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CV 344-C was contacted and he furnished considerable background info concerning himself and his family and father, GUISEPPI PINDELLI, which he stated could serve to corroborate with the info furnished. Informant stated he himself has never been initiated as a member of the "organization" but stated that his father is a member and because of this and he being the oldest child in the family, might be considered a member. He stated that even though his father was deported from the United States and now resides in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he still exerts some influence in the "organization" in the United States.

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CV 344-C advised that GUISEPPI PINDELLI was born 1/1/97 in Cosilita Reggio Calabria, Italy, and immigrated to the United States and settled in W. Va., in about 1906. PINDELLI began living common law with AGNES VIGILINTI and shortly thereafter moved to Westmoreland County, Pa., and in particular Scottsdale, Pa., where they resided for about 18 or 19 years. Six children were born in this common law relationship of which the informant is the oldest. Informant stated that in about 1927, while residing at Scottsdale, Pa., the Federal narcotics agents raided his parent's home and arrested his father and mother, himself, informant's aunt, MARY VIGILINTI and two boarders in the home, one TOBIAS MARFIA, who served two years in a Federal penitentiary and was later deported, and DOMINICK TORCHI (ph), who served three months in a Federal penitentiary. At the time of the arrest, no evidence was found connecting them with narcotics violations, but during the trial in Federal court, PG, where they were tried for conspiracy, a Federal Narcotics Bureau informant testified that he had purchased narcotics from them and all were found guilty. PINDELLI was sentenced to three years and served 27 months and about 18 days in Atlanta and Leavenworth Penitentiaries and was later deported to Italy. Informant's mother, AGNES VIGILINTI was placed on probation for two years and later violated her probation and served two years at Alderson Federal Penitentiary for Women in W. Va. His aunt MARY VIGILINTI was sentenced to one year at Alderson.

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It is to be noted according to info of NY T-2 on page 28, report of SA JAMES FLYNN, 7/1/63, "LA COSA NOSTRA", CHARLES CAVALLARO was in PG at this period and CV 344-C advises he would be known by GUISEPPI PINDELLI.

CV 344-C stated that following PINDELLI's deportation to Italy, he slipped back into the United States about two months later and lived all over the United States with members of the "organization". He and his family later moved to Warren, Ohio, and about 1941 or 1942 at the beginning of World War II when it was necessary for aliens to register PINDELLI was arrested by Warren, Ohio PD and held for INS. Inasmuch as the U.S. was at war with Italy, it was impossible to deport PINDELLI and he was placed on bond of \$50,000, which was put up by members of the "organization." When the war ended and it appeared that PINDELLI's arrest was imminent, the "organization" indicated to him that he should take off and skip his bond. He had apparently made satisfactory arrangements with them, and he was not making enemies in skipping the bond. According to the informant, PINDELLI then left Warren and traveled with a carnival based on the West Coast through Calif., Oregon and Washington. PINDELLI was later arrested at informant's brother, FRANK's, home at South Gate, Calif, and deported again to Italy. PINDELLI later immigrated legally to Buenos Aires, where his brother ANTHONY PINDELLI, now deceased, was residing and where PINDELLI remains today. According to informant, PINDELLI has nephews and nieces residing at Buenos and is residing at 1372 Centenera, Capital 24, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Re: Pittsburgh "organization"

CV 344-C stated that GUISEPPI PINDELLI was a close associate of the seven VOLPE brothers in the PG area. JOHN VOLPE was the "boss" of the "family" and was later killed with his two brothers in an "organization" war. He stated PINDELLI had told him that (FNU) SPINELLI had been one of about three persons responsible for the murders and fled to Italy to escape reprisal and was either apprehended by authorities there or "they" (the "organization") caught him and killed him in Italy. According to informant, PINDELLI was very close to the VOLPE brothers and on one occasion when GUY VOLPE (who later died of pneumonia) was on the "lam", he stayed at the PINDELLI home in Scottdale, Pa.

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GIANNI BRAZZANO was also a close friend of PINDELLI and it was in his (BRAZZANO) bar, where the three VOLPE brothers were killed. Informant stated BRAZZANO apparently was murdered at a later date for his suspected part in the VOLPE murders. CV 344-C stated that BRAZZANO has a son still residing in the PG area named JOHN BRAZZANO, who is extremely close to young MIKE ROMEO of Campbell, Ohio, who is the son of PAUL ROMEO, who is retired but held in high respect by the "organization" and formerly a power in Youngstown and Mahoning County. Informant also stated that there is still a couple of VOLPE brothers living in the PG area, but he does not know them personally.

