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LA COSA NOSTRA, aka
AR - CONSPIRACY
CV File 92-748

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau 2/7/64

The Bureau was advised on 1/17/64 of the info furnished by CV 344-C regarding GUISEPPI PINDILLI, who was deported from the U.S. and is now residing in Buenos Aires,

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Argentina, and that he still exerts some influence in the "organization" in the United States. Subsequently on 1/28/64, a request was made of the Bureau to contact either INS or the State Department for a visitor's visa for PINDILLI.

By letter dated 2/5/64 the Bureau advised that inasmuch as PINDILLI was deported on two occasions in 1931 and 1947 and has had his application for re-entry rejected by INS on several occasions subsequent to that time, that it would appear that he had been away from the United States for too long a period of time to be in any position to gain the full confidence of members of the Cleveland "organization". The letter indicated that these individuals in control in Cleveland at present were not in control when PINDILLI was active and as a result would not confide in him concerning their activities, or CAVOMB.

In a subsequent contact with CV 344-C, he advised that CICCIO MILANO was in control of the Cleveland "organization" at the time GUISEPPI PINDILLI was in the Cleveland area. He stated he still exerts influence from Mexico, where he is currently residing. The Cleveland "organization", according to the informant, is run by ANTHONY (NINO) MILANO, and he is held in such high respect by members of the "organization" that members address him as "DONINO" or "GOD". He also pointed out that PINDILLI, prior to being deported in 1947, was in constant contact throughout the United States with members of the "organization", and still is to this day through correspondence. Informant stated that from the time the PINDILLI family moved to Warren, Ohio, from Pennsylvania, in about 1933, until PINDILLI's departure in 1947, PINDILLI was in an almost constant travel status for the "organization" throughout the United States and informant pointed out that PINDILLI did still have and did still exert influence. He again cited the example of the incident at Mansfield, Ohio, when he himself was in trouble, that all it took was a letter from PINDILLI to ANTHONY MILANO in Cleveland to get results.

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Informant also stated that while he operated a house of prostitution in Reading, Pa., in 1957 and 1958, he was contacted by a JAMES AMATO, who resides outside of Reading, Pa., in the Shenendoah area, who was aware of PINDILLI's location in Argentina and who looked up the informant on the request of PINDILLI. He also stated that AMATO was high enough in the "organization" and close enough in the "organization" to the "top" to have attended the funeral of ALBERT ANASTASIA, who was murdered in New York City. He was apparently of the same "family".

Reference is made to the report of SA JAMES P. FLYNN, dated 7/1/63 at New York captioned "LA COSA NOSTRA, aka., AR - CONSPIRACY", wherein on page 82 one AMANO, FNU, is mentioned as being a member of the GAMBINO family, of which the deceased ALBERT ANASTASIA was also a member. Page 28 of this same report reflects that ANASTASIA, to protect CHARLES CAVALLARO, had him transferred to VINCENZO MANGANO's Borgata. Page 27 of the report reflects that MANGANO and ANASTASIA had been "consiglieri" in Cleveland under CICCIO MILANO. The above is noted as it shows the closeness of PINDILLI with the "organization" and to CAVALLARO.

Informant also stated FRANK DE AUGUSTINI, second in command to ANTHONY MILANO in Cleveland, on his last contact with CV 344-C, remarked that the informant looked good for his age, and the informant stated he asked DE AUGUSTINI how he knew how old he was. DE AUGUSTINI told informant his exact birth date and said, "I know all about you because I was with your father when he took your mother". It is to be noted that informant's mother was married to another Italian, and had a daughter by this marriage and informant's father wanted her for his wife and took her away from her husband and daughter and began living common law after which the informant and three brothers and a sister were born.

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CV 344-C also stated he is in the process of opening a house of prostitution at Steubenville, Ohio, with the approval of JAMES TRIPODI, aka., Vincenzo Tripodi, Vincent Tripodi, James Trepodi. It has been previously mentioned that TRIPODI is a personal friend of PINDILLI's and it was due to the close relationship between GUISSSEPPI PINDILLI and TRIPODI that TRIPODI granted this authority to the informant to open. He said there will be many partners, including city and police officials and TRIPODI is represented in the deal by ROBERT CARDUCCI, aka "Rab".

The Bureau's attention is called to the report of SA EMIL E. HOPKINS, dated 12/12/63, at Cincinnati captioned "PHILLIP JOSEPH MATTUCCI, aka ET AL, IGA - WIRE SERVICE - NUMBERS LOTTERY", Bufile 162-266, wherein on page 38 of the report information is contained that CI 463-C reported that TRIPODI takes his orders from Cleveland and Youngstown. Informant stated this information is not true, that TRIPODI takes his orders from no one, and TRIPODI is the "boss" in Steubenville and exerts influence in some parts of West Virginia.

CV 278-C-TE advised that FRANK J. MASTERNICK, aka., "Pan", is operating a horse book and numbers operation known as Pan's Patent Medicine Shop in downtown Youngstown with full security to the operation being given by the I and S Squad (Vice Squad) of the Youngstown Police Department. In addition, officers of the I and S Squad drive MASTERNICK home each night after closing in a police cruiser. Informant stated that prior to 1/1/64 the personnel assigned to the Master Cruiser of the Youngstown Police Department on the night shift drove him home in the cruiser and at that time, Sergeant WILLIAM LESHNOCK was in charge of the Master Cruiser and Patrolman WILLIAM RITTER was the driver. Now LESHNOCK is Chief of the I and S Squad, and RITTER is Secretary of the I and S Squad.

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Informant advised that the back room of the shop is used for the computation and tabulation of the betting action. Under separate communication the Bureau will be advised of same with regard to some type of technical coverage.

On 2/13/64 the State Supreme Court of Ohio reported and turned down the appeal of JOSEPH NAPLES, JR., aka Joey, on his convictions for possession of stolen property and promoting a numbers game. It is not known at this time whether or not he will appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. The Ohio Supreme Court held there was "no circumstantial, constitutional question involved" in dismissing the appeal.

An IRS representative advised that

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