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Re: Cigarette Tax Enforcement
Unit, #C-64963.

Dear Joe:

Enclosed for your review and forwarding to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services are copies of the final report for the above noted grant award.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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May 30, 1975

FROM: Commanding Officer, Cigarette Tax Enforcement Unit

TO: Commanding Officer, Office Programs and Policies

SUBJECT: FINAL REPORT - CIGARETTE TAX ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM --
GRANT C#64968

1. On November 1, 1972 the Police Department undertook an enforcement action focusing attention on the existing problem of the transportation and sale of untaxed cigarettes in New York City; attempting to gain some insight into the Organized Crime involvement in this illegal activity and directing attention in that area in an attempt to curtail such involvement.

To do this a special unit was begun, sponsored by a Grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

2. To carry out the above aim successfully specific objectives set forth:

- a. To develop a comprehensive effort against the major dealers of untaxed cigarettes.
- b. To analyze intelligence data in a effort to identify persons and determine their level of involvement in cigarette smuggling.
- c. To maintain an intelligence file of persons involved in cigarette smuggling and distribution in New York City.
- d. To maintain liaison with other enforcement agencies in order to provide an exchange of information concerning the cigarette tax evasion problem.

3. The following is a summary of program and the activities carried on by this unit under the Grant Award. This Grant was extended beyond the one year period; and when terminated April 30, 1975 had, in fact, run two and one half years (2½ yrs.). This summary will follow the format established for general progress reports.

Project Staff:

On November 1, 1972, the Cigarette Tax Enforcement Unit was established within the Public Morals Division of the Organized Crime Control Bureau. On that date, one (1) Lieutenant, three (3) Sergeants fourteen (14) Detectives, and six (6) Police

Officers were assigned to the unit. On November 14, 1972, a Captain was assigned as the Commanding Officer completing the unit staff. The Commanding Officer, and all supervisory personnel had prior investigative experience. The Detectives were chosen from specialized investigative units, and the Police Officers were all qualified investigators with experience in the Public Morals or Narcotics Fields. Personnel selected for this assignment were interviewed before hand. They were selected based on their personal knowledge, experience, and attitudes.

During the two and one-half years which the Grant was in effect there were fifteen (15) changes in Project Staff. The Captain was transferred to another section of the Public Morals Division on May 21, 1974, at which time the Lieutenant assumed command. The Lieutenant left July 5, 1974 on vacation and terminal leave prior to retirement and was replaced in command by another Lieutenant with investigative experience. One Sergeant retired in September, 1974 and was not replaced. Eight (8) of the original Detective Staff were transferred or retired during the Grant period. On each occasion they were replaced by experienced investigators from the Public Morals Division. However, in the closing months of this Grant three (3) Police Officers were transferred to the Detective Division and no replacements were assigned because of manpower needs elsewhere in a period of limited movement and cutbacks in non uniform assignments.

At the close of the Grant period the Cigarette Tax Enforcement Unit had one (1) Lieutenant, two (2) Sergeants, ten (10) Detectives, seven (7) Police Officers assigned.

During the Grant period one of the two Administrative Aides left the service on an extended leave for educational purposes. (September, 1974). He was not replaced. However a civilian typist was assigned to the unit. Her salary was not charged to the grant.

Training

In the first month of the project, the first two weeks were used for a formal Training Program. After which, formal training sessions were conducted monthly at the command. The average training session is two hours in length. These sessions covered a variety of subjects, often employing guest lecturers and demonstrations of proper use and technique in handling surveillance equipment. These sessions were also used to critique recent operations. Further, these sessions were an opportunity to disseminate information on department procedures, bulletins, memos, and other relevant data. All personnel attended an advanced Driver Training Course for one day. All personnel attended a course in tax stamp identification, forgeries and detection methods, conducted by the Pitney Bowes Corporation.

Use of communications equipment and recording devices were reviewed regularly. As new equipment was received, an expert was sought out to instruct the unit's personnel in its handling, use, and mode of operation.

Eight (8) investigators attended a one week course of training in the operation, interpretation of information, testing, and installation of the Wackenhut Tracking System. Aside from these specialized classes, and the initial training period, a total of sixty (60) hours in service training was conducted.

Methodology of Out-of-City Operations

By June, 1973, no out of State operations had been commenced, however, two New York City based smuggling operations had led investigators to locations in New Jersey. A joint operation with New Jersey State Police, and New Jersey State Tax Bureau led to arrests of four (4) subjects at a warehouse in Northern New Jersey. On December 21, 1973.

Beginning in September, 1973, teams began to follow smugglers to their southern suppliers (North Carolina) and proceeded to follow them back to their New York destination. Each of these trips were made in conjunction with investigations of major New York smuggling groups. Information gained by these journeys was significant in obtaining search warrants and apprehending five (5) major smugglers with definite organized crime affiliations - Major Case 004-3A.

During November, 1973, out-of-state surveillance of subjects in case 001-2A was begun in an effort to determine the source of untaxed cigarettes, and if the sources had organized crime affiliations. It was determined that there are definite wholesalers who appear to derive a large percentage of their trade from smugglers. These transactions are, of course, legitimate under North Carolina law. Further, it was determined that smugglers tend to rely on one source, rather than multiple sources. The wholesalers do supply regular customers with certain services - packaging orders and coding them, which enables quick, and easy distribution from smuggler to his customers. The orders are telephoned to the wholesaler in advance and waiting upon the trucks arrival. This limits waiting time in the loading areas. No ownership or control of these businesses by New York area criminal elements was apparent from intelligence obtained. However, underworld influence does exist. Further, several wholesalers have substantial criminal records. There were found definite links between smuggler and wholesaler. Telephone records indicate patterns of these alliances, but alone they are not substantial enough to support a prosecution for fraud by wire. Some major distributors in New York were found to employ a traffic manager to expedite the flow and act as go between in dealings with wholesalers. Others dealt direct with the North Carolina distributors. One group found it safer to deal with a wholesaler in Virginia, paying a little more, but avoiding the attention directed at traffic in North Carolina.

In December, 1973 an interstate taskforce operation was conducted in North Carolina. This unit assigned two investigators to cooperate with these efforts. During the months of April, July, and September, 1974, out of state operations were conducted in cooperation with other enforcement agencies having membership in the Eastern Seaboard Interstate Cigarette Tax Enforcement Group. Each operation lasted one week. To each this unit supplied six (6) investigators and one (1) supervisor for

five (5) day period. These operations were basically relay systems, set up along major smuggling routes. Activated by intelligence from confidential informants or investigators in the vicinity of wholesale distributors, known to deal heavily with smugglers, the subject vehicles were tailed varying distances by seven (7) relay teams until the vehicles reached either Maryland or New Jersey, where they were stopped by local law enforcement agents and the occupants apprehended, and the contraband seized. The first and second operation met with good results. The latter operation had only limited success.

During the closing months of the Grant personnel investigating major cases 002 and 006 conducted independent surveillances in New Jersey, and followed vehicles from New York to Virginia. In due course, the State Police and Tax authorities were notified. Two arrests were effected, one in New Jersey, another in Maryland. New Jersey authorities were also notified of our findings concerning a smuggling ring with warehousing facilities in the Seacaucus area.

Conferences

During the life of this Grant conferences were held with representatives of law enforcement agencies and tax administrators of all the concerned states along the Eastern Seaboard, and with Federal and State agencies concerned with this problem or related areas of investigation. The following is a partical list of conferees with whom representatives of this unit have met in the pursuit of our aims.

Connecticut State Tax, Special Investigations Section
Delaware State Police
Maryland Tobacco Tax Unit
Maryland State Police
New Jersey Division of Taxation, Special Investigations Unit
New Jersey State Police, Intelligence Division
New York State Department of Taxation and Finance
New York State Special Prosecutor's Office
New York City Finance Administration, Enforcement Division
New York City Police Department Intelligence Division
North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Bureau of Cigarette & Beverage Taxes
Virginia State Police - Intelligence Division
Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Postal Service - Postal Inspectors Office
Internal Revenue Service - Intelligence Division
Nassau County Police Department - Intelligence Division
Suffolk County Police Department - Intelligence Division
District Attornies Offices, in all N.Y.C. counties,
Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Enforcement Referral Information

In the early months of this Grant representatives of this unit visited other enforcement agencies to solicit aid and cooperation, and to gather intelligence on this interstate problem. Most agencies were most cooperative. These meetings later led to the formation of a task force, and later the Eastern Seaboard

Interstate Cigarette Tax Enforcement Group, as a coordinated effort against cigarette smuggling.

Once this unit was operational and current information began to flow, it was determined that much of the local information received could be referred to either the New York State Special Investigations Bureau, or the New York City Finance Administration Enforcement Unit for investigation, because although valuable for intelligence, priorities did not allow for investigations at lower levels of cigarette distribution. Records of this command indicate the following regarding referrals.

To: <u>New York State Tax Department</u>		
Cases referred for investigation		52
Cases in which results were obtained		17
To: <u>New York City Finance Administration</u>		
Cases referred for investigation		51
Cases in which results were obtained		27
To: <u>New Jersey State Police</u>		
Cases referred		3
Cases in which results obtained		2
Pending		1
To: <u>Maryland State Police</u>		
Cases referred		1
Cases with results		1

In addition a number of intelligence transmittals were sent to the above and other enforcement agencies.

Requests To/From Other Agencies for Assistance

In the early stages of this Grant many requests were sent out for information and assistance. As the unit matured it became more self sufficient and in time grew to a position where assistance to other agencies became common. In seeking intelligence from others, it was found that most agencies are more than willing to aid and respond to a request. Personal contacts made through the interstate task force (E.S.I.C.T.E.G.) have enhanced the free flow of valuable information. Our records indicate seventy three (73) written requests for information from other agencies; in addition, innumerable telephone requests are recorded in our files for information on arrests, vehicle identifications, and other pertinent data. Information was generally received promptly from all agencies. During the Grant period this unit has made available to all concerned agencies any information at hand related to cigarette smuggling or known smugglers.

With regard to arrest details, a system has been established, and is working very well, whereby New York State Department of Taxation and Finance acts as a clearing house for all

agencies on a standardized form, pertinent arrest and seizure information on all reported arrests in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut. This has been a very valuable tool in compiling reliable files on smugglers and their movements and relationships.

Revolving Resource Fund

The revolving resource fund was initiated to have ready cash available for undercover purchases of untaxed cigarettes. Ideally, amounts spent would be refunded through sales of these cigarettes to licensed agents at auctions conducted by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; the total received from the sales being returned to the fund. During the Grant period \$20,538.45 was expended, only \$7,467.60 from the sale of one lot of 6,000 cartons of untaxed cigarettes. After the initial sale there was a reluctance on the part of State Officials to dispose of further purchased cigarettes in this manner. The State Tax Commissioner indicated that they would continue to auction undercover purchased cigarettes in the same manner as seized cigarettes, returning one-third of the proceeds to the New York City Finance Administration, and the remaining two-thirds going to the State Treasury.

Even if the cigarettes purchased in undercover operations were sold at auction and the proceeds returned to the fund, the fund would still be self depleting, because the revenues realized from the sales are but one-third of the purchase price. Further, much of the purchased goods are held as evidence and not saleable after laying in the property clerk's storehouse for months.

Warrants

During the grant this unit investigated organized crime involvement in cigarette smuggling operations. Consequently, we directed our attentions to major smuggling operations, particularly those which obviously or apparently had links with known organized crime members. In doing this, efforts were made to take each investigation to the highest level attainable before making arrests; and once this was accomplished, continue to disrupt their activities by the seizure of large quantities of untaxed cigarettes transported by these subjects. It is only by seizures, which hurt these operations financially, that these people are driven out of business.

In pursuing these aims members of this command have strived to make cases which will be prosecutable and not subject to dismissal. For that reason, a policy was established making maximum use of arrest warrants (after indictments) and search warrants in other cases. Search warrants applications are prepared with care, lest they be overturned in the court process. During the grant period the following use was made of warrants.

Search Warrants:

Applications made	39
Warrants issued	39
Warrants denied	0
Executed with results	22

Executed without results	0
Not Executed	7

These warrants resulted in eighty seven (87) arrests.

Arrest Warrants

Based on indictments, warrants were issued and arrests effected on twenty eight (28) individuals, involved in nine (9) cases. The majority of these stemmed from undercover operations.

