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Set out below are the contents of an airgram classified "Limited Official Use", from the American Embassy, Rome, to the Department of State, Washington, D. C., dated October 29, 1963. The airgram succinctly reports on a conversation had between Mr. JULIAN P. FROMER, Political Office, American Embassy, Rome, and Dr. FRANCESCO COSENTINO, Italian Senate Officer, Rome, concerning the exchange of information between the U. S. Senate Investigations Subcommittee and the Italian Parliamentary Anti-Mafia Commission.

"1. Italian group interested in knowing (a) scope of Senate inquiry under its term of reference, and (b) its methods of investigation and gathering information.

"2. Italian group would like to exchange all available published records of each group's activities. In addition, it would hope to be able to exchange 'classified' information dealing with individuals or organized gangs which might be useful in facilitating investigative processes. For latter exchange, Cosentino suggested

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Italians would use their diplomatic pouch to Washington for Embassy relay to Senate subcommittee which in turn might use Department pouch to Embassy Rome for forwarding.

"3. To make initial contact between two groups, Italians would use either letter direct to Mr. Adlerman or send restricted group to Washington for talks. In latter connection, Cosentino raised this question: Italian group, reflecting overall membership Parliament, contains Communist legislators. What would be U.S. attitude, particularly re visa issuance, if one Communist among, say, three-man delegation? (Appeared in context conversation that Communist would probably be Senator Girolamo LiCausi, longtime party leader in Sicily, and vice-president of Mafia Commission).

"Embassy Officer said would report conversation. Re possible Communist member delegation, he limited reply to noting provision U.S. immigration laws for waiver, which depended on facts each case. Further instructions this point would be appreciated. (Embassy Comment: One way to avoid immediate confrontation this problem could be for Senate subcommittee to send members or representatives here for talks with Italian counterparts). "

On October 28, 1963, the Italian Police advised that they have still been unable to locate NICOLO GENTILE. In this regard it is to be noted that on October 26, 1963, Mr. MICHAEL G. PICINI, U. S. Narcotics Bureau representative, American Embassy, Rome, advised that his office was also attempting to locate GENTILE for interview.

Rome is following this matter closely and pertinent information developed will be promptly reported.

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