TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3267)  DATE: 4/25/72
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-113)(P*)
SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI, aka AR
OO: Los Angeles

The Phoenix Office advised by letter dated 4/7/72 that JOHN ROSELLI is an inmate at the Federal Camp, Safford, Arizona. His earliest present release date is 10/15/73. A stop was placed at the prison camp in order to notify Los Angeles 30 days prior to release. At that time, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Los Angeles, will be advised.

Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) advised on 4/18/72 that he has advised INS, Los Angeles they may start proceedings to deport ROSELLI so his deportation date may come as close as possible to his present release date.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status at this time to be reopened in six months to follow this matter with INS.
Memorandum

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3267)  
DATE: 12/21/72

FROM: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES (92-113)(P)

SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI, aka
AR
OO: Los Angeles


SA Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Los Angeles, assigned to Los Angeles Strike Force has been requested on several occasions to determine if action was being taken by INS, Los Angeles to deport ROSELLI prior to the date of the termination of his sentence in October 1973 or prior to his possible release on parole as ROSELLI next appears before the United States Parole Board in February 1973. On each occasion, SA advised that nothing was being done by local INS and nothing could be done until authorized by his headquarters in Washington.

This matter was then discussed by SA and the Los Angeles Division with ALFRED N. KING, Attorney in Charge, Los Angeles Strike Force. Attorney in Charge KING advised that he would request the Department of Justice to request INS to initiate deportation proceedings against ROSELLI. Attorney in Charge KING has subsequently advised that he had made this request of the Department.

On 12/7/72, SA advised that during that week he had occasion to discuss the ROSELLI case with Assistant Director, INS, Washington, D. C. was in Los Angeles along with officials from other federal law enforcement agencies for an organized crime conference. SA said that told him he was the individual in INS, Washington who would make the decision to initiate deportation. He told that it was highly unlikely he

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would issue such an order. said that ROSELLI was elderly (68 years of age) and it was highly unlikely that a country could be found that would accept ROSELLI. SA said he pointed out to that ROSELLI is a "member" of the La Cosa Nostra and was on the Attorney General's list of hoodlums. SA told the FBI and the Los Angeles Strike Force had expressed an interest in ROSELLI's deportation. told SA he understood that ROSELLI had been of assistance to the Central Intelligence Agency during the Cuban crisis.

said he personally felt that ROSELLI must have influential friends in Washington for his INS headquarters to control a case as they are in this matter. He has no knowledge this is true, but from answers he received from he felt this to be true.

The Bureau is requested to discuss with the Department of Justice the possibility of their discussing this matter with INS headquarters, Washington to initiate deportation proceedings against ROSELLI prior to his release from prison.
TO: SAC, LA (92-113)  
FROM: SA  
DATE: 10/29/73  

SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI, aka.

INS, Los Angeles assigned to the Los Angeles Strike Force advised on 10/24/73 that ROSELLI had a hearing scheduled with INS regarding deportation on 10/23/73. This hearing was postponed until 11/6/73. ROSELLI is contending that he is a citizen because of his mother's marriage in Boston in the 1920's. This was proved by the government during the trial of ROSELLI for failure to register as an alien to be a bigamous marriage and therefore not valid in the state of Mass.

SA said he has been asked by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office the present whereabouts of ROSELLI as they want to surveil him or contact him. SA recalled ROSELLI had mentioned a name of a person he was staying with, but he could not recall and asked if the writer knew. When the writer mentioned the name of ROSELLI was with the race track (Santa Anita) on 10/23/73 and ROSSELLI was told by TRPD not to return. He is living at Beverly Hills, Tel.

ROSELLI was served deportation papers by INS at the USF, Terminal Island, California shortly before his release from prison in early October, 1973. ROSELLI indicated he would probably move to Florida to live with his sister, probably He also told INS that he would stay with his attorney JIM CANTILLON for a few days after his release. ROSELLI also told INS he planned to have a thorough physical examination at Sansun Clinic, Santa Barbara.

The above is being submitted for information.

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Memorandum

TO: SAC, MIAMI (92-517)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-113)(P)

DATE: 3/25/74

SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI, aka AR
00: LOS ANGELES

JOHN ROSELLI is a "member" of the Chicago "family" of LCN. ROSELLI was released from prison in October, 1973, after serving terms for Failure to Register as an Alien and ITAR - Gambling, ITSP, and Income Tax (Friars Club case).

Upon ROSELLI's release from prison, INS, Los Angeles instituted deportation proceedings against him. His attorney in this matter is a former INS special agent. He was told by the INS Hearing Officer that he would rule the same way as did the U.S. District Court that found ROSELLI guilty of being an alien and would order him deported. This information was obtained from Special Agent INS Strike Force representative.