Vehicle Rentals

Initially it was anticipated that members of this unit would spend a great deal of time in North Carolina making surveillances in the vicinity of the wholesalers who supply cigarettes to the smugglers. This was found to be unnecessary. Although vehicles were followed from New York to Carolina and back on occasion, prolonged surveillance of the sources was not required. Consequently limited use was made of rental vehicles.

Rentals were used on occasions when investigators were flown south to tail specific trucks carrying untaxed cigarettes, for which search warrants were being prepared. Also vehicles were rented on occasion for use in the interstate task force operations described above. They were also used by undercover investigators in their operations.

It was found that by using fictitious registrations and changing plates occasionally the ten vehicles supplied by Grant funds, which were equipped with radio equipment and battery chargers, adequate mobility was available to investigators for surveillance, without fear of detection.

Informants

During the life of this grant eight (8) persons were registered as confidential informants.

C.I. # 1 - referred from Federal Bureau of Investigation was a source of information on independent operators dealing directly with wholesalers in North Carolina. - Limited value.

C.I. # 2 - known distributor of small quantities of untaxed cigarettes was able only to give information of his sources.

C.I. # 3 - the source of detailed information on large scale independent smuggling operation, which also had limited dealings in gambling and loansharking. Seven arrests resulted in the case.

C.I. # 4 - has supplied detailed information on subjects in two major cases with organized crime connections, and timely information on distribution channels. This subject has given information resulting in numerous arrests, including major operators and distributors affiliated with major groups.

C.I. #5 - supplied worthwhile information on high level distributors, with direct ties to organized crime, which resulted in five (5) arrests.

C.I. # 6 - alleged to have information on smuggling, hijacking, and other criminal activity. However, little concrete information was received.

C.I. # 7 - This cooperating individual supplied information which enabled this unit to infiltrate a smuggling operation, make several purchases, gain evidence of gambling violations (bookmaking) and obtain indictments for thirteen (13) individuals, some with organized crime connections.

C.I. # 8 - This individual has reported on traffic at the distribution levels. Through his information this unit has been able to trace shipments back to their sources, and linking distributors to major cases. This individual has been responsible for six (6) arrests.

The informant program associated with this grant was, I believe, moderately successful. Use of informants enabled the unit to make inroads into areas which might otherwise have been impossible to infiltrate, or have required innumerable investigative man hours to attain.

From the original fund little monies were actually expended because it was found that by also registering informants with the Intelligence Division of the New York City Police Department, they were eligible for payment from a fund maintained specifically for information leading to seizures of untaxed cigarettes. Consequently that source was used in most cases. While the grant fund was used only in cases where subjects were not also registered with the Intelligence Division, such as with Federal Bureau of Investigation informants. Total expenditure \$877.00. All funds paid for information relating to New York City operations.

Arrests:

During the period which this unit operated under federal grant C#64968, the following arrests and seizures were effected.

Only primary charge listed. Most bribery defendants and all subjects charged with possession of forged instrument were also charged with possession of untaxed cigarettes. - Felony.

By Cigarette Tax Enforcement Unit members

Charge

Bribery (D Felony)	18
Poss./Sale Untaxed Cigarettes (E Felony)	100
Possession forged instrument (D Felony)	2
Possession Usury records (D Felony)	1
Robbery (D Felony)	3
Promoting Gambling (A Misd.)	6

Others:

By New Jersey State Police upon direction of this unit. (Untaxed Cigarettes)	5
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By Maryland State Police on direction of this unit.
 (Untaxed Cigarettes) 1

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Seizures:

Vehicles

Autos	16
Vans	22
Trucks	<u>7</u>
	45

Monies

Bribery Attempts	\$33,990.00
Other Evidence	8,396.00
Found in Vehicle	<u>700.00</u>
	\$43,086.00

Cigarettes Seized:

Seizures	128,350 Cartons
Undercover buys	10,058 "
Recovered hijacked goods	<u>2,755</u> "
	141,163 "

In addition, a number of complaints which referred to independent smuggling operations, or lower level distributors of untaxed cigarettes have been referred to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and New York City Finance Administration with the following results.

New York State Tax

Cases Referred -	<u>52</u>
Cases where results were obtained	<u>17</u>

New York City Finance

Cases referred -	<u>51</u>
Cases in which results were obtained	<u>27</u>

In the above arrests are included seven (7) individuals who have direct ties to organized crime families, and an additional seven (7) who are known associates of organized crime members. All major subjects mentioned in the State Investigation Commission report (1972) on cigarette smuggling have been arrested by this unit, many on bribery charges as well as possession of untaxed cigarettes.

This project has had a highly significant impact on the cigarette smuggling problem. The arrests of known organized crime figures within New York City have proven beyond a doubt the involvement of members of organized crime families in this profitable illegal enterprise. Investigations of persons involved in cigarette smuggling have uncovered direct ties to high level organized crime members, and have shown involvements in gambling and loan-sharking, as well.

During our investigations several major transporters of untaxed cigarettes were apprehended, including one individual based in Virginia, who is believed to be the most significant transporter on the East Coast, with a nationwide network. He served as the transport expert for major smugglers and had connections with organized crime figures.

Vast seizures by this unit have forced smugglers to abandon large warehouse facilities and large over the road shipments and revert to a more costly method of operation, featuring numerous small loads, and continually changing "drop" locations; and have forced some to limit operations; others to abandon the transport of untaxed cigarettes.

Equipment

Under federal grant C/64968 this unit purchased a quantity of technical equipment designed to aid in surveillance and substantiate observations with physical evidence (photographs, video-tapes, recordings); thereby developing un rebuttable cases for the prosecution. A list of 11 equipment received and used is attached on schedule I (4 pages).

Much of this equipment was not received until the project was well into the initial grant period, the majority of it being delivered during the second year of the grant. This was one basic difficulty which was encountered. The problem arises from the disposition of grant funds from the State to the City, and differences in the internal accounting systems used by the two jurisdictions.

Some equipment was used extensively, other items were needed only in specific instances or had limited application. The following is a summary of the use to which technical equipment was put during the grant period.

All binoculars were issued to the individual teams of investigators for use as required on day to day basis, as were portable radios which enabled instant communications between the base and field units, and inter car communications between the various field units. All other equipment was maintained at the office and issued to individuals as needed.

The Wacken-hut tracking devices were used not only to find or trail smugglers on the ground but were also used on several occasions from helicopters with success. These devices were used on numerous occasions in ten cases. One of the tracking devices became defective and was returned to Florida for repairs, making it unavailable for several months. Members of this unit received training in the use of the Wackenhut tracking device during the program. It was found to be an invaluable tool in investigating transportation of untaxed cigarettes.

Polaroid cameras were used primarily to record layouts of premises entered under search warrants, and the locations and volume of evidence found. These pictures served to substantiate the officers testimony in court. This equipment was used on ten occasions.

On three times for administrative purposes - pictures of all personnel required annually.

Nikon Cameras, and various lenses were used extensively in surveillance work, as an aid in identifying subjects, and autos; and maintaining photographic accounts of activity at suspect premises. This equipment was found to be easy to handle and operate, giving excellent results. Focus and depth of field easily adjustable. The cameras shutter speed and aperture settings were of excellent quality, permitting good pictures even in limited light, without use of flash attachments, which made it very useful in secretive operations. Often observations were made from a van type truck or from inside locations a distance from the subject, here the 200m.m. and 400 m.m. lenses were especially useful. The flash attachments for these cameras were not used during the program period Strobonar filters were used sparingly but found useful in those cases in which they were employed.

The telescope was utilized in a number of cases where long distance surveillance was required. This item, like the binoculars was received in December, 1973. The telescope quality was adequate but a problem arose with its tripod. The aluminium attachment screw was not adequate and required replacement by a steel screw (no expense incurred).

This unit purchased a number of recording devices under this grant award. Some were used extensively, others had limited application in the program. The Nagra recorders which are easily concealed were found to be in great demand and of great value in the investigative procedure. They were used in undercover operations to record conversations, in arrests situations, bribery cases and interviews with confidential informants. Their quality of tone made recordings produced on them acceptable as evidence in a number of cases.

Of course, these tiny tapes had to be reproduced on the Tamberg or Uher recorder for use of the prosecutor, or other interested parties.

The other Craig and Sony recorders were used in a variety of situations. Two hundred fifty individual tapes were made during investigations, conferences, meetings, arrest situations, and interviews. In some cases recordings of telephone conversations were made using the coils purchased with grant funds.

The Intelligence Kits (Bell and Howell FM transmitters and voice pagers) were found to have limited application. They were used primarily to monitor conversations between undercover officers, or confidential informants and third parties. While their use was limited to less than twenty situations, these were often meetings crucial to the cases involved, and at times where personal danger to an officer or cooperating individual was very possible.

These transmitters were found to be very sensitive pieces of equipment easily subject to interference from noise, and structural conditions in the area. Their range is limited, but they were found to be useful tools in a limited number of specific situations.

An extremely useful group of items was received on May 31, 1974. These were the SONY video rover, monitor, recorder and related items. All members received training in its use. This equipment was used to record observations made for search warrants, and also execution search warrants. Recordings have been entered as evidence in two cases. In one recent case video tapes made at a Brooklyn location enabled members of the unit to obtain an indictment for a subject who was not present at the time of execution of a search warrant.

This equipment and tapes have also been used as a training aid in a course delivered at the New York State Police Academy in Albany, to members of various police agencies. This lecture on "Organized Crime involvement in cigarette smuggling" is delivered by a detective assigned to this unit in an effort to make other agencies aware of the condition, and those involved; and enlist their aid in the enforcement of the cigarette tax laws. Tapes made by this unit have also been used as a training aid in a lecture given to superior officers involved in training of uniform officers.

Expanded use of this equipment is anticipated in conducting present and future investigations. These items are simple to use and results have been excellent.

The Zoomar night vision scope and related equipment was not received until the closing days of the grant extension - April 24, 1974. Although extensive tests were conducted by technical experts who field tested this item and found it more than adequate, no investigative use was made of this item during the last week of the grant. All available personnel received training in its use during the month of May, and practical use in surveillance situations is anticipated as the need arises.

It should be noted that initially two such items were ordered from different vendors. One order was cancelled when the vendor advised discontinuance of said model. No replacement was ordered because of the short time remaining in the grant, and the limited need for such items.

Autos

The milage on the autos purchased with federal grant funds varied between 28,000 and 40,000 miles at the end of the grant period, with the average being approximately 33,400 miles. These vehicles are used daily by the investigative staff. Aside from one car which was out of service for an extended period, these vehicles have performed satisfactorily with only the usual routine maintainence.

The surveillance truck has been used regularly by all teams. It has relatively little mileage, because it is parked at fixed locations from where observations can be made. This vehicle was also used as a command post in several operations. An officer watching a location was able to advise other investigators of conditions, and when and where to station themselves, or when to execute a search warrant.

Planning Trips

Planning trips were designed to enable the project director to visit other states, meet with, and discuss the cigarette bootlegging problem with enforcement authorities and tax administrators of other states, in an attempt to gain cooperation and a coordinated effort against a common problem. Further, these trips were used to discuss modes of operation, and develop a joint interstate task force.

Members of this unit, generally the Project Director and one other, attended meetings held in various locations along the eastern seaboard beginning in January, 1973. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed by the interested parties and plans were developed which led to the successful undertakings described above - Out of State Operations.

In addition, the cooperative spirit which evolved from these conferences led to the formation of the Eastern Seaboard Interstate Cigarette Tax Enforcement Group which was formed in August, 1974. Membership in this group includes representatives from eight states, and a number of lesser jurisdictions, and federal agencies. This group is a significant step forward in the area of cooperation. Not only is this unit a member of this group - representing New York City Enforcement, but members of the Police Department, Intelligence Division also serve as coordinators of the group. The Intelligence Division acts as a repository for information gathered by the member agencies, analyzing and disseminating intelligence to the members concerned.

In all twelve (12) planning trips were made by the Project Director. He attended meeting in Albany, New York; Baltimore, Maryland, Newark, New Jersey, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Springfield, Mass., Arlington, Virginia, and New York City, each trip averaging 2½ days, and several meetings of one day's duration.

