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KC #2

JAMES BALESTRERE: This individual is the head of the Mafia Society at Kansas city, Mo,, and is second in command in the state. Balestrere is often referred to as the "Mystery Man" of local politics by the Kansas City Star and has been known to exert considerable influence in both state and national circles. For a number of years, Balestrere was the leader of North Side Democratic Club which controlled the entire Italian district as well as the greater portion of the northeast section of the city. In 1943, Balestrere went into so-called retirement and installed an associate Charles Binaggio as the club head. On April 5, 1950, Binaggio was assassinated by the Mafia. During the interim, Balestrere and his superior, Joseph DiGiovanni have directed all matters, political or otherwise, from the background. It is a well established fact that Balestrere and the other more influential members of the local Mafia have controlled all major rackets in Kansas City for the past twenty-five years, including liquor and corn sugar during prohibition, narcotics, prostitution, gambling and racing news service. The organization also exerts a great influence over the local labor unions and is known to have been responsible for the installation of certain union executives in the area. Although this subject pretends to have a modest income and lives rather economically, he is alleged to be immensely wealthy. Balestrere was born at Palermo Italy on June 24, 1891 and arrived in this country on April 15, 1903. He is a naturalized citizen of the United States.

KC #1

JOSEPH DI GIOVANNI: This subject is the head of the Mafia Society for the state of Missouri and without question is the most feared and influential man in the Kansas City underworld.

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JOHN BLANDO: Blando is reputed to be a man of great wealth and is alleged to receive a percentage of all proceeds from gambling and the racing news service at Kansas City, Mo.

KC #8

ANTHONY GIZZO: Tony, as he is commonly called, is an influential member of the Mafia Society and has long been known as Balestrere's first lieutenant. He personally looks after Balestrere's business enterprises and is said to have a small interest in each. In addition, Gizzo is the owner of one of the largest horse racing books in Kansas City. He is a close associate of the Fischetti brothers of Chicago, Ill., Joseph Profaci of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Carlos Marcello of New Orleans, La., and is purported to often act as liason man for the Kansas City Mafia between these cities.

KC #7

GAETANO LACOCA: This subject who is better known as "Tano" is an important figure in the Mafia Society at Kansas City, Mo. He is known to have a percentage of all gambling enterprises operating in Kansas City and is reputed to be a man of considerable wealth. As a result of an

arthritic affliction, he spends most of the winter months at Nogales, Arizona, where in 1946 he purchases the El Reposo Motel as an investment. He maintains a family house at 346 S. Jackson St., Kansas City, Mo., for his wife and two daughters and resides there during the remainder of the year. Lacoca is known to have been a stockholder in the famous Kansas City Narcotic Syndicate.

KC #4

PETER DI GIOVANNI: This subject occupies a position of great importance in the mafia Society at Kansas City, Mo., due to the influence of his brother Joseph who is state head of the organization. Although he was never arrested, on such a charge, he is alleged to have been very active as an extortionist at Kansas City during the early twenties. He is said to receive a percentage of the Mafia's commission on all gambling and other local rackets. He is a

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partner of his brother Joseph in the operation of a wholesale liquor business known as the Midwest Distributing Company at 1109 Cherry St., and a chain of retail liquor outlets known as the Happy Hollow Liquor Stores. The subject was born June 28, 1886 at Palerino, Italy and migrated to the United States in May, 1903. He became a naturalized citizen on July 7, 1924. Peter DiGiovanni resides at 502 Campbell Street and was a stockholder in the famous Kansas City Narcotic Syndicate.

KC #6

JOSEPH DE LUCA: This man is a very influential member of the Mafia Society at Kansas City, Mo., and one of the most vicious characters in the underworld of that city. He was the head of the former Kansas City Narcotic Syndicate and during the prohibition era was one of the largest bootleggers in the state of Missouri. At the present time, DeLuca is the owner of three retail liquor stores in Kansas City, the net income from which is approximately \$30000 per annum, and also owns extensive real estate. According to his own admission, the subject has a net worth of approximately \$150,000. This subject is an Italian National and can neither read nor write. He was born at Giordinello, Italy on April 17, 1893 and arrived in the United States at the age of seventeen on April 10, 1910. DeLuca resides at the Sterling Apartments, 2840 Forest Street. He is closely associated with members of the Mafia in Tampa, Florida; New Orleans, La., and St. Louis, Mo. This subject was sentenced to three years in prison on March 27, 1943 for violation of the Narcotic Laws in connection with our case file SE-202.

KC #9

NICOLO IMPOSTATO: This individual is a very influential member of the Mafia Society at Kansas City, Mo. and is alleged to occupy a seat on the Inner-Council of the International organization. He is a known professional "killer" and is said to have been brought to Kansas City originally from Springfield, Illinois to enforce the edicts of the local Mafia organization. Impostato was

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the general manager of the former Kansas City Narcotic Syndicate and on April 13, 1943 was sentenced to two years in Federal Prison for violation of the Narcotic Laws in connection with our case file SE-202. At the present time Impostato is engaged an extensive narcotic smuggling operation which is under investigation by this Bureau. He is closely associated with Mafia members in Missouri, Florida, Louisiana, California, Illinois and New York. This subject is an Italian National born June 1, 1900 at Cinisi, Province of Palermo, Italy and fled from Sicily during campaign to suppress the Mafia in 1927. He admits having entered the United States Illegally but contends that his entry was prior to the Immigration deadline date of July 1, 1924. Impostato's status is now under investigation by the Immigration Department. Subject resides at 32 Warner Plaza, Kansas City, Mo.