SA subsequently advised, on 3/7/74, that he had advised INS that ROSELLI had moved to Miami, Florida and requested his INS case be transferred to Miami. This request has been granted. SA is of the opinion that is now shopping for another INS Hearing Officer in view of the opinion offered by the Los Angeles INS Hearing Officer.

SA advised ROSELLI has furnished INS with his address which is c/o Florida Telephone No. (305) 581 As Miami is aware, this is

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MIAMI DIVISION

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA. Will establish contact with INS, Miami, and follow INS hearings.

AT ROSELLI'S residence in FLORIDA. Will attempt to verify

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-113)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-517) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI, aka AR

(OO: LOS ANGELES)

DATE: 6/27/74

Re Los Angeles letter dated 3/25/74

On 4/26/74, the Postmaster, U.S. Postal Service, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., advised SA that the carrier covering John ROSELLI, Fla., has been delivering mail to JOHN ROSELLI at that address.

On 5/2/74, a pretext call made to telephone number determined that ROSELLI was residing at Trial Attorney, INS, Federal Building, Miami, Fla., advised SA on 6/26/74 that ROSELLI'S INS case had been transferred from Los Angeles to Miami. Attorneys for ROSELLI have submitted several motions concerning ROSELLI'S deportation hearing. The matter is expected to be heard sometime in July, 1974, at which time consideration will be given as to whether the case will be heard in Miami.

Los Angeles will be informed of the outcome of the INS hearing in Miami.

Los Angeles (92-113)

Miami (92-517)

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This case was reopened in the Los Angeles Office on 2/6/74, to follow and report the deportation proceedings against ROSELLI which have been instituted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). INS, has advised that the hearing officer in ROSELLI's INS matter in Los Angeles had advised ROSELLI's attorney that he intended to rule against ROSELLI in the immigration hearing and that his ruling would coincide with that ruling handed down by the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles in 1968 that ROSELLI is an alien illegally in this Country. said for this reason ROSELLI moved to Miami,
Florida, in the hopes of getting a better decision from another INS hearing officer.

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MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: Will continue to follow and report the results of the INS hearings.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will continue to follow and report the activities of ROSELLI.
ROSELLI released from U.S. Prison, Terminal Island, California, in October of 1973. Immigration and Naturalization Service has instituted deportation proceedings against him. ROSELLI currently residing in Florida.

DETAILS:

Special Agent Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Los Angeles, advised on October 24, 1973, that ROSELLI was scheduled to appear before an INS hearing officer on October 23, 1973. INS is holding these hearings to determine whether or not ROSELLI should be deported as an alien. Advised that the hearing was postponed until November 6, 1973. Advised that ROSELLI had been released from U.S. Prison at Terminal Island, California, in October of 1973. He was served with deportation papers by INS at the U.S. Prison, Terminal Island, California, shortly before his release.
At the time the deportation papers were served on him, ROSELLI told that he would probably move to Florida to live.

On October 22, 1973, Thoroughbred Racing Protection Bureau (TRPB), advised that on October 21, 1973, ROSELLI had been at the Santa Anita Race Track, Arcadia, California, accompanied According to ROSELLI was evicted from the track on that day. ROSELLI told that he was residing California.

Special Agent advised on March 7, 1974, that according to a former INS Special Agent and ROSELLI's Attorney, for deportation hearings with INS, had advised that ROSELLI had moved to Miami, Florida, and requested his INS case be transferred to Miami. The request was granted by INS, Los Angeles, advised that ROSELLI and his attorney furnished INS with an address where he would be residing in Florida. This address is in Care Of number 581. This is the address Florida. telephone

The Miami Office advised on June 22, 1974, that JOHN ROSELLI was residing and receiving mail at Florida.

The Miami Office also advised that according to INS Federal Building, Miami, Florida, that ROSELLI's INS case had been transferred from Los Angeles to Miami. The attorney for ROSELLI has submitted several motions concerning ROSELLI's deportation hearing. INS advised that the matter is expected to be heard some time in July of 1974, at which time consideration will be given as to whether the case will be heard in Miami, Florida.
TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-113)  
DATE: 8/23/74

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (92-517) (P)  
SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI, aka AR  
(00: LOS ANGELES)  

Re report of SA_______ dated 7/31/74, at Los Angeles.

On 8/22/74, the secretary to_______ trial attorney, INS, Federal Building, Miami, Florida, advised_______ was out of town and not expected in Miami until 8/27/74.

She said the subject's hearing has been continued and is expected to be held on or about 8/31/74. She said ROSELLI presently is filing an affidavit with the court wherein he is requesting political asylum.