Major Cases

During the duration of the grant members assigned to this unit directed their primary attention to the activities of several combines believed responsible for the bulk of organized smuggling operations in the New York metropolitan area. Six (6) major cases were established based on the facts reported in the New York State Commission of Investigation report,

intelligence available in this department, and knowledge gathered during investigation. The figures behind these groups were our primary targets.

Major Case 1

The subject of this investigation was James Donovan, who although residing in Virginia, operated the largest single smuggling operation on the East Coast. He acted as intermediary between large volume smugglers in New York and the suppliers in North Carolina. He also supplied transportation for the cigarettes to their northern terminals.

Investigators discovered that one man acted as a central orderer and collector for major distributors. He would consolidate orders, contact Donovan, and dispatch a courier by air to Washington D.C., with payments. This subject maintained close contact with major organized crime figures affiliated with three crime families, and was engaged in other criminal enterprises. An organization structure of this operation is attached. This chart was made based on intelligence gathered from surveillance of the subjects. This unit set up undercover operations and infiltrated this group, made large purchases of untaxed cigarettes, gaining insights into their operations. These investigations culminated with the arrests in February, March, and June 1973 of fourteen (14) subjects; including five (5) of the main operators of smuggling combines, who have direct connections with organized crime families. These arrests concluded the initial phase of this investigation.

Attention was then directed to other areas of investigation. This group was recently given renewed attention by this unit; several of the roles have changed but basically the condition continues. An in depth investigation and resulting arrests are continuing.

Major Case 2

Involved a Bronx based operation run by Dominick Marchese, and Jack Robustelli. They were supplied by the Donovan operation, but also used other sources when necessary. Their distribution channels led into two counties. The operators of this combine were arrested at a Bronx location in June, 1973. Both main subjects received jail terms upon conviction. Attention was directed to this group and through observations, it was determined that cigarettes were supplied by a group run by Frank D'Blaise, from a base in Carlstadt, New Jersey. Joint surveillance with New Jersey State Police and New Jersey Tax Authorities led to four (4) arrests and a large seizure in December, 1973. Renewed surveillance of this group in 1975 led to arrests and seizures in New Jersey and Maryland. Recent observations indicate the major subjects in Case 2 have retreated from the forefront but customers are being supplied by D'Blaise direct or other transporters. Investigation is continuing.

Case 3

This investigation centered on the activities of Anthony DeDona and his associates. DeDona is a partner in

a legitimate cigarette distribution business but believed associated with smuggling operations in Brooklyn, and Queens area. The actual operation was believed run by Thomas DeLio, and Joseph Pastore. These subjects were observed meeting with numerous subjects with organized crime connections including Louis Rastelli an Aniello "Niel" Migliore. Although small quantities of untaxed cigarettes were observed, no large scale smuggling operation was uncovered. Dilio himself, was murdered in February, 1973, and Pastore disappeared and is believed to have been liquidated by other factions in a continuing power struggle. No further activity was noted in this case. It layed dormant for several months, and was finally closed in favor of other priorities.

Major Case 4

This case was originally established as a "B" priority, until members of organized crime families were observed as participants, at which time it was reclassified. The primary targets were Gaetano Amato, and Joseph Pontillo, who are allied with the Colombo crime family.

The subjects of this case were found to deal directly with wholesalers in North Carolina, and operate "drops" in Staten Island and Brooklyn. Arrests were effected July, 1973, and September, 1973 and on October 11, 1973, a major apprehension was effected. At that time the subjects of this investigation were arrested with three others for possession of untaxed cigarettes and bribery. All defendants are known criminals with direct links to organized crime groups.

After these arrests continued attention was maintained for several months without further results or significant activity. Several of these participants recently surfaced in surveillance relative to major case 2, but the operators have not asserted themselves in the area of untaxed cigarettes in recent months. Continued attention is being given to subjects and locations as time and personnel availability permits.

Major Case 5

This case was established in November, 1973, after intelligence and information indicated that Joseph Fama, a Colombo associate, was expanding his dealings in untaxed cigarettes to a large scale operation. Attention was directed at this group throughout 1974, and although Fama, who stays in the background, was not apprehended, eighteen (18) arrests of participants in this combine were effected in the execution of seven (7) search warrants at various locations. These arrests accounted for seizures of over 33,000 cartons of untaxed cigarettes. The Fama group was forced to retreat to its former position, that of a small time car operation because of the financial losses encountered by these arrests. Continued attention is being given to this group.

Major Case 6

This case concerns the cigarette smuggling activities of Dominick Alleva, who together with Anthony Esposito, is

actively engaged in the smuggling of untaxed cigarettes in the Brooklyn and Staten Island areas. Alleva, a Colombo family associate, was formerly a customer of Anthony Granata. He began independent operations after the arrests of his suppliers and the disruption of the distribution schedules. This operation fluctuates between direct transportation of untaxed cigarettes and deliveries by other smugglers. Alleva maintains close ties with the DeBlause group (New Jersey) and Zilenhoffer group (New York independent supplier) as well as Fama.

Alleva maintained direct control of his operations until he was arrested by this unit in March, 1974, with two other participants, for bribery and possession of untaxed cigarettes. After that time, he remained in the background dealing through intermediaries such as Joseph Gigliotti and Robert DiMatteo. Alleva made direct contact with a wholesaler in Virginia, and hired drivers from Virginia to transport cigarettes to New York. By dealing in Virginia he avoided the heavy surveillance in effect in areas of North Carolina but paid a little more per carton. Surveillance of participants in the Alleva/Esposito group have led to the obtaining of five (5) search warrants, which when executed resulted in sixteen (16) arrests and the seizure of 21,000 cartons untaxed cigarettes. This case is continuing.

Short Term Cases

In addition to the investigation of groups which could be tied to organized crime control or financing forty-eight (48) shortterm investigations were opened. Surveillance was made of locations and subjects believed engaged in the unlawful transportation and distribution of untaxed cigarettes in an effort to link them to larger suppliers, establish definite organized crime affiliation, and incorporate results into a major case, if possible; and impede their operations through arrests and seizure. Many of these cases were found inappropriate for extended investigation and were closed or referred to another agency. Several were investigated without results.

The first short term case involved Anthony Granata, a Colombo crime family member, financed by Vincent Gigante. His customers included most major dealers in the New York Area. Granata was operating openly in Brooklyn. He was arrested by this unit in March, 1973, with five (5) other participants with possession of over 10,000 cartons of untaxed cigarettes, and immediately offered a \$7,000.00 bribe, \$4,490.00 was received at the location, and another charge was added.

After this arrest Granata virtually disappeared. He moved his base of operations to New Jersey, and shortly thereafter disappeared from cigarette smuggling scene. His prosecution is still pending in Kings County Supreme Court. (CTEU #149).

CTEU Case #261

This case concerned the smuggling activities of Paul

DeFiore, connected by association to members of the Colombo and Vario crime syndicates. This subject was found to be supplied directly by one middle man, a North Carolina resident, with a criminal history. Weekly loads of 7,000 - 8,000 cartons were marketed by this group. The target, De Fiore, and two cohorts were arrested in July, 1973. All were convicted after trial in Brooklyn Supreme Court.

Information regarding renewed activity by this group was received in November, 1974. Three (3) arrests were effected after investigation, and 10,000 cartons seized. (CTEU #798)

An undercover operation conducted on a short term bases netted fourteen (14) arrests on a variety of charges (promoting gambling, possession of usury records, and possession of untaxed cigarettes). The primary defendant was a Police Officer, since fired, who pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor. Other subjects pleaded guilty to various charges. (CTEU #253)

Case 280 was conducted jointly with Postal Authorities. This investigation begun June 1, 1973, resulted in one arrest for bribery and possession of untaxed cigarettes (Distributor) on June 27, 1973. The defendant pleaded guilty to a Class E Felony.

Infiltration by a confidential informant led to arrests of two large scale independent operators in CTEU case 571. Both pleaded guilty to a Class E Felony.

In June, 1974, an investigation was begun which looked into allegations of large scale distribution of untaxed cigarettes on Staten Island. After almost three months of investigation by officers assigned to this unit five (5) arrests were effected. Netted in this arrest for bribery, untaxed cigarettes, and possession of stolen property (hijacked cigarettes) was the Robert DiMatteo, a major subject mentioned in the State Investigation Commission report, who's activities had, up until that time eluded the attentions of this unit.

Subsequently, this subject and three others were arrested at another Staten Island "drop" in possession of 7,800 cartons of untaxed cigarettes (CTEU #874), he was also linked to subjects in major case 6. DiMatteo was recently found guilty of bribery and possession of untaxed cigarettes and sentenced 1 - 4 years, and 1 - 5 years on these charges.

On March 3, 1975, a short term investigation was begun in South Brooklyn relating to the distribution of untaxed cigarettes. It was discovered that deliveries of approximately 2000 cartons were received three times weekly by Thomas Stuto, the nephew of Gennaro Cirillo, a Lieutenant to Carmine Persico, and a soldier in the Gambino crime family. Observations were made and search warrants obtained. A raid on March 14, 1975, netted Stuto, his partner in a gambling operation. Alan Longo, and six others in possession of 2,000 cartons of untaxed cigarettes.

On August 23, 1973, an undercover officer was assigned to infiltrate confederation believed to be involved in the distribution of untaxed cigarettes and bookmarking. This officer made ten (10) purchases totalling 2,600 cartons of untaxed cigarettes, met with associates of organized crime figures. His efforts resulted in thirteen (13) arrests for sale of untaxed cigarettes and conspiracy. These cases are pending in Kings County Supreme Court. (CTEU #338)

Case 361 investigated in conjunction with another agency, resulted in one (1) arrest of a middle level distributor for untaxed cigarettes and bribery on November 27, 1973, after a two month investigation.

Disposition of Criminal Proceedings

The following is a listing of the results of court action in cases processed by members of this unit for violation of the New York State Cigarette Tax Laws.

Cases - 112 -	Felony Charges
Convictions - 47 -	
Dismissals - 2 -	(upon plea of co-defendant)
Pending - 63 -	

Of the fortyseven (47) convictions recorded at present one-third (16) pleaded to or were found guilty of a felony charge; two-thirds (31) pleaded to or were found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor after trial.

Of the fortyseven (47) defendants convicted to date: eight (8) have received jail terms; seven (7) ranging from 30 days to one year, one (1) defendant sentenced to from 1 to 5 years.

Sixteen (16) have received fines ranging from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

Six (6) have been sentenced to three (3) years probation and fines of \$500.00 or \$1,000.00.

One (1) subject has been sentenced to five (5) years probation and \$1,000.00 fine.

Two (2) defendants received five (5) years probation.

Two (2) defendants received three (3) years probation.

One (1) defendant received a conditional discharge.

Eleven (11) others have been found guilty but no disposition has yet been recorded from the court record.

This is a vast improvement over the small fines levied against offenders in prior years. Not only have we attained a 95% conviction rate, but the fact that 34% were convicted of felony charges is unprecedented. It indicated an awareness of the depth of problem on the part of the prosecutors and judges. By snaring subject with high level organized crime connections, we have been able to show, to even the most

lucrative illegal enterprise. Consequently, the prosecution arm of the criminal justice system has done a creditable job in preparing and pursuing these cases.

Project Impact

This project has had a highly significant impact on the cigarette smuggling problem. Arrests of organized crime figures within New York City have proven beyond a doubt the involvement of members of Organized Crime Families in this profitable illegal enterprise. During the course of the Project numerous major cigarette smugglers have been apprehended, including one individual working from a base in Virginia, who is believed to be the most significant of all smugglers, with a nationwide network and the alleged transport expert for organized crime figures. Vast seizures by this unit, totalling in excess of 100,000 cartons, have led to the abandonment of large warehouse facilities by smugglers and a reversal to a more costly method of operation, featuring continuous small loads, dispersal to several continually changing locations. In ten (10) arrest situations during the period of this project, bribes ranging from \$400.00 to \$15,000.00 were offered, resulting in the arrest of 18 persons on bribery charges, in addition to the charge of untaxed cigarettes.

