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Re San Diego airtel to Bureau dated 6/9/67.

SD 1064-C-TE was re-contacted 6/23/67 and furnished the following information on La Cosa Nostra (LCN):

I. LOS ANGELES FAMILYRe: Bomb Murder of GERALD JOSEPH COVELLI
In Encino, California, 6/18/67

Informant claimed he had no inside information re murder. Did not think COVELLI's murder was the contract informant mentioned in last meeting described in referenced San Diego airtel. Hopes to know more within month about the possibility of the contract killing mentioned in referenced airtel.

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indicating that JOE ESTY was in contact with or was being used by GIANCANA as a Mexican contact. Informant advised that in the recent past JOE ESTY spent \$25,000, furnished by LA PORTE, attempting to put the "fix" in with Mexican officials in Acapulco, Mexico, and in an area south of Tijuana, Mexico, called Rosarito Beach for casino type gambling.

If he had been successful, Chicago money would have been forthcoming in large amounts through LA PORTE. After spending the \$25,000, JOE ESTY failed and LA PORTE stopped furnishing any more money.

Informant advised that after FRANK LA PORTE and his brother-in-law, JAMES ROSS, aka. DE LA ROSA, appeared before the Federal Grand Jury at San Diego on 6/22/67, he had lunch with them. He learned from them that they had taken the Fifth Amendment privilege before the Grand Jury and refused to give any more than their names when asked questions about FRATIENNO's operations as well as questions about Chicago connections with organized crime.

LA PORTE told the informant that he and ROSS had been ordered to return before the Federal Grand Jury at San Diego on August 2, 1967, and they were going to continue to refuse to give any information under the Fifth Amendment privilege, even if they had to go to jail. LA PORTE told the informant that his attorney had briefed him on the possibility of being given immunity and then being held in contempt, but that the attorney has informed LA PORTE the contempt would only extend during the time the Grand Jury was in session, which ends in September, 1967.

Informant advised that ROSS is in bad shape physically with a heart condition and that while in San Diego, ROSS' condition continued to deteriorate. Stated that ROSS was in a highly agitated state, taking several nitroglycerine pills during the few hours he was with him. Informant believed that if ROSS is forced to take the Fifth Amendment by LA PORTE if immunity is granted, ROSS will be in serious physical trouble with his heart condition.

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