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MEMORANDUM

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TO: H. G. Robinson  
FROM: J. N. McCormick

Listed below are some facts pertaining to JOE DIGIOVANNI from the Federal Court records secured from the KC Star files:

Case #4071 - Joe Di and Paul DiGiovanni, indictment viol NPA. Joe plead guilty and was fined \$500 and \$25.55 costs Nov. 29, 1920. Paul plead not guilty and case was dismissed as to him.

#8262 - Joe DiGiovanni, Joe Bertini and witness Tony Tuminello, 2547 Agnes on 4-count indictment on a still with mash enough for 4,000 gallons of liquor at 2547 Agnes. Indicted Nov. 9, 1927. Case dismissed May 25, 1928.

#8389 - Jan. 20, 1928 indictment on Joe for 250 gallon still at 516 East 5th with 70 gals whisky and mash enough for 2,000 gallons liquor. Dismissed March 24, 1930.

#8550 - Joe Di indicted April 25, 1928 on a still at 518 East 5th this a 250-gallon outfit. Indicted on three counts, plead guilty to count three and was fined \$500.

#9129 - Joe Di, indicted February 15, 1929 for five counts, having 75-gal still at 1847 East 7th Street on 10 Dec. 1928, with 300 gals mash, 300 lbs corn sugar and 120 gals whisky in barrels. Plead guilty put on probation two years under \$1,000 bond to Dr. Max Goldman.

#9207 - Sam Pallino and Joe DiGiovanni indicted four counts, had whisky, sold, had 192 pints and 80 quarts at 516 Harrison. Joe copped out on Count I, got four months in Lafayette County jail, nolle pros on Pallino. Bond of \$1,000 furnished by Angelo Donnici, 145 N. Benton ??? Joe DiGiovanni ordered released from jail 10 Feb 1930 (he copped Sept 12, 1929) after he swore he was unable to pay fine of \$400.

#9384 - Sam Pallino, Frank Mazzuca and Joe DiGiovanni (later consolidated as to Joe Di with 9207) info five counts filed March 15, 1929, on 75 pints and 130 half pints at 516 Harrison. Dismissed March 24, 1931, on Sam and Frank Bonds furnished by Caterino Donnici 145 N. Van Brunt.

#9761 - Joe DiGiovanni, Sept 11, 1929, for having 40 gals mash, 2 qts whisky, 1 pint and half gal wine at 533 Charlotte. Given 60 days Clay County jail.

#10453 - Joe DiGiovanni, as second offense plead guilty to 22 gals at 533 Charlotte. Got 60 days in Clay County Jail. Nov. 6, 1930, same day as indictment.

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#3956 Violation NPA. Info June 4, 1920. Dismissed Nov. 20, 1920.

#7127 Info on April 7, 1925 vs Pete DiGiovanni NPA 25 gals liquor at 1030 East 5th, plead guilty to second count, nolle on counts 1 & 3 paid \$50 fine no costs on Nov. 13, 1925. Bond \$1,000 by John Nigro.

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Secured from Star files. Kansas Citizens suspected of being Mafia men. Information from police files, city directory and telephone book only. Part of copy info apparently came from gov't.

PETER DIGIOVANNI, known as Sugarhouse Pete, was born in Italy, was 33 years old in 1918. He is a brother of the elder JOE DI and SAM DI, not to be confused with younger members of the tribe of the same names. His address in police files shows as 1030 East Fifth.

10-9-18 - Murder. To state 10-10-18. No disposition shown.

3-19-21 - Invest. No disposition.

2-14-26 - Invest. No disposition.

This gus is only 5 feet 6 inches. Has no jacket. (File cover) City directory shows him as Midwest Distributing Company, 1109 Cherry. Lists his wife as Mary Di Giovanni, with home address at 502 Campbell.

AF File lists as born June 28, 1886, Palerino, Italy (they don't use Sicily in any listing). Naturalized July 7, 1924. Same address and also mentions part ownership with brother Joe of Happy Hollow Liquor Stores.

JOSEPH DIGIOVANNI, born in Italy 2-23-88, is 5-5-170. His jacket was out at time I checked. Addresses given are 565 Campbell, 410 Gladstone, 3524 Park and 533 Charlotte.

10-9-18 - Murder, To state 10-10-18. No disposition.

10-10-25 - Kidnaping. Disch by govt 9-19-29.

5-25-41 - Mat int-disch.

8-24-43 - Spd and res arr DWP No. 2 ct.

This Joe is known as SCARFACE, from injuries suffered when a still blew up on him. Directory shows him in Midwest, 1109 Cherry, with wife, Jennie, home at 410 South Gladstone Blvd.

AF files - Described as Mafia head for Missouri, Balestrere. Came to US in 1912. Began an extortion racket in a small way and later grew to control all the raw materials as well as the manufacture and the distribution of all bootleg here in the 1930s. In early 30s organized narcotics ring which was broken in 1942. Owns Happy Howwow stores.