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BUFFALO - INFORMATION

An information copy of this report is being furnished to the Buffalo Division because of information contained herein relating to JAMES SALAMONE and DOMINICK AUDITORI. Both individuals reside at Erie, Pa., and make frequent trips to the Buffalo, N. Y., area, where they are closely associated with organization members.

CLEVELAND - INFORMATION

An information copy of this report is being furnished to the Cleveland Division because of the ties between several Cleveland members of the organization and certain members of the Pittsburgh "family."

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AT PITTSBURGH, PA. (ALLEGHENY COUNTY)

1. Will follow and report the activities of those members determined to be actual leaders of the Pittsburgh "family" in accordance with Bureau instructions and will continue to develop sources of information in the vicinity of their legitimate enterprises, who will be able to furnish even more complete coverage of the financial interests of the group.
2. Will remain alert, through intensive informant coverage, to the extension of interest of the Pittsburgh "family" in the Chester, W. Va., area, where gambling enterprises are presently being supervised by JOSEPH PECORA, the organizational front-man.
3. Will closely follow the activities of SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, characterized by member sources as the "Capo" of the Pittsburgh Burgata, in view of his contemplated retirement and the possibility that organizational violence may erupt as the result of the naming of his successor.
4. Will develop additional informants familiar with the operation of the Pittsburgh organization in an effort to effect further identification, leadership and membership in this area.

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DETAILS:

I. EXISTENCE

Specific revelations relating to La Cosa Nostra have previously been brought to light by a former Pittsburgh, Pa., area native, which has established the existence of the organization in this vicinity without question.

a. Organizational Background

PG T-1, a member source, who was initiated at Pittsburgh, Pa., has advised that the Pittsburgh Burgata of La Cosa Nostra was organized in about 1905. Prior to that year, the organization was commonly referred to as the "Black Hand" and was in control of members called "Commurista," who were mostly Italians from Calabria, that area in southern Sicily located in the heel of the boot. He advised that the term "Burgata," which may also be "Borgata," is the term used to identify the "family" or group.

The aforementioned informant advised that he was present at a Pittsburgh initiation ceremony during 1927, at which time the Capo of the Pittsburgh group was STEVE MONASTERA. The Sotto Capo was (FNU) LANDOLINA. He said that the term "Capo" is simply a term meaning "boss" or leader, and that "Sotto Capo" is the title given to the person who is his assistant in command of a Burgata.

PG T-2, another member source, was questioned specifically about his knowledge of the background of La Cosa Nostra. He stated that he had heard stories about STEVE MONASTERA, who was Capo of the Pittsburgh Burgata during the latter 1920's, but recalled only that he had been gunned down as he was emerging from a Pittsburgh area hospital. When this informant was asked if he recalled anything about PEPINO SIRACUSA, who succeeded MONASTERA as Capo, he indicated that he recalled only that SIRACUSA had been killed in the bathroom of his home, which was located in the Squirrel Hill section of Pittsburgh. He advised further that the tenures of the aforementioned individuals were "before my time."

PG T-3, another member source, characterized SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA as a "peace-loving homebody." He stated that LA ROCCA will never be observed at night clubs

and rarely will be at sporting events, but that when he does go to such places, he will never be seen in the company of "any of our guys." He further advised as follows:

There was considerable "muscle" used by "us" in Pittsburgh in the 1920's and 1930's. "We" regularly forced gamblers and club operators to take "us" in as partners in spite of any objections, and anyone who resisted too much would have his property damaged and his "head broken" repeatedly until he accepted "our man" as his partner. Most of the time, "we" bought our way in by paying the gambler or club operator one-half of what "we" decided was a fair price for his total investment, but on occasions, "we" took a one-half partnership without laying out any money at all. JOE ROSA and SAM MANNARINO used to travel everywhere together on such assignments during that period.

When the "Jewish gamblers" would see MANNARINO and ROSA walking down the street together, they all disappeared as though hiding from the plague. It is recalled that in about the late 1930's, two men opened a craps room in a store front on Frankstown Avenue, near Paulson Avenue. One day MANNARINO and ROSA walked into the joint and informed the proprietors that as of that day they were fifty percent partners. When the proprietors absolutely and profanely rejected this idea, ROSA and MANNARINO drew revolvers. While MANNARINO guarded the door, ROSA lined the two operators and five patrons up with their backs to him and their faces to the wall. MANNARINO and ROSA kept laughing and talking about how they were going to have their own smaller Pittsburgh version of the notorious St. Valentine's Day massacre in Chicago. After a very few minutes of tormenting the seven men against the wall in this fashion, the two operators broke completely and pleaded to be allowed to share their gambling profits.

According to this informant, in approximately 1942, LA ROCCA came on the scene and peace came to the Pittsburgh rackets. He was well liked by all of the racketeers and was completely respected by everyone whom he met. He quickly established the axiom that negotiation would be utilized in place of assassination and he commenced a policy of endeavoring to patch up disputes and grievances by discussion and conciliation. If a member was in violation of any of the definitely forbidden acts of the group or was

intractable in relation to a lesser matter, LA ROCCA would not hesitate to authorize a "hit."

The idea held by LA ROCCA that greater mutual benefit and profit could result by peaceful arbitration gradually proved its soundness to other racketeers in the Pittsburgh area and the result is that there have been fewer "mob killings" in the Pittsburgh district than in any other city of comparable population. Another result came about because of this new LA ROCCA thinking. All of the members of La Cosa Nostra in the Pittsburgh area became "workers." The old policy of having stooges and outsiders control the operation of a gambling establishment while the leader sat back and merely shared in the profits was abandoned. No longer would the leader pick up his business with a staff of "musclemen," but these musclemen became actively engaged in the administration of the numerous gambling establishments themselves.

This informant stated that when he was a young man, "in my early 20's," GIOVANNI BAZZANO was very fond of him and frequently used him as a chauffeur. When BAZZANO was killed by numerous ice pick stabs in New York City, however, everyone knew he had it coming and felt no pity for him. BAZZANO is buried in a cemetery in the New Kensington, Pa., area, according to this informant.

PG T-4 advised that in the late 1920's and early 1930's, the two top groups in the Mafia in the Pittsburgh area were headed by JOHN CANCELLIERI (deceased) of the North Side, and the VOLPE brothers of Wilmerding, Pa., headed by JOHNNY VOLPE (deceased), also known as "Prince Johnny." He stated that JOHNNY VOLPE was shot down in July, 1932, on Wylie Avenue, Pittsburgh, with his brothers, JIMMY and ARTHUR. LOUIS VOLPE and JOE VOLPE are the younger surviving brothers. JOHN CANCELLIERI died about 1965, and left his Rosa Villa Restaurant at Sandusky and East General Robinson Streets to his grandsons, JOHN and SAM. The father of these two boys, SAM, died in 1947, and was an active Mafia man. The informant was not certain of the sons' affiliation with La Cosa Nostra but knows that meetings are held at the Rosa Villa Restaurant between LA ROCCA, the MANNARINOs and TONY RIPEPI periodically.