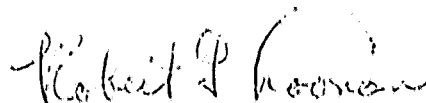
Cooperation with the agencies of the various states affected by local cigarette smuggling activities has developed greatly. In August, 1974 the "Eastern Seaboard Cigarette Tax and Enforcement Group" was formed. This group evolved from the cooperative ventures of Tax Bureaus and Tax Enforcement Agencies of nine (9) eastern states. Several successful coordinated efforts had preceded formal founding of this group. The purpose of this group is, of course, the coordinating of the efforts of the member units in enforcing their respective tobacco tax laws. This unit has entered into active membership. Another area in which this project can be considered to have had an important influence is the gradual rise in cigarette tax revenues during 1973 and 1974. State officials have estimated tax losses to the City and State of New York resulting from cigarette smuggling at approximately \$85,000,000.00 a year. Efforts by this unit and other tax enforcement agencies are believed to have contributed to the reported increases of approximately \$8,000,000.00 in cigarette tax revenue during the past year.

The smuggling of cigarettes has not been curtailed; nor can it be as long as it remains profitable to the smuggler. We have made some strides in that direction. By forcing the smuggler to abandon large truck load shipments, it has become more costly. Many organized crime members who were involved are felt to have withdrawn or limited their support of these ventures because of the risk factors. Many of the figures arrested in the early stages of this program have insulated themselves from rearrest by relinquishing direct control and financing others through ururious loans, or for a guaranteed percentage of estimated profits.

Efforts against the smuggler will continue, by direct

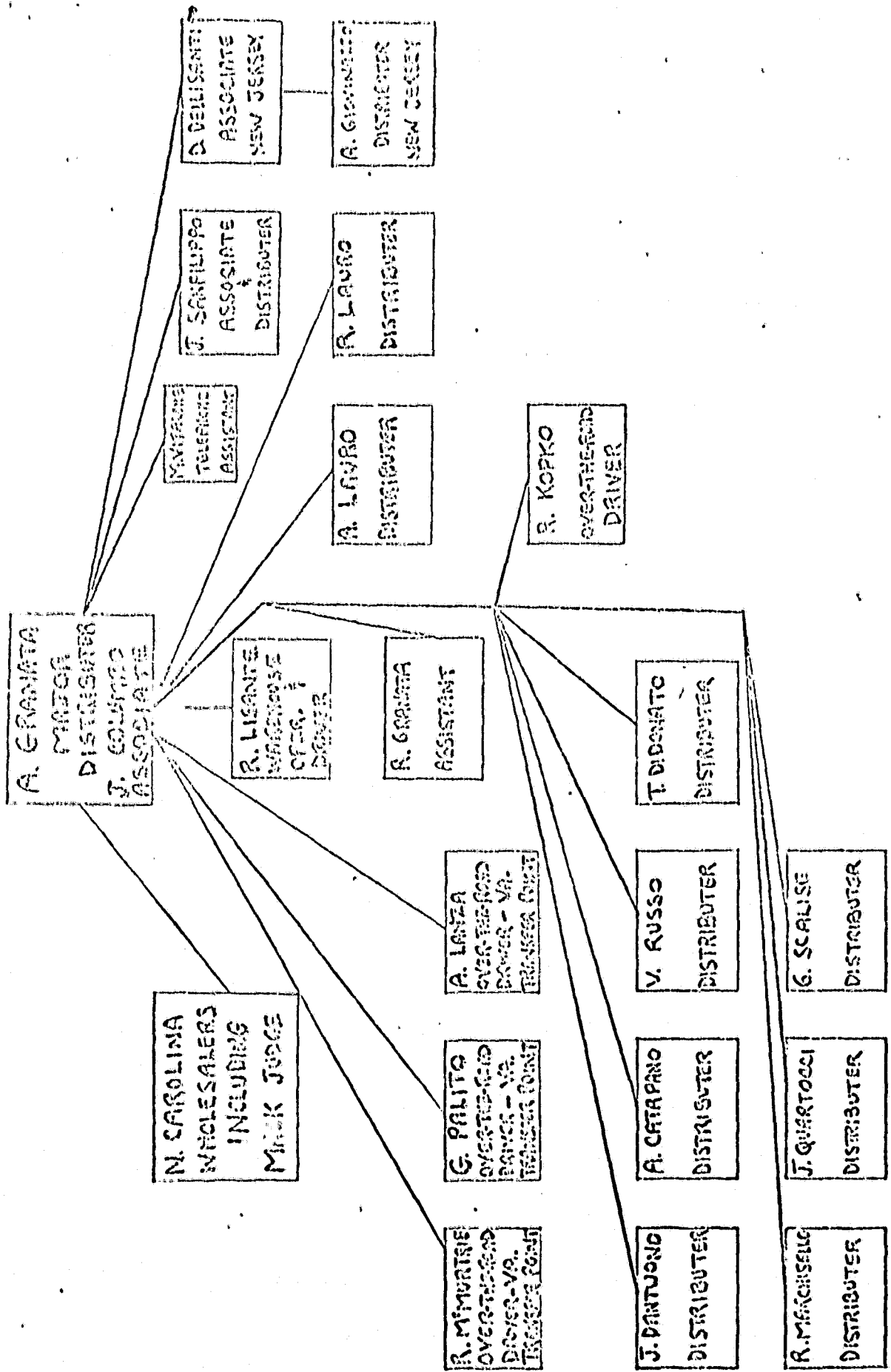
action of this unit, and other enforcement agencies and continued joint interstate efforts. The technical equipment purchased with grant funds will continue to be used for investigation of cigarette smuggling operations. Several pieces of technical equipment have been made available for use by other units within this bureau who have need of them in their pursuits.

In conclusion, it is the opinion of the undersigned that this program has had a definite impact and has been a success.

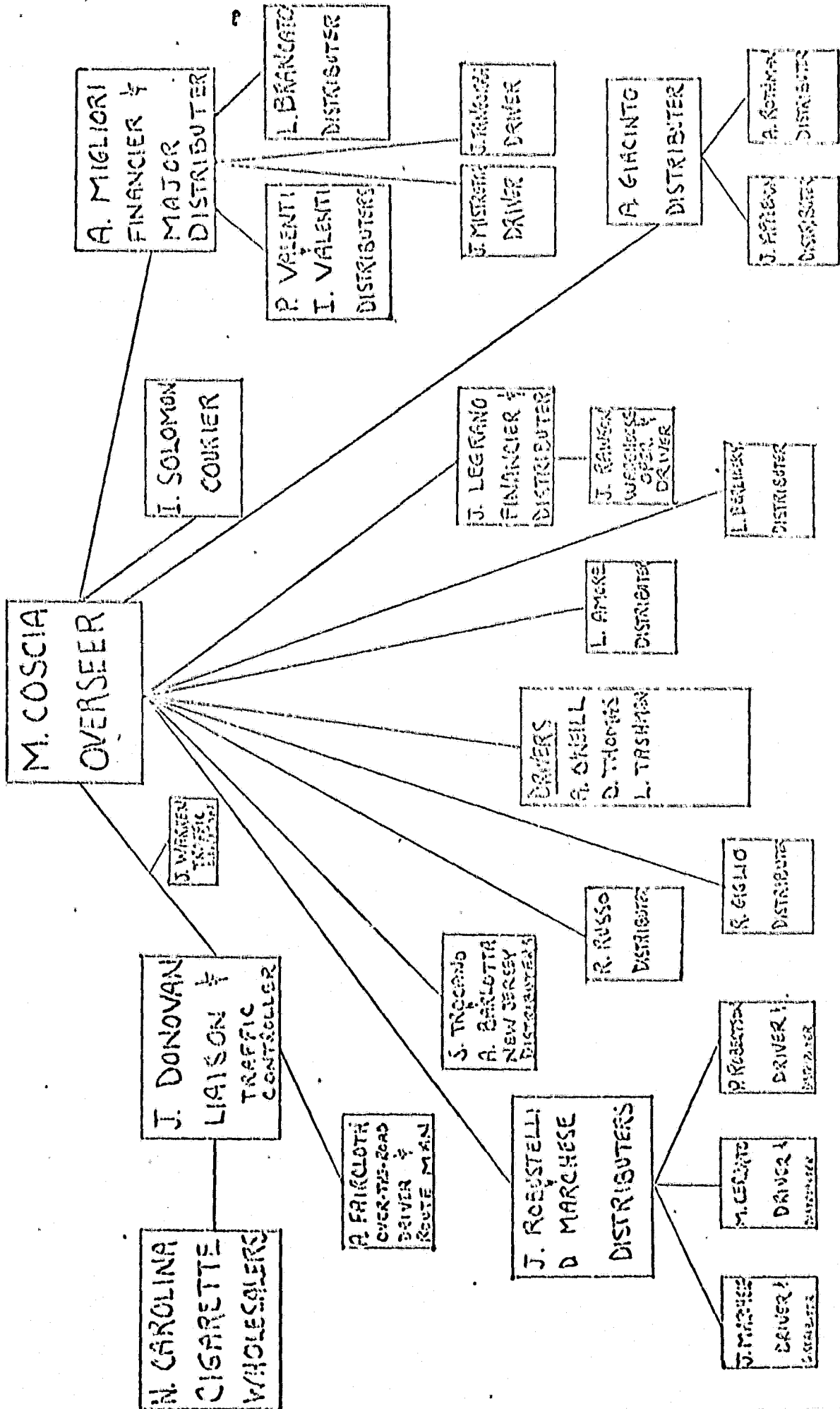


Robert G. Noonan
Lieutenant

CIGARETTE SMUGGLING OPERATION



CIGARETTE SMUGGLING OPERATION - MAJOR CASE NO. 001



SCHEDULE I

June, 16, 1975

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT MAINTAINED BY CIGARETTE TAX ENFORCEMENT UNIT UNDER FEDERAL GRANT C# 64968

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION & MODEL NO.</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
2	WACKENHUT	#654 Comb. 173, 744 Comb. #176
1	EPC CODER	#469
5	IPC CODER	#1024 thur 1030
4	SONY TC 55 RECORDER	#63138 thur 63141
4	PIEZO MICROPHONE DX 133B	
2	POLARIOD CAMERA # 450	#DX289916, -DX289951
1	CRAIG RECORDER 2605	#16318255
1	CRAIG ADAPTER 9215	
1	CRAIG RECORDER 2623	#33207754
1	TANDBERG RECORDER 1421	
1	TANDBERG MICROPHONE 3851 (RHEEM)	
2	POLARIOD FLASH UNIT	
4	NIKON BINOCULARS 7X21	#585850, 593385, 595098, 595238
3	NIKON CAMERA	#7340082, 7351751, 7352918
1	NIKKOR LENS 55MM	#235937
2	NIKKOR LENS 200MM	#512959, 508702
2	SOLIGOR LENS & CASE 400MM	#17102079, 17102034
1	STROBONAR 770 FLASH UNIT & CASE & ACC.	
3	BUSHNELL BINOCULAR 7x35	#J1816, J1828, J1840
1	BUSHNELL TELESCOPE	#7665
1	TELESCOPE TRIPOD	
4	CRAIG RECORDER 2623	#33208313, 33207433, 33208144, 34433587
1	STROBONAR VARIABLE RANGE FILTER	
1	STROBONAR LENS FILTER KIT	

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION & MODEL NO.</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
6	SWIFT BINOCULAR & CASE 7x50 (2 ZOOM 6-12x)	#1-731629, 1-731601, 1-731545, 1-7317 (#308709, 308733)
2	KALI - COPIER (QUANTITY 2)	
1	UHER RECORDER & MICROPHONE	#143762
1	CAMERA TRIPOD	
3	TELEPHONE COILS (QUANTITY 3)	
3	SONY AC ADAPTER & BATTERY PACK	
1	UHER POWER UNIT & BATTERY CHARGER	
9	MINI MICROPHONES	
1	NAGARA RECORDER & MICROPHONE and Head Set & Holster and STRAP & SEM MICROPHONE PLUG & SHB ACC. PLUG	12133 & SAR1316B & 118385
1	SONY RECEIVER 1CF 5500w	
1	BODY TRANSMITTER BT6000	
6	BELL & HOWELL VOICE PAGER	13347 thru 13352
6	BELL & HOWELL BATTERY CHARGES	325A thru 330A
1	BELL & HOWELL T12 FM TRANSMITTER	653
2	BELL & HOWELL T2N TRANSMITTER	2625, 2626
4	AUTO CLIP ON ANTENNA	
1	SONY VIDEO ROUER 11 AV3400	
1	SONY PORTABLE MONITOR CVM 112-11 INCH	
1	SONY PORTABLE MONITOR CVM 194-18 INCH	
1	SONY 1/2" TAPE VIDEORECORDER AV3650	
1	SONY 1/2" TAPE VIDEORECORDER AV3600	
1	RADIO FREQUENCY ADAPTER	
1	TRIPOD VCT-20A	
1	ADAPTER NIKON MT. TOC MT.	
1	NAGRA REC. & SEA ACCESS. PLUG & SEM MIC. PLUG.	S18994 & SAR1799B

SERIAL NO.

