Douglas Valentine Collection
Finding aid

Donated by: Douglas Valentine, Richard Warner

Size: 5 boxes (1 oversized) 3 linear feet

Access: Available to researchers by appointment in our special collections room without restrictions.

Description: This collection is mainly comprised of the papers of Anthony Magiaracina also known as “Tony Grapes”. The materials were collected by Magiaracina during his career as a drug enforcement agent and enforcer with several Federal narcotics control agencies; he was stationed in Rome in 1959, NYC in 1961 and was with the BDAC in 1966 and the BNDD after 1968. The papers focus particularly on Italian Mafia crime organizations and figures active in drug trafficking in the United States and abroad with materials dating as early as 1934 and as late as 1979, but most dating to the 1960s.

The papers document the work of Magiaracina and others working on narcotics investigation and enforcement in several federal agencies, including: FBN (The Federal Bureau of Narcotics, U.S. Department of the Treasury), 1966-1968 BDAC (Bureau of Drug Abuse Control, Food and Drug Administration) after 1968 BNDD (The Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, U.S. Department of Justice) and after 1973, DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice). All of these and other acronyms appear in the collection, but the bulk of the documents appear to date to activities of the BDAC, FBN and BNDD in the 1960s.

Because the collection was received from two sources, it is arranged in two series. It is likely the entire collection was once together and originally belonged to Magiaracina.

Suggested Resources: These materials were collected by Douglas Valentine as a result of and to support research on two books. In addition to many other resources on the history of drug trafficking and enforcement in the United States and abroad, more information can be found by reading these books:

Valentine, Douglas
2010 The Strength of the Pack: The Politics, Personalities and Espionage Intrigues That Shaped the DEA. (Walterville, OR: Trine Day) On order at JJC library

Series 1: Anthony Magiaracina Papers

Box 1: Documents
Folder 1: Correspondence, Memoranda, Reports, Charts, Map of Mafia in US, Organized crime charts of South Florida, Genealogies and hierarchies of Crime Families and figures (Gambino, Castellano, Badalamente-D'Anna-Sollena),
Folder 2: Biographies and histories of Crime figures (Magliocco, Miranda, Morici, Polizzi, Profaci)
Folder 3: Report NK 92-4872 regarding gambling, organized crime, waterfront activities, unions, Colucci arrest and Licata wedding on Sept. 22, 1973
Folder 4: Manual on the investigation and prosecution of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) 1978
Folder 5: Memoranda re: LeFranc (1965), Brooklyn Elite Social Club (1945), newsclippings re: Sindona (1979),
Folder 6: Bruno Family, Philadelphia
Folder 7: Suffolk County organized crime
Folder 8: The Illicit Interstate Narcotic Traffic from New York City throughout the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. no date (1960s?)

Box 2: Documents
Folder 1: Biographies and histories of crime figures1961-1962 (Alex, Angelica, Biondo, Civella, Civello, Cucchiara, DeCarlo, Eboli)
Folder 2: Photocopy book of pictures and criminal information on crime figures, alphabetically arranged (similar to that published as Mafia: the government's secret file on organized crime Reference: HV6785 .M292 2007)
Folder 4: Hierarchies of Bonanno, Antonio-Caponigro, Colombo organizations, Boldrinia Conspiracy. A Tactical Assessment of a Major Organized Crime System in Bergen County, NJ.
Folder 5: Biographies and histories of crime figures and hierarchies of Gambino organization, Report in Italian by the Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Palermo (on Heroin trafficking, no date), The Illicit Interstate Narcotic Traffic from Chicago throughout the Midwestern and Southwestern United States Folder 6: Charts and information regarding international narcotics trafficking and organized crime (1970s).

Box 3: Photographs 1930s-1970s
Folder 1: US Treasury Department, Bureau of Narcotics Form 170, Identification Cards attached to 'mug-shot' and identification photographs 1950s-1960s
Folders 2-4: Scrapbooks of ‘mug shot’ and identification photographs from many jurisdictions, the bulk from the US Treasury, Narcotics Bureau and NYPD, including French and Italian police photos (3 folders) 1939-1967
Folders 5-6: Identification and mug-shot photos of crime figures, of all jurisdictions including European 1934-1979 attached to information sheets, composite photos hierarchically arranged by crime families.

Series 2: Oversized materials and Publications

Box 4: Publications
Mainly GPO publications on various narcotics laws and congressional hearings related to narcotics and organized crime. Notations and inserts added by Magiaracina and others. One folder of newsclippings on organized crime and narcotics trafficking.

Box 5: (in Special Collections oversized drawer 6)
Roll 1: Hierarchical charts of crime families/organizations
Roll 2: Chart tracking trafficking of heroin sources from France
Roll 3: Appears to be original of roll 2 with paper inserts glued onto large sheet (now detaching, too fragile to unroll)
Oversized diptych: Hierarchical lists of Gambino and Genovese crime families.