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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 28, 1963

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (92-593)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA
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SF 2550-C-TE advised on October 25, 1963, that at about 10:45 A.M., October 22, 1963, he was in the office of ANGELO MARINO at the California Cheese Company in San Jose, California. Present at this time were ANGELO, SALVATORE and JOE MARINO. ANGELO said he was very happy to see Informant because he was just going to send his brother JOE MARINO to Martinez to give them a very important message. He stated he had received a tip, the source of which he did not identify, that the "Feds" were going to search the houses of members of the organization. He recommended that Informant remove any guns he might have from his house and any other contraband articles that he might have stored. He suggested Informant immediately return to Martinez and give this information to ALEX CAMARATA. ANGELO MARINO also stated that they all had to be very careful as they were all being followed.

From Informant's conversation with the MARINOs, he gathered that they were "all shook up" because of the publicity and inquiries being made by the F.B.I. and other Federal agencies regarding La Cosa Nostra.

Informant thereafter traveled to Martinez, California, where he attempted to contact ALEX CAMARATA. CAMARATA was not at home at the time so Informant contacted MRS. ALEX CAMARATA at her cleaning and tailor shop. When he related that the "Feds" were going to search their homes she went into a panic and stated in Sicilian that they had

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to hurry and "get it out of my house." She had Informant drive her to her house, whereupon they found that ALEX had just arrived, in company with one of his workers, an unidentified colored man. ALEX and this colored man were in the house at the time and it appeared that ALEX had just paid the colored man. MRS. CAMARATA immediately shouted to ALEX in Sicilian that they were going to have their houses searched and that he should get the "stuff" out of the house. ALEX ran to a back room of the house and brought out some items which he stuffed into a lunch pail. Informant identified certain of these items as being at least two .38 caliber revolvers and an ammunition-type belt. These ALEX put into a lunch pail and ran out of the house. Informant offered to take these items and throw them off the bridge, thinking that he could bring them to the San Francisco Office for examination. However, ALEX declined, stating that he was going to take them to his uncle's place, JOSEPH VENTIMIGLIA, who is an old Italian residing in Martinez, California.

Informant has been unable to learn the entire contents of this lunch pail or the ammunition-type belt but indicated that it might contain ammunition or money.

ALEX CAMARATA, who is the son-in-law of JOHN MISURACA of New Jersey, previously advised Informant on or about October 18, 1963, that he, CAMARATA, had been in contact with the MARINOs of San Jose, California, who told him that at some future date they might be called upon to hide out members of the organization who were being sought by the law. The MARINOs indicated that ALEX and Informant would be kept advised if their services were needed at any time in this regard.