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As the Bureau is aware, the Philadelphia Division has been keenly alert in an attempt to penetrate the activities of La Cosa Nostra by obtaining technical coverage at 902 South 8th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

At this address there is located a barber shop on the first floor, operated by ALFONSE MAIORIELLO. Immediately behind the barber shop is located a room which MAIORIELLO uses as a kitchen. MAIORIELLO, his wife and daughter reside on the second floor of this row house type building.

Our investigation of the Philadelphia Family of La Cosa Nostra reflects that ANGELO BRUNO and the various leaders of the Philadelphia Family of La Cosa Nostra constantly use this barber shop and rear room as a meeting place.

Hardly a day goes by that BRUNO does not preside in the rear room of this barber shop. At this location he meets with his capodecinas, various La Cosa Nostra members, and this also serves as a meeting spot with other individuals in both his legitimate and illegitimate enterprises.

Due to the nature and type of neighborhood involved (the barber shop is located in the heart of the Sicilian section of the Italian neighborhood in South Philadelphia), the Philadelphia Division has been unable to gain secure access to this target location. In the past

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consideration was given to obtaining the premises of either side of the barber shop, which have a common wall with the barber shop; however, this approach was not successful.

Entry into 902 South 8th Street cannot be made with complete security.

It is felt, however, by the following described manner, that misur coverage at this location is feasible at this time:

The Philadelphia Division, after evaluating all the available facts and circumstances concerning this matter, desires to give very serious consideration to an RFMT installation with respect to this target.

Approximately 300 ft. from this target location there is located a Roman Catholic convent, grammar school, church and rectory. This Division enjoys excellent relationships with the Archbishop of Philadelphia and if authority is granted, contact would be had with him rather than with the individual Pastor or Mother at the above-described locations.

If approved, the Philadelphia Division, complying with required Bureau specifications concerning the installation of an RFMT unit would make the necessary survey so as to locate the RFMT unit in a locked, secure location within the building occupied by the Roman Catholic nuns teaching at the adjacent grammar school. This unit would be secured in a cabinet and locked and by prior arrangement, no one would have access to this cabinet. Modifications would be made for the RFMT unit to serve as a "misur" and not as a "tisur" and the coverage would be relayed from the RFMT unit to the central monitoring plant in the Philadelphia Office, eliminating the need for Special Agents to enter this location on a regular basis.

If authority is obtained the RFMT unit would be well within the 1,000 wire feet from the target instrument.

Previously authorized Bureau surveys in regards

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to development of a source at 902 South 8th Street has developed that ALFONSE MAIORIELLO's telephone in the rear room of the first floor of 902 South 8th Street is a 300 series which is needed for a successful RFMT installation.

The Philadelphia Division enjoys excellent relations with the telephone company. As previously explained, there are two "multiples" of the telephone of ALFONSE MAIORIELLO, one such multiple being in a box at 904 South 8th Street immediately next door to the target area. The second multiple is at 801 Washington Avenue, approximately two blocks from the target area. It is felt that the Philadelphia Division could have the multiple from 904 South 8th Street moved to the above-described parochial institution and also have the multiple on Washington Avenue removed from the cable. Under these conditions it is not felt it would be necessary to obtain cable prints or block diagrams of cables in the target area. This will not be done unless specifically requested to do so by the Bureau. ((

It is pointed out that the request for survey on the above-described situation is for the development of intelligence information re La Cosa Nostra. It is not felt that any information developed from this source would jeopardize any future prosecution. There will be complete security obtained and there will be no need to trespass if the RFMT installation is authorized and ultimately installed.

It is requested that the Bureau grant authority to pursue a survey and to determine:

1. If a location can be obtained to install an RFMT unit in the parochial institution mentioned by contact with the Archbishop.
2. Instruct Philadelphia as to what additional data would be required of a technical nature to enable the Laboratory to determine if an RFMT unit can be utilized in the situation as explained in this communique.