CV 344-C stated that TONY RIPEPI was once an associate of PINDELLI and is the most powerful of the "organization" in the PG area. He stated there is no one higher in Washington or Allegheny Counties and he also exerts influence into W. Va. He stated that although "CHUCK" TEEMER is the front man for the Red Dog Club, a very elaborate gambling casino, and previously Club 30 and the Jockey Club, large gambling spots, TEEMER is merely tolerated for his political influence, and all of the employees of the club are working for TONY RIPEPI.

The informant stated that in 1927-1928 period, when GULSEPPI PINDELLI was in the PG area, GABRIEL and SAMUEL MANNARINO of New Kensington, Pa., were just coming up in the racket activities and PINDELLI would know them and they in turn would know about him. He stated that during the same period, MIKE ACQUARO was a power in the "organization" but at the present time he is allegedly dying. He stated that although ANDREW MANGINI is a member of the "organization" he is engaged in racket activities in the PG area. He is actually a "nobody" as far as power in the "organization" is concerned.

Informant summarized the PG area by stating that in his opinion he is certain that RIPEPI is the "boss" and although FRANK VALENTI attended the Apalachin meeting, he was merely there as a representative of RIPEPI. He stated that from the info he has gathered, the Apalachin meeting was by no means a meeting of the real bosses of the Mafia but was a meeting of the representatives of the real bosses. He stated that as an example of this, JOHN T. SCALISH of CV, was at this meeting and if he was there he, informant, knows that he is not the "boss" of CV, and if he attended, he was merely there as an emissary of ANTHONY MELANO.

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Re: New York "organization"

CV 344-C stated PINDELLI spent a great deal of his time in NY and had high connections and one connection was a "power" one PASQUALE NAPOLI, who controlled the longshoremen in Brooklyn for years, but died about a year ago. He stated NAPOLI was his, the informant's, godfather.

Re: Cleveland "organization"

CV 344-C stated PINDELLI was a close associate of CICCIO MILANO, who now resides in Mexico. He stated that at the time PINDELLI was told he could jump his \$50,000 bond, he was told by CICCIO MILANO that he could come and live with him in Mexico and MILANO still exerts power in the "organization" from Mexico.

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ANTHONY MILANO, Calabrese, is the "boss" in CV and is a close friend of PINDELLI. CV 344-C stated ANTHONY MILANO's word is "law" even with the Sicilian group in Toledo, Akron, Canton, Sandusky, Warren and Youngstown. He stated FRANK DE AUGUSTINI owner of the Roman Gardens, Mayfield Rd, section of CV, is second in command of CV under MILANO and is also a close friend of PINDELLI. He stated he does not know FRANK BRANCATO too well, but knows he was a close friend of PINDELLI and is believed by the informant to be next in command of the Calabrese group under MILANO and DE AUGUSTINI.

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CV 344-C stated regarding the CV area there are two distinct groups in the "organization". He stated this is unusual in that the Calabrese group is more highly respected than the Sicilian group in this area. He stated his opinion comes from the reactions to different arguments which have arisen and would have later been settled by meetings. He stated the Sicilian group operates its own enterprises and there is apparently a pact that they and the Calabrese will not encroach on each others enterprises. He stated that the Sicilians group includes JAMES LICAVOLI, aka Jack White, of Cleveland, "WHITEY" BESASE of Toledo under LICAVOLI and ANGELO PERNA of Toledo under BESASE. He stated that they have enterprises operating in

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Toledo. Informant stated that LICAVOLI has GUS DIMA as the representative at Sandusky, Ohio, who has his source of income there. At Canton, PAT FERRUCCIO was the representative for LICAVOLI for years, but lost out for some unknown reason. FERRUCCIO is still a member, but not in very good standing. He stated he has heard of "BONES" BATTISTA of Canton, and from what he has heard, BATTISTA supported the right candidate in a local election and was able to operate, but needed a "bank roll" for his operation and sought outside help, and therefore LEONOCERI, ERNIE LA SALLE and ANTHONY DELSANTER became his partners in a bookie and numbers operation. *OHIO* *ALL Ohio*

At Warren, Ohio, ANTHONY DELSANTER became "boss" of the area where MIKE FARAH, a Syrian, was murdered (6/10/61). "Organization" put up with FARAH as long as he had influence and had politicians in his pocket, which could be controlled. When he became obstriperous and uncontrollable the "organization" "dumped" him. He also stated that CHARLES IMPURGIA, operator of the Sunrise Inn, E. Market St., Warren, Ohio, may now be affiliated with the Sicilian group of LICAVOLI, but at one time several years ago was a part of the PG group, headed by RIPEPI.

