Jersey, he would take care of the matter, and, in turn, if he wished anything taken care of in N.Y.C., BUCHALTER would handle it for him.

ZWILLMAN stated that considerable investigation was conducted regarding him by the Government and DEWEY's investigators as the result of a \$10,000.00 loan which he made to BUCHALTER in 1935; that information concerning this investigation was told him by persons contacted, who later advised him of this fact. In explanation of this loan, ZWILLMAN stated he never, at any time, was associated with BUCHALTER in any business transaction whatsoever; that his interests were his own and that at no time had any clashes concerning infringement on each other's territory occurred. He explained that in 1935, when he made this

\$10,000.00 loan to BUCHALTER, he was given a series of checks which were executed by the Perfection Coat Company, located on 20th Street, N.Y.C; that these checks were deposited by him whenever they became due, and as a result of the depositing of these checks, the Government and the State apparently connected him as a business associate of BUCHALTER; that BUCHALTER, at no time, needed his financial assistance or his cooperation in operating his business, because BUCHALTER had advised him, ZWILLMAN, on many occasions, that he had a considerable revenue from the Raleigh Manufacturers, Inc., in New York and Baltimore, Maryland, and from a trucking company in Passaic, N.J., which is known to him as the Garfield Express Company, Inc.

ZWILLMAN recalled visiting California in company with BUCHALTER and a BEN KUTLOW. This was in the early part of 1933. He remained in California for three weeks. Prior to going to California he recalled staying at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, with BUCHALTER and KUTLOW and he mentioned the Arlington Hotel as a "got-together" for all the mob whenever there was any business to be discussed. It was also known as a play resort for the "boys."

ZWILLMAN stated that during his visit in 1933 there were many notorious people in the hotel; namely, WILLIE MORETTI, CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, and others. He added that the place was considered a "play house" for all the popular people of the East, including politicians and notorious mobsters.

It had been reported through police announcements and newspaper stories that there was a group known as the Big Six or so-called "Broadway Gang." The leaders of this group were reported as being GURRAH, L. BUCHALTER, FRANK COSTELLO, CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL and ZWILLMAN.

ZWILLMAN, when interviewed, stated that he did not know of any organization known as the Big Six; however, he commented that it might refer to the time of prohibition

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days when each of the groups as previously stated above had operated from various hotels in the city of New York and probably the leader of each group was considered a member of the "Big Six."

In May, 1932 it had been reported that a group of ZWILLMAN's mob had gone to N.Y.C. with \$100,000.00 in cash for the purpose of securing the LINDBERGH baby who had been kidnapped. ZWILLMAN stated that he had encountered considerable difficulty in moving his liquor trucks in New York and New Jersey as a result of the kidnapping of the LINDBERGH baby in that the police everywhere were stopping all trucks belonging to various groups in an attempt to locate the baby. There was such tremendous pressure by all that ZWILLMAN voluntarily offered \$50,000.00 to any person who would aid and assist in locating the LINDBERGH baby. He stated that immediately after making this offer, AL SILVERS came to him and advised that a group of individuals at the Victoria Hotel in N.Y.C. were in possession of information as to the location of the LINDBERGH baby, and requested that \$50,000.00 in cash be put up before anything was done. ZWILLMAN then stated that he and a group of his associates proceeded to the Victoria Hotel, but they found that it was just a "muscle mob" who was attempting to shake down ZWILLMAN's group for a sum of money. ZWILLMAN stated it was obvious that this group had no information whatsoever concerning the LINDBERGH baby. He added that he would have raised \$100,000.00 if necessary and that this money could have easily been raised from the various groups who were operating liquor trucks in the various states. He said that this amount would have been worth it compared with the returns they were getting from their activities.

2) Racket Activities

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3) Waterfront Activities

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advised SA [REDACTED] that ZWILLMAN was believed to exert some influence along the N.Y.C. waterfront.

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4) Income Tax Violation

As mentioned above, a hung jury resulted in an income tax trial of "LONGIE" ZWILLMAN who was alleged to have evaded income tax payments of \$46,100.00 for the years 1947-48. His trial lasted from January 19, 1956, to February 29, 1956, and, after 30 hours of deliberation, the jury was unable to reach a verdict.

United States Attorney CHESTER A. WEIDENBURNER advised SA [REDACTED] on December 20, 1957, that the case was now at the Department in Washington, awaiting a decision as to whether the case would be retried.

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E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

- 1) Public Service Tobacco Company
1464 North Broad Street
Hillside, New Jersey

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An unknown source reported on the history of the Public Service Tobacco Company as follows:

WILLIAM LILLIAN and his brother, AL LILLIAN, had operated in illegal liquor traffic along the Jersey shore. A number of investigations were said to have been conducted against these two individuals with little success. The brothers continued operation until AL LILLIAN was murdered. Immediately after this murder, WILLIAM LILLIAN entered into the cigarette vending machine business in a company known as the Public Service Tobacco Company. WILLIAM LILLIAN became the biggest operator of this type business in the area. In his operations he was supposed to have employed some of the members of ZWILLMAN's gang. At the height of his business, LILLIAN was reportedly taken out one night and given a severe beating. Shortly after this beating, the company was purchased from LILLIAN, although it was rumored that ZWILLMAN threatened to kill LILLIAN if he did not give up the business. Unfavorable publicity resulted from the purchase of this business as to the methods used by ZWILLMAN to gain control of the enterprise. The Public Service Tobacco Company was then operated as a corporation, the incorporators being JERRY CATENA, DOC ROSEN and ABNER ZWILLMAN. The business reportedly continued under this particular setup for some time, after which ZWILLMAN transferred his stock to CATENA. The stock was then reportedly transferred back to ZWILLMAN. The source of this information was believed to be

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Information has been received that in mid-1946 ARNOLD BROMBERGER, MOE ZIMMERMAN, and DAVE KAPLAN established the Rona Metered Equipment Corporation, which concern obtained and operated concessions for coin-operated washing machines in apartment houses. The business reportedly flourished until 1947, when a new firm, the Federal Automatic Company, Evans Terminal Road, Hillside, N. J., was set up by IRVING BLUM. After the Federal Company was established, the Rona Company allegedly had difficulty in obtaining concessions in the new building projects, and it was determined that the concessions were being granted to the Federal Automatic Company even though Rona supposedly offered a larger commission to the owner or the builder for the concession. One of the owners of the Rona Company allegedly said, "There is no point in fighting the mob. You don't want to find yourself some day in the Passaic River."

Toward the end of 1947, a representative of Rona was told it would be silly to attempt to get the concession at a project then being built because the FHA loan granted in connection with the financing of the project specified that the Federal Automatic Company would be allowed the concession.

3) Greater Newark GMC Truck Sales Company
570 Belmont Avenue, Newark

In testimony before the Senate Crime Investigating Committee in 1951, ZWILLMAN admitted interest in the Greater Newark GMC Truck Sales Company, which company was the successor to the former Diamond T Agency, Inc. The Greater Newark GMC Truck Sales Company succeeded its predecessor on July 15, 1949.

Considerable comment in the "Newark Evening News" of April 1, 1951, reported that the purchasing records of the City of Newark revealed that concerns in which ZWILLMAN told the Senate Committee he had an interest had sold the city \$518,442.00 in trucks, fire apparatus, and parts in the previous four years. This same news article also commented that a ZWILLMAN concern had some thirty washing machines in three projects in the Newark House Authority. This would refer to the washing machine installations made through the Federal Automatic Company, described above.

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ZWILLMAN's name was not listed in any of the Greater Newark GMC Truck Sales Company corporation papers, which were actually drawn up by CHARLES HANDLER, who became the City of Newark Corporation Counsel in May, 1949.

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4) Other Business Interests

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On March 23, 1951, [redacted] appeared at the Philadelphia Office of the FBI and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] company is a research corporation specializing in the field of internal combustion. His company develops, patents, and grants patent licenses to various manufacturers on a royalty fee basis. [redacted] is also connected at Princeton University Jet Propulsion Center as research associate doing consulting work. The Jet Propulsion Center is sponsored by the Office of Naval Research. His work there is not classified. The Jet Propulsion Center at Princeton University was formerly known as the Guggenheim Foundation, and is now known as the Forrestal Research Foundation.

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[redacted] has a friend named [redacted] of the Jet Propulsion Center, Princeton University. In the Fall of 1943 or 1949, [redacted] advised [redacted] that he had a lead whereby [redacted] might grant some patent licenses. [redacted] then introduced [redacted] to [redacted] who operates a window-cleaning establishment in Newark, N. J. A day or so later, [redacted] introduced [redacted] to one A. G. LEW, Secretary, American Federation of Labor Department Store Council of New Jersey, 45 Branford Place, Newark, N. J. [redacted] understood that [redacted] had considerable business with department stores in his window-cleaning business and, in that way, had become acquainted with A. G. LEW.

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b7D The introduction of [REDACTED] to LEW occurred at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, in Newark, N. J., in the Fall of either 1948 or 1949. After the introduction, A. G. LEW did not say a word but merely opened the door to the large Buick automobile in which he was sitting. [REDACTED] entered the automobile and observed that A. G. LEW wore a gun under his coat. LEW then drove [REDACTED] through various sections of Newark and then a short distance out a main highway. [REDACTED] stopped in front of a small brick building, which building was about forty-feet long and fifteen-or-twenty-feet wide. The building was apparently an old store building, and it stood alone beside the highway. The windows in the front of the store building had been blacked out. Upon entering the building, [REDACTED] observed a switchboard with twelve trunk lines and two telephone operators, who were constantly busy at the switchboard. Lounging about inside the building were a half-dozen rough-looking characters.

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b7D After waiting for one-half hour, not knowing whom he was to meet, ABNER ZWILLMAN drove up in a Cadillac automobile and approached [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told ZWILLMAN that he was interested in promoting combustion engines and in granting patent licenses on a royalty basis. ZWILLMAN then telephoned J. A. SISTA, President of Republic Industries, 20 Wall Street, New York City, and said, "I am sending a man down to see you." There was then a pause, after which ZWILLMAN said, "Well, I don't care, I'm sending him down anyway. Mr. LEW will drive him down."

