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MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054) DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-229) (P)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA  
AR - CONSPIRACY  
OO: New York

Re San Diego letter to Bureau 4/10/68.

SD 1064-C-TE was recontacted 4/17/68 and furnished the following information on the La Cosa Nostre (LCN) and other hoodlums:

I. LOS ANGELES DIVISION

1. JOHN ROSELLI

On 4/10/68, informant drove to Los Angeles where he met LCN Members JOHN ROSELLI of Los Angeles and JIMMY FRATIANNO of Sacramento, in the back office of Attorney JAMES CANTILLON to discuss murder contract issued by ROSELLI on life.

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not divulge to LICATA that the contract has been issued by ROSELLI because under LCN rules ROSELLI should not be issuing such a contract without LICATA's approval and in addition to this ROSELLI is a member of the Chicago family while the informant is a member of the Los Angeles family.

Informant explained that he and FRATIANNO are doing this for ROSELLI because of their long friendship with him and that ROSELLI is letting the informant use his own good judgment in carrying out the contract.

Informant stated that it is imperative no members of SEACH's family know his whereabouts until after the trial is over.

Los Angeles note in prior meeting with ROSELLI informant was advised that SEACH sometimes went to San Diego to visit gambler JOHN WILLIAM SPATAFOFE. (For info Los Angeles, JOHN WILLIAM SPATAFOFE has operated a card-room in the San Diego area and is presently believed to be traveling throughout the United States engaging in gambling activities in Las Vegas and other areas. He has FBI Number 837 81 F. He is reported to be a cousin of JOHN S. ALESSIO and brothers who operate the Caliente Race Track in nearby Tijuana, Mexico. He had operated in the San Diego area in the past with ARNOLD LEONARD KIMMES, FBI Number 5053539, convicted Stock Fraud Swindler, in high stake card games at Namara Inn near the Del Mar Race Track on the outskirts of San Diego. Namara Inn owned by KIMMES. Los Angeles 4935-C-TE has reported peep holes and electronic devices were installed at the Namara Inn similar to the Friar's Club in Los Angeles. KIMMES and SPATAFORI have been investigated in the past for ITAR - Gambling between San Diego, Louisville, Kentucky and Miami, Florida.)

The informant recalled meeting SPATAFOFE 2½ - 3 years ago in San Diego and described him as expert card cheat who formerly worked with KIMMES. Has also met KIMMES who looked him up for introduction to RUSS ALESSIO when he first came to San Diego.

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VII. HONOLULU DIVISION

JAMES RUSSELL PRICE; PCI

Informant is not acquainted with PRICE nor is he acquainted with GORDON MILLER of Los Angeles and has no information regarding Los Angeles family participation in narcotics. Claims that LCN, as a group, no longer engages in narcotics activities and that any such activity by a member would not have family approval.

VIII. SAN DIEGO DIVISION

1. JOE GALLO

Informant in the past has furnished information regarding this subject who lived several years in San Diego and was associated in the produce business with CHARLIE GILARDI, Vice President of the Southland Amusement Vending Machine Company. Informant in the past has reported GALLO has returned to the Detroit area to live. (On 4/11/68, SD 1111-C-TE reported that GALLO's father SABASTIANO now deceased, was believed to be an LCN member, who resided for many years in Detroit and was involved in international narcotics activities headed by PRIZIOIA and FRANK COPPOLA of Detroit. That SABASTIANO GALLO later came to San Diego where he died approximately ten years ago. That at one time JOE GALLO was engaged to marry the niece of FRANK COPPOLA.)

Informant advised JOE GALLO is not an LCN member and as far as he knows is still residing in Detroit working in produce. His father, SEBASTIANO GALLO, aka BUSTER, was an old hoodlum who operated for years at Detroit, involved in narcotics and bank robberies many years ago. When he came to San Diego, informant hired him as a mechanic and laborer at the Southland Amusement Vending Machine Company. As far as he knew SEBASTIANO was never an LCN member although he had a close acquaintanceship with many of the old hoodlums.