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GABRIEL MANNARINO, AKA, AR. SAMUEL MANNARINO, AKA, AR. RE

PITTSBURGH TEL AUGUST EIGHTEEN LAST. INTERVIEW JOSEPH R. MEROLA PRIOR TO HIS INCARCERATION AND ARRANGE SUITABLE COVER FOR FUTURE CONTACTS. MEROLA SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM THE TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL INFORMANT PROGRAM BECAUSE HE IS GOING TO PRISON. EXPEDITE CONTACT WITH MEROLA.

NOTE: Joseph R. Merola was interviewed August 15 and 16 last in Miami by two Special Agents from the Pittsburgh Division and two Attorneys from the Department. Merola furnished detailed information concerning the Mannarinos and other information concerning thefts and burglaries. Pittsburgh being instructed to insure that future contacts may be made with Merola.

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