Los Angeles will be advised of the results of subject's hearing.

[Signature]

Los Angeles

1 - Miami

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REPORTING OFFICE: LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: LOS ANGELES
DATE: 11/12/74
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 8/23/74 - 11/12/74

TITLE OF CASE: JOHN ROSELLI, aka

CHARACTER OF CASE: AR

Miami letter, dated 8/23/74.

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MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: Will continue to follow and report the results of ROSELLI's Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Hearings.

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Copy to:

Report of:
Date:  
11/12/74

Field Office File #: 92-113

Title: JOHN ROSELLI

Character: ANTI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis: ROSELLI's deportation hearing in Florida continued to 8/31/74. ROSELLI filed an affidavit with the court requesting political asylum. ROSELLI

DETAILS: The Miami Office advised on August 23, 1974 that on August 22, 1974, the secretary to Trial Attorney, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Federal Building, Miami, Florida, advised that was out of town and not expected in Miami until August 27, 1974. She advised that the INS hearing for ROSELLI had been
continued and it was expected to be heard on or about August 31, 1974. She said ROSELLI is filing an affidavit with the INS hearing office wherein he is requesting political asylum.

The San Diego Office advised on September 13, 1974, that

The San Diego Office on September 25, 1974, advised that ROSELLI

ROSELLI

The San Diego Office has advised that has been indicted by the County Grand Jury on grand theft charges and is presently incarcerated in the San Diego County Jail awaiting trial.
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**FROM**

(Supervisor/Investigator)

**DATE**

NOV 12 1974
United States Department of Justice
Board of Immigration Appeals
Washington, D.C. 20530

File: Miami

In re: JOHN ROSSELLI a/k/a FILIPPO SACCO

IN DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS

APPEAL

ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT: David W. Walters, Esq.
100 North Biscayne Blvd.
Suite 1001
Miami, Florida 33132

CHARGES:

Order: Section 241(a)(5), Immigration and Nationality Act - failed to furnish notification of address or other information in compliance with the provisions of section 265 and has not established that such failure was reasonably excusable or was not willful

APPLICATION: Stay of proceedings pending application for naturalization and issuance of subpoena.

Respondent appeals from two interlocutory decisions made by an immigration judge during the course of a deportation hearing. Oral argument is requested. Oral argument will be denied and the appeal will be dismissed.

The record reflects that no final order of deportation has as yet been entered by the immigration judge. Among other things, an application under section 243(h) of the Immigration and Nationality Act remains to be adjudicated. The notice of appeal states the subject matter of the appeal as follows:

"Denial by the Immigration Judge of following final orders:

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2. Denial of the request for issuance of Subpoena [sic] to the United States Army personal [sic] records relative to the respondents military service record.

The decisions sought to be reviewed are interlocutory. The regulations defining this Board's jurisdiction permit us to review "Decisions of immigration judges" in deportation cases, 8 C.F.R. 3.1(b)(2). The regulations do not, in terms, preclude our consideration of appeals from interlocutory decisions of immigration judges. As a practical matter, we have construed the regulations as contemplating only appeals from final decisions. On appeal from a decision of an immigration judge, we review such interlocutory decisions as may be raised by the parties. To permit piecemeal review of interlocutory orders of an immigration judge at successive stages of a deportation proceeding before final decision would only open the door to obfuscation and delay. As a general rule, therefore, we may safely say that we have no jurisdiction under the regulations to adjudicate interlocutory appeals.

In Matter of Fong, Interim Decision 2280 (BIA 1974), we did review a decision of an immigration judge which was not final in form. We there stated (at p. 3), "The order entered by the immigration judge in this case, though interlocutory in form, is far-reaching in effect and raises an important issue in the administration of the immigration laws. The question is presented in a setting which gives it sufficient finality to warrant decision by us at this time." The same cannot be said of the case before us.

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We conclude that we lack jurisdiction to adjudicate this appeal. Oral argument would serve no useful purpose. We are satisfied from our review of the record that the appeal is frivolous and filed solely for purpose of delay. We shall therefore deny oral argument under 8 C.F.R. 3.1(d)(1-a)(iv) and dismiss the appeal summarily. We note, in passing, that the pendency of a deportation proceeding is no longer a bar to naturalization under section 329 of the Act.

ORDER: Oral argument is denied.

FURTHER ORDER: The appeal is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

[Signature]
Chairman
Memorandum

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-113)  DATE: 12/13/74

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (92-517)(P)

SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI, aka AR

Re report of SA ______ dated 11/12/74, at Los Angeles.

