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On 6/18/64, USA JUSTIN J. MAHONEY, NDNY, advised that JOHN T. MULLEN, Chief of Intelligence Division, Treasury Department, IRS, Albany, NY, had contacted him and made available to him a letter dated 6/17/64 from JOHN A. ROCHE, Deputy Superintendent, NYSP, Albany, which stated as follows:

"Information has been received from a reliable and confidential source that a clandestine meeting was held in the City of Albany on June 14, 1964, which was attended by several known criminal figures. The purpose of this meeting was to arrange for the murder of an informant used by you during the recent gambling investigation in the City of Albany. The informant is described as a real estate operator.

"Inasmuch as this Division is not familiar with the details of your recent raid, it is not possible for us to evaluate the authenticity of this information. Should this information be of value to you,

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For information of Bureau, EDWARD PERRONE, referred to above, is believed to be AL 3088-C-TE, a Top Echelon Criminal Informant of the Albany Office (Albany file 137-532) (Bureau file 137-10497). DOC FARONE is believed to be identical to AL 2990-C, a Criminal Informant of the Albany Office (Albany file 137-667, Bureau file 137-2231).

Lt. Supervisor ROBERT CRYAN, NYSP Headquarters, Albany, was immediately contacted and he furnished substantially the same information as set forth above but indicated that JOE MOSHER, according to the NYSP informant, had been given the contract to kill the above referred-to IRS informant within two weeks. CRYAN said that the NYSP did not know the identity of MOSHER and that the name MOSHER is phonetic. He further stated that their information was secured from a live informant who was supposedly present at the meeting. This informant's information was relayed to NYSP Headquarters from a BCI man in the Troop "C" area (it is noted that Troop "C" covers Binghamton, NY). CRYAN further advised that the IRS informant who is to be "knocked off" is supposed to be a real estate operator at Albany. He said the State Police have no idea who this individual might be. CRYAN was requested to have the NYSP informant recontacted to secure additional details from the informant in order that informant's information could be evaluated. He said he would have this done.

In the absence of MULLEN, Special Agent WILLIAM HARTNETT, Intelligence Division, IRS, Albany, was immediately contacted and he stated that the IRS had no informant who furnished information concerning gambling in Albany. He said that all their information was secured by undercover IRS Agents. He stated that one of their undercover Agents used the fictitious name of BILL SEAMAN and that upon receipt of information from the NYSP a check of the Albany Telephone Directories reflected that there is a Seaman Real Estate Agency in Albany which is operated by a MAURICE SEAMAN.

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On 6/19/64, AL 3088-C-TE was contacted under cover of a routine contact. It should be noted that at no time during this contact with him was any mention made to him of the information heretofore set forth concerning the alleged meeting of 6/14/64. During this contact with him, as on every contact with him, he was asked if FALCONE, MANCUSO, or SAM GRIO had been in contact with him or if he had seen them. He stated that they have not been in contact with him and he had not seen them for at least two months. At this time, informant was queried about any gambling interests that FALCONE, MANCUSO, and GRIO might have in the Saratoga Springs, NY, area. He stated that back in the 1940's, when he was operating the Brook Club in Saratoga, MANCUSO, FALCONE, and several others whom informant could not recall had attempted to "muscle in" on DOC FARONE's gambling interests in Saratoga Springs and had been literally thrown out of Saratoga by FARONE. Informant further volunteered that FARONE detests MANCUSO and probably would have nothing to do with MANCUSO so therefore would not become involved with him in gambling. It should be noted that informant advised that DOC FARONE was a very good friend of his, stating that FARONE backed him financially when informant operated a restaurant and bar equipment supply business in Albany, NY.

