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The Rowan tap: Rosselli said that he understood that Giancana had asked Maheu for a tap on Rowan Dan Rowan. Maheu gave Rosselli two stories. The first was that he was doing Giancana a favor and the second was that there was a real intelligence value in that. Maheu was afraid that Giancana or Rowan might give out intelligence information that could be of value to enemies of the United States. Rosselli had not heard of the names DeLoy or Belotti of Fred Harbison. He admitted that Harvey had discussed the tap with him, but both Harvey and Rosselli were pissed off after that the operation had gone on. Giancana obviously knew about the tap. Maheu did ask Rosselli to get bail money for the two tappers who were caught and thrown in jail. Maheu suggested that Rosselli could get a hotel to turn over the bail money. Finally, Mr. Rosselli arranged to have a man with green carnation in his lapel meet with Mr. Rooke's for a transfer of the bail money. He never received any of this money back. Rosselli claims that he did not know what type of tap went on. He admitted that he had been questioned by the FBI but he gave no answers and he knew that Maheu had been questioned by the FBI.

Rosselli can't remember whether he ever introduced Giancana as Mr. Sam Gold. He claims to have no business relationship with Giancana. Rosselli's only business interests was the ice machines in Las Vegas. He ran those by himself and had no contact with Giancana. When asked about Joe Santa Trafficanto, Rosselli stated that he used him only as an interpreter but not as a contact for recruiting other Cubans for his mission.

Mr. Thomas Madden stated that he was receiving no fees for his counsel for his representing Rosselli now. The status of Mr. Cantillon or Mr. Scherr was not unclear. There was discussion as to the Committee paying the expenses of Mr. Rosselli's transportation from Los Angeles and there was discussion as to the limits, if any, to be placed on the Committee's inquiry of Mr. Rosselli's contacts with the Cubans, how they had been developed, and what other operations did go on.

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During his early contacts with Maheu in 1959 and '60 in setting up the Cuban operation, Maheu was setting up a guard system for different Hughes' operations, such as Hughes Aircraft or other corporate interests.