On December 12, 1974, ______ to trial attorney, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Federal Building, Miami, Florida, advised SA ______ that ROSELLI had filed a Petition requesting political asylum, since he claimed he would suffer political persecution if he were sent to Italy. b6 per ICE b7C

He also submitted information claiming he was of assistance to the FBI and CIA in the training of assassins who were to kill FIDEL CASTRO, and desired that columnist JACK ANDERSON be subpoenaed as a witness to confirm this claim.

said that the judge has reserved his decision in this matter, however, some sort of adjudication is expected on or about January 2, 1975. b6 per ICE b7C

Los Angeles will be advised.

Los Angeles

Miami

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TO : SAC, LA (92-113)

FROM : SA

DATE: 12/23/74

SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI, aka AR

This case has been opened to follow and report the status of ROSELLI's deportation hearings with INS.

SA ___ INS, Los Angeles advised on 12/23/74 that he has received no new information concerning this hearing since the one he furnished on 11/12/74. b6 per ICE b7C

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-113)  DATE: 2/4/75

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (92-517) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI, aka AR
(00: LOS ANGELES)

Re Miami letter to Los Angeles dated December 13, 1974.

The usual procedure would be to forward a transcription of ROSELLI's hearing in Miami to the Board of Immigration Appeals in Washington, D.C. and, thereafter, await their decision. Explained that this procedure could take a considerable amount of time. Miami will follow these procedures and advise Los Angeles.
REPORTING OFFICE | LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF ORIGIN | LOS ANGELES
DATE | 2/25/75
INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD | 12/12/74 - 2/20/75

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REFERENCES:


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MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: Will continue to follow and report the results of ROSELLI's appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals, Washington, D. C.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED | NONE

ACQUITALS

CASE HAS BEEN:

PENDING OVER ONE YEAR | YES | NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS | YES | NO

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will continue to follow and report activities of ROSELLI.
ROSELLI ordered deported to Italy on January 10, 1975, by Immigration and Naturalization Service hearing officer in Miami, Florida. ROSELLI's attorney filed an appeal to this deportation order.

The Miami Office advised on December 12, 1974, that Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Miami, Florida, advised SA that ROSELLI had filed a petition requesting political asylum since he claimed he would suffer political persecution if he were sent to Italy. ROSELLI submitted information claiming he was
of assistance to the FBI and CIA in the training of assassins who were to kill FIDEL CASTRO and desired that columnist JACK ANDERSON be subpoenaed as a witness to confirm this claim.

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The Miami Office advised on February 4, 1975, that according to the INS hearing officer ordered JOHN ROSELLI deported to Italy. ROSELLI's attorney immediately filed an appeal to the deportation order and his appeal has been forwarded to the Board of Immigration Appeals in Washington, D. C. said the usual procedure would be to forward a transcript of ROSELLI's hearing in Miami to the Board and thereafter await their decision explained that this procedure could take a considerable amount of time.
Memorandum

TO: SAC, Los Angeles (92-113)

DATE: 6/23/75

FROM: SAC, Miami (92-517) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI

AR

OO: Los Angeles

Rerep SA__ dated 2/25/75 at Los Angeles.

Office of the Trial
Attorney, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Federal
Building, Miami, Fla., advised on 6/23/75 that subject's
immigration case is still under appeal in Washington, D.C.

attorney, Suite 1001, 100
Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fla., stated on 6/23/75 that he was
representing the subject in his immigration case, which is
now under appeal. He said he also represents ROSELLI in
litigation with the U.S. Army over ROSELLI's discharge from
the Army in World War II. ROSELLI is contending that he is
entitled to an honorable type discharge.

said that he has no information relating to ROSELLI's connection with alleged attempts on the life of
FIDEL CASTRO. He said ROSELLI never alluded to the allegation,
although he,_____ has been contacted by the press concerning
ROSELLI's alleged part in the conspiracy. He said it was
rumored by the press that ROSELLI would testify before a
U.S. Senate Committee in the near future.

Miami will follow subject's deportation appeal.

Los Angeles

Miami

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REPORTING OFFICE: LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: LOS ANGELES
DATE: 7/9/75
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TITLE OF CASE
JOHN ROSELLI, aka

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AR: b7c

Miami letter to Los Angeles, dated 6/23/75.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Set forth in the details of this report is information which has appeared in Los Angeles newspapers concerning an appearance by JOHN ROSELLI before a Special Senate Committee headed by Senator FRANK CHURCH on 6/24/75.

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Notations
The connection between ROSELLI and the CIA first came to the attention of the Los Angeles Office in an investigation entitled, ET AL.; UPUG. Los Angeles file 139-77. Bureau file 139-1201.

