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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (92-337)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA
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DATE: 1/20/65

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ReBulet, dated 12/4/64.

Referenced Bureau letter called to the attention of the Buffalo Office recent communications which make reference to the "VOLPA family" in Toronto. From the manner in which the "VOLPE family" is discussed, it would appear that sources of the Buffalo Office are referring to a La Cosa Nostra "family" operating in the Toronto area. Referenced letter instructed the Buffalo Office to furnish the Bureau a summary of information developed regarding the possible existence of a Toronto La Cosa Nostra group, possibly referred to as the "VOLPE family."

On 1/14/65, Investigator NORMAN SKELTON, Intelligence Unit, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, advised that for a period of over a year members of his unit have been investigating organized crime in Toronto and the Province of Ontario, Canada. He stated he has submitted lengthy reports relating to the activities and background of members of this organized criminal group. SKELTON stated that there is in existence in the Toronto, Ontario area a group of individuals who are known to him as the "VOLPE family." He stated that this group is headed by EUGENE VOLPE, who to his knowledge has never been actually legitimately employed although he has extensive investments in a gambling casino on the Island of Haiti. He stated that brothers of the "VOLPE family" are all considered "muscle men" and "enforcers." SKELTON stated that members of the Intelligence Unit and the Narcotics Squad of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD) also refer to the "VOLPE family" as organized major racketeers in the Toronto area. He stated that the leaders of this group maintain close ties with leading members of the organized criminal element in the United States.

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SKELTON stated the father of the VOLPE brothers in Toronto disappeared several years ago and no one has been able to determine his whereabouts or what happened to him. He stated that members of the "VOLPE family" use the services of Canadian Attorney HARRY BORDONARO, the son of CALOGERO BORDONARO, born 8/20/91, in Italy. SKELTON stated that his organization is also conducting an active investigation on HARRY BORDONARO and his father because of their close ties with members of the organized criminal element in Canada and the United States. SKELTON made reference to the fact that BORDONARO has represented ALBERT AGUECI, FRANK CARUSO, as well as members of the "VOLPE family." SKELTON also stated that on 5/24/63, a telephone call had been made from the home of CALOGERO BORDONARO at 388 McNab, North Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, to NICK ALFANO, Tuckahoe, Bronxville, New York, telephone number DE 7-7128. He stated this is an unlisted number subscribed to by NICKOLAS ALFANO, 7 Nantucket Place, Yonkers, New York. He pointed out that NICK ALFANO was identified as a member of the Cosa Nostra in the United States.

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SKELTON stated that his investigation has also disclosed that members of the "VOLPE family" are making infrequent contacts with leading members of the "MAGADDINO family" in the Buffalo-Niagara Falls, New York area.

For the attention of the New York Office, background information concerning the "VOLPE family" was set forth in report of SA(A) LEON F. ANDREWS, JR., dated 2/11/63, captioned "FRED G. RANDACCIO, aka, AR."

It should be noted that on 1/16/63, Constable R. A. MAC GIBBON, RCMP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, reported that JOHN PAPALIA, aka Johnny Pops, of 16 Railway Street, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, is a close associate of "the VOLPE brothers," who are considered as major racketeers operating in Toronto.

Constable MAC GIBBON identified the members of the "VOLPE brothers" as follows:

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~~ALBERT VOLPE~~ - Born: 27 February 1925, Toronto, CANADA
5'9", 180 pounds, brown hair,
brown eyes.
Address 22 Roxborough Street West,
Toronto, Ontario, CANADA
Occupation Stockbroker
Telephone WA 5-1784

~~EUGENE RONALD VOLPE~~ - Born: 10 June 1911, Madison, Illinois
~~GENE VOLPE~~ 5'10", 180 pounds, grey hair,
brown eyes.
Address 66 Pricefield Road, Toronto, CANADA
Occupation Salesman
Telephone WA 4-8974, EM 4-5914

~~FRANK VOLPE~~ - Born: 6 March 1918, Toronto, CANADA
5'10", 190 pounds, grey hair,
bald, blue eyes.
Address 66 Pricefield Road, Toronto, CANADA
Occupation Salesman
Telephone WA 4-8974, EM 4-5914

~~PAUL VOLPE~~ - Born: 31 January 1927, Toronto, CANADA
6', 210 pounds, brown hair,
brown eyes.
Address 66 Pricefield Road, Toronto, CANADA
Occupation Salesman
Telephone WA 4-8974, EM 4-5914

~~JOSEPH ANTHONY VOLPE~~ - Born: 19 March 1923, Toronto, CANADA
~~JOSEPH A VOLPE~~ 5'10", 195 pounds, brown hair,
blue eyes.
Address 22 Roxborough Street West, Toronto, Ontario
Occupation Salesman
Telephone 925-3740, EM 4-5914 CANADA

By letter dated 10/15/62, the Morality Bureau of the MTPD prepared a summary letter on "The Volpe Brothers" for the RCMP, Ottawa, Canada.

