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On 7-22-67 the Italian National Police in Palermo, Sicily, and four other cities in Italy arrested 23 individuals described as "Mafiosi" and charged them with aggravated criminal conspiracy. All of the persons charged are Italian nationals and 17 of those arrested are from the communities of Uditore and Passo di Rigano in the Province of Palermo. 7/2 /

The arrests were ordered after an 11-month investigation beginning with the shotgun murder of FRANCESCO PAOLO MAZZASA, a Mafia chieftain in Palermo, Italy. The police allege that all 23 are linked socially or commercially and claim that they are part of a criminal conspiracy.

Dr. ANTONIO FARIELLO, Central Bureau, Criminal Division, Italian National Police, Rome, Italy, advised on 7-24-67 that the date of the trial of the 17 persons charged with aggravated criminal conspiracy in 1965 has not been set and will probably be held in the Fall of 1967.

Any new developments will be reported to the Bureau promptly.

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