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GABRIEL MANNARINO, AKA, SAMUEL MANNARINO, AKA, AR. RE MIAMI TELS AUGUST FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN LAST. EXPEDITE SUBMISSION OF COMPLETE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JOSEPH R. MEROLA. INCLUDE ESTIMATED VALUE OF INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER MEROLA SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL INFORMANT PROGRAM. MIAMI ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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NOTE: Joseph R. Merola was interviewed August 15 and 16 last in Miami by two Special Agents from Pittsburgh Division, and two attorneys from the Department. Pittsburgh is being requested to furnish full details of information furnished by Merola in view of the fact that he was interviewed at length on two occasions, and a complete report is necessary to evaluate the information he has furnished.

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GABRIEL MANNARINO, AKA, SAMUEL MANNARINO, AKA, AR. ON AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST, INTERVIEW WITH JOSEPH R. MEROLA RESUMED LATE AFTERNOON AT FEDERAL BUILDING, MIAMI, BY SAS JOHN S. PORTELLA AND THOMAS G. FORSYTH IN PRESENCE DJ ATTORNEYS WILLIAM KENNEY AND WILLIAM KEHOE. MEROLA FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING MANNARINO BACKGROUND, ASSOCIATES AND ACTIVITIES. HE ADVISED OF RECENT PURCHASE OF JEAN-S FLOWER SHOP IN SQUIRREL HILL SECTION OF PITTSBURGH BY GABRIEL MANNARINO IN NAME OF HIS LIEUTENANT THOMAS ANTHONY CIANCUTTI, AKA SONNY. HE SAID GABRIEL MANNARINO USES NICK JEROME, TRUE NAME MICHAEL GIORANO, OF MIAMI, TO LEND OUT SHYLOCK MONEY IN MIAMI AREA AT TEN PER CENT PER MONTH. HE NARRATED HIS UNDERSTANDING, BASED ON HEARSAY, CONCERNING NATURE AND SCOPE OF QUOTE NATIONAL CRIME SYNDICATE UNQUOTE. HE SAID AT ONE TIME GABRIEL MANNARINO WAS GROOMING HIM TO BECOME QUOTE DON UNQUOTE.

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MEROLA ALSO FURNISHED DETAILS CONCERNING BOND SWINDLES,
A STOCK THEFT AND JEWEL BURGLARIES AND ROBBERIES. MEROLA
INTENDS TENTATIVELY TO FLY TO PITTSBURGH AT LEAST ONE DAY
PRIOR TO AUGUST TWENTY FIFTH NEXT WHEN HE IS SCHEDULED TO
APPEAR TO COMMENCE SERVICE OF SENTENCE IN CONNECTION WITH
CONVICTION IN GUN SMUGGLING CASE. SAS PORTELLA AND FORSYTH
WILL RETURN TO PITTSBURGH AFTERNOON OF AUGUST SIXTEEN INSTANT.

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