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SALVATORE AMARENA, AKA; ET AL, RICO; OO: SAN FRANCISCO.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU MAY 26, 1976,
BUREAU TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO MAY 27, 1976, SAN FRANCISCO
TELCAL TO THE BUREAU JUNE 10, 1976 AND BUREAU TELCAL TO
SAN FRANCISCO JUNE 10, 1976.

VIA REFERENCED TELETYPE, SAN FRANCISCO FURNISHED THE
BUREAU BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE THE CURRENT CRIMINAL
ACTIVITIES OF AMARENA AND OTHER SUBJECTS AS FURNISHED THIS
OFFICE BY SHARON EILEEN WHITCOMB, AN EMPLOYEE OF AMARENA
AND CORROBORATED BY SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT (SFPD)
INTELLIGENCE UNIT. INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE INDICATES
SUBJECTS, ALL NOTORIOUS WEST COAST ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES,
ARE INVOLVED IN ITSP, ECT AND HOBBS ACT VIOLATIONS. THIS
MATTER WAS ORIGINALLY REFERRED TO THIS OFFICE BY THOMAS
KOTOSKE, SAN FRANCISCO STRIKE FORCE (SFSF) WHO HAS INDICATED
HE IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN PURSUING IT UNDER RICO STATUTE.

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DURING RECENT CONTACTS WITH WHITCOMB, SHE HAD ADVISED SHE IS FREQUENTLY A PARTY TO CONVERSATIONS WHEREIN AMARENA, ALADENA "JIMMY THE WEASEL" FRATIANNO AND OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSS THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AND ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH ONE ANOTHER IN FURTHERANCE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES. WHITCOMB INDICATES THESE DISCUSSIONS TO WHICH HE IS A PARTY OCCUR AT AMARENA'S PLACE OF BUSINESS (SAL'S ESPRESSO CAFFE, SAN FRANCISCO) AND AT WHITCOMB'S APARTMENT 39 FAIR OAKS, APT. 204, SAN FRANCISCO. WHITCOMB HAS ADVISED SHE WILL COOPERATE IN THIS INVESTIGATION TO THE EXTENT OF ALLOWING THIS OFFICE TO INSTALL EQUIPMENT IN HER APARTMENT TO RECORD HER CONVERSATIONS WITH AMARENA, FRATIANNO AND OTHER SUBJECTS. WHITCOMB HAS AGREED TO TESTIFY.

DURING RECENT CONTACTS WITH KOTOSKE AND SFSF ATTORNEY JOHN EMERSON, BOTH AGREE THAT WHITCOMB'S CONVERSATIONS WITH SUBJECTS SHOULD BE RECORDED TO PRESERVE THEM IN VIEW OF THEIR OBVIOUS EVIDENTIARY VALUE. ON JUNE 10, 1976, EMERSON ADVISED THAT HE HAD REVIEWED THE MATTER AND FEELS ENTRAPMENT PRESENTS NO PROBLEM.

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VIA SAN FRANCISCO TELCALL, SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED EMERGENCY AUTHORITY OF THE BUREAU BE GRANTED TO RECORD CONVERSATIONS WHITCOMB MAY HAVE WITH SUBJECTS AT HER SAN FRANCISCO APARTMENT. THE BUREAU ADVISED BY RETURN TELCALL THAT EMERGENCY AUTHORITY COULD NOT BE GRANTED IN THIS CASE BECAUSE THERE WERE NO COMPELLING CIRCUMSTANCES, (I.E., IMMEDIATE DANGER TO A VICTIM), FOR WHICH BUREAU EMERGENCY AUTHORITY WAS DESIGNED.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN 30-DAY DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL FOR INSTALLATION OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT IN WHITCOMB'S APARTMENT, 39 FAIR OAKS APT. 204, SAN FRANCISCO, TO RECORD HER CONVERSATIONS WITH SUBJECTS SALVATORE AMARENA, ALADENA FRATIANNO AND OTHERS. END.