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FROM : *hw* SAC, NEW HAVEN (92-282) (P)

SUBJECT: LA CAUSA NOSTRA
AR - CONSPIRACY
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Previous New Haven information submitted in this matter has indicated that FRANK LEWIS PICCOLO, a highly placed racketeer in the Bridgeport, Connecticut, area, is possibly connected with the THOMAS LUCHESE family through ANTHONY CASTALDI, aka Tony Higgins, or with the CARLO GAMBINO family inasmuch as FRANK PICCOLO's name was found among the personal effects of CARLO GAMBINO. The purpose of this communication is to point out additional evidence which has been developed strongly indicating that PICCOLO is very likely connected with the CARLO GAMBINO family through an association with JOSEPH ARCURI, whom New York sources report is a "Captain" in the CARLO GAMBINO family of the CAUSA NOSTRA.

On June 29, 1962, Confidential Source MM 802-C reported that the name FRANK PICCOLO, 220 East 23rd Street, with Telephone Number MU 9-0160, was found among the personal effects of CARLO GAMBINO in that his name was found on a business card for the Consolidated Research and Manufacturing Corporation, 1184 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut, MARVIN BOTWICK, President.

It is known and it has been reported to the Bureau and New York that PICCOLO has admitted to two agents of the New Haven Division that he was associated in business with the Consolidated Research and Manufacturing Corporation, which at one time had offices both in New York and in New Haven, as a salesman. PICCOLO further advised that his office in New York City with the Consolidated Research Corporation was located at 220 East 23rd Street.

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It is known through interviews with MARVIN BOTWICK, former President of Consolidated Research, now deceased, that BOTWICK had personal relations with PICCOLO and strongly indicated that PICCOLO had offered the Consolidated Research Corporation financial assistance.

On December 21, 1962, Special Agent WINTHROP A. YOUNG of New Haven contacted PCI ANTHONY TESTO in Bridgeport, Connecticut, who furnished the following information:

Recently ANGELO CULMO, allegedly the "head man" of the rackets in Ansonia, Connecticut, died and there was consternation as to who would replace him. On December 22, 1962, the son of ANGELO CULMO and NICHOLAS PATTI, also from the Ansonia, Connecticut, area, came to the informant's place of business along with FRANK PICCOLO. Several telephone calls were made from informant's telephone by PICCOLO who remarked to the informant that he was straightening out the Ansonia situation, as to who should have control. Informant believed the calls were to New York.

It was determined that only two toll calls to New York City were made on December 20, 1962, from informant's phone and both were to New York, Number 212 - RE 7-1588.

The New York Office determined that RE 7-1588 is listed to the ~~Arcuri~~ Arcuri Liquor Store, 302 East 78th Street, New York City, NY, and the owner of this store is ~~JOSEPH ARCURI~~ JOSEPH ARCURI, 311 East 76th Street, New York City. NY

In January, 1963, NY 3864-2-TE advised ARCURI is a "Captain" in the CARLO GAMBINO family of LA CAUSA NOSTRA.

Additional investigation conducted in this matter by the New Haven Division indicated that ANGELO CULMO, JR., is in control of the rackets in Ansonia, Connecticut.

From the above it is highly conjectured that PICCOLO is associated with the GAMBINO family and ^{not} in the LUCHESE family.