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ADMINISTRATIVE

Delay in reporting is noted, however, this case was investigated on a continuing basis and maintained in a current status.

CG 7016-CTE furnished the following information:

As Bureau aware, ROSS PRIO, for years top leader of organized crime on north side Chicago, died in Miami on December, 1972.

Contact has been maintained with CG 7016-CTE since death of prio to be advised of decision of leadership as to successor to PRIO.

CTE advised January 11, 1973, that top level meeting of organized crime leaders was held on January 4, 1973, at Luxor Baths, headquarters of JOSEPH AIUPPA, who currently is one of trio of hoodlum leaders running Chicago group. CTE advised that present were LEONARD PATRICK, LESLIE KRUSE, AL PILOTTO, DOMINICK DI BELLA and DOMINICK BRANCATO, all upper echelon leaders in Chicago. At meeting, AIUPPA advised that leadership had discussed successor to PRIO and at least on tentative basis, DI BELLA had been chosen. AIUPPA gave orders to leaders to consider DI BELLA as boss of north side until and unless other orders are forthcoming. ILL

AIUPPA also announced that in order to contact him other leaders should continue to contact LARRY RASSANO, AIUPPA underling, at a parking lot of Old Towne Hotel in Cicero, or TOMMY RUSSO. RUSSO for years has been underling of HY LARNER, key hoodlum figure, but since LARNER spends most of his time attending to his gambling boats in Carribean, RUSSO has been assigned to assist AIUPPA in LARNER's absence. ILL

AIUPPA advised that RUSSO can be contacted at Palmetto (ph) Restaurant on northwest corner of 17th Avenue and 22nd Street in Broadview or at "Yes It Is" Restaurant on 12th Street east of 17th Avenue, which are locations where AIUPPA has recently commenced holding meetings.

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CTE's information regarding DI BELLA confirms indications received from other Chicago sources and informants who have advised that rumors on street on near north side have led them to believe DI BELLA has obtained increased authority since death of PRIO. Noted DI BELLA is elderly former Lieutenant of PRIO for decades, long known as one of "Three Doms," middle echelon LCN Leaders. CTE advised that at meeting AIUPPA indicated that JOSEPH ~~DI VARGO~~, long considered PRIO's top underling, would have received top consideration except that he is currently under one year sentence for income tax evasion along with JOSEPH ~~ARNOLD~~, another leader who probably would have received top consideration except for that fact. CTE also advised that GUS ~~ALEX~~, who serves more or less on lateral FLA level with AIUPPA, undoubtedly would have attended meeting at Luxor Baths except for fact he left Chicago on December 22, 1972, for his other residence in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and continues to reside there.

CTE also advised that EDWARD ~~VOGEL~~, elderly top hoodlum, left Chicago area for remainder of winter. He was in Las Vegas with his bodyguard, NATHAN ~~"BUTCH"~~ ~~LADON~~, over Christmas holidays and has now left there to spend rest of winter with his paramour, ANN ~~FENNER~~, at her residence in Palm Springs, California.

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CG 9561-PC furnished the following data:

On January 19, 1973, informant advised that GUS ALEX was recently in Chicago and a discussion came up concerning the activities of the "outfit" in this city. ALEX stated there was no gambling in the Loop area and also advised that when he was through with his present assignment, he was again returning to Florida.

In conversation with ALEX, apparently ALEX is called back from Florida whenever the "outfit" has a problem with "City Hall." ALEX has connections in the City Hall that include GEORGE ~~DUNNE~~ and MARSHALL ~~KORSHAK~~ and a number of Aldermen, particularly on the South side of Chicago, who have been close to ALEX for a number of years.

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Informant stated ALEX has repeatedly stated that he would have nothing to do with narcotics, however, he admitted recently that some of the "people" are now financing narcotics for other interests and are making good money.