He advised that in 1957, he made a visit to Italy and learned that the Mafia members around Florence and Milan all claim to be Sicilians, even if they are Italian born. He advised further that there was a gangland murder in the

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produce yards in Florence while he was there, and the father and the brother of the victim witnessed the slaying, and still would not admit to the Carabinieri that they saw anything.

Informant advised further regarding marriages that formerly the members arranged the matches when their children were still quite young. He stated a good example is the BAZZANO-RIPEPI marriage. He knows this was arranged as he has been a long-time associate and friend of TONY RIPEPI. He further stated that the marriage of TONY RIPEPI's oldest daughter to COSTANZA (STANLEY) VALENTI of Rochester, Pa., was arranged in a like fashion. This VALENTI is a brother of FRANK VALENTI, whom RIPEPI sponsored into La Cosa Nostra.

He advised further that STANLEY VALENTI refuses to allow his wife to even visit her parents in Pittsburgh and that he does not know the reason for this, but knows that there is bad blood between them. The informant advised regarding the term La Cosa Nostra, that he first heard this used after the testimony of JOSEPH VALACHI. He advised he always knew of it locally as "The Outfit." His interpretation of the phrase La Cosa Nostra is "our own home" or "our own well-being," with emphasis on the "our own."

PG T-5 has advised that when he was a boy in Pittsburgh, "the syndicate" bombed a grocery store owned by his father on Clay Way in the lower Hill District because his father had refused to pay \$10,000 which was demanded for the protection of his property. He said that the group of specialized extortionists was known as the "Red Masks." He recalled that the group picked only on Italians and not on native-born American citizens because it was felt that the Italians would not talk or report their troubles to the police. He stated that this group would actually seek out laborers and hard-working people who were earning from \$1.00 to \$1.25 a day and extort their meager savings from them through threats. Their targets were carefully selected and each was sent a letter containing a small red mask. They obtained their name from this practice.

The aforementioned informant recalled that the leader in the lower Hill District at the turn of the century was DOMINICK DE FARNANDO, who was also known as "Don" De Farnando. Following the bombing of his father's business establishment, the police picked up this individual and

several of his associates but had to release them for lack of evidence. DE FARNANDO came to the father of the informant and apologized to him and also told him that he was not responsible for the bombing. The following night, to the best recollection of the informant, two Italian racketeers from the Sharpsburg, Pa., area, were found at the bottom of a steep ravine in Aspinwall. They had been knifed repeatedly.

In relation to the VOLPE family of Wilmerding, Pa., the informant advised that he has known them for more than 50 years, and delivered groceries to their home as a boy. He described them as "class Italians" in their day and recalled that JOHN, also known as "Prince Johnny," was the oldest son, who tried to move into the lower Hill District in the late 1920's and early 1930's in order to supervise the lucrative booze business. He recalled that every day without fail, JOHNNY went to a barber shop a few doors away from the Roma Coffee Shop on Wylie Avenue, for a facial and manicure. It was at this coffee shop that the triple killing of the VOLPE brothers began. ARTHUR was hit first and JAMES was killed at the counter. After being wounded, JOHNNY endeavored to reach his Cadillac parked in front of the store, but fell on the sidewalk and was shot again. Accused of fingering the "hit" was GAETANO BAZZANO and MIKE SPINELLI was the actual hit man. Both were subsequently killed by mob action outside of Pittsburgh.

b. General Observations Relating to the Initiation Ceremony

PG T-6 has advised that the code of the organization in Pittsburgh, at the time of his initiation, was approximately as follows:

"Honor is stressed as the most sacred thing in the world. To destroy another person must be for honor and not money alone. A member is warned never to engage in an affair with the wives of other members. A member must never engage in white slavery or narcotics, both crimes which are degrading to the name of the organization. A member must obey the complaints and instructions of his superior and is never to take the life of a fellow member before presenting his grievance to the Commission. A member must do nothing which would affect the organization without first receiving permission from a superior."

II. ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

a. Actual Leaders in the Pittsburgh Division

Those individuals who have been identified as occupying positions of leadership within the La Cosa Nostra group in the Pittsburgh Division are as follows:

SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, designated by reliable sources as "Capo" of the Western Pennsylvania - West Virginia area and head of Pittsburgh's LA ROCCA-GENOVESE Organization.

MIKE GENOVESE, designated by reliable sources as the "heir-apparent" to the position presently held by LA ROCCA. He is most usually referred to as LA ROCCA's "top lieutenant" and will definitely figure in the power struggle for the top spot when LA ROCCA retires, despite the fact that sources indicate that LA ROCCA has handpicked him as his successor. He has never been identified as an organization member by an actual member source.

GABRIEL "KELLY" MANNARINO, designated by reliable sources as the individual in charge of the northern portion of Western Pennsylvania, but still below LA ROCCA in stature and directly responsible to him.

FRANK AMATO, similarly designated as the "Underboss of the Pittsburgh Burgata," and a power for many years in the Braddock, Pa., vicinity.

LOUIS VOLPE, designated by reliable sources as the individual who dominates racket activity in the Turtle Creek Valley area from his Wilmerding, Pa., location.

ANTONIO RIPEPI, designated by reliable sources as a close associate of LA ROCCA and the member of La Cosa Nostra who is responsible for the southern county of Western Pennsylvania.

b. Evaluation Obtained from Other Sources

Although the aforementioned individuals are the actual leaders in the Pittsburgh area as determined by comprehensive investigation, recent information from informants, who are closely associated with known and suspected organization members, is of some value in gaining insight into the structure and procedures of the organization itself.

PG T-8 has advised that he was born in Italy and has had overtures made to him to become a member of La Cosa Nostra in the Pittsburgh area. He stated that he feels that there is only one "family" in this vicinity and that it is thoroughly controlled by SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA. He names LA ROCCA, GENOVESE, MANNARINO, LOUIS VOLPE and RIPEPI as members of La Cosa Nostra.

PG T-9 has advised that SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA is still very much in command of the Western Pennsylvania racket situation and has made this extremely clear in his most recent "swing around the circuit." This swing was his first since returning from his Bel Aire, Fla., winter residence. If LA ROCCA has any idea of retiring, and rumors are still rampant that he has had this in mind for the past two years, he certainly does not indicate his intentions by his behavior. It is quite evident to those who associate with him that he cannot retire without a specific directive from someone to whom he is responsible and that this directive has been delayed for some reason.

Those in the rackets, according to this informant, believe that the role of LA ROCCA as a peacemaker has extended his tenure and responsibility and that "organization" administrators are loathe to remove him for fear of open conflict relating to the choice of a successor. This "blood bath" is not beyond the realm of possibility in this regard. The two leading candidates for the position at this time appear to be MIKE GENOVESE and GABRIEL MANNARINO, with GENOVESE holding the inside track as the personal pick of LA ROCCA, who has groomed him for many years.

c. Death of a Pittsburgh Leader and Identified Organization Member

SAMUEL MANNARINO, a leader and identified member of the Pittsburgh "family" died of cancer at his home in New

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Kensington, Pa., on June 5, 1967. Friends were received at the Manzella-Giunta Funeral Home, 1509 Fifth Avenue, Arnold, Pa., and burial was on June 8, 1967, at Greenwood Memorial Park in Lower Burrell, Pa.

