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Peter and Joseph Di Giovanni have a partnership known as the Mid-West Distributing Company which distributes liquor in Kansas City. They handle Seagrass and other liquors. I would suggest that Joseph Di Giovanni be asked to name the persons he dealt with at Seagrams in obtaining his distributionship. It may be that the Di Giovanni's had some connection with the bootleggers who control Seagrams. The Di Giovanni's went into the liquor business immediately after repeal.

Joseph Di Giovanni denies knowing anything about Mafia. In the previous questioning he was not asked as to whether he knew specific Mafia suspects located in various parts of the country.

In his previous testimony Joseph Di Giovanni said that he had never been arrested. In 1920 Joseph Di Giovanni plead guilty to a prohibition violation and was fined \$500. In 1928 Joseph Di Giovanni plead guilty to a charge arising out of the operation of a still in Kansas City and was fined \$500.

These convictions definitely establish that Joseph Di Giovanni was a bootlegger and it may be that Joseph Di Giovanni could testify as to any relationship between his bootlegging contacts and his present occupation.

The Mid-West Distributing Company has earned between \$55,000. and \$80,000. a year for the past four years. This income was split between Peter and Joseph Di Giovanni.

Joseph Di Giovanni also receives rent of \$4,000. to \$9,000. on a building at 11th & Cherry. This is apparently the building used by the Mid-West Distributing Company.

The Mid-West Distributing Company formerly hired Paul Cantanzaro as a watchman. Perhaps Cantanzaro still works there. Di Giovanni might be asked whether he knows of the murder that Cantanzaro was accused of a great many years ago. Although there were several witnesses who identified Cantanzaro as having murdered Frank Caramussa, Jr, 11 years old, no one was willing to appear as a witness against Cantanzaro was hired as a reward for faithful service to the Mafia.

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Just this year, Charles V. Carollo and Tony Marcella were sent to the penitentiary for engaging in the liquor business without a license. This charge resulted from their business of bootlegging whiskey into Oklahoma. In connection with this case \$50,000. worth of whiskey was seized by the government. All of this whiskey was sold to the Congress Tavern on credit. The Mid-West Distributing Company was among those extending credit. The Di Giovanni's might be asked why

they extended credit to Carollo and Marcella. During prohibition days the Di Giovannis were reportedly associated with Carollo and the North Side Distributing Company, a corn sugar concern which supplied moonshiners. Other associates in this business were James Balestrere, Vincent Chiappetta, and John B. Blando.