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b7D LEW then drove [REDACTED] back to Newark, took Route 1 to New York City, and to 20 Wall Street, where [REDACTED] met J. A. SISTA, President of Republic Industries. SISTA telephonically contacted Kermouth Manufacturing Company, in Detroit, Michigan, and talked to an official there. He then told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] would be contacted at a later date by the General Manager of the Kermouth Manufacturing Company. A. G. LEW then drove [REDACTED] back to the Newark station.

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b7D During the time LEW was driving [REDACTED] he said nothing. [REDACTED] noticed that LEW was sun-burned and, in an attempt to draw him into conversation, asked him

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where he obtained this sunburn, whereupon LEW replied that he always flew to Florida every week end. This was the extent of the conversation between LEW and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was very uneasy about such mysterious ways of doing business.

About four weeks later, the General Manager of the Kermouth Manufacturing Company, who is also the President or Vice President of that company, came to [REDACTED] office in Philadelphia. He expressed an interest in a fuel pump for a diesel marine motor, the patent of which is assigned to [REDACTED] loaned a drawing of that pump to the representative of Kermouth Manufacturing Company. Negotiations fell through, and later [REDACTED] wrote to the General Manager of Kermouth Manufacturing Company asking for return of the drawing. He received a reply from Kermouth that the drawing had not been received.

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[REDACTED] ascertained that Kermouth Manufacturing Company, in Detroit, is a subsidiary of the Berium Steel Company, 20 Wall Street, New York, and that Berium Steel Company is wholly controlled by Republic Industries, 20 Wall Street, New York; also, that Republic Industries is a parent company for many other subsidiaries. Recently, [REDACTED] has noticed in the newspapers that various subsidiaries of Republic Industries have received heavy loans from the R.F.C.

He has also learned that it is common knowledge on Wall Street that J. A. SISTA, President of Republic Industries, is an unsavory character and has been involved in illicit business manipulations. [REDACTED] observed that ZWILLMAN gave orders to a representative of the AFL and, therefore, must have some control in that union in Newark. Also, [REDACTED] observed that ZWILLMAN gave orders to the President of Republic Industries and, therefore, must be a powerful figure. He gathered the impression that A. G. LEW, of the AFL, is a henchman of ZWILLMAN.

[REDACTED] had noted in a local newspaper an article which set forth the results of the questioning by the Kefauver Committee of ABNER ZWILLMAN, in which it was stated

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b7D that ZWILLMAN admitted operating 1,100 cigarette vending machines, and also admitted that he was a former bootlegger, but declined to give further data regarding his money matters. [REDACTED] feels that there is little doubt but what ZWILLMAN operates a giant gambling establishment, and has his finger in union activities.

In testimony before the Senate Crime Investigating Committee in 1951, ZWILLMAN admittedly had considerable investments in various companies, which will be set out after examination of income tax returns and other documents is made.

From time to time, ZWILLMAN has been said to control numerous concerns, though there is no documentary evidence to substantiate such claims. Attempts to document such information are being made.

F. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT AND HANGOUTS FREQUENTED

In the prohibition era, ZWILLMAN reportedly had his own club, which was known as the Third Ward Political Club, located at Waverly and Avon Streets, in Newark. This club has not been in existence for many years.

Also during the prohibition era, ZWILLMAN, by his own admission, frequented the Victoria Hotel, in New York City, from which location he handled much of his bootlegging.

In the 1930's, ZWILLMAN frequented the Arlington Hotel, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Also during the prohibition era, ZWILLMAN maintained a suite of rooms, by his own admission, at the Riviera Hotel, Clinton Avenue, Newark, N. J. This hotel has not been used by ZWILLMAN for some time and is presently a location owned and operated by Father DEVINE.

ZWILLMAN visits Las Vegas, Nevada, on occasion.
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ZWILLMAN has been observed at the Newarker Restaurant, located at the Newark Airport Terminal Building, Newark, N. J., which is believed a restaurant at which ZWILLMAN eats frequently.

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ZWILLMAN has also been observed at the Public Service Tobacco Company and at the Greater Newark GMC Truck Sales Company, which are legitimate business operations of ZWILLMAN.

G. TRAVEL

Specific details of any of ZWILLMAN's travel habits have not been determined, but will be reported when developed.

H. PERSONAL HABITS AND PECULIARITIES

Any knowledge of ZWILLMAN's personal habits, likes, and dislikes, hobbies, etc., have not been determined, but will be reported as secured. ZWILLMAN, however, has given no indication that he would be personally of a dangerous nature.

He resides in a large mansion on a private road in West Orange, N. J., in an exclusive section. His residence would be valued at over \$50,000.00. The private road on which ZWILLMAN resides is used by seven or eight families and is one block in length. ZWILLMAN's house sets back from this road, with a curved driveway running to the front entrance. A garage is to the north end of the residence. The only exit from this private road, known as Beverly Road, is on to Mitchell Street to the south of the residence. It is not a through street and there is only one entrance and exit.

I. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

ZWILLMAN is described, from personal observation, records, and his own admissions, as follows:

Name	ABNER ZWILLMAN
Aliases	Abe Zwillman Abraham Zwillman Longy Zwillman Longie Zwillman Longey Zwillman George Long, A. Long, A. Spitzel, Abe Spitzel, Al Williams

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Date of Birth	July 27, 1905
Place of Birth	Newark, N. J.
Height	6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	200 lbs.
Build	Athletic
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray-blue
Complexion	Dark
Teeth	Good
Scars and Marks	None
Peculiarities	Heavy eyebrows; large nose
Winter Residence	50 Beverly Road West Orange, N. J.
Summer Residence	109 Jerome Avenue Deal, N. J.
Marital Status	Married July 7, 1932 Millburn, N. J.
Wife	MARY DE GROOT MENDELS STEINBACH ZWILLMAN
Stepson	JOHN STEINBACH age about 22
Daughter	LYNN CATHERINE ZWILLMAN age about 12
Father-in-law	EUGENE MENDELS
Father	Deceased
Mother	ANNA ZWILLMAN
Sisters	BESSIE WARCHOWSKY age about 56 ETHEL MORGENSTEIN age about 49 PHOEBE CLINER age about 43 BARNEY ZWILLMAN age about 46 HARRY ZWILLMAN age about 45 IRVING ZWILLMAN age about 39
Brothers	
Race	White
Nationality	American
Education	Grammar school

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Business

Public Service Tobacco Company
Hillside, N. J.
Federal Automatic Company
34-36 Evans Terminal
Hillside, N. J.
Greater Newark GMC Truck
Sales Company
570 Belmont Avenue
Newark, N. J.

Criminal Record
Photograph

FBI #346333
1953 photograph available

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (92-389)
SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.
ANTI-RACKETEERING
(OO-NK)

DATE: 12/27/57

b7c SA [redacted] Enclosed are two copies of the report of [redacted] at Newark, dated and captioned as above.

LEADS

LITTLE ROCK:

AT HOT SPRINGS, ARK.:

- (1) Will attempt to determine whether or not ZWILLMAN is known to have frequented Hot Springs in recent years.
- (2) Will check files of the Little Rock Office for any information concerning ZWILLMAN.

- 2-Bureau (Encl-2)
- 2-Little Rock (Encl-2)
- 2-Los Angeles (Encl-2)
- 2-Miami (Encl-2)
- 3-New York (1-92-645)(Encl-3)
- 2-Salt Lake City (Encl-2)
- 1-Philadelphia (Info)(Encl-1)
- 6-Newark

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LEADS (CONTD.):

LOS ANGELES:

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.:

- (1) Will report any information available at Los Angeles concerning the attempts of ZWILLMAN to purchase the Sunset Towers Hotel around 1944-46.
- (2) Will report any other information concerning ZWILLMAN in the Los Angeles area.

MIAMI:

AT MIAMI, FLA.:

- (1) Will attempt to determine through informants whether or not ZWILLMAN has visited Miami in the past.
- (2) Will check office files for any information concerning ZWILLMAN in that area.

NEW YORK:

AT NEW YORK, N. Y.:

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- (1) Will interview Internal Revenue Agent [REDACTED] and develop from [REDACTED] all information concerning ZWILLMAN. [REDACTED] conducted the income tax investigation on ZWILLMAN and has considerable information on his background and activities.

b7c (Arrangements for setting up interview with [REDACTED] can be made through Assistant Regional Commissioner of Intelligence Mr. FRANK KENNEDY, Internal Revenue Service, 90 Church Street.)

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LEADS (CONTD.):

NEW YORK, AT NEW YORK, N. Y. (CONTD.):

(2) When contacting informants who may know of ZWILLMAN's activities, will question them for any specific details concerning his activities.

SALT LAKE CITY:

AT LAS VEGAS, NEV.:

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NEWARK:

AT DEAL, N. J.:

Will check public records and determine if ZWILLMAN still owns and maintains a summer residence at 109 Jerome Avenue.

AT NEWARK, N. J.:

- (1) Will review and report information in the files of the N. J. Law Enforcement Council.
- (2) Will report the educational background of ZWILLMAN, as secured from the Board of Education.
- (3) Will continue attempts to determine the exact members of ZWILLMAN's family, their addresses and their present endeavors.
- (4) Will review files of the U. S. District Clerk's Office, which contain depositions taken from EUGENE E. MENDELS and JULES ENDLER, deceased, in connection with the income tax trial in 1956 of ZWILLMAN.

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LEADS (CONTD.):

NEWARK, AT NEWARK, N. J. (CONTD.):

(5) Will attempt to get documented information concerning the Greater Newark GMC Truck Sales Company, of Belmont Avenue.

(6) Will report further details of ZWILLMAN's criminal and legitimate activities, when secured.

