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MI T-8 is MI 636-PC to SA CHARLES A. AUSTIN.

MI T-9 is MI 637-C to SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON and SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND.

MI T-10 is ERNEST JOHANNES, SA, IRS, to SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND.

MI T-11 is MI 638-PC to SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN.

MI T-12 is JAMES WIEGHART, PCI, to SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND.

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DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

I. EXISTENCE

On August 7 and 13, 1963 MI T-1 advised that the Milwaukee Outfit held a meeting on August 6, 1963 at the Rafter's Motel, 7228 South 27th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the purpose of which was to discuss articles appearing in the local newspapers with regard to disclosures made by JOSEPH VALACHI to the FBI on La Cosa Nostra. Approximately fifteen members were present at this meeting, including FRANK PETER BALISTRERI, VITO AIELLO, AUGIE MANIACI, and a man from Chicago who seemed to have some authority in the Chicago organization.

At this meeting AUGIE MANIACI and VITO AIELLO were the only individuals who admitted having heard of La Cosa Nostra. The consensus of opinion of those present was that the term was just another name for the Mafia. They believed nothing in the VALACHI situation would affect the Milwaukee Outfit. A statement was made to the effect that "there was no one man who knows all there is to know about the Outfit and no one could completely wreck it by giving information."

Additional opinions also expressed at this meeting were: The Outfit could kill anyone in Milwaukee without consent of the top echelon unless the killing in some way affected a member of the Commission. The FBI may have fed false information to the newspapers on VALACHI in order to encourage informants to supply information. Publicity of a \$100,000 price tag on VALACHI's head was ridiculed as "headlines" on the ground that the Outfit would not publicize such a reward, and too many members of the Outfit would be willing to kill VALACHI for no other reason than the admiration of other members. One person stated: "When we get VALACHI, it will shut up every stool

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pigeon in the country." It was speculated that persons of political influence may attempt to locate VALACHI on behalf of the Outfit through contact with the warden or with social workers connected with the federal institution in which VALACHI was enprisoned. It was rumored that the Outfit had "wrecking crews" out in Chicago and other cities in an effort to locate relatives of VALACHI so that pressure could be placed on him to stop talking. There was a discussion of a screening to be made of Outfit members as a security measure.

On October 7, 1963 MI T-1 supplemented the information given above with the following matter: Members of the Milwaukee Outfit are not familiar with the term, "La Cosa Nostra;" some think it would be more sensible to use the term, "La Casa Nostra", meaning, "our house." They feel VALACHI is not telling everything he knows, that the Senators in a televised program of VALACHI's testimony seemed to be putting words into his mouth, and that VALACHI is rather ignorant and stupid and is making up stories.

For security reasons members are being very cautious not to reveal confidential information to each other, and the Outfit has men in the Milwaukee Police Department (PD) who can obtain information on anyone giving information to the PD. If the Outfit suspects anyone of being an informant for the police or FBI, they will put him under surveillance and if necessary take him for a ride and question him. If his answers are not satisfactory, he probably would not return.

Immediately following VALACHI's televised account of an initiation ceremony into La Cosa Nostra, the Milwaukee newspapers carried a story reporting that the Special Assignment Squad of the Milwaukee PD had for some years possessed similar information. MI T-1 stated he doubted the PD's claim very much, that to his knowledge the Milwaukee PD has not until recently made any inquiry into the membership of the Mafia. He stated the ritual given by VALACHI is similar to one which was described to him by older members of the Milwaukee Outfit who came from Sicily, and he does not know whether it is used in this country. He, himself, was not given any induction ritual.

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further investigation and wanted no prosecution. Other officers of Altex Aluminum were CHARLES COCO, Vice President, and SAM COCO, Secretary.

On October 21, 1963 MI T-10 advised that

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In August, 1963 MI T-1 reported that BALISTRIERI's "muscle men," STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK STELLOH were with some Chicago hoodlums at Arlington Race Track at Chicago on July 30, 1963, and were in front of the Play Boy, Rush and Walton Street, on the evening of July 30, 1963.

