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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2717)
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (92-444) (P)
SUBJECT: ANGELO BRUNO, aka
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PH 627-PC advised SA EDWARD D. HEGARTY on 5/7/62 that he visited New York City from Saturday night, 5/5/62, through early Monday morning, 5/7/62. Informant stated that he went to New York with JOHN CAVELLI, aka Ice Cream, who is a close associate of PHILIP TESTA, who is BRUNO's Chief Lieutenant and who controls BRUNO's Philadelphia numbers operation.

Informant stated that while in New York, he and CAVELLI stayed at the residence of DAN CHERICO (phonetic), 1009 Ogden Avenue, Bronx, N.Y., telephone GE 8-1645. Informant described CHERICO's residence as a very large house having approximately six bedrooms. In addition to the living room located on the first floor, there was a large den or recreation room located just off the main living room on the first floor. He stated that CHERICO resides at this address with his wife and two young daughters, ages approximately seven and 12.

Informant stated that he did not know the reason for CAVELLI's visit to New York, but that at approximately 2 p.m. on Sunday, 5/6/62, he was present in CHERICO's home when a number of persons entered the house. All of them were introduced to him.

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Informant identified the persons present as DAN CHERICO, JOE BONAFIA (phonetic), JOHN CAVELLI, PHILIP TESTA, PAUL LACONA (phonetic), HENRY NOISE (phonetic), JOE (LNU), and three other persons whose first or last names he could not recall.

Informant stated that TESTA was the last person to arrive and he arrived alone. Subsequent to his arrival, all persons present entered the recreation room, with the exception of the informant, who was not permitted to enter the room. The room's sliding doors were closed and a meeting was held which lasted at least 1½ hours. Informant did not know the purpose of the meeting.

Informant described JOE BONAFIA as approximately 5'9", 175 pounds, 30 years of age, curly black hair, pointed nose, white, male, American, of Italian descent.

CHERICO is described as 5'8" to 5'9", 45 years of age, 165 pounds, black hair, greying on sides, dark eyes, speaks as though he is a native of Italy.

LACONA is described as 6', 195 pounds, 40 years of age, black hair, white, male, American, of Italian extraction.

NOISE is described as 220 pounds, 5'7", greying hair but partially bald, dark horn rimmed glasses, 58 to 59 years of age, white, male, American, Italian extraction.

JOE (LNU) is described as short, stocky, partially bald, chain smokes cigars, 50 to 55 years of age, of Italian origin.

Informant stated that aside from himself, TESTA, and CAVELLI, the remaining persons were all from New York City; however, PAUL LACONA and HENRY NOISE stated that they were from Boston. NOISE told informant that he and LACONA are the owners of Gero's Bar and Restaurant, Hanover and Commercial Streets, located in the north end of Boston.

Informant stated that CAVELLI did not indicate to him the purpose of the meeting, but he did tell him he wished him to accompany him some time next week on a trip to New York City in order to deliver a large sum of money. He did not indicate to whom the money would be given nor the purpose of the delivery.

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On 5/8/62 numerous photographs were exhibited to informant and he identified a photograph of HENRY SELVITELLA, Boston PD #262 87, date of photograph February 1950, as the person introduced to him as HENRY NOISE.

The informant stated it is his opinion that the New York meeting had something to do with BRUNO's Philadelphia numbers operation because of the presence of TESTA and CAVELLI. He further believes the money, which he will take to New York City in company with CAVELLI, also must have some connection with BRUNO's numbers activities, will be delivered to CHERICO's residence, 1009 Ogden Avenue, Bronx, N.Y.

New York is requested to immediately review the above in effort to identify CHERICO, BONAFIA, and the other persons possibly at the meeting. Inasmuch as Philadelphia indices are negative re both CHERICO and BONAFIA, New York is requested to furnish Philadelphia with their background and present New York associates. New York should also consider the possibility of utilizing a highly confidential source in determining CHERICO's activities inasmuch as the meeting was held in his home. New York immediately furnish Philadelphia photographs of persons identified so they may be displayed to informant. Consider furnishing photographs of known associates of persons identified or individuals who meet description of persons listed above.

Boston is requested to furnish Philadelphia with up-to-date information on SELVITELLA and attempt to identify PAUL LACONA. Boston is requested to furnish photograph of PAUL LACONA.

Boston and New York are requested to expedite their investigations in order that informant's next trip to New York can be provided sufficient coverage, considering that there could possibly be a violation of ITAR Statute, which could involve ANGELO BRUNO and other prominent racket figures.

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Informant is the son of a nationally known racket figure who has furnished information considered reliable to date.

IN VIEW OF SENSITIVITY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND IN VIEW OF THE DANGER OF COMPROMISING INFORMANT'S LIFE AND POSITION, THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH THE GREATEST CARE.

BRUNO CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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