The Akron area is part of the Sicilian group operating in Toledo, Canton, Warren and Youngstown, and JAMES LA FATCH seems to be the representative of LICAVOLI in that area together with his brother TONY and would be under the direct supervision of "WHITEY" BESASE of Toledo and LICAVOLI in CV.

CV 344-C stated that TONY MOLLICA is an "organization" representative at Mansfield, Ohio, and although a Calabrese, will "hustle" with the Calabrese and Sicilian groups. Informant does not consider him a power, but he is a member of the "organization" and operates the Ritz Bar in Mansfield, Ohio.

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In connection with the influence of the Calabrese group headed by ANTHONY MILANO of Cleveland, CV 344-C gave the following as an illustration: He stated that in about 1958 he backed a sheriff's candidate in Mansfield, hoping that if he was elected he would be able to open a house of prostitution in Mansfield and within the jurisdiction of the sheriff. The candidate was elected without any support whatsoever of TONY MOLLICA. He started his house of prostitution, which was a money making proposition and shortly thereafter MOLLICA approached him and told him that people in town were talking and saying that he, MOLLICA, was responsible for the house being able to operate and it was giving him a bad name because "members" are not supposed to engage in prostitution. Informant told MOLLICA that he had nothing to worry about as he was not involved, and it then became apparent that MOLLICA was trying to get part of the operation and profit. MOLLICA then turned to MIKE ROMEO of Poland, Ohio, brother of PAUL ROMEO of Campbell, who was a friend of informant's father, and ROMEO called on the informant on behalf of MOLLICA. ROMEO told informant that he was "out of line" and was giving MOLLICA a bad reputation in that he had moved into MOLLICA's territory. ROMEO told CV 344-C to close the house for a couple of months so that everything would "cool" down. Informant refused and told ROMEO he was not out of line and secured his own "fix" by backing the sheriff in the election and the sheriff wanted nothing to do with MOLLICA and would not allow him to operate anything. Informant stated he was mad about this interference and then wrote a letter to his father in Buenos Aires and later received an answer to the letter. With the answer he was instructed to take the letter to PINDELLI's good friend, ANTHONY MILANO in Cleveland, and according to CV 344-C, he did this. A couple of days later informant was called by "WHITEY" BESASE, who instructed him to come to Akron to the home of JAMES LA FATCH for a meeting. He was told to come there with MOLLICA, but informant refused stating he was not going to be "dumped" en route or at the meeting. He then called MILANO in the presence of MOLLICA and told MILANO what they wanted of him. MILANO instructed MOLLICA that he was instructing "the kid" (the informant) to accompany him to Akron, and told MOLLICA that if a "hair on the head of PANDELLI" was harmed he would see that the whole bunch was taken care of. Informant then got on the phone and was instructed by MILANO to go to Akron with MOLLICA and everything was going to be all

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right, and he would not be hurt. Informant stated they went to Akron to JAMES LA FATCH's home where about 20 persons were assembled. After a dinner, all except informant retired to the basement where MOLLICA and MIKE ROMEO were interrogated. Informant advised MOLLICA lied and denied that he had said what he had and ROMEO became infuriated and left. Everyone shook hands with the informant except ROMEO, and informant was told that he was "not out of line" and he should continue to operate. He recalled the following individuals at the meeting:

LA FATCH
MOLLICA
ROMEO
"WHITEY" BESASE
LEO MOCERI
ERNIE IA SALLE
ANTHONY DELSANTER
Many strangers

CV 344-C stated that about two weeks later he was called to the Ritz Bar in Mansfield by MIKE ROMEO, and in the presence of MOLLICA, ROMEO denounced MOLLICA as a "liar" and asked informant to forgive him. After the meeting ROMEO told the informant that he could go to ANTHONY MILANO in Cleveland and tell him that everything was all straightened out. Informant then went to DE AUGUSTINI, not wanting to bother MILANO with such small details, and gave him the information, and DE AUGUSTINI told him he would see that MILANO was advised. He stated he had no further troubles with MOLLICA.

