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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO MAY 26, 1976.

ON MAY 27, AND MAY 28, 1976, SAS JOHN CONNOLLY, DENNIS M. CONDON, BOSTON OFFICE, AND SAS LEROY M. TEITSWORTH AND CHARLES N. HINER, SAN FRANCISCO, CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH THEODORE JAMES SHARLISS, (FORMER SF 2661-C-TE).

ON MAY 27, 1976, SHARLISS WAS APPRISED BY BOSTON
AGENTS OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RECEIVED AT BOSTON THAT
HE WAS GOING TO BE ELIMINATED BECAUSE OF HIS INVOLVEMENT
IN THE MURDER OF JOSEPH BARBOZA BARON AT SAN FRANCISCO
ON FEBRUARY 11, 1976, AND BECAUSE THE ORGANIZATION PEOPLE
FELT THAT HE WOULD "OPEN UP". SHARLISS INITIALLY DENIED
ANY INVOLVEMENT OR KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE MURDER.

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ON MAY 28, 1976, SHARLISS ADMITTED THAT DURING
NOVEMBER, 1975, HE FURNISHED TO LCN FIGURE JOSEPH RUSSO
OF BOSTON, INFORMATION AS TO SHARLISS'S ADDRESS AT SAN

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FRANCISCO AND THAT BARON WAS VISITING WITH HIM ON A DAILY
BASIS. HE ADMITTED SUBSEQUENT THERETO HE WAS IN
TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH RUSSO ON OTHER MATTERS, INCLUDING
CONTACTS A DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO THE MURDER. ON PRACTICALLY
EACH CONTACT RUSSO INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT BARON
WAS STILL IN THE AREA AND MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH SHARLISS.
HE STATED THAT HE ÁLWAYS ADVISED RUSSO THAT HE WAS.

SHARLISS EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE MURDER OF BARON OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT HE FURNISHED RUSSO THE WHEREABOUTS OF BARON. HE ADMITTED THAT BY FURNISHING THIS INFORMATION TO RUSSO HE HAD "GIVEN BARON UP". SHARLISS STATED THAT HE BELIEVES RUSSO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR BARON'S MURDER, HOWEVER DENIED KNOWING WHO HANDLED THE HIT. HE DENIED RECEIVING ANY MONEY, CONSIDERATION, OR FAVORS.

FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF INTERVIEW ON MAY 28, 1976, SHARLISS ADMITTED TO SA HINER THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE FACT THAT THE BUREAU IMMEDIATELY INFORMED HIM

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REGARDING A HIT CONTRACT OUT ON HIM, AND THAT THE PERSONAL PRESENTATION BY BOSTON AGENTS CONVINCED HIM HE SHOULD ADMIT HIS INVOLVEMENT AS STATED.

FOR INFORMATION SAC BOSTON THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, EXPERTISE, AND OVERALL KNOWLEDGE OF ORGANIZED CRIME MATTERS BY SAS CONDON AND CONNOLLY WAS OBVIOUSLY OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IN CONVINCING SHARLISS TO DISCLOSE HIS ROLE IN THIS MATTER.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SHARLISS WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH SAN FRANCISCO AND BOSTON STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEYS AND EVALUATED IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE PRESENTATION TO FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT SAN FRANCISCO AND/OR BOSTON.

BOSTON AGENTS WILL DEPART SAN FRANCISCO MAY 29, 1976.
BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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