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ENCLOSURES TO NEW YORK - 2

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ADMINISTRATIVE

In connection with RALPH TROPIANO, Bureau authority has been granted to conduct a survey in connection with the installation of a highly confidential source, and it is pointed out that the

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survey has been completed and will be furnished to the Bureau on or about 7/22/64. If authority is granted to complete the installation, it is hoped that valuable information will be received in connection with the illegal activities of TROPIANO and further develop his associations within La Cosa Nostra.

INFORMANTS

NH T-1 is NH 420-C.

NH T-2 is PCI LAWRENCE ZERNITZ.

NH T-3 is Sergeant STEPHEN AHERN, Special Services Bureau, New Haven, Conn. Police Department.

NH T-4 is NY 3461-C-TE.

NH T-5 is BS 670-C-TE.

NH T-6 is NH PCI

NH T-7 is NH 340-C.

NH T-8 is NH 438-PCI

NH T-9 is NH 397-C.

NH T-10 is NH 429-C.

NH T-11 is NH 416-C-TE.

NH T-12 is NH PCI FRANK PACHESNICK.

NH T-13 is NH 415-C-TE.

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DETAILSAt New Haven, ConnecticutEXISTENCE - ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP

During the past six month period, investigation in the New Haven, Connecticut area has failed to reveal that there is a particular La Cosa Nostra "family" in Connecticut, although investigation indicates that individuals who will be named later in this report have definite associations or tie-ins with certain New York "families", which are in the framework of La Cosa Nostra.

So far as leadership is concerned, it cannot be determined that any one individual, who is reliably reported to be a member of a particular New York "family", has direct control over other Connecticut La Cosa Nostra members. It does appear that members in Connecticut are largely concerned with illegal gambling activities, from which they derive their largest income.

RALPH "WHITEY" TROPIANOMEMBERSHIP

It has been reported by reliable New York sources, and other sources in New Haven, Connecticut considered reliable, that TROPIANO is a member of the JOSEPH ANTHONY COLOMBO "family", formerly headed by the late JOSEPH PROFACI.

Also reliably reported by New York as a member of the same organization is GEORGE TROPIANO, brother of RALPH TROPIANO, residing in the Brooklyn, New York area.

During the past pertinent period, NH T-1 and NH T-2 both have reported RALPH TROPIANO to be a member of the late JOSEPH PROFACI "family".

On June 17, 1964, NH T-2, when questioned as to TROPIANO's activities, advised that he had heard from underworld contacts that the late JOSEPH PROFACI was the boss of TROPIANO. He also remarked that not being Italian himself (NH T-2 is of German