(7) Will report locations frequented and any pattern of activity, as learned, concerning ZWILLMAN.

PHILADELPHIA: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being sent to Philadelphia for information purposes, as ZWILLMAN's activities may lead into Philadelphia.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York, dated 11/27/57.

SAC, Newark (92-389)

January 24¹⁵, 1958

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

ABNER KWILLMAN, was.
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 12/27/57 at NK.

You have been advised previously in connection with the report submitted on another of your top hoodlum subjects that you should be personally familiar with the investigation being conducted under the Top Hoodlum Program. You are reminded of this in connection with rerep in view of the fact that it was not approved in your office by either you or the ASAC.

From a review of rerep, it appears that substantial investigation has been conducted and that generally the investigation is proceeding in the right direction. However, an analysis of certain information in the report indicates that certain lines of inquiry should be pursued which have not been initiated to date nor have leads been set out. Suggestions for additional pertinent investigation are as follows:

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PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

There are obvious inconsistencies in the information reported to date concerning subject's date and place of birth as well as inconsistencies in connection with his immediate family.

The vital statistics records of the city of Newark are reported to show the subject's birth as Abner Kwillman on July 27, 1905. To arrive at this date, however, it is necessary to read into the record notations appearing on the margin of the entry itself. The entry is reported to have been made in a book covering the period from September, 1903, to February, 1905. If the entries in this book were made chronologically, it appears possible that the entry may have been made at a later date, utilizing an available vacant space.

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- Belmont _____
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- Parsons _____
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Pertinent to the foregoing, it is noted that in rerep on pages 6 and 7 information is set out concerning [redacted]

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Re: Abner Ewillman, was.

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City directories quoted and other information in rerep indicate that subject's mother has been continuously known as Ella Ewillman, widow of Rubin. This is the same name as given for subject's father in the vital statistics record. On page 8 of rerep, There are at least two sisters and three brothers younger than the subject with a total time of 12 years between the purported age of the subject and his youngest brother.

In order to completely resolve the discrepancies as shown above in connection with the Ewillman family, further investigation is obviously necessary.. Verification should be made by the examination of records as to the date and port of entry of subject's parents, which should include also the names and ages of children accompanying them. Date and place of birth of all subject's brothers and sisters should also be determined from examination of existing public records. Also pertinent to the problem of definitely establishing the subject's date and place of birth is the fact that from information in rerep he was known by the first name of Abraham or Abe throughout his early youth. The first time it is indicated in rerep that he was known by the first name of Abner was upon his arrest by the U.S. Marshal on August 22, 1939.

Examination should be made of records to determine if subject's mother and father were ever naturalized citizens of the U.S. or made any attempts to become citizens. These records may contain information relative to subject's date and place of birth.

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[REDACTED] rerep includes information concerning arrests of subject [REDACTED] which arrests do not appear on [REDACTED]. Information concerning these arrests should be furnished to the Bureau's Identification Division in order that the FBI Identification record will be complete.

**Letter to Newark
Re: Abner Zwillman, was.**

ASSOCIATES

Rerep sets forth the identities of numerous associates of the subject, many of them named by himself as associates during an interview by Bureau Agents in 1939. These persons named as associates in many instances may not have a current association with the subject, and investigation should be pursued to develop the names, identities, and background of his current associates, particularly those connected with the subject's activities.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

It is noted that the subject is interested in numerous legitimate business enterprises although all of them are not set forth in rerep. It is stated that examination of income tax returns will be made in order to round out this information. Investigation along these lines should be expedited.

Information appears that the subject is associated with Michael Lascari in the cigarette vending machine business and that Lascari is a person who reportedly was reared in the same household as Charles "Lucky" Luciano, notorious hoodlum who now resides in Italy following deportation from the U. S. In the investigation of subject's business activities, particularly as to those in which Lascari is also involved, Agents conducting the investigations should remain alert for the possibility that Luciano is a party in interest in these enterprises and may be represented therein by the subject and Lascari.

INFORMANTS

It has been pointed out to you in previous instructions issued in connection with the Top Hoodlum Program that the success of the program will rest largely on your ability to develop live informants. Such informants should be those who are in a position to give information concerning any and all phases of the subject's personal business activities. Every opportunity to develop informants should be exploited. It is noted that in 1939 when Zwillman was interviewed, he quite freely furnished information about some of his past activities and those of other persons known to him. Zwillman now is obviously a very wealthy person and is one of a large family group. He probably would make every effort to avoid publicity and would be most sensitive to unfavorable publicity in this respect.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NEASE

DATE: 1-18-58

FROM : W. G. EAMES

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Nease	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Trotter	_____
Clayton	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

AKIN Z VILLARD

Reference is made to Bureau Letter to New York dated November 27, 1957.

Referenced letter furnished all field offices with instructions concerning administration of the Top Hoodlum Program. All offices were instructed to forward photographs of top hoodlums to the New York Office. Since that time, the New York Office has been forwarding copies of photographs of top hoodlums.

The purpose of this memorandum is to channelize photographs of top hoodlums submitted by the New York Office into the individual case files. The photographs will be detached from the New York airtel and filed in the individual case files under cover of a copy of this memorandum without indexing.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that approval be granted for preparation of 250 copies of this memorandum to be used in filing photographs of top hoodlums.

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Name ZWILLMAN, ABNER

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NAME: ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.
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Longy Z.
Longey Z.
Longie Z.
George Long,
A. Long
A. Spitzel
Abe Spitzel
Al Williams

RACE: Hebrew, Male, White

DOB: 7/27/04

HEIGHT: 6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

WEIGHT: 200

BUILD: Athletic

COMPLEXION: Dark

HAIR: Brown

EYES: Grey-Blue

FBI # #346333

FBI

Date: 1/30/58

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (92-389)

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SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN
ANTI-RACKETEERING

(OO: Newark)

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 1/29/58.

Appropriate coverage arranged by Newark Office
to identify persons attending ZWILLMAN party.

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- 2 - New York
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- 1 - Newark

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-690)
SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.
ANTI-RACKETEERING
(Newark:00)

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To: SAC, New York (92-690)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI

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Reurairtel 1/29/58.

All coverage practical and possible must be afforded the cocktail party to be held at subject's home on Sunday, 2/2/58.

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2 - Newark (92-389) PERSONAL ATTENTION

1 - Mr. Nease

[REDACTED] (Photograph of same person to be furnished to [REDACTED]);

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- Nichols _____
- Boardman _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Trotter _____
- Nease _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 31 1958

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Clayton	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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URGENT 1-31-58 3-34 PM RTR
TO DIRECTOR 6 AND SAC, NEWARK
FROM SAC, NEW YORK 1P

ABNER ZWILLMAN, ANTI-RACKETEERING. RE NY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JANUARY
TWENTY NINE, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Rw*

DATE: January 31, 1958

FROM : F. L. Price *FLP*

SUBJECT: ABNER "LONGIE" ZWILLMAN
TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

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Nichols	_____
Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
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Zwillman is one of the most notorious racket figures in the country and is known to be extremely wealthy. He has long been a close associate of the country's most notorious racketeers such as Meyer Lansky, Charles "Lucky" Luciano, Joe Adonis, and others. He was known to have been business partner of Luciano in coin-operated vending machine enterprises prior to Luciano's imprisonment and subsequent deportation. In those same businesses, Zwillman is currently associated with Michael Lascari who succeeded to Luciano's interest. Lascari and Luciano were extremely close, having been reared in the same household and it is possible Lascari may merely be "fronting" Luciano's interest.

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen
Re: Abner "Longie" Zwillman

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ACTION:

This matter is being closely followed, and New York and Newark are being instructed to remain in touch with the informant and afford whatever coverage is possible.

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The informant will be alert for any additional information.

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SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.
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Rerep SA [redacted] 12/27/57, Newark.

A review of references to ABNER ZWILLMAN, was., in files of the Miami Office did not disclose any pertinent information that has not already been furnished Newark, the Office of Origin.

The following CIs, who have a wide acquaintance among gamblers and racketeers, have advised that they do not know of any legal or illegal interests that ZWILLMAN has in South Florida, nor have they heard of his visiting this area for several years:

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Page 33 of referenced report refers to "AL SILVERS, was., Al Lubin, Al Silverman" as an associate of ZWILLMAN. Miami is trying to determine if he could be identified with [redacted]

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Newark is requested to furnish up to date information on "AL SILVERS, was." including description, background, criminal record, photograph and present location, if available.

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TITLE OF CASE ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE b7c ANTI-RACKETEERING b7c		

Synopsis:

Available vital statistics on ZWILLMAN family members set out. No record of ZWILLMAN in files of Newark Board of Education. *over 11-1*

b7D Testimony of the JAMES "NIGGY" RUTKIN income tax trial in October, 1950, reviewed for any information on ZWILLMAN and set out. Depositions of EUGENE E. MENDELS, father-in-law of ZWILLMAN, and the late JULES ENDLER in the income tax trial of ZWILLMAN reviewed. Additional associates and activities of ZWILLMAN set out.

ZWILLMAN not known to have been visitor in recent years in Hot Springs, Ark. -P-

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

On November 9 and 10, 1938, ABNER ZWILLMAN was interviewed at the Newark Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the then SAC A.P. KITCHIN and SA [REDACTED] and at the time of this interview, ZWILLMAN listed the following as his relatives, ages being given as of 1938.

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Father	Deceased
Mother	ELLA ZWILLMAN, age 61, 120 Hansbury Avenue, Newark, New Jersey
Sister	BESSIE WARSHOWSKY, age 38, Sheer Avenue, Newark, married and two children
Sister	*ETHEL MORGANSTEIN, age 31, Elizabeth Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, married, no children
Brother	*BARNEY ZWILLMAN, age 28, Elizabeth Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, married, no children
Brother	*LARRY ZWILLMAN, age 27, 120 Hansbury Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, single, resides with mother
Sister	*PHOEBE OLINER, age 25, Keer Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, married, one child
Brother	*IRVING ZWILLMAN, age 21, 120 Hansbury Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, single, resides with mother

The birth records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Newark, New Jersey, from 1883 through 1917

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b7C [redacted] inclusive, were reviewed on February 6, 1958 by SA [redacted] and reflect the following information.

