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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

DATE: October 23, 1963

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (92-593) (P)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA
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Re Bulet dated October 11, 1963.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven (7) copies of a Letterhead Memorandum reporting the results of interview with Former KC 254-C on October 15, 1963.

Enclosed for the Kansas City Office are three (3) copies of the above Letterhead Memorandum.

On October 15, 1963, Former KC 254-C was interviewed in accordance with the request from the Department as set forth in the letter attached to referenced Bulet.

It is to be noted that in order to protect the Informant's identity the Letterhead Memorandum does not reflect his name and further the location of writing the Letterhead Memorandum has been set forth as Washington 25, D.C.

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 - 3 - 92-6054
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RE: THE CLIQUE
Kansas City, Missouri

Informant related that under CIVELLA is a group of men who control the activities of "The Clique" and who set the policy of operation. He advised that there is no special name given to this group of men and it is their job to handle gambling, labor, etc. Each man has his own followers and in turn these individuals are responsible to only one man but they can be used by the other leaders if necessary. Any robbery, burglary or other type of criminal act must be cleared first by the individual's leader and if a crime is committed without this approval the individual man may be made to return whatever he had stolen and if he failed to heed the warning he could be killed. The leaders of this group only report to NICK CIVELLA and if a problem arises that requires a higher decision, CIVELLA will then take this matter up with "The Men at the Bakery." This procedure is followed right down the line to where hustlers and sneak thieves have to ask permission. He stated that this is how "The Clique" controls all of the men in their group.

Informant advised that he has never heard the term, "our friend", or "my friend", used as he was instructed never to identify anyone as being connected with "The Clique." He stated that he was never made a member of "The Clique" and, therefore, is unable to have any knowledge of terms used after a person becomes a member. He stated that he knew that in order to be a member of "The Clique" you did have to have a Godfather to sponsor you but he has no knowledge of any other requirements or ritual pertaining to the initiation. He added that those connected with this group all grew up together in the same neighborhood, attended school together, hung around together and so you were always "on trial" and being watched in everything you did or said.

Informant stated that he was close to NICK CIVELLA and only had to report to him and this was based on the fact that his father was a very close friend of "The Men at the Bakery." Informant stated that he has never heard any of the members called "soldiers" nor has he heard the term of "caporegime" or the term "button men" used.

Informant stated that several years ago he was playing golf with NICK CIVELLA and a stranger joined in the group. He stated that this man was later identified to the Informant as "The Man" from St. Louis, JOHN VITALE, but he was not introduced.

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to him. Informant further stated that on several occasions he saw ~~TONY ACCARDO~~ of Chicago in the company of NICK CIVELLA, but again he was not introduced to ACCARDO and he, ACCARDO, was identified to him as "The Man" from Chicago. He stated that several months after the Apalachin meeting he was told that JOE FILARDO and NICK CIVELLA had attended the Apalachin meeting. Informant said that "they" only told you what they wanted you to know and you never ask questions.

He stated that JOE CUSUMANO was the Godfather of his brother and that is why the close ties existed between the Informant and "The Men at the Bakery."

Informant stated that he has reviewed and heard on television the accounts of the testimony given by JOE VALACHI and he feels that because CIVELLA and FILARDO attended the Apalachin meeting there must be some connection between "The Clique" and the Cosa Nostra as described by VALACHI. He stated that he has no evidence whatsoever to prove that there is such a connection, nor was he ever given any information to indicate that members of both organizations associated with each other except for the visits of VITALE and ACCARDO. He added that there is no doubt in his mind that if the members of the Kansas City group were called upon for assistance by members of the Cosa Nostra that such assistance and cooperation would be given.