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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

DATE: 7/29/63

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (92-282) (P)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA  
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Re: Report of SA JAMES P. FLYNN, 7/1/63, at New York

On July 5, 1963, NH T-1 advised that one of the top hoodlum racketeers in the New York City area is known as "POGI". (PND)  
This source does not know his true name.

Same source stated that FRANK RULLI, DICK WALLACE and DONALD MONTANO, reportedly highly placed New Haven racketeers are all under the leadership of "POGI". Same source indicated that this criminal association was formerly headed by WILLIE MORETTI, deceased slain hoodlum, after which "POGI" took over.

The source stated that RALPH "WHITEY" TROPIANO of New Haven, and believed to be a member of the MAGLIOCCO "family", is with a different crowd, the leadership of which is not known to him.

Informant advised that MIDGE RENAULT (true name SALVATORE ANNUNZIATO) is in the same outfit with RULLI, but that New York is rather disgusted with RENAULT as he is always getting into trouble. This is true in view of numerous arrests for brutal assaults, vicious attacks on innocent victims, as recent as this month.

Source stated, however, that "POGI" has given RENAULT the "OK" stating that every time he asks RENAULT to do something he performs.

Reference is made to report of SA JOHN H. BROOKS dated June 1, 1950, entitled ROBINK, New York file 91-860, wherein on page 6 it is reported that three top hoodlums in the Boston area are allied with an individual known as POGEY, from New York City, and "MIKE THE WISE GUY" from Boston. MIKE and POGEY are alleged to be top men in the Italo-American criminal syndicate operating in the East under the direction of "LITTLE AUGIE" from New York City. POGEY is described as ALFRED TORRIELLO.

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Further in the report made by Inspector M. E. GURNEA, March 27, 1950, at Boston, entitled ROBINK, page 17, it is reported in New York letter to Bureau dated July 15, 1947, entitled, "Confidential Informant NYC 169" contains information that at Providence, Rhode Island, the lieutenants of POGEY (POGEY TORRIELLO) and "MIKE THE WISE GUY" (MIKE ~~X~~ROCCO) who control that area for POGEY are known as "RAFFI" MEROLA and one BUTZY MORRELLIE (PHONETIC). *Mass*

New York is requested to determine identity of "POGI", possibly identical with POGEY TORRIELLO. Also determine the "Family" with which this individual is associated.

For attention New York, information regarding "POGI" has been set forth in report of SA WILLIAM F. GLOSSA, dated July 29, 1963. New York should therefore coordinate investigation to prevent the duplication of effort in identifying "POGI".

NH T-1 is New Haven 431-PC, a prominent New Haven gambler who has had close association with other highly placed New Haven racketeers.