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On 2/19/62, Special Agent JOHN SHWARTZ, Intelligence Division, IRS, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised SA THOMAS G. FORSYTH III as follows:

SCHWARTZ was in Chicago, Illinois 2/14-16/62, awaiting his turn to testify as a Government witness in the case "BERNARD J. EZHAYA, et al; ITSP-MT." AUSA MANION; Chicago, told SCHWARTZ that he expects to use JOSEPH MEROLA, former Miami CI, as a witness for the Government, and it is fully believed that defendant WILLIAM RABIN will take the stand and implicate his co-defendants, including SAMUEL MANNARINO. 166

It is noted that both MEROLA and RABIN have been associates and friends of the MANNARINOS for many years. The above information from Schwartz was furnished the same day by SA FORSYTH to Departmental Attorney JOHN MULLANEY.

MULLANEY stated that he believed that it would be better to postpone the interview of DANIER HANNA at Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., until after MEROLA and RABIN testify. said he felt that the testimony of these two men might be a selling point with HANNA to demonstrate that others were "turning on the MANNARINOS to save themselves."

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In view of the above, Pittsburgh will hold the HANNA interview in abeyance until it can be determined that MEROLA and/or RABIN have in fact testified against SAMUEL MANNARINO.