CV 344-C stated that in Youngstown there are the same two groups in the "organization" as in Cleveland. The Calabrese has some action, and the Sicilian group under LICAVOLI have their own ventures. Both have respect for one another's enterprises. The Calabrese is represented by DOMINICK MALLAMO, who is a more or less successor to PAUL ROMEO, brother of MIKE ROMEO, and MALLAMO is close to MILANO in Cleveland. MALLAMO is in a semi-retired position but exacts tribute from those under him. Second in command, taking a more active part and soon to be the leading representative of the Calabrese, is JAMES PRATO, aka "Two Gun JIMMY" of Poland, Ohio, who is a nephew of MALLAMO. Informant stated that when the barbut game moved to Struthers, Ohio, from Youngstown, they moved the game in on the CARABBIA

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Regarding the Sicilian group of the "organization" in Youngstown, CV 344-C stated he could not say if VINCENT J. DE NIRO, bombing-murder victim, 7/17/61, was a member of the "organization" or not, but stated that DE NIRO's murders caused great concern among all members of the "organization". He stated that of all of the murders committed in the Youngstown area, this was the only murder where members of the "organization" made active efforts to determine the persons responsible for same. He cited inquiry by PRATO, TRIPODI of Steubenville and RIPEPI of PG, as DE NIRO was a big source of income for the group and was cooperative.

CV 344-C stated that the "organization" made no inquiry with him following the bombing-murder of CAVALLARO and for this reason he believes CAVALLARO was killed for getting "out of line". He stated if he had been killed without the sanction of the "organization" they would have inquired as to who killed one of their members. He stated that in his opinion CAVALLARO had a portion of DE NIRO's operation and apparently tried to "hog" the entire operation after his death.

Regarding ~~JASPER JOSEPH AIELLO, JR., aka "Fats"~~, the informant advised he is no longer held in high respect because he has "gotten out of line" by bad publicity and by engaging in armed robbery and burglary. He stated that AIELLO had formerly been well thought of and in Youngstown was on about the same level as ANTHONY DELSANTER presently is in Warren.

Informant stated WILLIAM NAPLES, bombing-murder victim, 7/1/62, was killed because the "organization" learned he was responsible for killing DE NIRO. According to the informant, the NAPLES brothers were not part of either the Calabrese or the Sicilian groups and did not contribute to either group.

Regarding the killing of DOMINICK MOIO, whose body was found stuffed in the trunk of his car at Canton, Ohio, 9/3/63, informant stated the "organization" made no inquiry about his death which would mean to him that MOIO had "gotten out of line". MOIO had somehow obtained employment with the NAPLES brothers and unquestionably "set up" BILLY NAPLES for his murder. CV 344-C stated MOIO

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may have gotten "out of line" by admitting to the FBI that he had driven BILLY NAPLES to his car when he was blown up.

Re: Steubenville "organization"

CV 344-C stated that ~~JAMES TRIPODI~~ fully controls the Steubenville, Ohio area and exerts some influence into certain sections of W. Va. He stated that as an example, an "organization" members' restaurant known as the Baron Restaurant owned by COSMO QUATRONE was held up by some armed robbers from CV, including DAVE TIBERZIO, THOMAS "LAUGHING TOMMY" RUDELICK, VINCENT INNOCENZI, whose body was found decomposed in Akron in the Summer of 1960, and DOMINICK MAFRICI. The thieves had not checked with TRIPODI before pulling the armed robbery and as a result INNOCENZI was killed and MAFRICI although the son-in-law of FRANK DE AUGUSTINI of CV was killed in BU, 3/15/57, while out on bond. Informant noted that MAFRICI was heard pleading for his life prior to being shot by calling out "TONY don't do it," probably calling to TONY BUFFA of CV, who was the alleged murderer. Informant stated this was an example of what the "organization" considers getting "out of line" and anyone who does this will be punished accordingly no matter who they are or how they are connected.

It is noted that the above info is not being disseminated to other offices, inasmuch as it must be paraphrased to such an extent that the informant cannot be compromised at a later date. The info contained in this communication will be evaluated and will then be disseminated to interested offices.