During the course of the investigation of the above matter, interviews were conducted with ROBERT MAHEU, a former Special Agent of the FBI, who advised that he had MAHEU subsequently admitted that he had met with ROSELLI at the Kenilworth Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida, in October of 1960 regarding this matter. ROSELLI was using the name of J. A. ROLLINS at that time.
The Chicago Office advised on 12/11/61, that according to ROSELLI and GIANCANA discussed electronic monitoring equipment during which time the CIA was mentioned.

On 6/20/63, JOHN ROSELLI was observed to depart Los Angeles for Washington, D.C. on TWA flight 60, under the name of J. RALSTON. Special Agents of the Richmond Division observed ROSELLI depart from this flight, at which time he was met by an individual driving an automobile registered to Maryland. ROSELLI and the individual, subsequently identified as proceeded to Washington, D.C., former Bureau Agent and in 1963 held a high position with the CIA.

Subsequently, the CIA advised the Bureau that ROSELLI had been in contact with a representative of the CIA and that according to the CIA, ROSELLI had periodically indicated that he was in a position to be of assistance regarding Cuban Matters. The CIA informed the Bureau that this last meeting between ROSELLI and a representative of the CIA was to close out this entire matter. ROSELLI, according to the CIA, had not been given any financial remuneration and the CIA had never made any commitments to ROSELLI.

Within several days of the contact by FBI Agents, ROSELLI traveled to Washington, D.C., and...
On 3/1/71, Attorneys for JOHN ROSELLI, appeared in USDC, Los Angeles, in an effort to obtain a hearing date for a modification of sentence for ROSELLI based on a series of articles written by syndicated columnist JACK ANDERSON. These articles alleged that JOHN ROSELLI was involved with the CIA in clandestine operations involving Cuba. The U. S. District Judge denied the hearings and commented that even if the articles were true, it would not have an effect on the sentence he imposed on ROSELLI. The affidavits of ANDERSON are set out in the Los Angeles report of SA dated 3/17/71, in this matter.
ROSELLI's attorney, appeared in another USDC, Los Angeles, in the Friars Club Case on 7/7/71, and attempted to argue for a reduction in sentence based on ROSELLI's alleged participation with the CIA in a plot to assassinate CASTRO. The U. S. District Judge interrupted prior to his finishing his argument and told that ROSELLI's cooperation with the CIA would not give ROSELLI any "brownie points" in his court room and that such an event would have been catastrophic in his opinion.

The above is a summary of the information contained in Los Angeles files regarding ROSELLI's association.

OTHER Congressional info, not subject to FOIA

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Copy to:

Office: Los Angeles, California

Report of: 7/9/75
Date:

Field Office File #: 92-113

Title: JOHN ROSELLI

Bureau File #: 92-3267

Character: ANTI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis: ROSELLI's appeal to the order deporting him to Italy on 1/10/75, is still under appeal in Washington, D. C. ROSELLI appeared before the CHURCH Senate Committee.

SAM GIANCANA, close associate of ROSELLI, murdered in Chicago, Illinois, 6/19/75.

OTHER Congressional Info, not subject to FOIA

DETAILS:

The Miami Office advised as follows on June 23, 1975:

Office of the Trial Attorney, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Federal Building, Miami, Florida, advised on June 23, 1975, that subject's immigration case is still under appeal in Washington, D. C.
Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida, stated on June 23, 1975, that he was representing the subject in his immigration case, which is now under appeal. He said he also represents ROSELLI in litigation with the U. S. Army over ROSELLI's discharge from the Army in World War II. ROSELLI is contending that he is entitled to an honorable type discharge.

said that he has no information relating to ROSELLI's connection with alleged attempts on the life of FIDEL CASTRO. He said ROSELLI never alluded to the allegation, although he, has been contacted by the press concerning ROSELLI's alleged part in the conspiracy. He said it was rumored by the press that ROSELLI would testify before a U. S. Senate Committee in the near future.

The 'Los Angeles Times,' the Los Angeles 'Herald Examiner,' the 'New York Post,' and the 'New York Times,' all carried articles in their June 25, 1975, editions regarding JOHN ROSELLI and his testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence which is chaired by Senator FRANK CHURCH. The article published by the 'New York Times' is as follows:

"WASHINGTON, June 24__, John Roselli, a former member of the Al Capone gang and an operative of the Mafia for most of his adult life, told a Senate committee today that he had been recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency in a plot to kill Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba, according to members of the committee."

