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On 1/8/64 Dr. Aristide Manopulo, Central Bureau, Criminal Division, Italian National Police, Rome, Italy, furnished the following information re Nicolo Gentile:

He was born on 6/12/85 at Siculiana, Italy, to Anthony Gentile and Maria Zarbo, both deceased.

He stayed at the Hotel S. Domenico, Taormina, Italy, on 4/15,16/63 and again on 5/9,10/63. From 5/10/63 to 5/14/63, he stayed at the Europa Inn in Taormina.

In May, 1963, he stated that he was in Taormina to meet with a Mr. Guarnaschelli, who was described as the managing director of the A. Zagara Society, a land holding society of Casino. Mr. Guarnaschelli was allegedly out of town so the meeting could not take place.

NY During his stay in Taormina, Gentile met with Rosario Vitaliti, who was born to Carmelo Vitaliti at Giardini, Messina, Italy, on 5/25/97, and who resided at Via Pirandello, Taormina.

Vitaliti immigrated to the United States in 1922, returned to Italy in March, 1961, and recently reacquired his Italian citizenship.

In 1951, during a visit of the now deceased gangster Salvatore Lucania to Taormina, Vitaliti visited Lucania often, invited Lucania to his home, and allowed Lucania to use his automobile.

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On 1/16/64 Dr. Manopulo furnished the following additional information re Vitaliti:

His mother was Maria Angelica Fallone.

In the recent past he has had contact with individuals with police records and has been leading a life which appears to be beyond his financial means.

In the U. S., Vitaliti appears to have resided at 11 Briant (Bryant ?) Crescent, Wathe (White ?) Plains, N. Y., where his wife and two children continue to reside.

Almost every month, Vitaliti receives large sums of money from his wife, with whom he apparently jointly owns a butcher shop in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Manopulo requested all background information the Bureau may have on Vitaliti and members of his family who continue to reside in the U. S.; any information concerning any possible criminal activities in which Vitaliti may have been engaged in the U. S.; and any pertinent information the Bureau may be able to develop concerning the large amounts of money Vitaliti's wife sends to him.

Rome files contain only one reference to Vitaliti, Rome file 64-244, which has been destroyed.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service office, American Embassy, Rome, as checked on 1/16/64, failed to reveal any information re Vitaliti.

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Bureau and New York

The Bureau and New York are requested to furnish Rome any pertinent background information they may have concerning Vitaliti's activities while he resided in the U. S., under the caption "ROSARIO VITALITI; AR" (Rome file 64-244), so that this information may be disseminated to the Italian National Police.

In addition, New York is requested to develop full background information on the subject's family who continue to reside in the U. S., and concerning the source of the large sums of money which Vitaliti's wife allegedly sends to him.

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Will continue to follow this matter closely and will attempt to obtain from the (Italian police) more precise information concerning the amounts of money sent to Vitaliti and the means used for the transmission of the funds.