On the date of burial, numerous individuals, including known members of La Cosa Nostra and suspected members of the organization, were observed paying their last respects by Pittsburgh informants. The death of MANNARINO attracted a great deal of local publicity and hundreds of curiosity-seekers were also observed at the funeral rites.

PG T-10 advised that the last will and testament of SAMUEL MANNARINO had been filed at the Westmoreland County Court House in Greensburg, Pa., and that SAM had apparently left everything to his wife, ROSE. He said that in the event that anything happened to ROSE, SAM's daughter and grandchild, MINNIE CARLUCCI and JAMEY ROSE CARLUCCI, would inherit the estate belonging to MANNARINO. This informant indicated that SAM had also designated ROSE as the sole executrix and that in the event something happened to ROSE within one month of the death of SAM, SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA was to be the executor and guardian of the estate of the grandchild until this grandchild reached the age of 21.

### III. MEMBERSHIP

#### a. Organization Members Presently Being Investigated by the Pittsburgh Division as Office of Origin

The following individuals are presently being investigated by the Pittsburgh Division as office of origin: (Next to each name is the identity of the best source for the identification of that individual as a member of La Cosa Nostra.)

GEORGE ADRAGNA

Identified as a member of the Pittsburgh Burgata of La Cosa Nostra (Johnstown, Pa., area) by PG T-11.

FRANK AMATO

Identified as the "Underboss" of the Pittsburgh Burgata of La Cosa Nostra by PG T-6.



DOMINICK AUDITORI	Identified as a member of the Pittsburgh Burgata of La Cosa Nostra (Erie, Pa., area) by PG T-12 and PG T-13.
SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA	Identified as "Capo" of the Pittsburgh Burgata of La Cosa Nostra by PG T-1.
GABRIEL MANNARINO	Identified as a LA ROCCA initiate in the Pittsburgh Burgata of La Cosa Nostra by PG T-14.
JOSEPH REGINO	Identified as a member of the Pittsburgh Burgata of La Cosa Nostra (Johnstown, Pa., area) by PG T-11.
ANTONIO RIPEPI	Identified as a member of the Pittsburgh Burgata of La Cosa Nostra by PG T-14.
JAMES SALAMONE	Identified as a member of the Pittsburgh Burgata of La Cosa Nostra (Erie, Pa., area) by PG T-6.
JOSEPH SICA	Identified as a member of the Pittsburgh Burgata of La Cosa Nostra (FRANK AMATO "family") by PG T-15.
LOUIS VOLPE	Identified as a member of the Pittsburgh Burgata of La Cosa Nostra by PG T-16.

b. Suspected Members of La Cosa Nostra Presently Being Investigated by the Pittsburgh Division as Office of Origin

The following individuals are suspected members of La Cosa Nostra, who are presently being investigated by the Pittsburgh Division as office of origin:

The sponsor or godfather would take a knife or pin in the Pittsburgh ceremony and draw blood from the candidate by pricking one of his fingers. The blood was smeared on a holy card which was then set aflame and placed in the cupped hand of the candidate. While the card burned, the sponsor would affirm that the candidate would uphold the code of the organization and that if he should fail in this regard, his body would be destroyed as symbolized by the burning of the card. Following this ceremony, all members always embraced the new member and kissed him on both cheeks.

PG T-7 was shown the description of the initiation ceremony for La Cosa Nostra and expressed some opinions about it. He indicated that the stress upon the word "honor" is quite accurate and certainly reveals a great deal about "our group." For example, he pointed out the prohibition against the killing of one member by another for financial motives alone should also show a similar prohibition of such an act merely to attain power. He said that while one member may kill another immediately upon having his honor affronted or in self-defense, he is not allowed to do so at a later time when he should have called off, without having first secured permission from his superiors.

This informant advised that another thing which should be added to the induction ceremony is the prohibition of any device, especially a bomb, which could cause injury or death to anyone except the member to be "hit." He said that any grievance serious enough to warrant the killing of one member by another is a personal thing, but that this can never justify the injury or death of children, wives or bystanders. He pointed out that this slovenly method of hitting someone is probably best illustrated by the incidents which have occurred in the Youngstown, Ohio, area in recent years. He said that the use of bombs for a "hit" at Youngstown, during which other innocent people were killed, so infuriated "us" that it has been necessary "to get rid of a lot of young guys." He said that not only are members prohibited from engaging in narcotics traffic and in white slavery, but they are prohibited from participation in any phase of counterfeiting. He could not say that the holding of a burning holy card is never used in an induction ceremony but that he personally "never got no burns on my hands that way." He did, however, have his finger pricked.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>
FRANK D. AMATO	Braddock, Pa.
JOHN BAZZANO	Washington County, Pa.
THOMAS A. CIANCUTTI	New Kensington, Pa.
SAMUEL J. FASHION	Johnstown, Pa.
JOHN FONTANA	Pittsburgh, Pa.
MIKE GENOVESE	Pittsburgh, Pa.
JOSEPH PECORA	Chester, W. Va.
MICHAEL TRAFICANTE	Altoona, Pa.
ANTHONY VERILLA	Altoona, Pa.
JOSEPH VOLPE	Wilmerding, Pa.

c. Other Matters Pertaining to Membership

When PG T-14 was asked how large the membership of La Cosa Nostra is in the Pittsburgh area, he replied by asking the interviewing agent to suggest an estimate. The figure 50 was mentioned, at which time the informant asked, "Does that include Philadelphia?" He was told that the figure guessed represented only Western Pennsylvania, and the informant said that the figure should have been more like 30 and that only six of these are at all active. No amount of persuasion could get him to identify the six active members.

This informant advised that JOHNNY BAZZANO, the son of GIOVANNI BAZZANO, is married to one of the daughters of ANTONIO RIPEPI. When asked whether JOHNNY would be a member of La Cosa Nostra, particularly because he is the son of a former Capo, this informant shook his head negatively and stated, "He'll always be just JOHNNY." When he was asked whether JAMES PAUL SALAMONE of Erie, Pa., was a member of the Pittsburgh Burgata, this informant said that he did not know him. He then indicated that he knew this individual as JIMMY WESTFIELD and stated emphatically that SALAMONE "does not belong to our Pittsburgh group."

When the aforementioned informant was asked who it was who sponsored the MANNARINO brothers for membership in La Cosa Nostra, he simply shrugged. When it was suggested to him that the sponsor might have been SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, he grinned and said, "Who else?"

During the latter portion of February, 1967, PG T-17 furnished the following information:

In Western Pennsylvania, there are a lot of characters who falsely profess to be members of La Cosa Nostra or the Mafia or to be closely associated with members. These people, generally speaking, are small-time racketeers or in some sort of criminal fringe business, such as vending machine routes. For some reason, these people believe that the circulation of such stories will frighten competitors and enemies and will cause local political and law enforcement officers to give them more respect and a wider latitude in operating.