ABNER ZWILLMAN

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	July 27, 1905, 96 Waverly Avenue
Father:	REUBEN ZWILLMAN, age 32, Place of Birth: Russia Occupation: Peddler
Mother:	ANNIE SLAVINSKY, age 27, Place of Birth: Russia

Medical attendant at the time of birth was
J.J. RACHLIN.

It should be noted that the above entry is contained in the birth record book covering the period from September, 1903 to February, 1905.

b7C [redacted] Statistician, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Newark, New Jersey, advised on February 6, 1958 that it was not uncommon during the 1800s and early 1900s to make entries out of chronological sequence.

b7C [redacted] said that in those days, the recorder would often make several entries at one time and birth dates often appeared in the wrong book.

ETTA ZWILLMAN

Race	White
Sex	Female
Born	May 16, 1906, 246 Prince Street
Father:	RUBIN A. ZWILLMAN, age 37, Place of Birth: Russia Occupation: Merchant
Mother:	ELLA A. SLAVINSKY, age 36, Place of Birth: Russia

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Medical attendant at the time of birth was
J.J. RACHLIN.

BENNIE ZWILLMAN

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	March 26, 1908, 18 Hillside Place, Newark, New Jersey
Father:	RUBIN ZWILLMAN, age 40, Place of Birth: Russia Occupation: Real Estate
Mother:	ANNIE SLAVENSKY, age 30, Place of Birth: Russia

Medical attendant at the time of birth was
MINNIE SCHWARTZ.

MOLLIE FREDA ZWILLMAN

Race	White
Sex	Female
Born	January 26, 1910, 18 Hillside Place
Father:	REUBEN ZWILLMAN, age 40, Place of Birth: Russia Occupation: Real Estate
Mother:	ANNIE SLAVINSKY, age 30, Place of Birth: Russia

Medical attendant at the time of birth was
J. FREUND.

LOUIS ZWILLMAN

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	July 25, 1912, 18 Hillside Place, Newark, New Jersey
Father:	RUBIN ZWILLMAN, age 43, Place of Birth: Russia Occupation: Real Estate

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Mother: ANNIE SLAVINSKY, age 34,
Place of Birth: Russia

Medical attendant at the time of birth was
L.L. DAVIDSON.

Number of children by this marriage - 6
Number of children by this marriage living - 6

In the margin next to this entry appears the date,
January 20, 1930, on which date the name, LOUIS, was
scratched out in ink and the name, LARRY, inserted.

b7c [REDACTED] Statistician, Bureau of
Vital Statistics, Newark, New Jersey, advised on
February 6, 1958, that this indicates that on
January 20, 1930 the record was officially changed to
reflect the name, LARRY, rather than LOUIS.

IRVING ZWILLMAN

Race White
Sex Male
Born August 19, 1914,
24 Avon Place
Father: ABRAM RUBIN ZWILLMAN, age 47,
Place of Birth: Russia
Occupation: Merchant
Mother: ELLA ANNA SLAVINSKY, age 36,
Place of Birth: Russia

Medical attendant at the time of birth was
MINNIE SCHWARTZ.

Number of children by this marriage - 7
Number of children by this marriage living - 7

The birth records of the Bureau of Vital
Statistics, Newark, New Jersey, from 1883 through 1917
inclusive, failed to list any other births to a
RUBIN or REUBEN ZWILLMAN, and an ANNIE or ELLA ANNA
SLAVINSKY.

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On February 6, 1958, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Roosevelt Junior High School, West Orange, New Jersey, advised the records of his school reflected the following information:

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LYNN KATHRYN ZWILLMAN
50 Beverly Road
West Orange, New Jersey
Telephone OR 2-1006, or OR 2-8359
Date of Birth April 15, 1943, at New York City (certified by birth certificate)
Father: ABNER ZWILLMAN
Place of Birth: United States
Occupation: Executive - Public Service
Mother: MARY MENDELS
Place of Birth: United States
Education Nursery and Kindergarten - Carteret School, West Orange, New Jersey, From 1947 through 1949
1st through 7th Grade - From 1949 through 1956, Hazel Avenue Grammar School, West Orange, New Jersey
8th Grade - From 1956 to 1957, Roosevelt Junior High School

The record reflects further that LYNN KATHRYN ZWILLMAN was planning to attend Prospect Hill School, Newark, New Jersey.

On February 7, 1958, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Prospect Hill School, Newark, New Jersey, advised SA [REDACTED] that LYNN ZWILLMAN, 50 Beverly Road, West Orange, New Jersey, is currently attending Prospect Hill School. [REDACTED] said that her records reflect only that LYNN ZWILLMAN is the daughter of ABNER and MARY ZWILLMAN, 50 Beverly Road, West Orange, New Jersey.

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On February 6, 1958, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] West Orange High School, West Orange, New

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Jersey, advised SA [REDACTED] that his records reflect that JOHN STEINBACH, 50 Beverly Road, West Orange, New Jersey, reflect the following information:

Date of Birth September 3, 1934
Place of Birth Long Branch, New Jersey

Father and Mother divorced.

Stepfather: ABNER ZWILLMAN
Place of Birth: United States
Occupation: Businessman

Mother: MARY ZWILLMAN
Place of Birth: United States
Occupation: Housewife

Education 1st through 3rd Grade -
 From 1940 through 1942,
 Nassau School, East Orange,
 New Jersey
 4th through 7th Grade -
 From 1943 through 1946,
 Carteret School, West Orange,
 New Jersey
 8th through 9th Grade -
 From 1947 to 1948,
 Roosevelt Junior High School
 High School - From 1949 through
 1952, West Orange High School,
 West Orange, New Jersey

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated he believed that STEINBACH was attending Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey.

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b7C [REDACTED] Seton
Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey, advised a check of
her files reflected no record for a JOHN STEINBACH.

b7C On February 7, 1958, Agent [REDACTED] Immigration
and Naturalization Service, Newark, New Jersey, advised
SA [REDACTED] that he could locate no record for the
following:

ELLA ANNA SLAVINSKY,
ELLA SLAVINSKY,
ANNIE SLAVINSKY,
ELLA ANNA ZWILLMAN,
ELLA ZWILLMAN,
Mrs. REUBEN ZWILLMAN, or a
REUBEN ZWILLMAN.

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On December 16, 1957, a request was made to the Board of Education, City of Newark, for an examination of their files to locate any record contained therein on ZWILLMAN.

On January 8, 1958, [REDACTED] Newark, New Jersey, advised SA [REDACTED] that a meticulous check was made of records covering addresses where ZWILLMAN was believed to have resided during his school age. No record of any school attendance could be located.

The following addresses at which ZWILLMAN possibly resided when a child were so checked:

259 Broome Street

246 Prince Street

18 Hillside Avenue

24 Avon Place

[REDACTED]

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B. CRIMINAL RECORD

There was noted [REDACTED] a clipping from the "Newark News" dated March 20, 1931, to the effect that County Counsel VANDERBILT had charged JESSE SOLOMON, Chairman of the Essex County Republican Committee, with using his political influence to get clemency for ZWILLMAN. ZWILLMAN was incarcerated from December 12, 1930, to May 12, 1931 at Essex County Penitentiary Caldwell, New Jersey.

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On January 11, 1958, the residence of ZWILLMAN was under observation; however, ZWILLMAN himself was not seen. At 8:00 am on the morning of January 11, 1958, a black 1952 or 1953 Dodge, bearing New Jersey License W43MG was observed in the residence driveway. At 9:00 am, two unidentified white men left subject's residence in the Dodge, neither of whom was the subject. This car proceeded to the residence of one GUSTAV LAEGELER, Cornwall, New York.

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b7D Inquiry made of [REDACTED] Cornwall, New York, determined that LAEGELER is a retired Newark fireman who has resided in Cornwall, New York, for approximately five years. During this time, his residence has been used largely as a summer home.

The files of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Bureau revealed that license W43MG is registered to the Newark Fire Department, Newark, New Jersey.

Investigation to determine connection between ZWILLMAN and occupants of Newark Fire Department car now being conducted.

D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

1. Illegal Liquor

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On February 6 and 7, 1958, SA [REDACTED] reviewed the official transcript in the case of U.S. vs. JAMES RUTKIN held in the United States District Court, Newark, New Jersey, during October, 1950. This case was based on an allegation that RUTKIN had not paid federal income tax on a specific sum of money received from the dissolution of an alleged bootlegging operation in the early 1930s. In this case the transcript reflects that JOSEPH REINFELD, who admitted being part of the bootlegging operation in question, testified that in 1930 "LONGIE" ZWILLMAN and "DOC" STACHER and several others joined the then functioning bootlegging operation. REINFELD testified that this group added capital to the operation and in turn received 50 per cent of the profits. REINFELD and others testified that this bootlegging operation was liquidated in 1933, and that several of the interested parties including ZWILLMAN and STACHER formed the Browne Vintners Company, which in 1940 was sold to Distillers Seagrams, Lt., for seven and one half million dollars.

Witnesses during this trial noted that ZWILLMAN and STACHER did not become owners on record of any of the stock of Browne Vintners Company but that three SILVERMAN brothers, MOE, PHILLIP and DAVID, among others, were "fronts" for ZWILLMAN and STACHER and were shareholders of record, although not participating in the distribution of the profits of the company upon dissolution.