ITEM DESCRIPTION & MODEL NO.

QUANTITY

1	ZOOMAR N1. VISION SCOPE MODEL #183	
1	LENS 500mm F/5.6	
1	RELAY LENS FOR NIKON CAMERA	
1	NIKON LENS MOUNT TO "C" MOUNT (ZOOMAR)	
1	CISCO ADAPTER	
1	CIN ADAPTER	
2	NIN ADAPTER	
1	PISTOL GRIP HANDLE W/LEATHER STRAP	
1	HEAVY DUTY TRIPOD CRADLE HEAD	
2	NIKON ILLUMINATOR	

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION & MODEL NO.</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
12	RADIO (U-9430 thru U-9441)	M28J7U, M29J0U, M28J6U, M28J3U, M28J2U, M28J1U, M29J1U, M28J4U, M29J2U, M28J9U, M28J5U, M28J8U

POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT USED BY CIGARETTE TAX ENFORCEMENT UNIT

7	RADIO (U-9097, 9098, 9099, 9101, 9102 RADIO (U-9104 & U9106)	M06J5G, M02J1J, M03J4J, M09J66, M38J9E, M08J4C, M07J1G
1	BATTERY & RADIOPHONE CHARGER	OCCB# 32
1	AUTO RADIO CHARGER	DVC97 (AUTO 7033)
1	AUTO RADIO MOTOROLA	CT#2 (AUTO 7029)
1	AUTO RADIO CHARGER	DVC 165 (AUTO 7028)
1	AUTO RADIO CHARGER	DVC54 (AUTO 7027)
1	MOTOROLA CONSOLE	Z2440S (AUTO 7027)
1	MOTOROLA CONSOLE	CTI 10# C703 (AUTO 7027)

FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1974 AND 10 MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR
 ENDED MAY 31, 1974

COLLECTIONS		COLLECTIONS	
MAY 1974	MAY 1973	MAY 31, 1974	MAY 31, 1973
\$ 29,576,214.10	\$ 27,873,830.72	\$ 60,537,099.40	\$ 57,779,449.63

+ 6.47%

Percentage of Increase Over Previous Year.

STAMPS & METERS		TAX	
MAY 1974	MAY 1973	MAY 31, 1974	MAY 31, 1973
15,911 cr.	6,329 cr.	1,909,32 cr.	1,909,32 cr.

STAMPS & METERS		TAX	
MAY 1974	MAY 1973	MAY 31, 1974	MAY 31, 1973
10,000	200	825.00	725.00
151,139	110,040	115,955.45	99,898.50
596,100	458,583	191,550.00	162,627.45
773,150	562,494	306,421.53	282,531.47

PERCENT	MAY 1974	MAY 1973	MAY 1974	MAY 1973
12 Cent	15,911 cr.	6,329 cr.	1,909,32 cr.	1,909,32 cr.
15 Cent	10,000	200	825.00	725.00
15 Cent*	151,139	110,040	115,955.45	99,898.50
15 Cent*	596,100	458,583	191,550.00	162,627.45
TOTAL	773,150	562,494	306,421.53	282,531.47

PERCENT	MAY 1974	MAY 1973	MAY 1974	MAY 1973
12 Cent	133,244,239	123,233,820	39,946,363.35	37,571,185.50
15 Cent	67,623,150	69,658,680	20,904,697.50	20,797,187.00
15 Cent*	200,267,389	192,892,500	60,851,060.85	58,365,352.50

PERCENT	MAY 1974	MAY 1973	MAY 1974	MAY 1973
12 Cent	611	35,665	3,335.68	5,621.52
15 Cent	174,544	53,287	89,565.00	20,000.05
15 Cent*	175,155	89,552	93,700.68	25,641.57

PERCENT	MAY 1974	MAY 1973	MAY 1974	MAY 1973
TOTAL SALES	201,815,694	193,544,546	61,250,883.06	58,656,970.04
ISSUE	312,467.79	300,097.74	636,089.23	610,061.56

*Represents Joint New York State and New York City Stamps and Meters. Cr. represents refunds.

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STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE - MISCELLANEOUS TAX ERRATA
CIGARETTE TAX ERRATA
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1974 AND 1973 AND THREE MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1974 AND 1973

COLLECTIONS

MISCELLANEOUS TAX ERRATA

	JUNE 1974	JUNE 1973	JUNE 30, 1974	JUNE 30, 1973
***	\$ 26,403,455.91	\$ 27,848,021.95**	\$ 86,940,553.31	\$ 85,127,462.50

Percentage of Decrease and Increase Under and Over previous Year. -5.19% +2.13%

	STAMPS & METERS		TAX		TAX	
	JUNE 1974	JUNE 1973	JUNE 1974	JUNE 1973	JUNE 30, 1974	JUNE 30, 1973

12 Cent*	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,909.32 cr.	\$ 759.48 cr.
12 Cent*	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 1/2 Cent	3,000	-	225.00	-	1,050.00	765.00
15 Cent	357,318	249,011	53,597.70	37,351.60	169,593.55	137,250.10
15 Cent*	554,700	517,982	83,205.00	77,697.30	274,755.00	240,324.75
	915,018	766,993	137,027.70	115,048.90	443,449.23	377,580.37

METERS

12 Cent	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12 Cent*	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Cent	120,480,920	120,849,960	18,072,138.00	18,127,494.00	58,018,501.35	55,696,679.50
15 Cent*	58,522,530	69,224,260	8,776,379.50	10,383,642.00	29,683,077.00	31,180,809.00
	179,003,450	190,074,240	26,850,517.50	28,511,136.00	87,701,578.35	86,877,488.50

FLOOR TAX

	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 454.50
	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 Cent	5,773	17,328	692.76	2,079.36	4,528.44	7,700.88
15 Cent	113,892	1,228,271	17,094.85	184,240.65	106,649.85	204,260.70
	119,672	1,245,599	17,777.61	186,320.01	111,178.29	211,961.58

TOTAL SALES	180,038,140	192,086,832	\$ 27,005,322.61	\$ 28,812,504.91	\$ 88,256,205.87	\$ 87,469,484.95
CONTRIBUTION:	\$ 275,872.09	\$ 292,584.15	\$ 911,961.32	\$ 902,645.71		

RECEIVED
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DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

* Represents Joint New York State and New York City Stamps and Meters. Cr. represents refund.
** May 1974 total of stamps and meters was reported as 201,815,694, should have been 201,763,872.
*** Collections for June 1974 and cumulative reduced by \$ 135.00 overstatement May 1974.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE - MISCELLANEOUS TAX BUREAU
 FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1974 AND 1973 AND FOUR MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR
 JULY 1974 AND 1973

INDIVIDUALS
FOUR MONTHS OF FISCAL YEAR ENDED

JULY 31, 1974	JULY 31, 1973
\$ 117,359,547.55	\$ 114,350,554.50

COMPANIES
JULY 1974

JULY 1974	JULY 1973
\$ 30,448,992.24	\$ 29,223,102.22

+2.66%

+4.20%

percentage of increase over previous year.

STAMPS & METERS

JULY 1974	JULY 1973	TAX
-	-	\$ 1,909,320.00
-	-	-
12,000	75.00	1,125.00
389,706	638,550	228,009.45
560,717	711,700	373,862.55
1,051,423	1,350,250	601,087.68
		\$ 759,120.00

TAX

JULY 1974	JULY 1973
\$ -	\$ -
-	-
58,455.90	95,782.50
99,107.55	106,755.00
157,638.45	202,537.50
\$ -	\$ -
-	-
21,156,904.50	20,177,403.60
10,010,127.00	9,330,150.00
31,167,531.50	29,507,553.60
\$ -	\$ 39.36

STAMPS & METERS

JULY 1974	JULY 1973	TAX
-	-	\$ -
-	-	-
141,046,030	134,516,024	79,175,405.65
66,735,160	62,201,000	39,595,504.00
207,782,210	196,717,024	118,668,909.65
		\$ 116,387,042.10

CORPORATE TAX

JULY 1974	JULY 1973
\$ -	\$ -
30,601	19,120
235,037	139,214
265,638	158,334
\$ 0,200.56	\$ 225,147.28
	\$ 235,142.51

TOTAL SALES

JULY 1974	JULY 1973
\$ 3,672.12	\$ 2,294.40
32,255.25	20,236.55
36,927.67	23,100.95
\$ 31,363,697.62	\$ 29,763,311.59

COMMISSION

JULY 1974	JULY 1973
\$ 514,690.65	\$ 300,777.75
\$ 1,226,651.97	\$ 1,203,423.46

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 REPRESENTS JOINT NEW YORK STATE AND NEW YORK CITY STAMPS AND METERS, CO. REPRESENTS REFUNDS

STATE OF NEW YORK
 DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE
 MISCELLANEOUS TAX BUREAU
 OPERATIVE TAX RECEIPTS
 FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1974 AND 1973

COLLECTIONS
 APRIL 30, 1974 APRIL 30, 1973
 \$ 30,550,555.50 \$ 29,407,809.91

Percentage of Increase over previous year.

4.57%

	STAMPS AND METERS		TAX
	APRIL 1974	APRIL 1973	
<u>STAMPS</u>			
12 Cent	-	-	\$ -
12 Cent*	-	-	\$ -
7½ Cent	1,000	10,000	75.00
15 Cent	621,500	555,950	83,392.50
15 Cent*	650,900	625,600	93,810.00
	<u>1,303,800</u>	<u>1,191,550</u>	\$ 177,982.50
<u>METERS</u>			
12 Cent	-	-	\$ -
12 Cent*	-	-	\$ -
15 Cent	193,064,850	127,210,750	19,959,727.50
15 Cent*	71,711,500	66,059,100	10,761,225.00
	<u>204,806,350</u>	<u>196,229,850</u>	\$ 30,720,952.50
			\$ 454.50
<u>PIECE TAX</u>			
12 Cent	31,353	11,181	3,762.26
15 Cent	122,526	79,580	63,383.10
	<u>153,909</u>	<u>90,761</u>	\$ 67,145.36
<u>TOTAL SALES</u>	206,564,059	197,503,161	\$ 30,983,593.26
		COMMISSION	\$ 4,523,621.44
			\$ 309,963.82

* Represents Joint New York State and New York City Stamps and Meters.

APR 30 1974
 DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE
 MISCELLANEOUS TAX BUREAU

COLLECTIONS

AUGUST 1974 \$ 27,743,345.46
 AUGUST 1973 \$ 30,894,340.01

Percentage of Decrease and Increase Under and Over Previous Year - 1973

STAMPS & METERS TAX

	AUGUST 1974	AUGUST 1973	AUGUST 1974	AUGUST 1973
12 Cent	-	-	\$ -	-
7 1/2 Cent*	10,000	-	-	-
5 Cent	152,746	121,227cr	27,561.90	18,184.05cr
15 Cent*	505,079	380,531	75,461.85	57,079.65
	696,825	299,204	\$ 103,773.75	\$ 38,895.60

POSTAGE

12 Cent	-	-	\$ -	-
12 Cent*	-	-	-	-
15 Cent	131,552,164	130,608,080	19,747,824.60	19,591,212.00
15 Cent*	65,082,320	71,054,120	9,763,398.00	10,658,118.00
	196,741,484	201,662,200	\$ 29,511,222.60	\$ 30,249,330.00

FLOOR TAX

12 Cent	3,010	37,425	\$ 361.20	4,492.20
15 Cent	349,027	121,676	52,354.05	18,251.40
	352,037	159,111	\$ 52,715.25	\$ 22,743.60

TOTAL SALES 197,790,346 202,080,615 \$ 29,667,711.60 \$ 30,310,969.20
 COMMISSION: \$ 296,639.43 \$ 303,913.83

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Department of Finance & Finance
 AUGUST 31, 1974
 1974

COLLECTIONS
 AUGUST 31, 1974 \$ 147,022,592.01
 AUGUST 31, 1973 \$ 145,335,100.01
 +1.0%

TAX
 AUGUST 31, 1974 \$ 1,909,320cr \$ 759,480cr
 1,875.00 765.00
 255,571.35 214,848.55
 149,324.40 101,159.40
 704,861.43 \$ 619,013.47

POSTAGE
 AUGUST 31, 1974 \$ - \$ -
 96,923,230.45 96,209,045.10
 19,456,902.00 50,127,887.00
 148,380,132.45 \$ 146,636,572.10

FLOOR TAX
 \$ - \$ 495.86
 \$ 8,561.76 \$ 14,487.48
 197,259.45 213,398.63
 202,821.21 \$ 257,888.11
 \$ 149,287,815.09 \$ 147,513,765.54
 \$ 1,523,491.40 \$ 1,507,337.29

DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE - MISCELLANEOUS TAX
 CIGARETTE TAX RECEIPTS
 FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1974 AND 1973 AND SIX MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR
 ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1974 AND 1973

RECEIVED
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 MISCELLANEOUS TAX
 DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
 AND FINANCE
 B. N. Y.