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Informant stated that ALEX indicated to him with the recent deaths of mob leaders that JOEY AIUPPA and CHARLES NICOLETTI are now pretty much in charge of mob activities with AIUPPA recognized as the new leader under TONY ACCARDO. Informant stated ALEX mentioned that after AIUPPA and NICOLETTI, the next in line were the "dons." Informant explained the "dons" as being DOMINICK DI BELLA and DOMINICK BRANCATO.

~~ANTHONY ACCARDO~~

Informant stated that ALEX discussed ANTHONY ANGELOS and expressed a dislike for this subject. Informant stated ALEX described ANGELOS as a "pimp" and would not let him in the same room, even though both are Greeks.

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On February 8, 1973, CG 6890-PC furnished the following information:

A meeting was held at the SAC Club in Melrose Park on Wednesday, February 7, 1973, at the request of certain members of the hoodlum element. Those attending entered the SAC Club between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the following order:

1. TONY MASTRO
2. BUCKY ORTENZI - 1619 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> AVE MELROSE PARK
3. JOHN ROMANO
4. LOUIS KARRIS
5. FRANK KARRIS
6. ROCKY MONTAGNA with two unknown males
7. VITO BALLEO, attorney
8. AUGUST TADEO
9. "SLIM", county policeman
10. JOSEPH AIUPPA
11. CHARLES NICOLETTI

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In view of the fact the following data resulted from undercover investigation by SA FERNANDO E. MATA it is being placed on the Administrative Page at this time.

Luxor Baths continues to be utilized by upper echelon leaders of organized crime in Chicago.

CG 7016-CTE advised on January 11, 1973, that top level meeting of organized crime leaders was held at Luxor Baths on January 4, 1973. Present at the meeting were LEONARD PATRICK, LESLIE KRUSE, AL PILOTTO, DOMINICK DI BELLA and DOMINICK BRANCATO who are all leaders of organized crime in Chicago. Writer has been inside Luxor Baths on a regular basis and has observed meetings of organized crime leaders on many occasions.

The meetings normally take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week at the restaurant located inside of Luxor Baths. At these gatherings the writer has observed the following people:

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 JOSEPH AIUPPA  
 JOSEPH CORNGOLD  
 LEONARD PATRICK  
 ANTHONY "BUCKY" ORTENZI  
 JOSEPH LOMBARDO  
 JOSEPH GRANDE

Also observed meeting with these people regularly has been DAVID SHUMAN who is Chairman of Northwest Beverages Company located at 3685 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. As shown in pertinent FD-302s SHUMAN has been observed by writer meeting with LENNY PATRICK and JOSEPH AIUPPA, but he is well acquainted with many of the organized crime leaders shown above. According to Dun and Bradstreet Business Information Report Northwest Beverages employs approximately 40 people including the officers and the company which manufactures carbonated beverages, sells them throughout Illinois to jobbers and retail stores. The company has some 5,000

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Lieutenant GARBER of Chicago Police Department Intelligence Unit, informed writer on March 8, 1973, that he has received information that JOSEPH AIUPPA has been observed on Thursdays at Scaramuzzo's Gun Shop, 2114 South Cicero, Chicago, Illinois, along with several unknown male, white persons. Same source also indicated to the writer that on March 4, 1973, Investigators BALL and PERRY, with his Department, observed in the vicinity of MARSHALL CAIFANO's house, two white males in a 1973 Buick, bearing 1973 Illinois license plate 925 648, registered to EDWARD CALVANI, 4504 Sunnyside, Brookfield, Illinois. CAIFANO came and sat in rear seat. Subjects drove off with the investigators following at a distance. Subjects drove on the Kennedy Expressway, then got on the Edens Expressway and went north on Route 41, until Kenosha, Wisconsin, where investigators had to refuel their auto and afterwards were unable to continue surveillance.

It is now evident that Luxor Baths is being used as a meeting place by crime syndicate upper echelon hoodlums as well as lower echelon members. Writer has been able to penetrate inside of Luxor and be present at the meetings which take place either in the steamroom or in the restaurant.

