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MEMORANDUM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)
FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (92-593)
SUBJECT CRIMINAL "COMMISSION";
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AR - CONSPIRACY

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ReBulet to New York dated January 8, 1963.

SF-2354-C is a native-born, United States citizen. As a youth, he resided in New York City where he had associations and contacts with individuals who are members of the captioned organization and he has admitted having relatives belonging to it. Source has been described by SF-2550-C-TE as a member of the Italian-Sicilian Organization. Source has not admitted being a member of the organization; however, he has indicated he has felt he would be initiated into the organization if he so desired.

Continuing, source is very close to the leadership of the organization in the San Jose, California, area and is a confidant of theirs. His close friends and associates include JOSEPH CERRITO, reported head of the organization in this area, and ANGELO MARINO and EMANUEL FIGLIA, who have been described as "Capo Regiones" (Heads of the Region) in the San Jose area.

Source has stated that his information concerning the organization was obtained from his association with ANGELO MARINO.

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 - (1 - 92-131, JOSEPH BONANNO)
 - (1 - 92-124, JOSEPH CERRITO)
 - (1 - 92-180, ANGELO MARINO)
 - (1 - 92-406, DOMINICK ANZALONE)
 - (1 - 92-507, EMANUEL FIGLIA)

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Membership Ceremony

Source stated that when a member is brought into the organization, his index finger is pricked and allowed to bleed freely and that, in turn, is matched with a cut or bleeding wrist of a member in the organization. In this way, they become blood brothers. The member, by using his wrist, is part of the "growing tree." The finger has symbolism, in that, like a scion, it is grafted to the growing tree. It becomes part of it and is one. During this ceremony, a holy card consisting of a small picture of a saint is burned and a pledge of allegiance to the organization is made by the neophyte, putting the organization before himself, his family and his religion. The neophyte is then kissed on both cheeks by the members.

Corroboration of Information

The above information was subsequently corroborated in interviews with SF-2550-C-TE.

SF-2354-C denies he is presently a member of the organization. His statements of his non-membership are voluntary, as he apparently prefers not to be identified as a member. However, the information obtained from him, his acquaintance with the above-mentioned people and his knowledge of their activities would indicate that he is, as described by SF-2550-C-TE, a member of captioned organization.