SAMUEL I. KESSLER testified that he served as an attorney for several parties including ZWILLMAN at meetings in 1942 and 1943 when ZWILLMAN received \$358,000 in cash from JOSEPH REINFELD. KESSLER and REINFELD both testified that this represented \$130,000 as ZWILLMAN's share of an undisclosed sum which had been held in escrow upon the sale of Browne Vintners Company in 1940. In addition to this \$130,000, REINFELD paid ZWILLMAN \$240,000 which represented a repayment of a loan which ZWILLMAN had made to REINFELD to enable the latter to pay a pressing federal income tax lien. The \$358,000 sum represented the above two amounts minus an unspecified sum for New York State income taxes. KESSLER admitted that ZWILLMAN had not been a shareholder on record in Browne Vintners.

Since the trial dealt with RUTKIN's failure to pay income tax, the specific proportion of ZWILLMAN's interest in Browne Vintners was not an issue and no testimony thereto was entered.

2. Gambling

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3. Extortion

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[REDACTED] the "Newark News" of April 12, 1943, contained the statement that "ZWILLMAN's brothers were members of Local 224, ITSEU, and were supporters of LOUIS KAUFMANN."

There was a clipping of the "Newark News" dated October 6, 1943, indicating that WILLIE BIOFF, a convicted movie extortionist, had introduced ZWILLMAN's name into the trial of LOUIS KAUFMANN, the union business agent in Essex County. The identities of seven Chicago underworld figures were also reported as connected with the union activities. BIOFF said he was told one of the Chicago group would take care of the 1934 election through ZWILLMAN. FRANK NITTI supposedly stated that he would enlist ZWILLMAN's aid in seeking the election of GEORGE BROWNE.

The "Newark News" of October 25, 1943, reported that DON JACOCK, head of Warner Bros. for North Jersey, had testified that LOUIS KAUFMANN had stated ZWILLMAN was the big boss.

The "Newark News" of November 19, 1943, stated that two members of Local 244 had testified as to their delivering a package from KAUFMANN and ZWILLMAN to NITTI

in 1939 and they also testified of their delivering a sealed briefcase to KAUFMANN's house at which time ZWILLMAN was present.

4. Racket Activities

On December 29, 1957, information was received to the effect that the "Jewish boys" were having or were going to have a meeting at Havana, Cuba, similar to the one at Apalachin, New York, which had been attended by many East Coast hoodlums. Information was received that MOE DALITZ and ABNER ZWILLMAN, who were connected with the "Jewish boys" are or had been in Miami Beach, Florida, and were going to the Hotel Nacional, Havana, Cuba, the purpose being unknown.

Information received from Miami noted that MOE DALITZ had been in Florida but on December 18, 1957, had left for Las Vegas, Nevada. Information was also received that DALITZ and his Cleveland associates, including one THOMAS MC GINTY and SAMUEL KLEINMAN were going to have the gambling casino at the Conrad Hilton Hotel scheduled to open during February in Havana. This group was also reported to own the Harbor Island Spa Hotel. Miami had received no information to the effect that ZWILLMAN had been in the Miami area in the recent past.

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Confidential informants in the Miami area had no information to the effect that the "Jewish boys" were having or going to have a meeting at Havana similar to that one held at Apalachin, New York.

ZWILLMAN was physically observed in the Newark area on December 29, 1957, and for some days previously. No information was available concerning a proposed meeting in Havana, Cuba.

Checks made at Havana, Cuba, at locations used by hoodlums proved negative as to any contemplated meeting at Havana, and no such meeting appeared to have taken place.

E. LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES

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DEPOSITIONS FURNISHED BY EUGENE MENDELS AND
JULES ENDLER IN CONNECTION WITH INCOME TAX
EVASION CASE, UNITED STATES VS. ABNER ZWILLMAN

On February 6, 1958, Mr. ANGELO LOCASCIO, Deputy Clerk, in Charge, Clerk of the District Court, United States Post Office, Newark, New Jersey, furnished to SA [REDACTED] depositions made by MENDELS and ENDLER in connection with the income tax evasion case, United States vs. ABNER ZWILLMAN. b7c

EUGENE E. MENDELS, 50 Beverly Road, West Orange, New Jersey, stated in a deposition made on January 20, 1956, that he is the father-in-law of ABNER ZWILLMAN. MENDELS further stated he was employed by Alcuno and Company, a partnership, from 1942-45. MENDELS said the other partners connected with Alcuno were ABNER ZWILLMAN, MIKE LASCARI, and KUNO or QUNO HAMANN.

MENDELS stated he invested \$500 or \$600 in Alcuno in 1942 and had gross earning of \$70,000 to \$75,000 for the period from 1942 to 1945. MENDELS stated the money he received as profit from Alcuno was not ZWILLMAN's money and that he was a partner in fact and not in name only. MENDELS stated that at one time he had acted as a nominee for ZWILLMAN for purchase of Atlas Brick Company stock.

MENDELS stated that in 1946 he purchased the home at 50 Beverly Road, West Orange, New Jersey, with \$5,000, which was given to him by Mr. ZWILLMAN in the form of a check dated May 8, 1946. MENDELS stated that a week or so later, the ownership of this home was transferred from his name to that of his daughter, MARY ZWILLMAN. MENDELS stated the total price of this home was around \$50,000.

MENDELS stated that out of his gross earnings from Alcuno, he kept money for personal expenses, taxes, war bonds, etc., and gave the remainder of his earnings, which amounted to \$30,000 or \$32,000, to his daughter, MARY. MENDELS said MARY ZWILLMAN used the money which he gave her for improvements to the home at 50 Beverly Road in West Orange, N.J.

MENDELS stated that he never gave any of his money to ABNER ZWILLMAN and he could not recall why he gave the following checks to ZWILLMAN in 1943 and 1944:

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Alcuno and Company Check #2712
Dated 9/14/44
In amount of \$3,000
Payable to EUGENE E. MENDELS
Endorsed by MENDELS
Second Endorsed by ZWILLMAN.

Alcuno and Company Check #2791
Dated 10/4/44
In amount of \$6,780.65
Payable to EUGENE E. MENDELS
Endorsed by MENDELS
Second Endorsed by ZWILLMAN.

Manufacturers Trust Company Check
Dated 3/15/43
In amount of \$1,200
Payable to ZWILLMAN
Made by MENDELS.

Manufacturers Trust Company Check
Dated 2/13/43
In amount of \$170
Made by MENDELS
Payable to ZWILLMAN.

JULES ENDLER appeared before the United States Senate Investigating Committee (KEFAUVER Committee) on July 11, 1951. He testified that ABNER "LONGIE" ZWILLMAN did not have an interest in the Film Automatic Company. Subsequently, he was indicted for perjury on the basis that this was a false statement, to which he pled not guilty. For several years prior to 1954, ENDLER was reported as suffering from high blood pressure and was under physician's care constantly including several hospitalizations.

ENDLER was to be a key witness in the income tax evasion case of ZWILLMAN. A deposition was taken from ENDLER because of his health for use in the defense of ZWILLMAN. A Government deposition was being taken in answer to the deposition given ZWILLMAN. ENDLER was originally interviewed at Doctor's Hospital in New York City, but suddenly left the hospital without a complete Government statement having been taken. He was located and a subpoena was served on him at his home calling for the

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production of his personal records for their relation to ZWILLMAN's tax case.

On September 22, 1954, ENDLER died before the Government deposition could be completed.

In a deposition made by JULES ENDLER, 188 Elmwood Drive, Orange, New Jersey, at the Doctor's Hospital, East 87th and East End Avenues, New York City, on September 16, 1954, he stated he had known ABNER ZWILLMAN since 1940. It was pointed out to ENDLER that on November 10, 1948, he, ENDLER, made a statement to the Treasury Department in which he stated "I never have been a partner of Mr. Zwillman's nor am I now a partner of his. We each had a minority participation in certain transactions". ENDLER then described these transactions as follows:

- 1) Stock participation in Manhattan Productions Inc. in 1944.

ENDLER stated ZWILLMAN, JEROME L. SILVERMAN, and himself each bought \$600 worth of stock in above company and subsequently each loaned around \$25,000 to the company. ENDLER recalled ZWILLMAN's loan as having been made in currency.

- 2) Subsequently, funds of Manhattan Productions Inc. were transferred to Greentree Productions, Inc. and additional funds were put up.

ENDLER said ZWILLMAN put up \$35,000 for participation in stock and other loans were made for the purpose of a completion bond which figures he did not recall.

- 3) Hal Roach Studios in Los Angeles, California, 1944 or 1945.

ENDLER said arrangements were made to purchase this studio for \$1,000,000, of which \$50,000 was necessary in cash. ENDLER said ZWILLMAN, SILVERMAN, and himself each put up one-third and recalled ZWILLMAN's share as having been furnished in currency.

ENDLER said it was later determined there was no equipment in this studio and the money was refunded a few days later.

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4) City Investing Company, New York City in 1945.

ENDLER stated that in connection with an anticipated split of this company, he gave his bank an order to purchase 5,000 shares of City Investing Company stock to be picked up in small lots so that the price would not be bid up. ENDLER said a day or two later, stocks started to come in and ZWILLMAN gave ENDLER \$25,000 in currency and shortly thereafter \$20,000 in currency, and later a small amount, amounting to \$300 or \$400 in currency for his share of the City Investing Company stock.

5) Tanforan Race Track in California, December, 1945.

ENDLER said arrangements were made to purchase this race track for approximately \$1,500,000 of which a \$150,000 deposit was to be made and the balance paid in ninety days. ENDLER said ZWILLMAN put up \$75,000 in currency, a receipt for which was made out to JOSEPH STACHER because ZWILLMAN had a close friend in California, one JERRY GEISLER, Attorney, that ZWILLMAN wanted their interest represented by. ENDLER stated they could not get the desired ninety days closing time so their money was returned and the deal was not closed.

6) Sherry-Netherlands Hotel (Sher-Neth Corporation) New York City.

ENDLER stated that a block of Sher-Neth bonds was to be purchased through ARNOLD S. KIRKEBY in 1944 or 1945 through the Atlas Corporation for \$123,000. ZWILLMAN put up \$41,000 in currency for a one-third share and in addition loaned \$25,000 to ENDLER.

