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FROM : T. J. McAndrews *TJA*

SUBJECT: GABRIEL MANNARINO
SAMUEL MANNARINO
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The above individuals are targets for early prosecution under the crash program. Both Mannarinos are notorious hoodlums from the Pittsburgh area.

Departmental attorneys in Miami have requested that the Bureau interview Joseph R. Merola, a top jewel thief and hoodlum currently residing in Miami, as a source of information concerning the Mannarinos. The Department attorneys have indicated there is a possibility that Merola is willing to tell what he knows concerning the Mannarinos. We have talked to Merola on several occasions in the past. While he has not been cooperative, the Bureau has long recognized that if he were willing he could give voluminous information not only on the Mannarinos but on many other criminal matters.

SAs Forsyth and Portella of the Pittsburgh Division have in the past interviewed Merola, who has indicated that he has confidence in these Agents. Both these Agents are thoroughly familiar with all the ramifications of the Mannarino cases as well as other matters about which Merola could be expected to furnish information. In order to fully develop this potential, SAS Forsyth and Portella of Pittsburgh have been instructed to interview Merola in Miami and develop all information in his possession. This interview will not require these Agents to be away from Pittsburgh more than two days.

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