

Suggested Media Interview Questions:

Confidence of The Mob

To facilitate a compelling and insightful conversation, the following questions are categorized by theme. These are designed to help hosts and journalists uncover the unique historical and personal layers of this project.

The Discovery & The Archive

- **The Attic Find:** You discovered these classified IRS Intelligence files that your Mother had stored in an attic in Woburn. What was that initial moment of discovery like, and what was the most shocking document you found?
- **Authenticity:** The book features rare surveillance photos and evidence-burning shots. Why was it important to include these visuals rather than just writing a narrative?
- **Classified History:** How much of what you uncovered was previously unknown to the public or even to historians of the Boston Mob?

The Subject: Fred G. Pastore

- **The "Untouchables":** Your grandfather was the Group Supervisor of the IRS Intelligence Unit, and Chief of the "Rackets Squad". How did their tactical approach to organized crime differ from the FBI's approach during the same era?
- **The Confidential Informant Discovery:** You mention that Robert Kennedy wanted to know who your Grandfather's confidential informant was and that he never gave him up. How did you discover who he was during your investigative process with the documents from the box?
- **The Double Life:** How did he balance being a high-level federal agent taking down kingpins with maintaining a quiet family life living out of Arlington MA?

The New England Underworld

- **The Formula:** Can you explain the "C+R=J" formula mentioned in the book? How did that mathematical logic actually dismantle criminal organizations?
- **Local Ties:** How did the geography of places like the North End, East Boston, Lexington, and Woburn play into the surveillance and investigations conducted by the IRS?
- **Legacy:** Why do you think the story of the mid-20th-century Mob still resonates so strongly with people in the New England area today?

The Author's Journey

- **Entrepreneurial Parallels:** You've been a pioneer in the tech and AI space. How has your background as a CEO and Product Manager influenced the way you "engineered" the research for this book?
- **The Podcast:** Why did you decide to align the podcast and book under the same title, and what can listeners expect from the *Confidence of The Mob* podcast that they won't find in the pages of the book?
- **Family Legacy:** As a father raising your kids in the same area where these stories took place, how has this project changed your perspective on your family's history?

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