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TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL INFORMANT PROGRAM

Informant was personally contacted on 3/25/64 by SAs NEWTON E. YOST and J. G. WHITTINGTON, Jr.

Informant immediately and positively identified from a group of photographs the photograph of TANGREDI TORTORA, aka., Albert Bruno, etc., FBI # 799 369, as being identical with the individual he had known as ALBERTO DANGREDO.

Informant advised that his acquaintance with TANGREDI TORTORA was limited and that he had not seen him in approximately 35 or more years. As a Neapolitan, he would pronounce a "T" as a "D" (DANGREDI rather than TANGREDI). Informant noted that TANGREDI TORTORA, during the period he knew him, used various names (apparently while in fugitive status). The name most commonly used, however, in informant's experience, and the one he presumed to be his true name, was ALBERTO DANGREDO. Informant did recall, however, among the names he had known TANGREDI TORTORA to use at least on occasion, were the following:

ALBERTO BRUNO LUIGI MARINO ALBERTO TORTORA JOE CALCAGNIO
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It is noted that informant had previously advised that TANGREDI TORTORA has a brother, "PARIGI" also presently residing in Accera, Italy. Informant stated this was Italian (Neapolitan) for "PARIS". As the Bureau is aware, INS records at Washington, D. C. list a brother named "PARIS" for TANGREDI TORTORA.

In interview on 3/25/64, informant could add little to the facts of this matter not already furnished by him. He did recall the following:

JOHN ROSSELLI has never mentioned his first name to informant. Informant stated he first learned this from ROSSELLI's mother. ROSSELLI always thought a great deal of his mother's welfare and always sent money, periodically, to her. As well as informant can recall, in about 1928, informant first went back to Boston with money for the mother. At that time, informant contacted the mother directly and she would ask him, "How is my FELIPE?" (ph). It was thus, through ROSSELLI's family, not through ROSSELLI, that he learned his first name.

Informant continued to bring money from ROSSELLI to his mother until about the late 1930s. It was somewhere around this time that the procedure was changed and THOMAS LUCHESE handled the matter as previously described. However, the informant apparently, remained the emergency communication link between ROSSELLI and his family.

About three or so years ago, ALBERTO SACCO contacted informant to advise him of the death of ANTONIO SANTANIELLO and the need to set up another procedure for the transfer of this money. Informant, in turn, contacted ROSSELLI. ROSSELLI again asked informant to handle the matter and the present procedure was set up.

Informant recalled, on 3/25/64, that ROSSELLI's mother was about 82 years old and that her first name was MARIA. He described her as short and stocky, born in Italy.

ROSSELLI's mother appears to be identical with MARIA MADDALENA DIPASQUALE BUSCEMA on the basis of information furnished by the Identification Division. Under number 2431535, Alien Registration Card, executed 9/30/40, this individual listed her birth as 12/22/80 at Buccheri, Italy.

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Informant stated the name BUSCEMA was unknown to him, but could be explained by a second marriage. DiPASQUALE could refer to her maiden name.

Informant again advised on 3/25/64 that ROSSELLI's mother resides in the Boston area with ROSSELLI's sister, CONNIE. CONNIE is married to a barber. Informant does not recall CONNIE's husband's last name, but recalled his first name to be "ANGELO".

Based on information furnished by the Identification Division, "CONNIE" appears to be identical with CONCETTA JOSEPHINE SACCO. CONCETTA SACCO, fingerprinted 8/14/42 under the National Defense Program, listed her birth as occurring on 10/7/18 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Based on information furnished by the Identification Division, ROSSELLI's brother, ALBERTO SACCO appears to be identical with ALBERT R. SACCO. ALBERT R. SACCO was fingerprinted on 6/11/42 under the National Defense Program. He listed his birth as occurring on 1/8/14 at Boston, Massachusetts.

This matter is receiving preferred attention and is being given maximum security handling in the Los Angeles Office. The Bureau will be immediately advised of all pertinent developments.