COLLECTIONS

COLLECTIONS

SIX MONTHS OF FISCAL YEAR ENDED

<u>SEPTEMBER 1974</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 1973</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 30, 1974</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 30, 1973</u>
\$27,983,398.16	\$25,442,137.48	\$ 174,796,291.17	\$ 170,747,246.29

Percentage of Increase over previous year. +9.99% +2.37%

	<u>STAMPS & METERS</u>		<u>TAX</u>		<u>TAX</u>	
	<u>SEPT. 1974</u>	<u>SEPT. 1973</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 1974</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 1973</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 30, 1974</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 30, 1973</u>
<u>STAMPS</u>						
12 Cent	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,909.32 cr.	\$ 759.48 cr.
12 Cent*	-	-	-	-	-	-
07½ Cent	-	10,000	-	750.00	1,875.00	1,515.00
15 Cent	186,012cr.	202,297	27,901,80 cr.	30,344.55	227,669.55	245,193.10
15 Cent*	529.801	399,767	79,470.15	59,955.05	528,794.55	464,124.45
<u>Meters</u>	343,789	612,064	\$ 51,568.35	\$ 91,059.60	\$ 756,429.78	\$ 710,073.07
12 Cent	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12 Cent*	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Cent	120,805,104	111,802,890	18,120,765.60	16,770,433.50	117,043,996.05	112,979,478.60
15 Cent*	61,267,965	52,797,800	9,190,194.75	7,919,670.00	58,647,096.75	58,346,997.00
	182,073,069	164,600,690	\$27,310,960.35	\$24,690,103.50	\$ 175,691,092.80	\$ 171,326,475.60
<u>Excise Tax</u>	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 493.86
<u>Package Sales</u>						
12 Cent	-	2,535	\$ -	\$ 304.20	\$ 8,561.76	\$ 14,791.68
15 Cent	-	73,506	-	11,025.90	194,259.45	254,424.53
	-	76,041	\$ -	\$ 11,330.10	\$ 202,821.21	\$ 269,216.21
<u>Total Sales</u>	182,416,858	165,268,795	\$27,352,528.70	\$24,792,493.20	\$ 176,650,343.79	\$ 172,306,258.74
<u>COMMISSION</u>			\$ 272,124.44	\$ 246,943.67	\$ 1,795,615.84	\$ 1,774,444.44

* Represents Joint New York State and New York City Stamps and Meters. Cr. represents refunds.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
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 CIGARETTE TAX UNIT

STATE CIGARETTE TAXES AND TAX-PAID VOLUME - APRIL 1973

Compiled by the Tobacco Tax Council, Richmond, Virginia

State and Rate per 100 Cigs.	Gross amount of taxes (\$)	Packages taxed during April			Packages taxed during July		
		1973 (add 000)	1972 (add 000)	Percent change	1973 (add 000)	1972 (add 000)	Percent change
Ala. (10)	\$ 4,135,942	34,466	29,842	+ 15.5	317,442	286,275	+ 10.9
Alaska (8)	249,321	3,113	2,437	+ 24.7	35,499	37,775	- 6.1
Ariz. (10)	2,310,228	21,165	22,169	- 7.7	232,613	201,775	+ 15.3
Ark. (11.75)	2,701,415	18,055	16,550	+ 7.9	182,625	171,225	+ 6.4
Calif. (10)	22,115,379	231,782	211,683	+ 6.5	2,355,691	2,205,225	+ 6.8
Colo. (10)	2,184,131	22,942	20,326	+ 13.5	206,308	187,550	+ 10.0
Conn. (7)	5,680,383	26,588	26,380	+ 2.7	194,714	277,212	- 30.3
Del. (10)	311,070	4,793	7,629	- 34.1	68,480	69,900	- 1.7
D. C. (7)	731,126	13,038	11,162	+ 17.0	118,195	121,000	- 2.3
Fla. (17)	13,704,379	92,379	64,932	+ 8.8	867,656	788,275	+ 9.7
Ill. (12)	5,685,352	47,385	44,423	+ 6.5	444,699	427,325	+ 3.8
Indiana (10)	562,433	5,624	5,961	- 5.7	61,712	51,362	+ 18.4
Iowa (12.1)	601,832	2,312	7,110	+ 23.9	69,335	74,117	- 6.5
Kent. (12)	13,378,136	123,474	108,179	+ 14.1	1,297,736	1,148,225	+ 12.9
La. (10)	4,351,333	79,453	73,382	+ 4.0	793,652	671,225	+ 16.8
Mo. (10)	3,579,176	37,332	28,731	+ 12.2	278,534	232,112	+ 19.6
Mich. (10)	2,607,399	34,246	19,403	+ 25.9	233,215	313,225	- 25.6
Minn. (11)	1,615,115	33,541	29,575	+ 8.6	575,338	538,225	+ 6.9
Miss. (11)	4,603,153	41,347	37,519	+ 11.2	403,377	315,225	+ 28.3
Mont. (10)	1,475,275	10,543	19,038	- 4.5	119,920	120,225	- 0.2
Neb. (6)	2,934,660	49,311	45,767	+ 7.7	487,169	452,225	+ 7.7
Nevada (10)	9,845,328	62,160	56,367	+ 9.3	593,118	575,225	+ 3.1
N.H. (11)	11,263,519	102,412	55,201	+ 4.3	1,040,856	1,000,225	+ 4.0
N.J. (10)	6,033,722	32,127	32,325	- 3.5	355,855	313,225	+ 13.3
N.M. (11)	2,432,695	22,624	20,729	+ 6.5	219,617	212,225	+ 3.6
N.Y. (9)	5,876,639	26,487	47,161	+ 10.6	532,819	529,225	+ 0.7
Pa. (12)	957,558	7,969	5,314	+ 50.2	72,724	62,225	+ 16.4
R.I. (10)	1,288,305	14,519	12,321	+ 23.3	141,641	122,225	+ 15.9
Rock. (10)	921,643	9,386	6,520	+ 7.3	92,051	85,225	+ 7.9
S. C. (11)	1,895,193	16,236	16,466	+ 5.2	176,922	179,225	- 1.3
S. D. (10)	14,773,559	77,357	68,795	+ 13.0	742,551	724,225	+ 2.5
Tenn. (12)	1,117,559	9,300	8,136	+ 15.1	61,178	51,225	+ 19.4
Tex. (10)	30,834,503	265,564	197,587	+ 3.6	1,830,585	1,781,225	+ 2.8
Va. (10)	1,957,216	50,861	27,986	+ 11.3	992,827	942,225	+ 5.4
W. Va. (11)	305,618	4,565	3,953	+ 17.1	50,607	42,225	+ 20.1
Wash. (15)	16,889,353	112,538	105,559	+ 6.6	1,087,965	1,121,225	- 2.1
Wisc. (13)	4,012,283	50,903	22,227	+ 11.1	205,583	187,225	+ 10.3
Wyo. (9)	2,417,531	27,186	27,376	- 1.4	236,612	224,225	+ 5.5
Wash. D.C. (10)	20,448,647	113,629	102,613	+ 7.6	1,122,991	1,021,225	+ 9.8
W. Va. (13)	1,478,965	11,527	16,729	+ 5.4	116,669	112,225	+ 3.9
W. Va. (10)	1,873,653	31,794	27,735	+ 12.5	291,737	277,225	+ 5.2
W. Va. (12)	758,136	6,126	5,353	+ 10.3	61,531	51,225	+ 19.9
W. Va. (13)	5,611,379	45,163	31,678	+ 13.4	392,586	301,225	+ 29.9
Wash. (16.5)	21,152,399	121,352	116,238	+ 9.2	1,313,637	1,368,225	- 4.0
Wash. (10)	515,311	6,826	6,368	+ 9.1	71,597	63,225	+ 13.2
Wash. (12)	526,356	1,349	1,646	- 0.4	50,969	50,225	+ 1.5
Wash. (15)	1,512,532	69,194	55,639	+ 0.6	596,537	571,225	+ 4.4
Wash. (16)	4,563,257	24,662	25,747	+ 11.3	381,625	356,225	+ 7.1
W. Va. (11)	2,058,323	16,989	16,666	+ 2.3	178,636	171,225	+ 4.4
W. Va. (10)	6,634,263	40,396	39,233	+ 2.7	425,213	391,225	+ 8.7
W. Va. (10)	374,436	4,631	4,521	+ 3.5	42,698	40,225	+ 6.1
Total	\$279,465,663	2,301,165	2,141,564	+ 7.5	22,969,536	22,593,225	+ 1.7

No. of states showing increase in volume from April 1972 45
 No. of states showing decrease in volume from April 1972 8
 July 1972 thru April 1973 51