"Mr. Roselli, a tanned, stocky 69-year-old man, testified before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence under heavy guard in a closed session for some two hours. According to the committee chairman, Senator Frank Church, Democrat of Idaho, Mr. Roselli's testimony 'filled in, in much greater detail, (the plot) and did not depart from what has been published in the press.'"
"Earlier Mr. Church had said that the committee had evidence that the C.I.A. was involved in assassination plots and assassination attempts. Senator John G. Tower, Republican of Texas, who is the committee vice chairman, said that Mr. Roselli had provided 'details of contacts that were made,' adding, 'It doesn't throw any new light on the situation as I see it.' He said that as a result of Mr. Roselli's testimony and other evidence, the premise that the C.I.A. used the Mafia to try to kill Premier Castro 'is pretty well laid on the record.'"

"According to published reports, Mr. Roselli was recruited in late 1960 by Robert A. Maheu, acting on behalf of the C.I.A., in a plot to kill Mr. Castro. Mr. Maheu, according to authoritative sources, also recruited Sam Giancana, a Chicago rackets boss, in what was essentially a plan to poison the three top leaders of the Cuban Government and create a power vacuum in the new revolutionary state."

"Mr. Giancana was shot to death last Thursday in his Oak Park, Ill., home. His killers have not been apprehended. The Chicago police have described the killing as a premeditated 'execution.' Senator Church said that the committee had planned to call Mr. Giancana as a witness."

"Mr. Giancana's death left Mr. Roselli as the only organized crime figure who is known to have been connected with the plot. Leslie Scherr, one of the two lawyers who accompanied Mr. Roselli to the hearing, said later that Mr. Giancana's death had not caused Mr. Roselli to fear for himself, but for members of his family."

"Another source said that Mr. Roselli was concerned about possible retaliation from Cuban nationalist groups rather than fearing an attack from organized crime elements."
"Whatever his fears, Mr. Roselli came before the committee under extraordinary security precautions. He was taken to and from the committee room by back stairs and elevators under the guard of the Capitol police. Photographers took pictures of several men who appeared to be Mr. Roselli."

"Photographs of Mr. Roselli have not been published for several years and many of the newsmen did not know what he looked like. According to Mr. Scherr, a practice attempt was made to mislead newsmen as to who Mr. Roselli was. Mr. Scherr said he did not believe any news agency had been successful in photographing Mr. Roselli and that he would 'urge any organization not to use the picture if they had it.'"

"Senator Church said that the committee had agreed to help Mr. Roselli in avoiding the press. He said that the committee had permitted Mr. Roselli to name only C.I.A. officials with whom he dealt and not to name private parties. Mr. Roselli was concerned about the safety of private parties if their names became known, Mr. Church said."

"Mr. Roselli was dressed in a well-tailored black suit, tailored shirt with cufflinks and conservative tie. He answered the committee's questions calmly, one member said, and appeared to be like 'anybody's grandfather.'"

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"Mr. Roselli gave his testimony in 'layman's terms' and used little gangland slang, the member said. Mr. Roselli was reportedly serious but occasionally displayed a wry sense of humor. When one committee member asked him how he could quickly identify a particular agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation the witness rejoined, 'because he followed me for three years. He was in charge of my case.'"
"Mr. Roselli's criminal career began in the nineteen-thirties when he was arrested 16 times on charges of carrying a gun while in the gang controlled by Al Capone. He served in the Army from 1942 to 1945, and received an undesirable discharge."

"It was while in the service that Mr. Roselli was convicted of a scheme to extort money from Hollywood figures that stemmed from activities before the war. He was not convicted again until 1969 when he was sentenced to five years in Prison for a card cheating scandal at the Friars Club in Los Angeles."

"The Government, at that time, began efforts to deport Mr. Roselli to Italy, where he was born in 1905. The case is being appealed. Mr. Roselli is; also suing to have his discharge changed from undesirable to honorable."

"In the next two days the committee is expected to hear testimony from Mr. Maheu and C.I.A. officials familiar with the plot."

The article by the 'Herald Examiner' contains a photograph of several individuals leaving the Senate after testifying before the Committee. Included in this photograph is a picture of JOHN ROSELLI and [underline] It is noted that [underline] name does not appear in any of the articles as the attorney representing ROSELLI before the Committee.

According to the local Los Angeles newspapers, SAM GIANCANA was shot and killed in his residence in the Chicago area on June 19, 1975.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3267) DATE: 7/9/75
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-113) (P)
SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI, aka AR (00: Los Angeles)

As the Bureau is aware, JOHN ROSELLI has been under intensive investigation by the Bureau under the Bureau's former Top Hoodlum Program and the present Criminal Intelligence Program since 1957. In the early 1960's, ROSELLI was named by the Bureau as a subject for intensified investigation.

