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ReRomelets 2/10/64 and 12/27/63.

On 1/24/64 Mr. Henry A. Falcher, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), American Embassy, Rome, Italy, advised that his INS representative in Palermo, Italy, had heard that an individual who had broken the Mafia code of silence, Simone Mansueto, was indicating that he had some information which would be of value to Americans. Mansueto is the unnamed individual who is mentioned in paragraph 2 on page 2 of relet dated 12/27/63.

On the basis of the information received from Mr. Falcher, Dr. Aristide Manopulo, Central Bureau, Criminal Division, Italian National Police, Rome, was requested on 1/28/64 to arrange for the prompt interview of Simone Mansueto to determine what information he might have of interest to U. S. authorities, no matter how slight or unimportant such information might seem.

On 3/3/64 Dr. Manopulo advised that Mansueto had been interviewed as requested. During the interview Mansueto denied having any knowledge of any matters such as stowaway passengers, contraband, drug traffic, or any other matters which would be of interest to U. S. authorities. Dr. Manopulo noted that Mansueto is the principal witness in the trial of Antonio Scalici and 26 other individuals. In connection with this trial, Mansueto is under constant surveillance by Italian police because of serious threats which have been made against him.

The noteworthy efforts of the Italian police and courts to rid the country of the major evils of the Mafia are continuing. In this connection, it is to be noted that the 2/6/64 issue of Avanti, Italian language daily newspaper of the Socialist Party of Italy, reflects that from the period October 1, 1963, to January 31, 1964, 217 persons were arrested, 379 warnings were issued, and provisions were made for approximately 300 special surveillances and compulsory detentions.

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