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Title **FBI File 92-HQ-8304: Archie John Gianunzio (excerpts)**

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Abstract Serial #2 of this file mentions the Mamaroneck raid and 25 boxes discovered there.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/23/65

FROM : *JM/* SAC, NEW YORK (92-3765) (P)

SUBJECT: CHANGED ^(P)
ARCHIE JOHN GIANUNZIO aka
Archie Gianunzio
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The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to reflect the subject's true name.

Re Bureau letter, 4/28/65.

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On 5/21/65, [redacted] furnished the following information:

The informant advised that he has known ARCHIE GIANUNZIO [redacted] and described him as formerly a large numbers operator and bookmaker in Mamaroneck, New York. He said that GIANUNZIO received considerable notoriety in the early 1960s or late 1950s as a principal in the big "cheesebox" gambling raid in Mamaroneck and New Rochelle, New York. The informant advised that GIANUNZIO took a "fall" in this case. He said that GIANUNZIO at that time was working under [redacted]

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[redacted] Informant stated that [redacted] is a very tough individual, and frequently resorts to violence. He stated that GIANUNZIO is a very peaceful individual, and that, because of this difference in temperament, a split resulted. Informant said that although GIANUNZIO owns a large ranch in Arizona, he at this time is practically broke because everything he owns is attached by the Federal Government. He said that GIANUNZIO presently has a very small bookmaking operation in Mamaroneck Village, New York.

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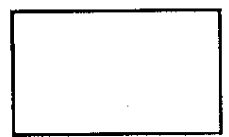
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Informant stated that GIANUNZIO, whose

[redacted]
[redacted] is not and never
has been a member of the organized Italian underworld.

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On 6/21/65 [redacted] advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] that the subject was not known to him.

On 6/1/65 [redacted] advised SA NELSON
J. CONOVER that the subject was not known to him.

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The files of the New York Office contain
the following information concerning the subject:

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An article appearing in the "New York News"
dated 8/26/61, states that on 8/25/61, ARTHUR J. SPRING,
Assistant District Attorney, Westchester County, testified
before the Mc Clellan Sub-Committee and showed the
Sub-Committee "cheeseboxes" and a "parasite" telephone
which were bagged in a raid the previous March at the
home of ARTHUR J. (ARCHIE) JOHN GIANUNZIO of 236 Union
Avenue, Mamaroneck, New York. The article states that
GIANUNZIO allegedly grossed 3.5 million dollars a year
as a bookie and took the Fifth Amendment while testifying
before the Sub-Committee.

92-632 Sub J1141

On 4/6/61, [redacted] advised he heard that
ARTHUR GIANUNZIO, 236 Union Avenue, Mamaroneck, New
York, who was arrested 3/24/61, by New York State Police
on bookmaking operation charges, was back in business
three days after his arrest and he uses a New York
City phone number where he accepts calls from his
customers. The caller gives a code and then the bettor

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is called back by ARCHIE or one of his men from a different phone to prevent detection of accepting bets.

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In this case captioned [redacted] ET AL, ITSP; FRAUD BY WIRE (OO: MIAMI)" the following information is contained:

[redacted], Criminal Investigations Unit, New York State Police, advised SA ROBERT LATCHFORD, Apartment 9B, 304 Fenimore Road, Mamaroneck, New York, appears to be the headquarters for a gambling operation and was under observation by his department. He stated the operation is headed up apparently by ARTHUR GIANUNZIO who makes book on basketball, policy, bolita and horseracing and handles approximately \$5,000 per day in bets at the Fenimore address. According to [redacted] the following are associated with GIANUNZIO in the gambling operation:

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[redacted]

On March 24, 1961, New York State Police under [redacted] and in conjunction with Westchester County District Attorney ROBERT J. TRAINOR conducted raids upon dwellings at 88 First Street, New Rochelle, New York; 234 Union Avenue, Mamaroneck, New York and [redacted]

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[redacted]

ARCHIE J. GIANUNZIO of 234 Union Avenue, Mamaroneck, New York and [redacted] were arrested on a felony

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charge of bookmaking. One [redacted] was arrested on a charge of allowing gamblers to install and use telephones in her home at the above [redacted]

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Seized at that time of arrest were 24 electronic telephone devices of type under investigation in this case. Also seized were some telephone relay devices commonly known as "cheeseboxes" which when attached to a telephone cause a telephone call received at that phone to be diverted to another telephone at that address. According to telephone company officials "cheeseboxes" have been in use by bookmakers for some time and are an old type device.

It is noted that [redacted] is currently the subject of investigation by the New York Office and has been identified by [redacted] as the largest bookmaker and horse player in the Mamaroneck, New York area.

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Washington Field is requested to contact JOSEPH VALACHI and ascertain from him if the subject is known to him to be a member of LCN. It should be noted that VALACHI is probably familiar with the Mamaroneck, New York area and probably was in hiding in that area in the early 1960s. It is the opinion of the New York Office that VALACHI is acquainted with some of the hoodlum figures in this area.