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TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

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FROM : C. A. Evans *CE*

SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI
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Our Los Angeles Office has received information that John Roselli, whose true identity had never been known previously, is, in fact, Felipe Sacco, a native of Italy who was brought to Boston, Massachusetts, as a small child by his immigrant parents. Roselli is the Cosa Nostra hoodlum who was one of the principal subjects in the old moving picture industry extortion case in which Willie Bioff was the informant and Government witness.

Roselli has claimed he is a native of Chicago but his purported birth record filed there in 1936 has been proven to be fictitious. His important hoodlum connections have generally been with the Chicago group of La Cosa Nostra, although he now resides in Los Angeles and spends time in Las Vegas where he reputedly represents Chicago gangland's hidden interests in gambling casinos.

The yet unverified information concerning Roselli's background has now been furnished by an old-time member of La Cosa Nostra who was developed as an informant under our Top Echelon Informant Program. In a very surreptitious manner this informant has handled the transmission of a sum of money once each year to Roselli's mother who still resides in Boston. This Boston family background is reportedly a tightly held, closely guarded secret.

The informant explains this long-time concealment of Roselli's background as likely being caused by the fact that Roselli may be wanted for a very serious crime committed in the Boston area in the early 1920s as an accomplice of a person known to the informant as Alberto Dangredo. This individual was said to have been arrested, prosecuted and sentenced to life imprisonment in Massachusetts and after serving a considerable number of years was deported to Italy. The informant first became acquainted with Roselli and Dangredo in Los Angeles in the 1920s when they were fugitives from Boston.

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