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ACTING ON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BUFFALO OFFICE LCN MEMBER
 INFORMANT, ^{BUFFALO} ~~BU~~ THREE THREE TWO-C-TE, BUFFALO AGENTS USING SCUBA
 SKIN DIVING EQUIPMENT HAVE TODAY RECOVERED APPROXIMATELY THREE
 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STOLEN STOCK CERTIFICATES FROM IRONDEQUOIT
 BAY IN LAKE ONTARIO. AS REPORTED TO BUREAU IN BUREAU FILE EIGHTY-
 SEVEN DASH ONE ZERO ONE ZERO ONE THREE, APPROXIMATELY THREE MILLION
 DOLLARS WORTH OF COMMON STOCK CERTIFICATES WERE STOLEN JULY TWO
 LAST IN A BURGLARY AT HOME OF WEALTHY ROCHESTER INDUSTRIALIST DAVID
 M. STRASENBURGH.

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INFORMANT WAS RECENTLY APPROACHED BY LEONARD BUSCEMI AND FRANK
 RUSSELL MURIELLO, JR., LOCAL BURGLARS AND CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF ROC-
 HESTER AREA ^{LA COSA NOSTRA} LCN FIGURES. INFORMANT WAS TOLD BY BUSCEMI AND MUR-
 IELLO THAT THEY HAD PULLED THIS JOB AND SOUGHT TO ENLIST ASSISTANCE
 OF INFORMANT IN DISPOSAL OF LOOT WHICH HAD BEEN HIDDEN IN WATER

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TIGHT SAFE IN IRONDEQUOIT BAY. INFORMANT KNOWN TO SUBJECTS AS ~~LCN~~ ^{LACASA NOSTRA}
FIGURE AND IN POSITION TO HELP THEM. SUBJECTS SHOWED INFORMANT GEN-
ERAL AREA WHERE SAFE DROPPED OVERBOARD FROM BOAT.

BUSCEMI AND MURIELLO PART OF ROCHESTER BURGLARY OPERATION BE-
LIEVED CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH LCN ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BEEN RES-
PONSIBLE FOR RECENT MAJOR THEFTS FROM WEALTHY HOMES AND MUSEUMS IN
ROCHESTER AREA AMOUNTING TO SEVERAL MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN THEFT
LOSSES.

INVENTORY OF RECOVERED STOCKS BEING MADE; HOWEVER, FIRST IM-
PRESSION IS THAT ALL OF THE STRASENBURGH LOOT HAS BEEN RECOVERED.
AT THIS TIME, NO CLEAR EVIDENCE OF INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF THE
LOOT IS INDICATED, THEREBY ELIMINATING FEDERAL JURISDICTION. PER-
TINENT FACTS HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES. LOCAL
PRESS RELEASE MADE LIMITED TO FBI RECOVERY OF STRASENBURGH LOOT.

BUREAU TO BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS WILL FOLLOW WHICH ARE BELIEVED JUS-
TIFIED AS RECOVERY MADE AS A RESULT OF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLY VAL-
UABLE INFORMANT AND AGENTS TOOK CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL RISK IN
SWIMMING IN TREACHEROUS WATERS OF LAKE ONTARIO IN AREA WHERE THEIR
WORK WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT DUE TO EXTREMELY MUDDY AND MURKY WATER
WITH VERY DANGEROUS CURRENTS AND OTHER NATURAL HAZARDS.

END.

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