7) ENDLER stated that in 1945, ARNOLD KIRKEBY bid for the Hampshire House in New York City, and also bought the Warwick Hotel in New York City, and the Sunset Towers in Beverly Hills, California. KIRKEBY gave ENDLER the opportunity to buy a \$280,000 interest in the above-named hotels. ENDLER stated ZWILLMAN put up \$130,000 in currency and in addition loaned him \$10,000 in currency. ENDLER stated that KIRKEBY subsequently changed his mind and all money was returned.

8) Cord's Limited, Newark, New Jersey.

ENDLER stated that as a result of undercapitalization, he had an opportunity to purchase 175,000 shares of Cord's stock at \$1 each. ENDLER said ZWILLMAN gave him two checks totaling \$87,500 on the Union National Bank of Newark, New Jersey, for a one-half interest. ENDLER stated that a subsequent break in the stock market caused this deal to fall through and ZWILLMAN's checks were returned to him.

9) City Investing Company, New York City, in 1944.

ENDLER advised that himself and JACK SHAPIRO, who was in the construction business in New York City, bid \$1,000,803.13 for a parcel of property from the United States Government in Louisville, Kentucky. ENDLER said ZWILLMAN gave a check for \$26,000, his share of a \$90,000 deposit. ENDLER said ZWILLMAN later gave him a check for \$112,000 for his interest in this purchase, which check was made out to a man named HOROWITZ, who acted as a trustee for ZWILLMAN.

10) ENDLER stated that in 1942 or 1943, ZWILLMAN had a tip on Mc Kesson and Robbins Company stock and bought 1,000 shares of it. ENDLER said ZWILLMAN sold half of this stock to him for approximately \$10,000.

CONNECTION WITH LESLIE M. WEBER

On October 5, 1954, ABNER "LONGIE" ZWILMAN, 50 Beverly Road, West Orange, New Jersey, testified before what is referred to as the Lerner Probe. LARNER was an attorney appointed by the Court to investigate alleged irregularities in the operation of the City Government of Jersey City, N.J.

ZWILLMAN acknowledged on the stand that he had loaned \$20,000 to one LESLIE M. WEBER to assist WEBER in his efforts to negotiate a \$90,000 real estate deal for control of the land on which the old Jersey City baseball park had stood. The transaction dated back to 1947, however, it never actually materialized. After purchasing the property for \$90,000, WEBER subsequently was paid \$94,000 by Jersey City for "damages" he was supposed to have suffered.

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During the Senate Investigating Committee hearing (KEFAUVER Committee) during 1951, ZWILLMAN testified that "a man named Weber" was one of those who were trustees for him in land holdings. Before the Larner Probe, ZWILLMAN acknowledged that LESLIE M. WEBER was the same individual as he referred to before the KEFAUVER Committee, but added that he had erred before the Senate Committee because of a confliction between the terms, trustee and borrower.

ZWILLMAN insisted that he actually had no financial interest in the Jersey City transaction. The loan was made by ZWILLMAN in October, 1949, ZWILLMAN giving WEBER a check for \$20,000 and receiving notes in return. ZWILLMAN related that WEBER paid back \$12,500 in sixty days and that he, ZWILLMAN, at that time still held these notes for the remaining amount of the loan.

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CONNECTION WITH FORMER GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY,
HAROLD HOFFMAN

In 1954, former Governor HAROLD HOFFMAN died of a heart attack following his suspension as Director of the Employment Security Division in the State of New Jersey.

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[REDACTED] advised Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had been maintaining close contact with the activities of ABNER ZWILLMAN for some time and related that through a confidential source, he had learned that ZWILLMAN was said to have paid the entire bill for the funeral expenses for former Governor HOFFMAN.

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During the Senate Investigating Committee hearings (KLEFUVER Committee) in 1951, JOSEPH G. BOEZO of Paterson, New Jersey, admitted that he knew numerous racketeers in whom the Senate Committee was interested. BOEZO stated he had known ZWILLMAN for some fifteen years and that he had solicited ZWILLMAN's political aid only on one occasion which was during the 1946 New Jersey campaign when BOEZO worked to get support for HAROLD HOFFMAN in the Gubernatorial Primary.

Governor HOFFMAN who also testified before the Committee, said he had asked ZWILLMAN for help in 1946. He related he had not met ZWILLMAN until he had left the Governorship in 1947, and further added that ZWILLMAN had never made any improper requests of him.

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It had been reported in the past that ZWILLMAN had visited Hot Springs, Arkansas, and the Little Rock Office was requested to check concerning any such visit or activities of ZWILLMAN in that locality.

Investigation conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Hot Springs, Arkansas, revealed that the Arlington Hotel records checked by [REDACTED] on January 21, 1958, contained no information regarding the subject and that ZWILLMAN was unknown to them. It was pointed out by [REDACTED] that the Arlington Hotel records are set up by "states" on the basis of their guest registration cards. The records were searched under the states of New Jersey, New York and Illinois in an attempt to locate ZWILLMAN.

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b7C [redacted] On January 22, 1958, [redacted] Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, advised that the name ABE ZWILLMAN was very familiar to him but that he could recall nothing specific.

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b7D On January 22, 1958, [redacted] Hot Springs, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he was acquainted with ZWILLMAN but that ZWILLMAN had not been in Hot Springs for four or five years. [redacted] further stated that he knew ZWILLMAN by the names of ABNER and LONGIE and that when he visited Hot Springs he always seemed to be in the company of a group from New Jersey. [redacted] stated that as far as he knew, ZWILLMAN came to Hot Springs for the races and baths and that he knew none of ZWILLMAN's associates, contacts or places frequented. [redacted] advised that to his knowledge, ZWILLMAN had no financial interest in Hot Springs and seemingly went to that area for vacation purposes only.

b7D [redacted] records of [redacted] were negative on any information identifiable with ZWILLMAN.

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The files of the Little Rock Office contained no information not already in possession of Newark.

H. PERSONAL HABITS AND PECULIARITIES

On occasions when ZWILLMAN has been under observation it has been noted that he proceeds from his residence in the morning to the location of the Public Service Tobacco Company, 1164 Broad Street, Hillside, New Jersey. After arriving there, he may go from Public Service Tobacco Company to the General Truck Sales Corporation at Hawthorne and Belmont Avenue in Newark, New Jersey, in which concern he is interested.

It has been noted that ZWILLMAN is generally driven in a 1953 black Cadillac, bearing New Jersey License JCP 90. This Cadillac and license is registered to NERMAN HIGH,

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134 Shephard Avenue, Newark.

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On other occasions, ZWILLMAN has been noted to ride as an occupant in a black Chrysler automobile, year unknown, bearing New Jersey License DM 96, which car is registered to the General Truck Sales Corporation, Newark, in which ZWILLMAN is interested.

At 12:30 pm on December 30, 1957, an unidentified male was observed by Bureau Agents leaving the front door of the General Truck Sales Corporation, whereupon he drove away from the vicinity of this concern in an automobile bearing New Jersey License EN 7447. It is to be noted that this car had been observed previously on separate occasions parked in the parking lot which is adjacent to what is known as "The Barn" in the rear of the La Martinique Restaurant, Mountainside, New Jersey, which is a location owned by ANGELO "GYP" DE CARLO, [REDACTED] and which is a location visited on occasion by well known members of the racket element.

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New Jersey License EN 7447 is listed to one JOHN LARDIERE, 211 North 13th Street, Newark, New Jersey. LARDIERE has, in the past, been allegedly connected with local racket elements.

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Newark is conducting periodic surveillances in an attempt to determine the nature of the subject's racket connections. It should be noted that since the repeal of Prohibition, ZWILLMAN has maintained the "front" of a legitimate business man. He has no known contact with the hoodlum element and does not frequent taverns or criminal hangouts. He has no apparent social life outside of his home life.

Newark is directing its efforts toward identifying quasi - legitimate business associates of ZWILLMAN on the feeling that these individuals would be most susceptible to penetration by live informants.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To : DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, NEWARK (92-389)
Subject: ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Date: 2/27/58

Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] at Newark, dated and captioned as above, two copies of which are enclosed for the Bureau.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/27/57 at Newark
Newark letter to Director dated 12/27/57

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ALBANY

At Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

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At Boston, Mass.

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At Providence, R.I.

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CHICAGO

At Chicago, Ill.

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CLEVELAND

At Cleveland, Ohio

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At Toledo, Ohio

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DALLAS

At Dallas, Texas

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DETROIT

At Pontiac, Mich.

Will contact the GMC truck factory and secure all details concerning their agency, known as General Truck Sales Corporation, 570 Belmont Avenue, Newark. This is ZWILLMAN's agency but he may be a silent owner or partner.

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DETROIT (Cont.)

At Detroit, Mich.

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LITTLE ROCK

At Hot Springs, Ark.

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LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, Calif.

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2. ZWILLMAN has a sister, Mrs. DANIEL (PHOEBE) OLINER whose present residence and activities are unknown at this time to the Newark Office.

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NEW HAVEN

At New Haven, Conn.

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NEW YORK

At New York City

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At New York City (cont.)

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PHILADELPHIA

At Harrisburg, Pa.

PITTSBURGH

At Sharon, Pa.

SALT LAKE CITY

At Salt Lake City, Utah

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D. C.

NEWARK

At Asbury Park, N. J.

1. Attempt to determine if JOHN STEINBACH, ZWILLMAN's stepson, has an interest in the Steinbach Department Store and if he is at all active in it.

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At Long Branch, N. J.

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At Keansburg, N. J.

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At Ocean City, N. J.

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At Brookside, N. J.

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At Washington, N. J.

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At Trenton, N. J.

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At South Amboy, N.J.

Will identify funeral director and attempt to determine the source of funds used to pay funeral expenses of former Governor HAROLD HOFFMAN.

At Newark, N. J.