Informant advised in connection with his father, GUISEPPI PINDELLI, three separate attempts have been made to secure a visa for him the last being about two years ago, when it was felt he was going to be allowed re-entry but failed. He stated he is 77 years of age and would be kept by informant's sister of excellent reputation and with no possible burden to the United States. Informant stated that if his father returned he, being the oldest son, would be his chauffeur and would give the informant an entree to the "organization" in the cities of PG, DE, CV, NY and possibly many other cities.

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He stated his father would not furnish further info to the FBI, but the informant, by association, and discussions with his father would obtain an inside picture into the "organization".

Informant also stated his father will not get "out of line" if in his control and if given a Visitors Visa it would be more or less a club over his head to keep him in line.

Informant is under the impression that the closed INS file is located at INS Records Center at St. Paul, Minn., and by separate communication, leads will be sent out to MP and Bureau's liaison to check the records of INS at St. Paul, and at their headquarters in Washington.

The files at INS, CV, will also be checked by this division and reviewed along with other INS files before CV may request that efforts be made through the Justice Department to secure a visa for GUISEPPI PINDELLI into the United States to serve as a source in connection with CAVBOMB, LA COSA NOSTRA and other AR investigations.

Informant feels that since his father was in the PG area at the same time as CHARLES CAVALLARO and later in Warren, Ohio at the same time as CAVALLARO was in power, during the World War II years in Youngstown, Ohio, he knows him or at least that there are close friends in common and through this he can elicit the true picture of the violent deaths in the racket circles in Youngstown.

Mrs. DOMINICK TOCCO, aka "Dew", a sister of the NAPLES brothers was contacted and she admitted knowing ANGELINE CONSTANTINO, but denied that she had given envelopes to CONSTANTINO at any time and further stated she does not know of CONSTANTINO ever having come to her establishment at any time to pick up anything.

CV 556-C advised that shortly after the death of VINCENT DE NIRO 7/17/61, he met with CHARLES CAVALLARO at CAVALLARO's request, in CAVALLARO's home in Youngstown and they discussed gambling activities in the city of Campbell, Ohio. He stated that CAVALLARO informed him that he was the "boss" of the DE NIRO operations and that from that time on, informant, JOHN KARANTONIS, JOHN SWEETKO, CALVIN MINYARD and the Coffee House on Wilson Ave., were to turn DE NIRO's share over to him. Informant stated he

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informed CAVALLARO that he did not have any connection with gambling matters in Campbell and that he therefore was in no position to approach these persons and advise them how to handle their gambling activities.

Informant stated CAVALLARO did not discuss the matter any further with him at that meeting, however, subsequently he met with CAVALLARO at Cicero's Restaurant in Youngstown, several times and on each occasion CAVALLARO reiterated his demands concerning the Campbell operations stating that if they did not come across soon he was going to "muscle in" on them. He disclaimed having any connection with, or knowledge of, CAVALLARO's alleged control of the barbut game in Campbell and stated that his name was frequently associated with such activities because he often would do favors for many of them by interceding on their behalf when minor disputes arose.

With regard to the info furnished by CV 421-PC, it should be noted source was formerly an extremely close friend and associate of the late VINCENZI DE NIRO and was also very close to FRANK MILANO, when MILANO resided in Akron.

On 1/10/64, CV 421-PC advised SAs JOHN J. BARRETT and J. EDWARD BURKE that at one time a number of years ago JOE DI CARLO and "FATS" AIELLO ran the city of Youngstown for the "syndicate" as far as the rackets were concerned. He stated that DI CARLO caused a "flock" of old timers from various parts of the country to come into Youngstown, which undoubtedly has been a factor in the overall confusion of the racket leadership in Youngstown in recent years.

Informant revealed that then during the regime of Mayor CHARLES HENDERSON and Chief of Police EDWARD ALLEN in Youngstown, they brought enough pressure to bear on DI CARLO that he was forced to abandon his racket control and leave the city which practically "left it up for grabs."

He explained that about that time SANDY NAPLES and VINCE DE NIRO started out together in the vending machine business and in the numbers racket in Youngstown. He stated that this partnership was doing quite well but ran into difficulties when DE NIRO accused SANDY NAPLES of using narcotics and a number of arguments ensued. Informant explained that DE NIRO would give a certain order and later without DE NIRO's knowledge SANDY NAPLES would