In 1968, ROSELLI was convicted in two separate cases initiated and investigated by the Los Angeles Office. He has served time as a result of these two convictions. Since ROSELLI's release from prison in October of 1973, he has moved to Florida but continues to spend some time in Los Angeles. In Florida ROSELLI has been ordered deported by an INS Hearing Officer and he is currently appealing this decision.

During the intensified investigation conducted by the Bureau on ROSELLI's activities, it was learned as early as 1960, that ROSELLI had an association with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) through ROBERT MAHEU, a former FBI Agent. Several other instances of contacts between ROSELLI and the CIA were developed over the years, including a surveillance in 1963 when ROSELLI was picked up at Dulles Airport by a CIA agent, ROSELLI's attorney also attempted to use his alleged association with the CIA in efforts to have his sentences reduced in his conviction for being an illegal alien and for his conviction in the Friars Club Case; however, the judges in both instances refused to reduce the sentences.
Following ROSELLI's convictions in the Alien and Friars Club Cases, he was granted immunity during the investigation into hidden interests by the Detroit La Cosa Nostra (LCN) in the Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, which eventually led to the convictions on ITAR - GAMBLING Charges. ROSELLI

Newspaper articles in Los Angeles have revealed that ROSELLI has testified concerning his relationship with the CIA before the Special Senate Committee chaired by Senator FRANK CHURCH on 6/24/75. These articles revealed that ROSELLI allegedly furnished an interview with JACK ANDERSON concerning his testimony immediately following his testimony.

The Los Angeles Office feels that in view of the vast amount of information developed during the intensified investigation of ROSELLI, that ROSELLI's testimony should be reviewed by an Agent of the Los Angeles Office in an effort to develop a perjury case on him.

The Bureau, if not already done, is requested to obtain a copy of ROSELLI's testimony before this Senate Committee and furnish same to the Los Angeles Office.
FT. 263 (Rev. 1-7-72)

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REFERENCES:

Los Angeles report of SA dated 7/9/75.
Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 7/9/75.
Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 7/22/75

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ADMINISTRATIVE

This matter is being placed in a pending inactive status for a period of six months, at which time it will be reactivated to report any changes in the appeal by ROSELLI

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED | NONE
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CONVICTED | FUGITIVE | PRISONER ESCAPE | SAVINGS | RECOVERIES

ACQUITALS CASE HAS BEEN:

PENDING OVER ONE YEAR | YES | NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS | YES | NO

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT | IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:

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to the INS Deportation Order in Miami, Florida.

By letter, dated 7/9/75, the Bureau was requested to attempt to obtain copies of ROSELLI's testimony before the Special Senate Committee chaired by Senator FRANK CHURCH. The Bureau advised on 7/22/75, that ROSELLI's testimony before this Committee was given an Executive Session and this Bureau is not privy to testimony of individuals furnished in Executive Sessions.

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MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: Will report any changes in ROSELLI's INS appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals, Washington, D. C.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will reactivate this matter after six months.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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   (1 - Special Prosecutions Unit)
   (1 - AIC, Los Angeles Strike Force)

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Report of:

Date:  10/8/75

Field Office File #:  92-113.

Title:  JOHN ROSELLI

Office:  Los Angeles, California

Bureau File #:  92-3267

Character:  ANTI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis:  ROBERT MAHEW and RICHARD M. BISSELL testified
before the Special Senate Committee chaired by Senator
FRANK CHURCH as to their part in arranging for ROSELLI
who worked for the CIA.  Interview with

set forth.

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DETAILS:

It had been previously reported that JOHN ROSELLI
on June 24, 1975, according to the "Los Angeles Times" and
the "New York Times" appeared before the Senate Select
Committee on Intelligence, which is chaired by Senator FRANK
CHURCH and testified that he had been contacted by the Central
Intelligence Agency (CIA) through ROBERT MAHEW, to try to
kill Premier CASTRO of Cuba.
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According to the "Los Angeles Times" of July 30, 1975, RICHARD M. BISSELL, a former Chief of Clandestine Services for the CIA, testified before the CHURCH Committee that he personally had approved the CIA cooperation with "Mafia" figures to assassinate Cuban Premier CASTRO in 1960. BISSELL, when questioned by reporters said arrangements with the Mafia had been handled by the office of the late Colonel SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, through ROBERT A. MAHEW. Colonel SHEFFIELD EDWARDS was the CIA's Director of Security. BISSELL told reporters that Colonel EDWARDS had arranged the highly secret cooperation with Underworld figures SAM GIANCANA and JOHN ROSELLI, but that he, BISSELL, had approved it.