An example of this is a man named JOHN COSTELLO, who is now deceased but who formerly resided in Homer City, Pa. This guy was about 5'8" tall, 220 pounds, heavy build, dark complexion, blind in one eye and had a wooden leg. He used to do some bootlegging of moonshine whiskey down around Monessen, Pa., in the middle 1920's and early 1930's. In the 1940's, he controlled most of the slot machines and illegal pinballs in Indiana County. It is believed he operated a saloon or two in the Homer City - Indiana area in the late 1940's or early 1950's.

In any event, COSTELLO used to tell associates that he was a member of the "Mafia" and that he had meetings with JOHN LA ROCCA, DOM ANZALONE, SAM MANNARINO and others, when actually these men hardly knew who COSTELLO was. When SAM MANNARINO heard that COSTELLO was boasting about being a close associate of his friends, MANNARINO suggested that COSTELLO be "hit," but LA ROCCA said COSTELLO wasn't worth the risk and was not a threat to anyone in any manner. LA ROCCA said that if COSTELLO was "hit" it might make some people believe he actually had been a member of La Cosa Nostra. However, LA ROCCA did say they would dispose of COSTELLO if he ever infringed on the activities of any of their people, such as to try to place any of his machines in an area controlled by one of their men.

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COSTELLO became ill in the early 1950's and subsequently died, so it was never necessary to deal with him.

When asked when and where the last ceremony admitting new members of La Cosa Nostra took place, he merely said, "A long time ago - too long, maybe." He would not elaborate on this.

He was asked directly if SONNY CIANCUTTI and JOHN FONTANA were La Cosa Nostra members, and he responded by saying, "They might as well be. They have to live the same and obey all the rules." When he was pressed to answer the question, he replied, with a smile, "Not yet."

PG T-11 advised that in about 1959, just before DOMINICK ANZALONE, a known member of La Cosa Nostra and a close associate of SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, moved to California, he operated a casino at Ligonier, Pa. LA ROCCA, described by the informant as "the Capo of the Pittsburgh Family," instructed ANZALONE that he must take in certain additional partners in this casino and it was a short time later that the new partners took over the entire operation but promised ANZALONE a share of the profits. ANZALONE moved to San Jose, Calif., in 1960, and received approximately three cash payments of about \$10,000 each as his share from the casino profits. The payments were cut off without notice shortly thereafter. More than one year passed in which no payments were made to ANZALONE and he decided to send one CHARLES CARBONE to Pittsburgh to act as a personal representative in an effort to secure his interest in the club. Contact by CARBONE with LA ROCCA brought no results. Five years have now gone by and ANZALONE continues to feel that he should share in the profits of the casino. He recently discussed this matter with SAL TARANTO to ascertain whether TARANTO would consider traveling to Pittsburgh to act in his behalf. TARANTO declined because of poor health, but suggested that consideration be given to sending TONY LIMA as the personal representative of ANZALONE inasmuch as LIMA has been closely associated with LA ROCCA in the past.

TARANTO pointed out that LIMA is reliable and could handle most situations and that ANZALONE actually owed him this opportunity for past favors and the loyalty LIMA has shown to ANZALONE. ANZALONE stated that he would consider sending LIMA and GEORGE ADRAGNA together to contact LA ROCCA. The informant pointed out that the loss of the interest of ANZALONE in the Ligonier operation and his loss

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of approximately \$60,000 to FRANK SORCE in the Peter Piper Motors, San Jose, business venture, has been embarrassing to him and he senses that he has lost the respect of the San Jose Family.

The informant indicated that ANZALONE continues to lose the respect of his fellow members because he continually complains about his loss of money while making no effort to recover what is rightfully his. The fact that he is extremely wealthy and still worries about his money has brought only disgust from fellow members who no longer have sympathy for him.

On May 5, 1967, the aforementioned informant advised that he had visited with ANZALONE earlier that week and that ANZALONE appeared to be in poor spirits as a result of his concern relating to a deportation hearing. His attorney had instructed him to discontinue association with anyone of questionable reputation until the conclusion of his hearing and ANZALONE continued to moan that "JOHN LA ROCCA is making money by the bushel basket."

In discussing further information concerning ANZALONE, this informant advised that when ANZALONE moved from Pennsylvania to California, he was placed on the payroll of the California Cheese Company in San Jose, for the purpose of making it appear to the Immigration and Naturalization Service that he was legitimately employed. This company is owned and operated by SAL MARINO, former Capo de Decina of San Jose. Personal differences soon developed between the two and the relationship was severed. MARINO, however, had cleverly filtered word back to LA ROCCA in Pittsburgh that ANZALONE had made specific derogatory remarks concerning LA ROCCA. This caused LA ROCCA to become disenchanted with ANZALONE, who countered through his sources and was ultimately successful in convincing LA ROCCA that the accusations made by MARINO were untrue. As a result, MARINO was replaced as Capo de Decina by his son, ANGELO. This has been considered as a "slap in the face." The LA ROCCA-ANZALONE friendship will never be the same and since this incident, ANZALONE has been most circumspect in his contact with the MARINOs.

The informant pointed out that ANZALONE originally came to the United States on a specific assignment ordered by the Mafia in Sicily. He was to kill JOHN BONDI, who had fled from Sicily to Pittsburgh, Pa., after killing three members of the Mafia in Sicily. BONDI, who is now deceased, was a cousin of TONY LIMA. Because ANZALONE was a close

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friend of the father of TONY LIMA, LIMA stepped in to act as peacemaker and BONDI and ANZALONE became friends. ANZALONE later became a member of the STEVE MONASTERA Family in Pittsburgh.

While living in Pittsburgh, prior to the takeover by JOHN LA ROCCA, ANZALONE learned through the grapevine that his wife, a resident of Sicily, was having a love affair. It was mandatory at that time that a La Cosa Nostra member avenge this disgrace and ANZALONE returned to Sicily to kill both his wife and her lover. Instead of doing this, he forgave his wife, separated from her and returned to Pittsburgh. He had dishonored himself and was dropped from the MONASTERA Family. He was reinstated by PEPINO SIRACUSA following the death of MONASTERA and he again became active in La Cosa Nostra activities.

On August 8, 1966, FRANK AMATO was interviewed at his home at 430 Second Street, Braddock, Pa.

AMATO said that he was born in Naples, Italy, and spent the first 17 years of his life there. During his early youth, he was employed as a barber from the time he was approximately 14 years of age. He came to this country alone in late 1910, and spent six or seven months in New York City working as a barber. In 1911, an uncle from Braddock, Pa., sent him a train ticket and money to come to Pittsburgh, and he moved to Braddock and has lived there since that time.

AMATO said that he was employed as a barber in Braddock at first and that eventually he bought a bar known as "The Brandywine." He said that his employees were all Italians, and one of them was one of the ANDOLINA brothers. He said that he finally quit the saloon business because his employees were robbing him.