This summary sets forth, in part, the following information relating to "The Volpe Brothers" and their contacts in the United States:

GENE VOLPE is in partnership with three of his brothers, FRANK, PAUL and JOSEPH A. VOLPE, and they own and operate the Gerrard In-N-Out Car/Wash, 43 Gerrard Street, West, Toronto, Canada, telephone EMpire 4-5914.

PAUL VOLPE in June of 1961 maintained an apartment at 471 Wilson Avenue, Toronto, and ALBERT AGUECI (murdered) made a telephone call from this apartment which resulted in the return and surrender of JOHN PAPALIA. PAUL VOLPE is known to drive a black 1961 Falcon sedan, registered to one MARY IRENE COLLINS, 471 Wilson Avenue, Apartment #3, Toronto.

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~~ALBERT A. VOLPE~~ is President of Kermac Corporation Limited, Brokerage Dealer, Room 1025-7, 159 Bay Street, Toronto, with telephone EMpire 3-3278, EMpire 3-3279 and EMpire 3-2803. The Kermac Corporation Limited was incorporated on 8/6/59, and the firm's solicitor is listed as one FRANK NASSO. The Directors are ALBERT A. VOLPE, his wife, SHIRLEY VOLPE and his sister, LAURA VOLPE. ALBERT VOLPE owns and drives a white 1962 Cadillac with 1962 Ontario license 101-127.

FRANK VOLPE operates the Gerrard In-N-Out Car Wash in partnership with three of his brothers. He drives a blue 1962 Pontiac with 1962 Ontario license 25-010.

JOSEPH A. VOLPE also operates the car wash business with three of his brothers and drives a charcoal color 1960 Oldsmobile convertible with 1962 Ontario license 71-449.

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In February of 1962, a long distance call was made from the apartment of MARY IRENE COLLINS, Toronto telephone MELrose 5-8901 to JEAN F. GRAVANTE, 801 Prospect Avenue, Buffalo. As previously reported, GRAVANTE is the girlfriend of PASQUALE NATARELLI of Buffalo.
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JEAN GRAVANTE

MARY COLLINS CANADA

933-10570

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In March of 1962, another call was made from COLLINS' apartment to JOSEPH CARLISI, 23 Tremont Avenue, Buffalo. JOSEPH CARLISI is an attorney and the son of ROY CARLISI, who attended the Apalachin Meeting in 1957.

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In April, 1962, a call was made from the telephone of STEPHANIE "SOPHIE" CHOPACK, 25 Bedford Park, Apartment 802, Toronto, to JEAN GRAVANTE, Buffalo telephone number TT 3-2763 (unlisted). CHOPACK, who formerly resided at 79 Lowther Avenue, Apartment 2, Toronto, is the girlfriend of EUGENE VOLPE.

The above-mentioned letter also listed attorney HARRY BORDONARO, Fifty Road, Winona, Ontario, Canada, (telephone number Twining 4-2878) as an associate of "the VOLPE brothers." BORDONARO was reported to have visited the Gerrard In-N-Out Car Wash on at least one occasion. Several telephone calls were made from the telephone of PAUL VOLPE's girlfriend, MARY COLLINS, to Twining 4-2878, Winona, Ontario, to telephone listed to HARRY BORDONARO, Fifty Road, Winona, Ontario. Also living at this address is a woman known as MARLENE BORDONARO and her daughter, LISA MARIE BORDONARO, born 4/15/61. The house on Fifty Road, Winona, was sold by BORDONARO to CHARLES RUSSO, 7 Hughson Street, South, which is the former address of the firm of Bordonaro, Cain and Luchak, Barristers. Sometime in August, 1962, BORDONARO left Hamilton, Ontario, to go on a world cruise and on 9/7/62, a call was made from Seal-Tite Aluminum Company to HARRY BORDONARO in London, England. Attempts were made at three different hotels in London, England, to contact BORDONARO, but he was not located. ALBERT VOLPE is a Director of Seal-Tite Aluminum Company, 1847 Avenue Road, Toronto.

On 1/14/65, Investigator NORMAN SKELTON, RCMP, Toronto, Canada, advised that his headquarters in Ottawa, Canada, has prepared summary reports on each member of the "VOLPE family" and the summaries were apparently prepared for limited dissemination. SKELTON explained that these summary reports set forth the background, names of associates as well as their travels and contacts with hoodlums in the United States. He suggested these summaries incorporate certain information obtained as result of investigations in the United States. He stated that these summaries would be very helpful to the FBI in the investigations being conducted to show ties between members of La Cosa Nostra in the United States and the "VOLPE family."

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The Buffalo Office will continue close contacts with the Intelligence Unit of the RCMP in Toronto as well as with the MTPD for further information about the "VOLPE family." SKELTON will be contacted to see if it is possible to obtain the specific names of other members of the "VOLPE family" and of their travels and contacts with La Cosa Nostra in the United States. Consideration is being given to requesting the Legat, Ottawa, for copies of the summary reports prepared by the RCMP, relating to the "VOLPE family" in Toronto.