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STATE CIGARET TAXES AND TAX PAID VOLUME - MAY 1974

Compiled by the Tobacco Tax Council, Richmond, Virginia

State and rate per package	Gross amount of taxes (a)	Packages taxed during May			Percentage change	
		1974 (add 000)	1973 (add 000)	Percent change	1974 (add 000)	1973 (add 000)
Ala. (27)	\$ 4,312,087	35,161	35,456	+ 5.0	352,315	279,711
Alaska (8)	320,981	4,012	5,487	+ 15.1	59,531	57,371
Ariz. (30)	2,591,653	25,917	20,685	+ 23.5	262,759	212,219
Ark. (17.75)	3,550,660	20,000	17,510	+ 14.0	262,000	175,510
Calif. (10)	24,635,919	246,359	228,098	+ 8.0	2,462,455	2,280,998
Colo. (19)	3,229,324	32,293	28,025	+ 15.0	302,599	280,250
Conn. (21)	6,906,170	33,172	30,920	+ 7.3	317,316	297,057
Del. (14)	1,280,380	9,146	7,567	+ 20.9	77,626	76,360
D. C. (6)	613,128	10,915	15,095	+ 27.7	126,119	145,719
Fla. (17)	16,353,615	96,216	85,776	+ 12.2	963,866	850,669
Ga. (12)	5,990,267	49,919	48,332	+ 3.5	491,699	475,957
Hawaii (10)	661,957	6,620	5,980	+ 11.3	62,512	55,531
Idaho (9.1)	796,159	8,769	9,784	+ 10.3	87,699	79,714
Ill. (12)	15,893,706	155,096	127,676	+ 21.5	1,562,812	1,276,432
Iowa (6)	4,585,337	75,413	73,263	+ 3.6	752,615	732,263
Kent. (15)	4,649,389	51,149	27,778	+ 19.1	502,705	277,778
Kans. (11)	2,779,843	25,271	22,711	+ 11.5	268,355	227,111
La. (3)	2,138,785	71,293	64,286	+ 10.9	642,671	642,286
Main. (11)	5,115,976	46,536	44,484	+ 4.6	442,915	442,484
Mass. (14)	1,962,938	14,071	12,567	+ 11.6	135,942	125,567
Mich. (6)	3,328,080	53,468	51,080	+ 8.6	532,687	509,080
Miss. (16)	10,342,544	61,641	64,494	+ 0.2	602,759	602,494
Miss. (11)	11,340,824	103,698	93,340	+ 4.8	1,036,698	1,036,340
Mont. (18)	6,693,897	37,129	36,027	+ 3.1	362,095	359,027
Nebr. (11)	2,916,609	26,535	24,545	+ 8.0	266,122	245,545
Nev. (9)	5,343,388	13,372	61,550	- 3.5	892,101	372,550
N.H. (12)	741,297	6,162	5,182	+ 26.4	72,956	57,182
N.J. (13)	1,864,726	14,346	16,604	+ 10.4	158,046	146,604
N.M. (10)	942,255	9,500	9,475	+ 0.3	101,500	101,475
N. C. (11)	2,061,866	18,746	18,456	+ 1.6	195,626	195,456
N. D. (19)	15,003,113	78,964	82,850	- 4.7	821,519	821,850
N. H. (12)	1,210,500	10,140	9,210	+ 10.1	102,310	92,210
N. Y. (15)	36,267,290	201,779	193,511	+ 4.3	2,017,614	1,935,511
N. C. (2)	2,085,585	104,379	105,377	- 0.9	1,000,379	1,005,377
N. D. (11)	917,586	8,614	7,134	+ 19.9	68,614	57,134
Ohio (15)	17,504,241	115,362	113,974	+ 1.3	1,152,362	1,139,974
Ore. (13)	4,277,169	32,991	23,968	+ 13.3	318,991	239,968
Ore. (9)	2,625,615	71,374	39,749	+ 2.0	318,374	39,749
Penn. (18)	23,403,763	124,405	121,431	+ 2.5	1,242,405	1,214,431
R. I. (13)	1,728,747	15,296	12,649	+ 5.1	129,958	126,649
S. C. (6)	1,927,411	52,124	30,267	+ 6.1	325,311	302,267
S. D. (12)	813,520	6,779	6,759	+ 0.3	68,779	67,759
Tenn. (13)	5,605,999	45,125	41,467	+ 3.9	446,625	414,667
Texas (16.5)	23,486,355	126,706	110,038	+ 10.9	1,250,706	1,100,038
Utah (8)	699,266	8,638	7,798	+ 10.6	86,138	77,798
Vt. (12)	904,440	7,537	5,545	+ 25.9	68,537	55,545
Va. (2.5)	1,639,761	65,580	69,676	+ 6.0	652,157	615,676
Wash. (16)	5,008,534	51,362	29,764	+ 5.2	312,362	297,764
W. Va. (12)	2,242,587	18,686	18,818	- 0.7	192,186	188,818
Wisc. (16)	7,126,770	44,627	39,928	+ 11.3	462,816	399,928
Wyo. (8)	346,732	4,334	3,684	+ 17.6	47,332	40,684
Total	\$301,196,639	2,595,756	2,361,744	+ 6.1	24,976,237	23,621,172

No. of states showing increase in volume from May 1973 43 July 1972 thru May 1973 43
 No. of states showing decrease in volume from May 1973 8 July 1972 thru May 1973 8

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STATE CIGARET TAXES AND TAX-PAID VOLUME - JUNE 1974

Compiled by the Tobacco Tax Council, Richmond, Virginia

State and rate per package	Gross amount of taxes (\$)	Packages taxed during June			Packages taxed July - June		
		1974 (add 000)	1973 (add 000)	Percent change	1973-74 (add 000)	1972-73 (add 000)	Percent change
Ala. (12)	\$ 3,650,115	30,318	31,364	- 3.3	382,661	361,075	+ 5.9
Alaska (8)	290,421	3,630	3,457	+ 5.0	43,141	40,973	+ 5.3
Ariz. (10)	2,514,092	25,141	22,351	+ 12.5	273,871	260,633	+ 4.7
Ark. (17.75)	3,655,200	20,480	18,530	+ 10.5	223,605	213,470	+ 4.7
Calif. (10)	21,083,522	210,833	223,830	- 5.8	2,613,380	2,515,571	+ 3.9
Colo. (10)	2,504,326	25,043	20,383	+ 14.8	323,641	233,233	+ 38.8
Conn. (31)	5,946,462	28,316	28,822	- 1.8	345,632	556,158	- 37.7
Del. (14)	1,337,077	9,551	10,543	- 9.4	87,177	87,405	- 0.3
D. C. (6)	609,352	10,181	12,764	- 20.2	156,291	156,531	- 0.2
Fla. (17)	13,611,977	80,070	81,475	- 1.7	1,043,936	992,541	+ 5.5
Guam (12)	11,749,650	97,914	89,544	+ 9.3	591,925	665,507	- 10.8
Hawaii (10)	800,000	7,000	8,113	- 13.1	91,207	91,000	+ 0.2
Ill. (10)	698,830	7,680	6,569	+ 6.2	96,749	90,341	+ 7.1
Ind. (12)	14,432,941	119,526	122,630	- 2.5	2,482,538	1,299,172	+ 48.6
Iowa (6)	4,162,343	69,223	72,592	- 4.4	848,626	825,581	+ 2.8
Kans. (13)	3,545,118	27,270	29,092	- 6.3	357,023	316,271	+ 13.1
Kent. (11)	2,366,100	21,510	25,307	- 15.0	270,316	280,413	- 3.6
Ky. (5)	1,664,124	62,139	64,794	- 4.1	709,790	660,125	+ 7.5
La. (11)	4,405,617	40,651	41,570	- 3.7	483,964	271,456	+ 76.8
Mo. (14)	1,700,118	12,146	13,494	- 10.0	146,085	142,529	+ 2.5
Md. (6)	2,793,240	46,553	48,741	- 4.5	589,191	550,075	+ 7.1
Mass. (16)	9,534,427	59,590	62,459	- 4.6	722,340	709,190	+ 1.8
Mich. (11)	12,270,352	111,539	108,059	+ 3.2	1,285,585	1,213,591	+ 5.6
Minn. (18)	6,869,830	38,135	36,595	+ 4.6	431,129	605,821	- 29.1
Miss. (12)	2,316,216	21,057	23,753	- 11.4	267,189	209,511	+ 27.5
Mo. (9)	4,679,292	51,693	55,570	- 6.4	644,173	627,534	+ 2.7
Mont. (12)	1,080,577	9,005	9,377	- 3.3	87,911	93,119	- 5.6
Nebr. (13)	1,675,170	14,374	14,245	+ 1.5	170,409	160,351	+ 6.3
Nev. (10)	1,050,496	10,676	9,370	+ 13.9	112,177	100,226	+ 11.8
N. H. (11)	2,037,666	18,974	21,430	- 11.5	234,660	213,167	+ 9.6
N. J. (19)	13,656,513	71,770	78,467	- 8.5	893,205	666,635	+ 34.0
N. H. (12)	1,157,160	9,638	9,120	+ 5.6	116,915	130,250	- 10.2
N. Y. (15)	27,068,323	180,637	152,067	+ 6.3	2,221,731	2,177,372	+ 2.0
N. C. (7)	1,967,053	98,352	110,533	- 11.0	1,198,656	1,151,578	+ 4.1
N. D. (11)	677,870	5,705	6,766	- 14.9	70,728	66,000	+ 7.2
Ohio (15)	16,682,811	107,219	115,660	- 6.8	1,306,515	1,200,527	+ 8.0
Okla. (15)	3,774,875	29,657	29,368	+ 1.2	347,527	320,825	+ 8.3
Ore. (9)	2,525,139	28,613	29,463	- 2.9	346,650	156,855	+ 121.7
Penn. (13)	20,132,424	111,548	115,811	- 3.4	1,559,237	1,279,371	+ 21.8
R. I. (15)	1,587,365	12,212	12,255	- 0.3	142,170	157,483	- 9.7
S. C. (6)	1,778,218	29,587	29,887	- 1.0	555,460	354,411	+ 56.5
S. D. (13)	704,739	5,873	6,503	- 9.7	74,260	76,319	- 2.7
Tenn. (15)	4,907,220	37,768	38,671	- 2.4	473,761	407,341	+ 16.3
Texas (18.5)	19,403,553	106,581	107,517	- 0.9	1,353,359	1,266,285	+ 7.2
Utah (9)	575,612	7,195	6,972	+ 3.2	87,426	61,687	+ 41.8
Vt. (12)	713,520	5,946	7,114	- 16.4	76,452	67,201	+ 13.8
Va. (2.5)	1,443,923	57,159	63,406	- 8.9	719,826	681,256	+ 5.7
Wash. (16)	4,128,685	28,804	28,799	+ 0.0	358,161	315,208	+ 13.8
W. Va. (12)	2,169,743	18,973	15,199	+ 18.9	215,175	207,633	+ 3.6
Wisc. (16)	6,844,226	42,929	45,711	- 6.1	510,765	493,618	+ 3.5
Wyo. (6)	358,251	4,228	4,823	- 12.3	51,460	48,975	+ 5.1
Total	\$276,802,494	2,225,997	2,377,760	- 3.9	27,263,774	26,282,252	+ 3.7

No. of states showing increase in volume from June 1973 12 July 1972 thru June 1973 30
 No. of states showing decrease in volume from June 1973 39 July 1972 thru June 1973 31

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STATE CIGARETTE TAXES AND TAX-PAID VOLUME - JULY 1974

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State and rate per pack	Gross amount of taxes (\$)	Packages taxed during July		
		1974 (add 000)	1973 (add 000)	% change
Ala. (12)	\$ 4,311,320	35,028	32,434	+ 10.6
Alaska (3)	326,976	4,087	3,679	+ 11.1
Ariz. (13.5)	2,474,425	15,813	23,626	- 33.1
Ark. (17.75)	3,839,325	21,650	18,930	+ 14.0
Calif. (10)	23,814,288	239,143	213,951	+ 11.7
Colo. (39)	3,417,250	34,173	29,827	+ 14.7
Conn. (24)	6,765,310	32,216	29,444	+ 10.8
Del. (10)	600,595	4,238	4,705	- 9.7
D. C. (5)	735,791	12,286	16,516	- 16.8
Fla. (17)	15,813,773	93,052	82,916	+ 12.2
Geo. (13)	2,575,444	21,445	21,401	+ 0.2
Hawaii (10)	643,778	6,458	6,069	+ 6.1
Idaho (9.1)	824,394	9,059	8,845	+ 2.4
Ill. (12)	16,563,026	126,267	126,015	+ 7.5
Ind. (9)	4,904,311	81,080	78,337	+ 3.8
Iowa (12)	4,149,265	31,813	30,723	+ 3.5
Kan. (12)	2,985,757	37,132	19,463	+ 47.9
Kent. (12)	1,765,761	56,659	67,565	- 16.8
Louis. (12)	4,805,171	43,683	39,253	+ 10.5
Maine (12)	2,468,016	15,425	13,297	+ 14.6
Md. (5)	3,417,720	56,962	54,739	+ 4.1
Mass. (19)	10,770,521	67,516	63,425	+ 6.1
Mich. (13)	11,251,597	102,285	109,422	- 6.5
Miss. (14)	7,202,639	39,947	55,953	+ 11.1
Miss. (11)	2,688,597	24,415	23,980	+ 1.8
Mo. (9)	5,478,235	60,514	56,111	+ 7.5
Mont. (13)	1,036,415	3,637	6,582	+ 31.2
Nebr. (7.5)	2,345,200	18,040	15,390	+ 17.2
Nev. (12)	1,022,691	10,299	9,654	+ 8.9
N. H. (11)	2,279,791	29,725	20,958	+ 3.7
N. J. (19)	16,759,391	55,207	79,165	+ 12.8
N. M. (12)	1,480,460	19,710	9,570	+ 31.9
N. Y. (15)	31,365,628	209,099	199,326	+ 5.4
N. C. (9)	2,535,528	116,776	107,775	+ 8.2
N. D. (11)	1,806,191	7,329	6,032	+ 21.4
Ohio (7.5)	17,861,795	119,079	111,255	+ 7.5
Okla. (13)	4,666,928	31,225	29,765	+ 5.2
Ore. (9)	2,767,332	39,755	31,659	+ 2.9
Penn. (15)	22,063,497	122,574	114,199	+ 7.8
R. I. (13)	1,774,597	15,651	11,600	+ 17.7
S. C. (6)	2,649,147	34,152	31,561	+ 8.2
S. D. (12)	644,283	7,669	7,048	+ 11.6
Tenn. (15)	6,014,060	46,262	42,650	+ 9.9
Texas (16.5)	23,171,014	125,513	113,437	+ 10.6
Utah (8)	638,952	7,987	6,470	+ 5.7
Vt. (22)	719,320	5,096	5,780	+ 3.6
Va. (2.5)	1,790,241	71,616	62,655	+ 14.3
Wash. (16)	5,036,974	31,481	29,771	+ 5.7
W. Va. (22)	2,278,562	18,978	19,645	- 3.4
Wisc. (20)	7,253,940	45,264	45,660	+ 3.7
Wyo. (8)	434,246	5,428	4,834	+ 12.3
Total:	\$501,623,578	2,482,390	2,314,244	+ 7.5

No. of states showing increase in volume from July 1973 44
 No. of states showing decrease in volume from July 1973 7
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* Cigaret tax rate increased from 10¢ per package to 13¢ per package effective 7/1/74.
 ** Cigaret tax rate increased from 14¢ per package to 16¢ per package effective 7/1/74.