AMATO said that he has very little income now, relying on his social security and meager receipts from his pinball machines. During 1965, he earned about \$5,600 from these sources. He does not service the machines himself, but has contracted them to AL MC CULLOUGH, a Wilkinsburg distributor who handles all the pinball maintenance and pays FRANK a percentage of the profit. This percentage, plus his social security, makes up his income. AMATO said that the Adrilee Motel is not his, but his son's. He said he helps his son but does not take any money in income from the operation of the motel. He said he had nothing to do with

numbers. Everyone calls him a hoodlum and a gangster because of his association with numerous other Italians in the Pittsburgh area. AMATO said that he knows VITO BONACCI very well, having spent 55 years in Braddock with VITO, because BONACCI's family was from the town where AMATO was born and raised. He pointed out that it was natural for Italians to associate with other Italians in this country when they had a common background and a common language. He said that JOSEPH NUGARA had married one of his daughters and he was quite friendly with NUGARA also. He said that he was well-acquainted with "ARCHIE" NELSON and was a close personal friend of SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA. He said that he met VITO GENOVESE at a wedding approximately ten years ago, but he was not a close friend of GENOVESE. He said he did not know JOSEPH BARBARA and was not at "the gathering" at Apalachin, New York, in 1957. His son-in-law, KELLY MANNARINO, was there. AMATO said that he had heard of La Cosa Nostra while reading a story written by JOSEPH VALACHI, but he felt that this was the result of an over-active imagination on the part of the writer. He said that he did not know anything about the organization, nor was he a member. He said he was not a member of the Mafia, nor had he ever been a member.

AMATO said that he had never been in trouble in his life, although he had been arrested on a murder charge in 1927. He said that he was not anywhere near the area of the murder and had a witness to prove it. The charges against him were dropped. Concerning a shooting in his home about five or six years ago, AMATO said that two individuals came to his home in the evening, and his pregnant daughter answered the door. These individuals shoved their way into the house at gunpoint, and ransacked his home looking for a box which AMATO said did not exist. The box was ostensibly filled with cash. AMATO said that he was able, after a tense and trying period in his home, to pull a gun from his waistband (a gun he said he always carried with him) and was able to shoot one of the thieves in the leg. He said he ran upstairs to try to get the other thief, but this individual jumped from an upstairs window and escaped. When he returned downstairs, the individual who he had shot appeared to be coming after him again, and he shot him in the head. He pointed out that he did this to protect his wife and pregnant daughter from physical harm at the hands of the intruders. AMATO said that after shooting this individual in the head, he called the police. He indicated that he had no other arrests, and had spent his life helping people.



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AMATO advised that he has five daughters and one son. One of his daughters is married to JOSEPH NUGARA and another to MICHAEL SCHERBANIC, Allegheny County Deputy Sheriff. He said that SCHERBANIC and his daughter reside on the top floor of the AMATO home. He concluded the interview by stating that he was happy to have been contacted and would welcome a recontact at any time in the future.

PG T-8 has advised that he has some reservations about the CANCELLIERI brothers, JOHN and SAM, who are grandsons of old JOHN CANCELLIERI, whom the informant feels was definitely a member of the old Mafia. He also named JOHN FONTANA, formerly of New Kensington, Pa., as a possible member of the organization.

With relation to FRANK VALENTI, the aforementioned informant advised that he has known this individual for more than 30 years and that he is positive that VALENTI is a member of La Cosa Nostra. He indicated that VALENTI might possibly have been initiated in about 1947 or 1948, and that he was sponsored either by JOHN CANCELLIERI or SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA.

#### IV. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

##### a. Information Relating to the Influence of the Organization in the Pittsburgh Numbers Racket

PG T-18 has advised that the Italian syndicate in Pittsburgh had taken over a good portion of the numbers operation controlled by TONY GROSSO and that the only remaining independent book in Pittsburgh was on the North Side. This informant hastened to say, however, that he had heard from a very reliable source that the syndicate in Pittsburgh does not have the capital to handle the GROSSO operation and that SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA has made the statement that he is not interested in taking over the numbers action because there is too much concentration on it by Federal officials and some law enforcement agencies. He has always felt that such an operation would be nothing but a headache to La Cosa Nostra.

PG T-19 has advised that he refuses to believe that La Cosa Nostra will ever take over the city of Pittsburgh numbers racket and no one he has talked to in the rackets has any fear of this happening at the present time. They reason, according to the informant, that the organization will not pay, and that means no repeat business. He said that La Cosa

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Nostra representatives in the numbers racket may pick up a lot of "nickel and dime business" that the big independents will not care about losing, but that no big bettors will go to them because of their habit of "walking" hits they feel they cannot cover.

The aforementioned informant indicated that the numbers racket seems to be at its lowest ebb in years in the Pittsburgh area and that there is more distrust among its operators than ever before. He said that police shakedowns have not diminished one bit and, in fact, have picked up since the acquittal of former Assistant Superintendent LAWRENCE J. MALONEY. He stated that there is no one officer getting as big a cut as MALONEY got but that more men down through the ranks are taking what they can get.

PG T-20 was asked about the East Liberty numbers book, fronted by JAKE LERNER and PHIL GENOVESE, older brother of MIKE. He indicated that it is positively syndicate-controlled and handled by MIKE GENOVESE, acting under the orders of SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA. He stated that there is no other book in Pittsburgh that is syndicated in that no one dictates the operation of any other book except the man operating the book. He indicated that La Cosa Nostra has control only to the degree that members such as LA ROCCA, SICA and the VOLPEs may be asked to lend a large amount of money, for instance \$25,000 or more. Their asking price is never pressure or control but merely a fat interest and prompt payments.

On August 2, 1966, Corporal JOHN REDIGAN of the Pennsylvania State Police at Greensburg, Pa., advised that investigation by his squad had determined that "PATSY" STANIZZO and FELIX GENOVESE, the older brother of MIKE, had recently started to meet various runners to receive their daily numbers packs for subsequent delivery to the headquarters counting office of the JAKE LERNER numbers combine. LERNER is the front for the LA ROCCA-GENOVESE Organization in this particular phase of the numbers operation. He indicated that both individuals were extremely "tail conscious" and that his squad was having a great deal of difficulty in finding the meeting place, which would change every day. He requested assistance in determining in advance where the meeting place would be.

On August 2, 1966, PG T-9 was contacted in relation to this problem and he advised that each day between 2:20 PM and 2:30 PM, the numbers runner from Wilmerding, Pa.,

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receives a telephone call from an individual who tells him where he should deliver his packs to the JAKE LERNER headquarters representatives. He said that it is the custom of this individual to take these packs, which are picked up from various writers in the Turtle Creek Valley area of Allegheny County, and deliver them to the LERNER representatives between 3:25 PM and 3:35 PM. Although the area changes constantly, the pass had occurred for several days prior to this time in the Pittsburgh - Wilkinsburg border area. He named five individuals to whom the turnovers would probably be made and furnished a complete description of each of these individuals. He said that he could probably obtain information as to the turnover site on August 3, 1966.