1. Will continue attempts to determine if ZWILLMAN native or foreign born through INS, Essex County Court records or any logical source for such information.

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at Newark, N. J. (cont.)

2. Will continue attempts to determine activities and background information on ZWILLMAN, his immediate family, his mother, brothers and sisters.

3. Will set out background and activities of ZWILLMAN & associates when identified.

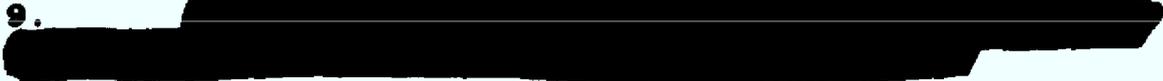
4. Attempt to determine if ZWILLMAN is interested in "The Torch Bar", 258 Clinton Avenue.

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6. Attempt to determine if ZWILLMAN has an interest in the El Morocco and Hotel Belmont, Broad and Kinney St.

7. Will report ZWILLMAN's previous connection with Alcuno & Company.

8. Will report details of companies in which ZWILLMAN was formerly or is presently connected.

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10. Review United States Attorney's files on ZWILLMAN including transcript of ZWILLMAN's income tax trial.

MIAMI: (INFO)

One copy is being furnished to Miami as ZWILLMAN has been reported as visiting Miami.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2-27-58

fbp : SAC, NEWARK (92-389)

SUBJECT: ABNER ^TZWILLMAN, WAS.
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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b7c Re attached cover letter and report of SA [redacted] dated 2-27-58.

This report does not contain the information concerning "Criminal Informant Coverage" requested in Bureau letter to New York dated 2-7-58.

This information is being compiled and will be forwarded to the Bureau as page 53 of referenced report as soon as it is completed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin NEWARK	Date 2/28/58	Investigative Period 1/10,22;2/18-27/58
TITLE OF CASE ① ARNER ZWILLMAN, was.		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

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Synopsis:

GEORGE ALEXANDER of the George Alexander Realty Company, 8462 Sunset Boulevard, and SAMUEL FRIKS have been co-owners of Sunset Towers Apartment - Hotel, 8358 Sunset Boulevard, for the past four years. They purchased the Hotel from ARNOLD and CARLOTTA KIRKBY who had owned the Hotel for approximately 16 years. Review of Los Angeles files indicates no recent activity of ZWILLMAN in the Los Angeles area.

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DETAILS

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

On February 18, 1958, SA [REDACTED] was advised by GEORGE ALEXANDER of the George Alexander Realty Company, 8462 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, that he and SAMUEL FRIKS have been co-owners of the Sunset Towers Apartment - Hotel, 8358 Sunset Boulevard, for the past four years. ALEXANDER stated they purchased the Sunset Towers from ARNOLD and CARLOTTA KIRKBY who had owned the Sunset Towers for a period of approximately 16 years before selling the Hotel to ALEXANDER and FRIKS.

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No information was discovered which would indicate that ZWILLMAN attempted at that time or during 1944 - 1946 to purchase the Sunset Towers Hotel in Hollywood.

The files of the Los Angeles Division contain extensive references to subject ZWILLMAN. They were reviewed, and no other pertinent information was located which is not in the possession of the Newark Office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-130)

SUBJECT: ^① ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.
ANTI-RACKETEERING
OO: Newark

DATE: February 28, 1958

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There are enclosed two copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated February 28, 1958, at Los Angeles in the captioned matter.

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It is believed that ARNOLD KIRKEBY, who was the owner of the Sunset Towers Hotel, Los Angeles, during the 1940's, is identical with the head of the Kirkeby Hotel Chain, and if the Newark Office has specific information indicating an attempt to purchase this Hotel by ZWILLMAN, these details would be useful if the Newark Office desires Mr. KIRKEBY interviewed on some future occasion.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/27/57 at Newark.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/4/58

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FROM : SAC, NEWARK (92-389)

SUBJECT: ^①
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Re Newark letter dated 2/27/58.

Attached is the "Criminal Informant Coverage" requested in Bulet to New York dated 2/7/58, which is forwarded as Page 53 of Newark report on the subject dated 2/27/58.

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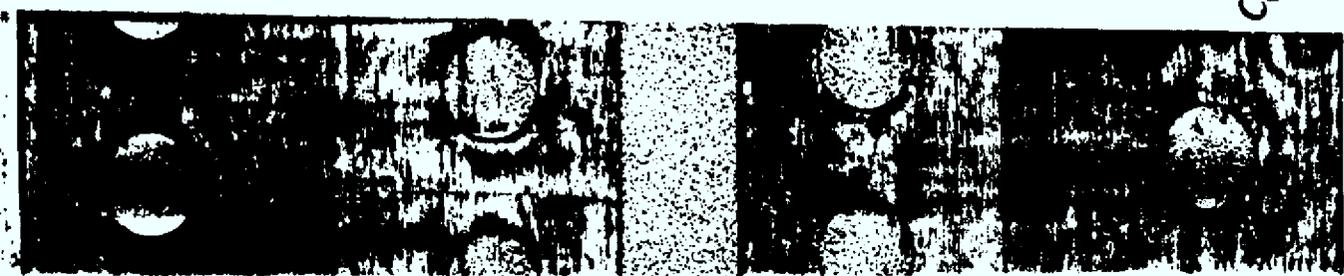
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PERSONAL ATTENTION

ABNER SWILLMAN
with aliases
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] dated 2-27-58 at Newark and Newark letter of the same date. b7C

The following observations and suggestions are made with reference to the development of this investigation.

BACKGROUND AND PERSONAL HISTORY:

Referenced report reflects that a check at Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Newark, New Jersey, disclosed that there is no record for the subject's parents. A general lead is set out in referenced letter for the Newark Office to "continue attempts to determine if Swillman native or foreign born." In view of the possibility of subject having falsely claimed citizenship or the possible development of evidence which might lead to deportation proceedings against Swillman, this phase of the investigation must be vigorously pursued.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the Washington Field Office. That office has previously received a copy of referenced report. Washington Field Office will note that subject's birth data as filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Newark appears to have been recorded out of chronological order. Further, the records of the Prudential Insurance Company, which issued insurance policies to the subject in 1923 and 1928, reflect his date and place of birth as 8-12-03 in Europe. The central records of INS at Washington, D. C., should be checked for all known names and logical variations of the subject, his parents, and brothers and sisters identified in the above report. If any record is located, offices covering the localities where further records are maintained should be requested to meticulously review these records.

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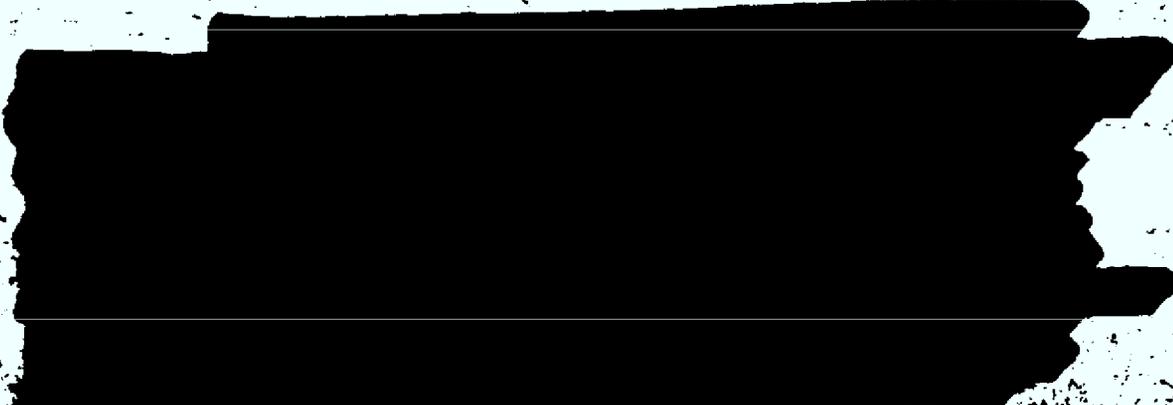
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Letter to Newark
Re: ABNER ZWILLMAN
92-3105

for any evidence of subject's foreign birth. If such evidence is developed, Bureau advice should be requested prior to the initiation of an investigation concerning subject falsely claiming citizenship or prior to furnishing such evidence to INS.

Newark will consider the advisability of attempting to locate old residents of the neighborhood where according to Bureau of Vital Statistics records subject was born. In addition consideration should be given to the interview of other persons who would have been in a position to know whether the subject was born in the United States or was brought to this country by his parents.

Investigation should also be directed toward the early development of names, residences, and current activities of members of subject's immediate family. This may disclose other relatives who are "fronting" for the subject in his business activities in a manner similar to his father-in-law, Eugene Mandels.



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ASSOCIATES:

With regard to associates of the subject, it is noted that the two reports submitted by the Newark Office to date have identified numerous individuals who, from information furnished, would be accurately described as acquaintances of the subject. In developing this phase of the investigation, current associates of Zwillman must be identified and the nature and purpose of such association must be determined.

Letter to Newark
Re: ABNER ZWILLMAN
92-3105

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES:

Newark refer to your airtel dated 2-13-58 captioned "Abner Zwillman, was., Missing Witness, Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor and Management Field." It is noted subject has been served with a subpoena to appear before the captioned committee. When Zwillman appears before this committee, the Newark Office should consider the advisability of requesting the Bureau to obtain a transcript of Zwillman's testimony.

It is noted that investigation to date has not disclosed current criminal activity on the part of the subject. As was pointed out in Bureau letter dated 1-15-58 in instant matter, the success of the Top Hoodlum Program will rest largely upon your ability to develop live informants. The development of pertinent information in this phase of instant investigation will most certainly depend upon your success in developing a live informant who is in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning the current activities of the subject.

LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES:

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The report of SA [redacted] dated 12-27-57 at Newark sets forth information to the effect that in mid 1946 Arnold Bromberger, Moe Zimmerman, and Dave Kaplan established the Rona Metered Equipment Corporation which firm operated concessions for coin-operated washing machines in apartment houses. This business reportedly flourished until 1947 when the Federal Automatic Company was established. After the establishment of the Federal Automatic Company, the Rona firm encountered difficulties in obtaining concessions in the new building projects and these concessions were granted to the Federal Automatic Company even though the Rona firm offered a larger commission to the owners. One of the owners of the Rona Company allegedly said "there is no point in fighting the mob. You don't want to find yourself some day in the Passaic River." Referenced report reflects that [redacted]

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26 USC 6103

Letter to Newark
Re: ABNER ZWILLMAN
92-3105

You should consider the possibility of contacting reputable firms engaged in competitive businesses with the so-called legitimate business firms with which the subject has been identified to determine whether these firms have encountered intimidation, threats, extortion, or other activities in restraint of trade by the subject or his representatives. Care should be utilized to establish the reliability of these competitors before any such contacts are made.

HANDWRITING SPECIMENS:

The attention of the Newark Office is directed to Bureau letter dated 1-15-58 which instructs that at least one page of known handwriting of each Top Hoedlum should be obtained and a Photostat of same sent to the Bureau.

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TO : Mr. A. Rosen *Ry*

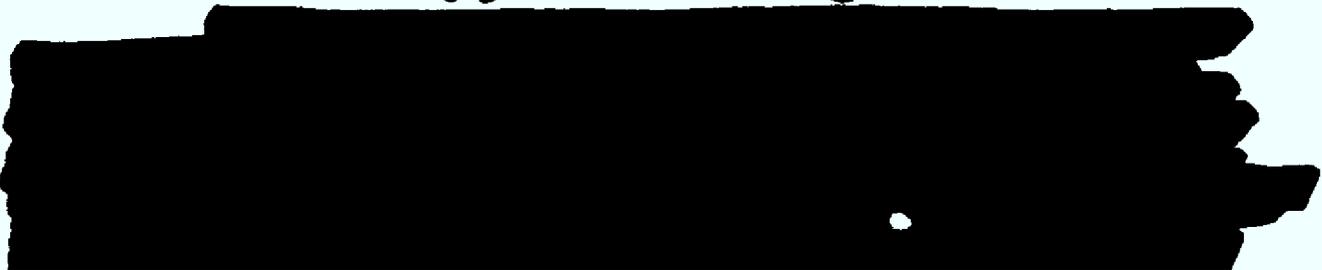
DATE: 3-17-58

FROM : F. L. Price *FLP/ELM/ELJ*

SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN
with aliases
ANTI-RACKETEERING

- Tolson _____
- Nichols _____
- Boardman _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Trotter _____
- Nease _____
- Tele. Room _____
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- Gandy _____

The second report of the Newark Office (office of origin) has been received. Complete background information concerning the subject has still not been developed but appropriate leads have been set out to obtain this information. The field has been instructed to place special emphasis on determining whether Zwillman native or foreign born in view of possibility of his having falsely claimed United States citizenship. Although BVS records, Newark, record birth as 7-27-05 at Newark, New Jersey, there appears to be some irregularities in this entry and this birth data conflicts with birth data available in records of Prudential Insurance Company which issued policies to subject in 1923 and 1928. Insurance company records reflect birth as 8-12-03 in Europe. *b3 26 USC 6103*



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No evidence of current criminal activity developed to date. Numerous leads outstanding to identify contacts and associates of subject. Need for live informant coverage of subject indicated and field has been instructed to concentrate on this.

RECOMMENDATION: REC-13 92-3105-18

None. This is furnished for your information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: Identification Division

DATE: March 13, 1958

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (92-389)

SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.
AR

OO: Newark

RE: Bureau letter dated 1/15/58.

The subject is a top hoodlum in the Newark Division and has FBI # 246333.

[REDACTED] reflect the following entries which apparently have not been communicated to the Identification Division since they do not appear on the subject's Identification Record. They are being set out for the information of the Identification Division.

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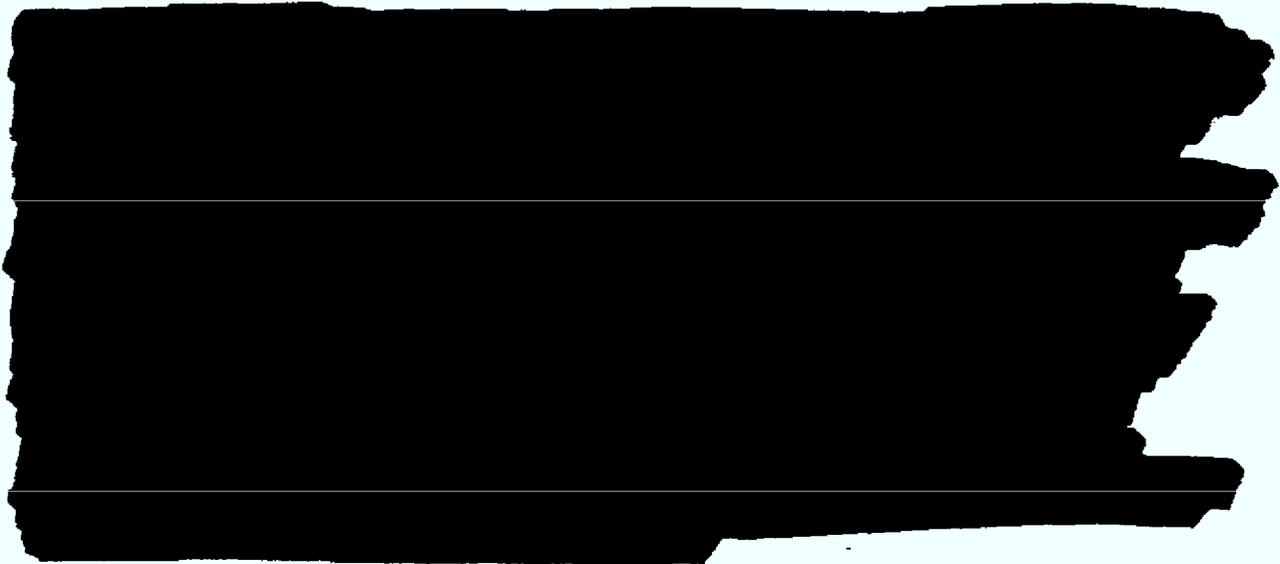
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Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin NEWARK	Date 4/2/58	Investigative Period 3/7,10-14,18-21,24-26/58
TITLE OF CASE ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.		Report made by  b7c	Typed By: 
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

Synopsis:



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3105)

DATE: 4/2/58

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-130)

SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.
ANTI-RACKETEERING
OO: Newark

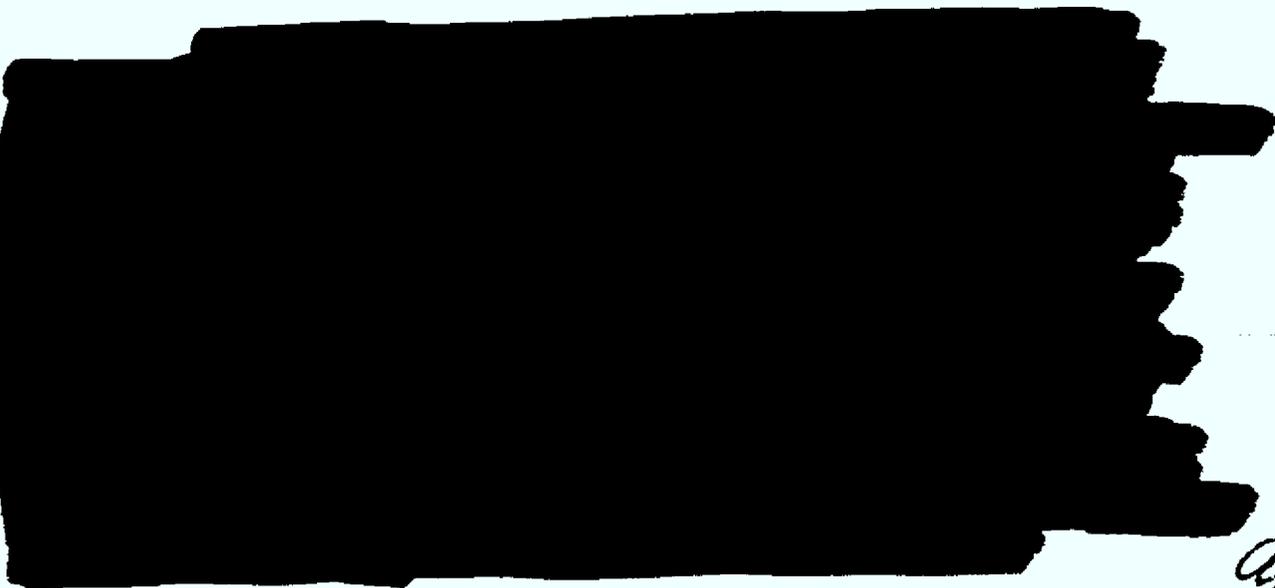
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REFERENCE

b7C Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/27/58, at Newark

Bureau letter to Newark, dated 3/17/58

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SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION:

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NEWARK DIVISION:

Leads are being left to your discretion, inasmuch as it is not known by the Los Angeles Division as to what extent current investigation in this matter has been conducted.

subject: ABNER ZWILLMAN
file number: 92-3105
section number: 3
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Reporting Office CHICAGO	Office of Origin NEWARK	Date 4/2/58	Investigative Period 3/10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25/58
TITLE OF CASE ABNER ZWILLMAN, was.		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

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TITLE OF CASE ABNER ZWILLMAN, Was.		Report made by [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

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DETAILS: AT SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/4/58

Alm : SAC, ALBANY (92-214)

SUBJECT: ABNER ZWILLMAN, Was.
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Rerep SA [redacted] dated 4/4/58 at Albany, enclosed.

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REFERENCE

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