STATE CIGARET TAXES AND TAX-PAID VOLUME - AUGUST 1974

Compiled by the Tobacco Tax Council, Richmond, Virginia

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State and rate per package	Gross value of cigarettes (add 000)	Packages taxed during August		Percent change	Packages taxed July - August		Change
		1974 (add 000)	1973 (add 000)		1974-75 (add 000)	1973-74 (add 000)	
Ala. (12)	\$ 4,174,756	34,739	34,359	+ 1.3	70,717	66,873	+ 3.8
Alaska (3)	332,426	4,155	3,830	+ 8.5	8,243	7,569	+ 9.0
Ariz. (13)	3,231,421	24,857	22,257	+ 11.7	40,670	35,345	+ 14.8
Ark. (17.75)	3,810,925	21,479	18,850	+ 13.9	43,100	37,039	+ 16.5
Calif. (10)	22,958,276	229,533	256,186	+ 2.8	467,726	459,117	+ 1.9
Colo. (10)	2,877,131	28,771	30,965	- 7.1	62,944	69,812	+ 11.1
Conn. (21)	5,636,887	28,033	31,028	- 9.7	60,349	59,472	+ 1.5
Del. (16)	1,261,199	9,009	8,204	+ 9.8	15,297	12,909	+ 16.2
D. C. (6)	649,488	10,836	13,033	- 16.9	25,122	35,340	+ 29.2
Fla. (17)	14,535,697	85,504	87,921	- 2.7	178,556	176,557	+ 1.1
Ga. (12)	4,584,618	38,205	36,265	+ 5.3	59,650	57,669	+ 3.4
Hawaii (10)	788,055	7,831	6,724	+ 17.2	14,339	12,793	+ 12.1
Idaho (9.7)	687,135	9,748	9,587	+ 1.7	18,807	18,137	+ 3.7
Ill. (13)	15,595,690	127,559	129,426	- 1.6	263,626	259,541	+ 1.6
Ind. (6)	4,593,081	76,465	80,660	- 5.2	158,173	157,222	+ 0.6
Iowa (15)	3,973,460	30,409	31,599	- 2.9	62,302	61,511	+ 1.3
Kans. (11)	2,565,310	23,321	25,972	- 10.2	50,475	49,471	+ 2.0
Ky. (5)	2,462,529	82,084	67,280	+ 22.0	140,943	129,145	+ 9.1
La. (11)	4,617,884	41,981	43,460	- 3.4	85,664	82,916	+ 3.3
Mo. (16)	2,276,085	14,226	15,292	- 7.0	29,651	26,569	+ 11.6
Md. (6)	5,082,140	51,369	52,259	- 1.7	108,531	106,495	+ 1.9
Mass. (16)	10,165,184	63,532	64,021	- 0.8	130,848	127,126	+ 2.9
Mich. (17)	12,549,197	114,084	106,408	+ 7.2	216,369	205,150	+ 5.5
Minn. (15)	7,407,558	41,147	40,829	+ 0.8	81,094	76,781	+ 5.6
Miss. (11)	2,597,565	25,614	23,750	- 0.6	48,029	47,271	+ 1.6
Mo. (9)	5,035,662	55,952	56,213	- 0.5	116,356	112,327	+ 3.6
Mont. (13)	985,110	8,209	9,179	- 10.6	16,846	13,715	+ 22.1
Nebr. (13)	1,899,690	14,615	15,861	- 7.9	32,683	31,211	+ 4.7
Nev. (10)	1,015,923	10,225	9,655	+ 5.9	20,524	19,209	+ 6.8
N. H. (11)	2,510,803	22,825	22,352	+ 2.1	45,550	42,549	+ 7.1
N. J. (18)	14,958,779	78,625	85,211	- 5.5	166,632	151,776	+ 9.8
N. H. (12)	1,181,700	9,900	10,260	- 3.5	20,610	19,151	+ 7.6
N. Y. (15)	29,667,712	197,785	202,081	- 2.1	406,881	401,397	+ 1.4
N. C. (2)	2,185,627	109,351	113,949	- 4.1	226,107	221,714	+ 2.0
N. D. (11)	716,173	6,511	6,438	+ 1.1	13,640	12,119	+ 12.5
Ohio (15)	17,518,154	116,788	122,676	- 4.8	235,867	233,137	+ 1.2
Okl. (13)	4,226,755	32,513	30,436	+ 6.8	63,798	59,297	+ 7.6
Ore. (9)	2,924,892	32,499	32,549	- 0.2	63,254	61,244	+ 3.3
Penn. (18)	20,178,321	112,102	119,525	- 6.2	254,676	255,111	- 0.2
R. I. (15)	1,662,679	12,790	13,852	- 7.7	26,441	21,482	+ 23.1
S. C. (6)	1,856,697	50,949	31,203	- 0.8	65,101	62,766	+ 3.7
S. D. (12)	858,001	7,150	6,373	+ 4.0	15,019	13,921	+ 7.9
Tenn. (13)	5,445,570	41,899	42,692	- 1.9	88,151	83,122	+ 6.0
Texas (18.5)	24,588,143	109,081	112,720	- 3.2	254,594	229,157	+ 11.1
Utah (8)	685,233	8,565	8,357	+ 3.6	16,552	16,237	+ 1.9
Vt. (12)	777,600	6,480	7,227	- 10.3	12,476	13,917	+ 11.1
Va. (2.5)	1,724,691	68,938	59,615	- 0.9	140,598	132,275	+ 6.3
Wash. (16)	4,618,911	28,868	30,517	- 5.5	60,349	60,516	- 0.3
W. Va. (12)	2,410,263	20,074	19,403	+ 3.0	39,052	39,131	- 0.2
Wisc. (16)	3,467,007	52,934	53,498	- 1.1	98,193	97,155	+ 1.1
Wyo. (8)	455,776	5,697	5,020	+ 13.5	11,125	9,854	+ 12.7
Total	\$296,198,508	2,423,875	2,455,357	- 1.3	4,906,265	4,748,101	+ 3.3

No. of states showing increase in volume from August 1973 19 July 1973 thru August 1973 19
 No. of states showing decrease in volume from August 1973 32 July 1973 thru August 1973 32
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STATE CIGARETTE TAXES AND TAX-PAID VOLUME - SEPTEMBER 1974

Compiled by the Tobacco Tax Council, Richmond, Virginia

State and rate per package	Gross amount of taxes (a)	Packages taxed during September			Percent change	Packages taxed July 8, 1973-74	
		1974 (add 000)	1973 (add 000)	1973-74 (add 000)		1973-74 (add 000)	
Ala. (12)	\$ 3,828,780	31,997	28,403	+ 12.3	102,624	95,240	
Alaska (8)	346,059	4,326	3,681	+ 11.8	12,568	11,390	
Ariz. (15)	2,671,402	20,540	21,791	- 5.7	61,219	67,974	
Ark. (17.75)	3,278,425	18,470	18,480	+ 0.1	61,570	56,516	
Calif. (10)	21,281,843	237,813	198,963	+ 7.4	650,544	643,260	
Colo. (10)	2,716,473	27,165	25,463	+ 6.7	90,109	85,503	
Conn. (21)	5,887,967	26,035	27,010	+ 3.8	88,287	86,482	
Del. (14)	966,193	6,895	6,808	+ 1.3	20,192	19,717	
D. C. (6)	642,579	10,734	11,530	- 5.3	33,856	34,879	
Fla. (17)	13,615,819	80,093	69,345	+ 14.7	258,649	240,682	
Ill. (12)	6,331,405	52,762	47,350	+ 11.6	112,412	104,925	
Ind. (10)	619,931	6,199	6,262	- 1.0	20,518	19,011	
Iowa (9.1)	682,729	7,500	7,634	- 1.8	26,307	26,666	
Kent. (12)	14,358,115	119,228	112,916	+ 5.6	382,354	369,157	
La. (6)	4,270,460	71,063	67,206	+ 5.6	229,238	225,148	
Maine (13)	3,767,661	28,415	25,358	+ 9.9	96,718	87,356	
Mary. (11)	2,500,760	22,734	21,384	+ 6.3	73,207	67,634	
Mass. (3)	1,794,437	56,813	55,857	+ 7.1	200,758	185,165	
Mich. (11)	4,374,240	39,766	36,431	+ 9.2	125,430	111,589	
Miss. (15)	1,874,536	11,716	11,529	+ 1.6	41,367	40,174	
Mo. (6)	3,001,356	56,023	45,072	+ 11.0	158,354	152,067	
Mont. (16)	9,037,236	86,483	84,357	+ 3.9	187,351	181,603	
N. D. (11)	12,263,692	111,488	112,662	- 0.5	327,857	327,693	
N. H. (18)	6,977,975	38,760	37,350	+ 3.8	119,854	114,152	
N. J. (11)	2,416,952	21,572	20,156	+ 9.0	70,001	67,395	
N. M. (9)	4,326,591	55,562	49,878	+ 7.4	169,828	162,262	
N. Y. (12)	607,457	7,562	6,935	+ 9.1	24,408	22,651	
Ohio (13)	1,810,066	18,523	13,759	+ 8.9	46,581	44,001	
Ore. (10)	1,020,682	19,292	8,308	+ 16.9	30,322	27,517	
P. H. (11)	1,935,626	17,827	17,386	+ 1.2	61,147	59,226	
R. I. (15)	13,395,320	70,021	65,619	+ 6.7	236,860	226,935	
S. C. (13)	1,099,099	9,130	8,539	+ 7.4	29,760	28,589	
S. D. (18)	27,384,520	157,417	165,784	+ 10.4	589,301	569,511	
Tenn. (21)	2,071,231	195,562	178,233	+ 1.6	329,669	326,927	
Tex. (11)	653,214	5,939	6,992	- 2.0	19,778	15,117	
Vt. (13)	16,358,743	161,082	98,260	+ 11.6	344,925	337,111	
W. Va. (11)	3,683,053	28,359	26,219	+ 8.1	92,136	86,071	
Wash. (6)	2,591,122	23,720	27,947	+ 5.6	92,044	91,229	
W. Vir. (10)	10,075,935	110,309	161,379	+ 4.7	344,976	359,132	
W. Y. (11)	1,437,355	11,518	10,588	+ 8.8	37,959	35,516	
W. D. (11)	1,743,684	29,861	26,616	+ 9.2	91,162	82,349	
W. Va. (11)	663,956	5,825	5,621	+ 1.7	20,518	19,812	
W. Vir. (11)	4,884,869	37,577	34,265	+ 8.6	125,728	115,117	
W. Y. (11)	18,539,624	119,751	116,591	+ 3.5	354,358	340,117	
W. D. (11)	572,473	5,531	6,451	+ 1.2	23,093	21,118	
W. Va. (11)	655,503	5,875	7,972	+ 25.6	17,357	14,177	
W. Vir. (11)	1,597,857	61,511	56,511	+ 3.9	262,512	196,117	
Wash. (6)	4,479,471	27,597	26,218	+ 6.8	88,546	85,536	
W. Y. (11)	2,166,868	18,917	17,217	+ 4.4	57,094	54,422	
Wisc. (10)	6,461,900	40,749	40,158	+ 0.7	156,957	152,316	
Wyo. (11)	385,698	4,856	4,601	+ 7.9	15,983	14,716	
Total	\$270,261,226	2,256,351	2,123,635	+ 6.3	7,164,616	6,885,434	

No. of states showing increase in volume from September 1973 to July 1973 thru September 1973: 41
 No. of states showing decrease in volume from September 1973 to July 1973 thru September 1973: 10

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