On August 3, 1966, the aforementioned informant advised that he had learned of the specific area of the turnover and named it as the intersection of Pitt and Franklin Streets in Wilkinsburg. The Pennsylvania State Police was immediately apprised of this information and at approximately 3:31 PM, STANIZZO and FELIX GENOVESE were observed sitting in a 1963 black Cadillac convertible at the aforementioned intersection. Their car bore a dealer's license plate and at 3:38 PM, a 1960 white Dodge sedan, bearing one unknown male, pulled alongside the Cadillac and handed its occupants a brown paper bag. The Pennsylvania State Police surveillance was "made" immediately and the GENOVESE car sped away, running a stop sign and turning into a one-way street. Approximately half way down the street, STANIZZO threw the bag from the car window and the car was brought to a stop by pursuing State Police cars. GENOVESE and STANIZZO appeared to be extremely angry and worried.

PG T-21 has been questioned specifically about the background of the development of the utilization of JAKE LERNER as a front for the La Cosa Nostra numbers operation in the Pittsburgh, Pa., area.

He stated that during the early portion of 1965, the family of LERNER became interested in returning JAKE to Pittsburgh from Arizona, where he had become a heavy drinker. He indicated that inasmuch as TONY GROSSO, the leading man in the Pittsburgh numbers picture, was facing a prison sentence, LERNER felt that he could return to Pittsburgh and operate a large bookmaking operation that would eventually move in when GROSSO was incarcerated.

The following additional information was contributed by the informant in this regard:

LERNER was contacted by one of the members of the CANCELLIERI family from the North Side of Pittsburgh shortly after his return from Arizona and LERNER was requested to meet with FELIX GENOVESE, older brother of MIKE, and JOHN FONTANA. LERNER was asked to come alone to the Phoenix Motel at Monroeville, Pa., at which place the two aforementioned individuals requested him to handle the bookmaking operation for the LA ROCCA-GENOVESE Organization. He was promised certain territories that were already in the possession of the organization, and LERNER advised them during the meeting that he was not interested in the proposition. In thinking it over, however, LERNER realized that he could again be a big man and that because the syndicate had asked him to do them a favor, he could once again be in the driver's seat. He visualized himself as the successor to TONY GROSSO.

Numerous meetings among FELIX GENOVESE, JOHN FONTANA and JAKE LERNER took place and LERNER eventually met with MIKE GENOVESE. At the conclusion of this meeting, LERNER was put in charge of the organization's numbers operation. GENOVESE turned over to LERNER the bookmaking operations in the East Liberty, Homewood, Squirrel Hill, North Side and South Side areas of Pittsburgh, specified areas within the Pittsburgh city limits, including the Hill District and the Market area, and the New Kensington, Pa., area. FONTANA was to handle the East Liberty and New Kensington area, and GENOVESE was to handle the Squirrel Hill and Homewood areas. Other organization individuals would be placed in charge of the additional territories. The total play was always turned over to one of the organization representatives at a designated location and the package was then taken to a "bank." This bank, of course, had its location changed daily, and all individuals were constantly aware of surveillances. Occasionally, rooms in downtown Pittsburgh hotels were utilized for "bank" purposes.

According to the aforementioned informant, the syndicate realizes the ability of LERNER as it did with CHUCK TEEMER. TEEMER, he pointed out, could operate a gambling operation with perfection and was chosen by the syndicate to operate their gambling establishments. LERNER was chosen for the same reason.

b. Investigations Being Conducted by Other Federal Agencies which Relate to La Cosa Nostra

On February 21, 1967, a United Press International release datelined Washington, D. C., appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press," captioned, "Flying Squads Shadowing Crime Lords." It indicated that a nationwide attack has begun on at least 15 of the 24 big Cosa Nostra "families" that reportedly run organized crime in the United States and that the vehicle for the assault that will touch cities from Massachusetts to Florida to California, is a flying squad of investigative experts from five Federal agencies. The release stated that the squad is directed by the Justice Department's Organized Crime Section headed by HENRY E. PETERSON and includes members from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Bureau of Narcotics and the Labor Department.

PETERSON, according to the release, said that much of the effort will be aimed at irregularities that could lead to action against the legitimate businesses being used as fronts by the syndicate. He listed the men and the areas as major targets in the drive, and one of these is "JOHN LA ROCCA of Pittsburgh." The Pittsburgh paper contained an additional writeup on LA ROCCA.

A great many television and newspapermen converged on the Ingomar, Pa., residence of LA ROCCA on February 22, 1967, as the result of extensive publicity given to LA ROCCA in the newspaper of that date. No family members were at home, inasmuch as LA ROCCA and his wife had left the area for their Florida winter residence during the second week in January, as anticipated. Newsmen indicated that they would concentrate on photographs of the North Star Cement Block Company, owned by LA ROCCA.

On May 25, 1967, a meeting was held in the Grand Jury Room of the United States Post Office and Court House Building at Pittsburgh, Pa. Attendees represented the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Secret Service and the United States Attorney's Office, in addition to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The meeting was presided over by ALFRED N. KING, Attorney for the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., who suggested that representatives be organized into a permanent group to be known as the Pittsburgh Intelligence Unit. The meeting was called primarily to discuss the mutual cooperation which could be entered into by all of the agencies represented in relation to several

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subjects of anti-racketeering investigations in the Pittsburgh Division. These individuals are known members of La Cosa Nostra and the bulk of the work was to be done by the Internal Revenue Service in relation to the returns filed by these individuals, which showed [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Subsequent meetings have been held on a continuing basis and the first individuals discussed were [REDACTED].

c. Information Relating to the Influence of the Organization in the Altoona, Pa., Area

PG T-22 has advised that DAVID ROBERT IACOVETTI was born either in the state of Connecticut or some place near New York City, and that he came to Altoona when he was a very small boy and attended the Altoona school system. He said that the father of IACOVETTI, ALBERT, and his mother continue to reside in Altoona but that he does not know the mother's maiden name.

The aforementioned informant advised that IACOVETTI has three brothers in Altoona named GABRIEL, ANDREW and JOSEPH, and that all are engaged in some sort of business enterprise in the community and, as far as he knows, are legitimate individuals. DAVID IACOVETTI left Altoona approximately 20 years ago and went to Connecticut. He has not returned to Altoona except for occasional visits since that time, but did marry a second or third cousin of Altoona racketeer JACK VERILLA. Her maiden name was ALTIERO.

The aforementioned informant has stated that he is absolutely certain that DAVID ROBERT IACOVETTI is a member of La Cosa Nostra and has heard rumors to the effect that he is becoming quite a big man in the organization. He stated that he has also heard that IACOVETTI is a close associate of FRANK SINATRA. He has heard no additional information indicating that a group headed by IACOVETTI was coming back to Altoona, Pa., in an attempt to take over the racket situation there, and no further effort has been made in this regard by the group to purchase the Greenwood Supper Club located in the east end of the city.