On August 30, 1963 MI T-1 advised STEVE DE SALVO was to meet BUSTER BALESTRERE from Kansas City at the Arlington Race Track on Labor Day.

Relationship of the Outfit with the Kansas City Organization

MI T-1 advised July 15, 1963 that he heard that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA had returned permanently to Kansas City, but on July 24, 1963 he reported that STEVE DE SALVO on July 17, 1963 had returned from a visit to Kansas City. Also, that FRANK BALISTRIERI had stated that BUSTER and JOE would be brought back to Milwaukee when the time is right, that the leadership in Milwaukee will appear dormant, but if anybody tries to take over he will be slapped down.

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persons at the table joined hands in a pyramid in the middle of the table as if an agreement. The significance of this conference is not known. Later that day TONY SCIANO asked MI T-9 if he knew who the number one man was in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the informant said FRANK BALISTRERI. SCIANO then said no, that FRANK BALISTRERI was number one in something else but AUGIE MANIACI is number one. SCIANO also made some reference to the fact that RALPH CAPONE would be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin sometime in the next two weeks.

At the time of the meeting described above, SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND observed automobiles bearing the following Illinois license plates all registered to individuals from Rockford, Illinois:

FL 3029 registered to PAT GUCCIARDO;

FL 3026 registered to VERNON EUGENE NICHOLS;

176-757 registered to ALBERT ALLEN.

On November 5, 1963 MI T-9 met RALPH CAPONE at Tony and Dotie's Bar in the company of TONY SCIANO and one ED BUCHI who is owner of the El Dorado Supper Club, 10845 West Bluemound Avenue, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, which is operated by CLARENCE SOMMERFIELD, aka SONNY SOMMERFIELD.

On November 8, 1963 Captain JOHN LAVIN, Special Assignment Squad, Milwaukee Police Department, advised SA LE GRAND that RALPH CAPONE has in the past been a trouble shooter for the Chicago syndicate. He said that TOMMY FISH is a dangerous man who is called on as an enforcer and so is AUGIE MANIACI. Captain LAVIN said that when JOSEPH GURERA was brought to Milwaukee about two years ago JOHN AIELLO and AUGIE MANIACI were mad because they felt that they should have taken over the enforcer job.

On November 12, 1963 MI T-1 advised that RALPH CAPONE is definitely a member of the Chicago organization and that his only connection with Milwaukee members would be as a trouble shooter or good will man for the Chicago Outfit.

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On December 5, 1963 MI T-1 advised that CARL DENTICE operates a jukebox business as a front for FRANK BALISTRIERI. If DENTICE obtains a lead for new business, WALTER BROCCA or JOE BALISTRIERI, son of FRANK BALISTRIERI, make the contact to obtain the new business.

MI T-6 on October 28, 1963 reported that the preceding day WALTER BROCCA and FRANK BALISTRIERI had a conversation at Gallagher's Restaurant, the context of which is not certain, but which may relate to the jukebox business. BALISTRIERI was very mad at BROCCA and told him he had given a lot of chances to "raise up" on this deal. BALISTRIERI stated: "When I say push him, you know what I mean...If you can't do it, I can find somebody who can...He's alive, isn't he?"

Shakedown

MI T-4 on November 21, 1963 advised that there may be some shakedowns in Milwaukee, Wisconsin but they only exist where the individuals opens the door by maintaining a relationship with the hoodlum element and acquires from this association a fear of the power of the criminal organization. He stated that generally speaking this atmosphere does not exist among businessmen and they would not be susceptible to a shakedown. He believed that the atmosphere in Chicago created over a long period of years made a shakedown simpler because in Chicago people have been raised in fear of the force of the organization.

MI T-15 on May 10, 1963 advised that RICHARD HAAS, roofing and siding salesman, had told him that AUGUST MANIACI and JOHN AIELLO shook him down for \$100 to \$150 at a time which they claimed for advances made to HAAS at an earlier period. HAAS stated that no advances had actually been made. MI T-15 also advised that P&P Distributing Co., 3726 West Pierce St., operated by JOSEPH P. PELLEGRINO and ROBERT PUCCIO had been muscled by FRANK BALISTRIERI and was paying off.