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GABRIEL MANNARINO, AKA, SAMUEL MANNARINO, AKA, AR. ON AUGUST FOURTEEN LAST, JOSEPH R. MEROLA WAS INTERVIEWED AT USPO BLDG., MIAMI, FLA., IN PRESENCE OF DJ ATTORNEYS WILLIAM KENNEY AND WILLIAM KENOE AT MEROLA-S INSISTENCE. INTERVIEW COMMENCED IN LATE AFTERNOON AND MEROLA SET CONDITIONS HE WOULD NOT TESTIFY TO INFORMATION FURNISHED, WISHED IDENTITY PROTECTED AND WOULD NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE VIOLATIONS IN WHICH HE WAS PARTICIPANT. MEROLA FURNISHED BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING HIMSELF, GABRIEL AND SAMUEL MANNARINO AND THE HISTORY OF THEIR ASSOCIATION. HE CHARACTERIZED GABRIEL MANNARINO AS SECOND ONLY TO ACTIVE JOHN LA ROCCA, PITTSBURGH, AND INACTIVE FRANK AMATO, BRADDOCK, PA., AS TOP MEN IN WESTERN PA. FOR QUOTE NATIONAL CRIME SYNDICATE UNQUOTE. ALSO REFERRED TO BY MEROLA AS QUOTE THE OUTFIT UNQUOTE. INFORMATION FURNISHED REGARDING INTERNAL DISSENSION IN MANNARINO ORGANIZATION IN

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NEW KENSINGTON, PA., WITH FORMER BODYGUARD JOHN FONTANA AND FORMER QUOTE TRIGGERMAN UNQUOTE AL ROSS AT ODDS WITH KELLY MANNARINO. MEROLA PREDICTS ANDY MANGINI, LIEUTENANT FOR KELLY MANNARINO, WILL BE KILLED BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE STEALING FROM MANNARINO GAMBLING ENTERPRISES. MEROLA FURNISHED IDENTITY OF ANDY MANGINI AS UNSUB IN LOADING OF STOLEN WEAPONS IN CASE QUOTE STUART SUTOR, ET AL, ITSP, TGP, FFA, NM, CONSPIRACY UNQUOTE AND OF THIEVES GEORGE FLOREA AND RICHARD STEWART. HE FURNISHED OTHER POSITIVE INFORMATION IN THIS CASE. MEROLA SAID QUOTE OUTFIT UNQUOTE BEHIND NEW DIXIE SWEEPSTAKES TICKET OSTENSIBLY FOR BENEFIT OF PAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND KELLY MANNARINO COMPELLED TO TAKE TEN THOUSAND BOOKS FOR DISTRIBUTION IN HIS AREA. BELIEVES TICKETS PRINTED IN NEW YORK CITY BUT HAS NO POSITIVE INFORMATION PRESENTLY. MEROLA, AFTER SOME THOUGHT, RELENTED AND ALSO FURNISHED POSITIVE INFORMATION ON SOME BURGLARIES AND ROBBERIES IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATED OR KNEW

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REQUEST ABOUT TEN P. M. DUE TO MEROLA-S PRIOR COMMITMENT FOR DAYTIME OF AUGUST FIFTEEN, INTERVIEW TO RESUME SIX P. M. THAT EVENING. SAS PORTELLA AND FORSYTH ANTICIPATE RETURN PITTSBURGH AUGUST SIXTEEN NEXT.

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