Investigation at Altoona, Pa., indicates that MICHAEL JOHN TRAFICANTE still controls the majority of the numbers operation in the city; that he operates a pinball machine business and that he occasionally backs a floating crap game which normally is run on Sunday in Altoona. His

health continues to be extremely poor. The Internal Revenue Service at Altoona, Pa., is also conducting an investigation of TRAFICANTE and has learned that he is a partner of JOSEPH DECRISCIO, in the operation of the Juniata Furnace Company at Altoona. It has also been learned that he has an interest in the Palidore Arcade and in a fruit market, both located in Altoona. TRAFICANTE has purchased a substantial number of low-class homes at Altoona, many of which are currently unoccupied and he owns many of the properties in which his relatives reside, even though court records disclose that the relative is the actual owner of the property. Internal Revenue Service has also determined that most transactions on the part of TRAFICANTE are on a cash basis and this has made it extremely difficult to develop substantial evidence against him.

JOHN LOUIS CARAMADRE remains active in the Altoona, Pa., area. The only legitimate business that can be located for him is a partnership with JACK VERILLA in the Wing Lingerie Shop at Tyrone, Pa.

d. Information Relating to the Influence of the Organization at Chester, W. Va., Gambling Establishments

PG T-23 has discussed what he knows about the Chester, W. Va., operations in which La Cosa Nostra is interested. He said that CHUCK TEEMER has become elderly and wanted for a long time to remove himself from the racket picture, but that La Cosa Nostra would not let him out. This informant indicated that representatives of La Cosa Nostra from Pittsburgh purchased the Red Dog at Chester, W. Va., and asked TEEMER to operate it, after they had failed to make a go of it. He said that TEEMER's personality and contacts enabled him to lure many more people to the Red Dog and he was promised 12% of the take. The informant indicated that although JOSEPH PECORA was supposed to be the owner of the Red Dog, the real owner is SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, who takes the greatest share of the gross. He said that LA ROCCA pays very minor amounts to the VOLPE brothers and to ANTONIO RIPEPI.

PG T-24 advised that JOSEPH PECORA has told him that he has a small interest in the gambling activities presently being conducted at the Half Moon Night Club, located on Route 30, Chester, W. Va., and that this casino has craps tables which are being operated by the same individuals who were employed by PECORA at the Paddock Club. He remarked

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that he would like to re-open the Red Dog Restaurant as a gambling casino but has had trouble with the local Sheriff and State Police. He blamed the trouble on the pressure of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

PG T-25 has advised that JOSEPH PECORA has bought out CHARLES TEEMER's interest in the Red Dog Restaurant and that TEEMER also sold to PECORA property owned by him in Hancock County. He advised that La Cosa Nostra now controls the gambling operations at the Half Moon, the Rio, the Lantern Inn and the Cactus Bar. He advised that PECORA plans to again open the gambling casino at the Red Dog Restaurant.

On June 14, 1966, the Red Dog Restaurant opened again as a gambling casino and began operation exactly as the operation was run in the former Jockey Club and Paddock Club. The same employees are again working at the new Red Dog and the PECORA brothers are employed in an administrative capacity. The clientele at the new gambling casino is identical to that which patronized the Jockey Club and the Paddock Club. Food and beverages are free in the gambling area. No checks are accepted for gambling debts and the casino is extremely plush, indicating that La Cosa Nostra expects to receive a sizable financial return on its investment.

On August 8, 1966, "The Weirton Daily Times" at Weirton, W. Va., reported that the Lantern Inn, located on Route 66, Chester, W. Va., was raided by the West Virginia State Police. Gambling equipment and liquor were confiscated.

On August 19, 1966, the aforementioned newspaper reported that Hancock County Deputies had raided the Cactus Bar, located on Route 30, Chester, W. Va. No gambling equipment was confiscated, but arrests were made on liquor violations. News articles did not state that JOSEPH PECORA has a part interest in both establishments, but informants have verified that La Cosa Nostra, fronted effectively in the Chester, W. Va., area by PECORA, has an interest in both operations.

Bureau Agents of the Pittsburgh Division were successful in gaining entry to the Red Dog casino at Chester, W. Va., on September 16 - 17, 1966. They participated actively in the gambling and were successful in identifying both operators and patrons. On September 26, 1966, however, District Attorney FLOYD TARR advised that it would be detrimental to the Democratic Party at that time to conduct



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a raid at the Red Dog casino and that he would not consider raiding this establishment until after the November elections. He promised to take action based on affidavits filed by the Agents.

On December 3, 1966, Agents of the Pittsburgh Division again gained entry to the Red Dog gambling establishment at Chester, W. Va., and obtained pertinent evidence. On December 5, 1966, a meeting was held with Prosecuting Attorney FLOYD TARR and Lieutenant W. F. BOWLEY of the West Virginia State Police in attendance. Necessary papers were filed by the Agents and it was decided that the West Virginia State Police would raid the establishment based on information furnished by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on the evening of December 9, 1966. Warrants were filed charging JOSEPH PECORA with violation of liquor and gambling statutes of the West Virginia State Law. On December 8, 1966, it was determined that all of the gambling equipment had been removed from the casino on the evening of December 7, 1966, because PECORA had learned of the coming raid. The raid was cancelled and the Red Dog is again in operation.

During the latter portion of July, 1967, PG T-26 advised that JOSEPH PECORA and his brothers, VINCENT, RICHARD and CHARLES, JR., in addition to BENNY PHILLIPS, had gained almost complete control of all gambling establishments on the "strip," which is U. S. Route 30, in northern Hancock County. He stated that they were able to obtain this complete monopoly for La Cosa Nostra through an alleged association with Hancock County Sheriff JOSEPH RODAK, who has been able to force the small independent operators out of business with constant liquor raids.

The aforementioned informant advised that the clubs operating without interference include the Red Dog, Cactus, Rio and Lantern Inn. He indicated that if the take at the Red Dog on a weekend is not more than \$100,000, it would mean the establishment was having a bad week. The casino-type gambling at this establishment includes craps, blackjack and barbout.

It is the impression of the informant that the Sheriff of Hancock County is on friendly terms with the Governor of West Virginia and raids are never made on any of the PECORA locations, unless they are pre-planned for publicity purposes.

e. Other Matters Relating to Criminal Activities

PG T-27 has advised that during October, 1966, he was in the company of MIKE DE MARCO, Pittsburgh racket figure, and the closest known Pittsburgh associate of La Cosa Nostra member FRANK VALENTI, of Rochester, N. Y. The informant was introduced to one TONY VOLPE, who allegedly owned a farm near Duncansville, Pa. VOLPE stated that "JOE BANANAS" had stayed there while being sought by New York authorities. He said the farm is used by many other La Cosa Nostra top figures to hide or "cool off." VOLPE was described by the informant as being from New York State and driving a 1966 Cadillac Coupe de Ville, which bore a New York license that started with the numbers 96.

