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On 12/3/63 Doctor ARISTIDE MANOPULO, Central Bureau, Criminal Division, Italian National Police, Rome, Italy, advised that the Italian police have still been unable to locate NICOLO GENTILE.

Set out below are the contents of an airgram from the U. S. Embassy, Rome, to the Department of State pertaining to the negotiations presently under way to establish contact between Italian and U.S. legislators investigating the LA COSA NOSTRA:

"During conversation November 18, Dott. FRANCESCO COSENTINO, Director General of Chamber of Deputies Office for Parliamentary Committees, who is also acting as staff director of Italian Parliamentary Committee to Investigate Mafia Situation in Sicily, said committee had voted recently to proceed with direct contacts with Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. First approach would be on functionary level, then hopefully between committee members themselves.

"Embassy Officer took occasion to raise with COSENTINO article in filo-Communist Rome daily newspaper Paese Sera of November 13, 1963.

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