During March, 1973, CG 9561-PC furnished the following data:

Informant on March 2, 1973, stated that several days previous he had received a phone call from GUS ALEX and ALEX requested that they have lunch on that day. Informant stated he and ALEX dined at Wabash and Randolph at which time only general conversation took place. He stated ALEX will not discuss "mafia business" while in a car or in any building. Whenever such discussion takes place, it becomes necessary for them to go for a walk.

Informant stated he and ALEX after lunch went through various underground connections between the building where they ate and Carson Pirie Scott and Company. He said ALEX apparently knows all the central passages in the Loop.

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Informant stated that ALEX apparently is having trouble with JOEY AIUPPA and CHARLES NICOLETTI. Both these individuals wanted him to forget about Florida and buy a condominium in Chicago and stay here permanently. ALEX stated he has no intention of doing this nor does he have any intention of assuming greater responsibilities. He stated he has a very comfortable home in Florida and he tried to talk the informant into buying a condominium in the same building where he is located in Florida.

Informant stated that ALEX was critical of AIUPPA and stated that AIUPPA and NICOLETTI now are the top two men in the outfit. He stated apparently they have divided the Chicago outfit into two factions, "Management" and "The Blazers."

Informant understood that Management was under the direct control of JOSEPH AIUPPA and DOMINIC DI BELLA. The Blazers were defined as "hit men." Named among these by the informant were NICOLETTI as the head man in this department, followed by the two SPILOTRO brothers, FRANKIE SCHWEIHS and to some extent JOE LOMBARDO.

Informant stated that ALEX complained that Management was not satisfied with the "Loop operations." They apparently wanted more money from their contacts and connections in the downtown area. They suggested that ALEX take a more active part in the affairs of not only the downtown Loop but the near north side operation which until recently has been profitable.

#### INFORMANTS

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CG T-1 is CG 7016-CTE	12/29/72 1/11/73	SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER
CGIT-2 is CG 9272-PC	12/15/73	SA H. PHILLIP HEIL, JR.

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CG T-3 is CG 6890-PC	January, 1973	SA LOGAN C. PICKERL
CG T-4 is CG 7090-PC	January, 1973	SA FRANK J. FORD
CG T-5 is CG 7287-CTE	January, 1973	SA JOHN E. DALLMAN
CG T-6 is CG 6670-PC	February, 1973	SA FRANK J. FORD

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succeeded to the top leadership position, which he formerly shared with PAUL RICCA, who died in October, 1972. ACCARDO currently makes all policy decisions without consultation with anyone else other than with the two individuals in whom he has given a responsibility to advise. These are GUS ALEX, and JOSEPH AIUPPA, also known as JOEY O'BRIEN.

Informant advised that ACCARDO has the responsibility for making all decisions of a top level nature, but that he has instructed that ALEX and AIUPPA be available for consultation whenever he so desires. Informant advised that ACCARDO has instructed that either ALEX or AIUPPA be available at all times and that they check with each.

Informant has also instructed all upper echelon leaders of organized crime that they are to remain in touch either with AIUPPA or with ALEX and that any decisions which they would make of a nature needing approval be cleared through ALEX and AIUPPA and through ACCARDO.

AIUPPA has left instructions with all other leaders that he be contacted through telephone number Townhall 2-2797 in Cicero. Contact is to be made with AIUPPA either through LARRY RASSANO or through BUCKY ORTENZI. Informant has learned that AIUPPA has scheduled most of his meetings with other leaders at the Luxor Baths, 2039 West North Avenue in Chicago.

During December, 1972, CG T-2 advised the new acting mayor of Melrose Park since the death of Mayor JAKE LA SPISA is AUGUST TADDEO. TADDEO, an attorney in charge of Melrose Park's Department of Public Aid is the godson of JOE AIUPPA.

During January, 1973, CG T-3 furnished the following information:

AUGUST "AUGIE" TADDEO, the current Mayor of Melrose Park, was "made" by JOEY AIUPPA, his Godfather, who, along with CHUCK NICOLETTI arranged to have TADDEO appointed interim mayor following the death of the previous mayor. TADDEO, an attorney, is not expected to