The informant stated that VOLPE was a white male, approximately 60 years of age, 5'10" in height, of medium-husky build, with black, graying hair and a gray mustache.

The New York, Albany and Buffalo Divisions have been unable to determine the identity of this individual. No further information has been received which relates to the alleged farm near Duncansville, Pa.

When news media publicized the disinterment in New Jersey by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the bodies of two victims of alleged La Cosa Nostra slayings, PG T-6 was asked if the news came as a surprise to him. He replied that although he was not aware of this particular burial spot, "We have places like that all over the country." He indicated that he had once met the informant in this matter and that "One of their biggest mistakes is telling too much to the Jewish guys we have to work with."

On December 15, 1966, the "Pittsburgh Press" carried an article entitled, "Ripepi Linked to Shooting in Baltimore." The article indicated that ANTONIO RIPEPI, age 63, of the Whitehall section of Pittsburgh, was wanted by Baltimore authorities on a charge of intent to murder. He was arrested by the Whitehall Police Chief at his home and the paper indicated that JAMES ASHTON (who has represented members of La Cosa Nostra in the past) had been retained by RIPEPI as his attorney.

The article described RIPEPI as a Whitehall coin machine operator with a business at Pleasant Hills, Pa., and said that he was charged with an attack on one ANGELO TROMBERI, who in turn, was charged with the shooting of FRANK E. CORBI, a night club operator, who played a prominent

role in a Grand Jury investigation of Baltimore's burlesque strip known as "The Block." RIPEPI denied having been in Baltimore when the shooting occurred.

The Red Eagle Club, located at 412 Larimer Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., was formerly known as the Genovese Cocktail Lounge, and, prior to the Apalachin meeting of hoodlums, was a known hangout for members of La Cosa Nostra, who met there during conferences called by SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA.

On January 23, 1967, Pittsburgh informants advised that a large dice and barbout game had been taking place over the Red Eagle Lounge and furnished a complete picture of the locations of various pieces of gambling apparatus. All advised that the game had an elaborate setup to warn operators of approaching visitors and operated with little concern for law enforcement.

Armed with the information furnished by these informants, the Pittsburgh Police Department conducted a raid on the establishment and arrested 22 patrons for gambling in a club which had been re-named the Musical Valley Association.

A similar raid was conducted by the Allegheny County Detective Bureau, Pittsburgh, Pa., on the same establishment, based upon information furnished by Federal Bureau of Investigation informants.

#### V. CONSPIRATORIAL ASPECTS

The New York Division advised on September 23, 1966, that at 5:00 PM, on September 22, 1966, the New York City Police Department had conducted a surveillance which resulted in the apprehension on consorting charges of 13 known members of La Cosa Nostra, who were dining at La Stella Restaurant, 102 - 13 Queens Boulevard, Forest Hills, N. Y. All offices were requested to contact logical informants for any information they could develop in relation to this meeting. At least one informant in the Pittsburgh area advised that on the evening of September 21, 1966, he telephonically contacted JOSEPH PECORA at the Julian Restaurant in New York City, and that PECORA, a suspected member of La Cosa Nostra, was with MIKE GENOVESE and the manager of Club 21 in New York. This information was furnished to the New York Division to assist in its investigation but no further details were ever obtained. Neither GENOVESE nor PECORA ever told anyone what they were

doing in New York City and their names were not brought into the investigation conducted by the New York City Police Department.

There have been no large meetings attended by actual and suspected members of La Cosa Nostra of the Pittsburgh Burgata that have been brought to the attention of the Pittsburgh Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by informants knowledgeable in this field.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PITTSBURGH "FAMILY" OF LA COSA NOSTRA

a. Attendance of Pittsburghers at Wedding of JANET IMBURGIA and FRANK NANNICOLA, in Warren, Ohio

On June 4, 1966, the wedding of JANET IMBURGIA, daughter of CHARLES IMBURGIA, and FRANK NANNICOLA was held in Warren, Ohio. Immediately following the wedding ceremony, a breakfast was held at the Chateau Supper Club in Warren, which was followed by a dinner at the Living Room Restaurant and a reception at the Mural Room, Youngstown, Ohio, that evening.

The Cleveland Division conducted spot checks in this regard and learned that approximately 600 people were present at the reception. An estimated 300 license numbers were obtained at the wedding, breakfast, dinner and reception and were identified. Among those out-of-town individuals in attendance were FRANK J. ROSA of 339 Sunset Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa., and GABRIEL MANNARINO of 540 Charles Avenue, New Kensington, Pa.

b. Possible Interest of Pittsburgh "Family" Member in Florida Race Tracks

PG T-4 advised during the latter portion of 1966, that it is a little known fact that ANTONIO RIPEPI receives a big percentage of all of the concessions at one or more of the Florida race tracks. He stated that he is not sure of the identities of the tracks, but that he knows that one is the Hollywood Race Track. He indicated that RIPEPI, DOMINICK ANZALONE and a Miami hoodlum are partners in this operation and that RIPEPI became affiliated with it by virtue of his connections in La Cosa Nostra and his interest in racing and the ownership of race horses.

The Miami Division advised that informants have failed to establish any connection of RIPEPI with vending at race tracks in the Miami area but had learned that the President of the Hollywood, Fla., Dog Track is an alleged close friend of RIPEPI and that they have gone on Canadian hunting trips together.

c. Attendance at Wedding of GEORGIENNE MANNARINO and Dr. RUSSELL BUFALINO, Pittsburgh, Pa., November 5, 1966

PG T-14 advised that GABRIEL MANNARINO's daughter, GEORGIENNE, and Dr. RUSSELL SAMUEL BUFALINO were married at Mt. St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in New Kensington, Pa., on November 5, 1966. He stated that the groom is from Meadville, Pa., and that it is interesting to note that his internship at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, was arranged for by Dr. JOHN REGIS MILLER. MILLER was formerly a patrolman on the Braddock, Pa., Police Department, whose medical education expenses were paid by La Cosa Nostra member FRANK AMATO. Since that time, MILLER has been obligated to AMATO and as the chief surgeon at Mercy Hospital, MILLER has handled such patients as AMATO, SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA and SAMUEL MANNARINO.

During the conversation with the aforementioned informant, who is a known La Cosa Nostra member, he mentioned that there were several La Cosa Nostra members from out of town in attendance at the wedding and reception but he did not feel at liberty to disclose their names. He said there would have been many more had not GABRIEL MANNARINO contacted them and warned them of the probability of visual and photographic coverage of the event by law enforcement agencies. He mentioned that no law enforcement agencies will be able to find out from records of the Holiday Inn at New Kensington, Pa., who these out-of-town guests were because it was arranged with PAUL BAZZANO, one of the principal owners, for these guests to register under assumed names. He said that PAUL is the brother of JOHN BAZZANO and the son of GIOVANNI BAZZANO, former Pittsburgh Capo. He added that PAUL is definitely not a member of La Cosa Nostra and that neither are Dr. RUSSELL BUFALINO nor his father, SAM.

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