During the contact with informant, he was also asked what the feeling around town was as a result of the IRS gambling raids. He said that it was common knowledge around Albany that an elderly man driving an old car was believed responsible by local gamblers for furnishing information to IRS that led to their arrest. He said that he had learned this from JOSEPH MOSHER, an employee at the State Campus Site, who resides at 35 Holmes Court and employed by the Basic Construction Co. as a truck driver, that "SCOTCHY" MORRISON was the source of this information and it was indicated by MORRISON that the local gamblers are out to "rough up" this elderly man. He knows nothing about this elderly man and could furnish no information concerning his identity. The above information was volunteered and at no time had Agents mentioned MOSHER's name nor the alleged meeting in Albany. In addition, informant advised that

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MOSHER is the son of the widow of Colonel WILLIAM MULL, who formerly was a finance officer with the New York National Guard or some other military organization. CI also advised that MOSHER's mother is presently a patient at Albany Hospital for the Incurables and this was arranged for and is being paid for by DANIEL O'CONNELL, the Democratic Chairman of Albany County. He also mentioned that MOSHER is married and has three children and was supposed to have been arrested in New York City but has no local arrests.

On 6/22/64, AL 3088-C-TE telephonically contacted SA EDWARD M. NALLY, JR. on his weekly telephonic contact with SA NALLY (it should be noted that this informant contacts SA NALLY every Monday in order that arrangements can be perfected to meet him later on in the day if a meeting with him is desired) and advised that he had been in error when he had stated that an elderly man driving an old car was believed to be responsible by local gamblers for having furnished information to IRS that led to their arrest. He stated that he had meant to say that it was a young man driving an old car rather than an elderly man driving an old car.

On 6/22/64, AL 2990-C was contacted, at which time he advised that he did not know ROSARIO MANCUSO and had never met MANCUSO. He further advised he did not know and had never met JOSEPH FALCONE. He admitted knowing SALVATORE FALCONE (brother of JOSEPH FALCONE), advising the last time he saw SALVATORE FALCONE was 16 or 17 years ago when SALVATORE FALCONE wanted him to intercedē with the police authorities relative to getting a friend of SALVATORE FALCONE permission to open up a gambling spot in Saratoga Springs, NY. Informant stated that on this occasion he approached the then Chief of Police PATTY ROX (now deceased) concerning this and was flatly turned down by ROX. It should be noted that this contact with the informant was a routine contact and no mention was made to the informant of the alleged meeting of 6/14/64. However, it should be noted that this informant had previously been contacted

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by SA ROBERT W. MC DONOUGH on 6/11/64, at which time informant was recuperating from a severe hemorrhoidectomy. On the occasion of this meeting the informant was suffering severe pain and was incapacitated to some extent.

On 6/22/64, Agent WILLIAM HARTNETT, Intelligence Unit, IRS, was recontacted and advised of information developed by AL 3088-C-TE to the effect that Albany gamblers were made aware of an IRS informant's identity in connection with the recent gambling raids by WILLIAM "SCOTCHY" MORRISON, Albany gambler arrested at these raids, and the source of this information for the informant was one JOSEPH MOSHER. It was pointed out that the informant was supposed to be a young man driving an older car.

HARTNETT then advised that IRS had used a relatively new and young IRS Agent as an undercover man whose activities had placed him in contact with MORRISON, several other gamblers, and with JOSEPH MOSHER. HARTNETT said the IRS Agent had used the alias of BILL SEAMAN and became acquainted with MOSHER as a fellow bettor. HARTNETT advised that SEAMAN had utilized an old car, participated in the raids, was observed by several of the arrested gamblers at IRS Headquarters, during booking and arraignment procedures, and could very possibly have been recognized as the undercover agent at this time.

On 6/22/64, Chief of Police JOHN TUFFEY, Albany, NY, advised that he was furnished information heretofore set forth by JOHN MULLEN. He stated that if the NYSP had no objection, he would interview JOSEPH MOSHER and EDWARD PERRONE. He stated that he would be in communication with the NYSP concerning this. He advised that the information referred to heretofore did not make sense, stating that JOSEPH MOSHER has been known to him for years as a long-time resident of the Greater Albany, NY, area, except for a brief period of time when he resided in New York City. He described MOSHER as a "punk," stating that