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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

DATE: 4/18/67

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (92-914)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA  
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Re Bureau letter to Detroit, 3/1/67, and Milwaukee letter to Bureau, dated 3/28/67.

By separate communication the Detroit Office is forwarding to Milwaukee a list of members and suspect members of the Detroit family of LCN. Photographs and descriptive data concerning these individuals is also being forwarded.

With reference to information set forth in referenced Milwaukee letter, Milwaukee is requested to re-interview MI 623-C-TE and establish as nearly as possible the exact date of his information concerning the Detroit family. In this regard, Milwaukee is advised that one WILLIAM "BLACK BILL" TOCCO, a brother-in-law of JOE ZERILLI, boss of the Detroit family, and a member of the "Commission", is a recognized member of the Detroit LCN family. An LCN card containing TOCCO's photograph and description is on file at the Milwaukee Office.

Informant also may have been referring to one JOE TOCCO, a former top hoodlum in the Detroit area who was murdered in 1938. There is no known family relationship between JOE TOCCO and WILLIAM "BLACK BILL" TOCCO. JOE TOCCO was reportedly an extremely powerful figure in the "downriver" gangs which were engaged in bootlegging during the prohibition era. Reportedly JOE ZERILLI and his brothers-in-law "BLACK BILL" TOCCO and PETE CORRADO (deceased) emerged as leaders of Detroit's LCN after the murder of JOE TOCCO.

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FRANK COPPOLA, referred to by the Milwaukee informant is identical with FRANCISCO COPPOLA, who was deported from the United States in 1947. COPPOLA was born in 1899 at Partinico, Sicily. He entered the United States in 1926 and was deported in 1947.

He returned in 1948 and was again deported in 1949. He was arrested on 8/3/65, at Palermo, Sicily by Italian Police and was described as a Mafia leader in Italy.

During the time that he resided in the United States he was known to be a close associate of CARLOS MARCELLO of New Orleans, Louisiana.

COPPOLA resided in Detroit from about 1931 to 1944. He is believed to have organized the Lucky Star Numbers House and became extremely wealthy and influential. He was very close to JOHN PRIZIOLA and RAFFAELE QUASARANO, aka Jimmy Q.

These latter two individuals are reportedly members of the Detroit LCN family who were engaged over the years in narcotics traffic.

Milwaukee is requested to display photograph of "BLACK BILL" TOCCO to MI 623-C-TE in an attempt to establish whether the informant had reference to this individual or to JOE TOCCO, described above.

Milwaukee is also requested to furnish any information the informant may be able to furnish identifying FRANK COPPOLA as an LCN member. Any information developed with regard to this individual should be furnished to the New Orleans Office as well as to Detroit.