BISSELL said that the arrangements with the Mafia began "in the last half of 1960" and might have been suggested to the CIA by GIANCANA or other Mafia figures because "they did have very large interests in Cuba that were totally eclipsed or destroyed by Castro." BISSELL also speculated that Underworld figures were seeking to build up credit with the U. S. Government against possible Federal prosecution in the future.

According to the "Los Angeles Times" and the "Los Angeles Herald Examiner" on July 31, 1975, ROBERT A. MAHEW testified before the CHURCH Committee on July 30, 1975. Following his two days of testimony behind closed doors he told reporters that he once helped the CIA develop plans to poison CASTRO because "I felt we were involved in a just war." MAHEW told reporters that he had recruited ROSELLI and GIANCANA in 1960 at the suggestion of two CIA officials. The CIA had paid him $500.00 a month for private investigator work during the late 1950's. MAHEW said he was also approached on the CASTRO Matter in 1960 by JAMES J. O'CONNELL, a CIA Supervisor, who had previously served as his contact. MAHEW told reporters that O'CONNELL asked him to contact JOHN ROSELLI in Los Angeles and asked ROSELLI if he would assist the CIA in a program for removing CASTRO. MAHEW told reporters that ROSELLI was reluctant to participate but later agreed to help, "When I explained this would be on behalf of his Government, unpleasant as it may sound."
MAHEW told reporters that the value of ROSELLI and GIANCANA was their contacts and sources of information in Havana where they previously had interests in lucrative gambling casinos closed down by CASTRO. MAHEW said the assassination plan he knew about was a scheme to poison CASTRO that O'CONNELL discussed at a series of meetings at Miami's Fontainebleau Hotel in early 1961. ROSELLI was to deliver poison capsules to one of CASTRO's cooks or domestics, who would be in a position to administer them if the CIA gave us the 'go' signal." MAHEW said that O'CONNELL showed him the capsules in a white envelope and stated that as far as he knew the CIA never gave the "go" signal. MAHEW said that after the CIA sponsored the Bay of Pigs Invasion in April of 1961, that he phased out his cooperation with the CIA.

In the past, was met casually on September 10, 1975, at a local Los Angeles restaurant. Advised that ROSELLI was currently residing in the Miami area. He advised that ROSELLI is traveling between Miami and Washington, D.C., frequently as ROSELLI's attorney in Miami has determined that if ROSELLI can have his Army discharge changed from other than honorable to honorable, he will be a citizen automatically and his problem of being deported will be over. ROSELLI has taken steps to try to convince the Army that his discharge should be changed.

Also commented that he had been in Washington, D.C., awaiting a call to testify before the CHURCH Committee when SAM GIANCANA was found shot to death in his Chicago residence. Said as soon as he had received word of GIANCANA's death, he had called ROSELLI in the Miami area to be certain that ROSELLI knew of GIANCANA's death and also to be certain that ROSELLI was still alive. Said that he actually talked to ROSELLI on this occasion. Further stated that he had subsequently testified before the CHURCH Committee. He declined to comment as to what his testimony had been and remarked facetiously that he had testified about the agent.
It should be noted that ROSELLI was inducted into the U. S. Army on December 4, 1942 at Fort Mc Arthur, California, and had Army Serial Number 39547191. On December 23, 1942, he was transferred to the Fifth Armored Division, Camp Hook, California, and on May 25, 1943, he was transferred to Governor's Island, New York City. He remained at Governor's Island until he was confined by civil authorities on December 30, 1943. ROSELLI received a discharge, other than honorable on June 30, 1945, at Fort Mc Pherson, Georgia, under Provisions of Section 3AR615-366, because of his conviction of a crime by a Civil Court.
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-113)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-517) (P)

DATE: 11/19/75

SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI, aka AR

(00: LOS ANGELES)

Re Los Angeles report of SA dated 10/8/75.

On November 13, 1975, Clerk, Immigration Court, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, Florida, advised that JOHN ROSELLI's appeal from the order of deportation imposed on him had been denied by the Immigration Court in Washington, D.C., and the order of deportation was returned to INS, Miami, Florida, on October 10, 1975 for execution.

stated that ROSELLI's case presently is under the jurisdiction of the Deportation Section, INS, Miami.

Attorney, Suite 1001, 100 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida, advised on November 13, 1975, that his client, JOHN ROSELLI, was presently under a deportation process by the INS at Miami. said deportation of ROSELLI will not take place in the foreseeable future, since problems are being encountered in finding a country that would accept ROSELLI. He said also ROSELLI is over 70 years of age. His age could be a factor in modifying the deportation order. ROSELLI's case, according to as far as deportation is concerned, is presently under discussion with officials of the Deportation Section. No decision is expected in this matter in the immediate future.

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