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SAC, NEW HAVEN (92-282) (P)

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LA COSA NOSTRA, aka AR - CONSPIRACY

Re New Haven communication to Bureau, copies to New Mbrk, 4/7/64.

On 5/19/64 Detective Sergeant STEPHEN AHERN, New Haven, Conn. Police Dept. (protect identity) advised SA ORVILLE R. TALBURTT that a reliable source had received no information that JULES SMALL, aka Julian Samolsky of Montclair, New Jersey, had revisited the New Haven area since his last contact with RALPH TROPIANO in New Haven during the latter part of March, 1964.

On 4/24/64, NH 420-C (characterized as a gambler with a criminal record who has wide acquaintances within the highly placed gambling elements in the New Haven area) advised that he had determined that JULES SMALL did visit the New Haven area and was in contact with RALPH TROPIANO and WILLIAM GRASSO, top number one man during the latter part of March, 1964. The same sources advised that he was of the firm opinion that SMALL's visit to New Haven was not to determine who would take over TROPIANO's organization in the event TROPIANO is sent to the penitentiary and the source further stated that it is his belief that WILLIAM GRASSO will replace TROPIANO in the event TROPIANO is "sent away".

On 3/12/64, NY 3461-C-TE (characterized as an individual with criminal record who can furnish information concerning hoodlum activities in the Brooklyn, New York area) advised that he was not aware of anyone in Brooklyn, New York who was closely enough associated with TROPIANO to take over his Conn. operation in the event TROPIANO is convicted in his police bribery case

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