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As the Bureau is aware the Phila. Div. has in recent months utilized an Edwards Model M-75 Binaural Pocket Tape Recorder in complementing the efforts of PH 672-C-TE. The use of this device is surprisingly simple and in no way poses a problem of security if it is properly attached to person's body.

Utilization of this device has definitely established PH 672-C-TE as a member of La Cosa Nostra. It has confirmed the membership of several others suspected of being members and has obtained conversations which enabled Agents working AR matters to better comprehend the struggles, jealousies and treachery within La Cosa Nostra's ranks.

This device, if used properly, could be widely used by the Bureau in its efforts to confirm La Cosa Nostra membership of CIs who claim to be members. In addition the tapes would be of immeasurable evidentiary value in proving the actual La Cosa Nostra membership of persons recorded if the informant is ever called upon to testify in this regard.

By separate communication several tape recordings of actual conversations between La Cosa Nostra members will be sent to the FBI Laboratory for "dubbing." Copies will be designated for the Special Investigative Division which should consider utilizing these tapes as educational aides at Criminal Intelligence In-Service lectures. It is believed that exposure of Agents attending Criminal Intelligence In-Service training to the successes of this technique could conceivably augment the educational value of the Bureau's AR lectures, if this is not already being done.

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