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NY 4857-C-TE was contacted on 8/8/67, by SA RICHARD WERNERSBACH and the pertinent portions of information furnished are as follows:

PAUL SCIACCA is still attempting to obtain control of the old JOSEPH BONANNO "family" of LCN, and nothing has been accomplished in either direction, to either bring this about or prevent it. There is very little activity at present among any of the "families", and things are rather "quiet". SCIACCA however, receives a constant stream of "visitors" at his garment factory on Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

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According to informant, SCIACCA's main close advisers are PETE "SKINNY PETE" CROCIATA, who deals mainly with the "old timers", and who SCIACCA undoubtedly relies on for advice in LCN matters. Also serving as an adviser to SCIACCA is FRANK "FRANKIE T" MARI, who is primarily SCIACCA's "physical support". JOSEPH COLOMBO is actually the one pushing for SCIACCA to be named head of the "family", and is doing so for various reasons. In this regard, informant stated that in view of the "family" situations as they are today in NYC, namely LUCHESE, now deceased, CARLO GAMBINO in virtual retirement, and JOSEPH BONANNO in LCN disfavor, JOSEPH COLOMBO sees the "whole NY setup as is", and is, therefore, pushing for SCIACCA to head up the former JOSEPH BONANNO group, and make COLOMBO's position as big boss much firmer. Another reason COLOMBO wants SCIACCA as head of the former BONANNO "family" is because the BONANNOS have three exclusive areas in Brooklyn, NY, which are the Ridgewood, Greenpoint and Williamsburg sections, and COLOMBO will not make a play to take over these areas, until he gets control through SCIACCA of at least a recognized faction of the JOSEPH BONANNO group.

In regard to the new successor to THOMAS LUCHESE, informant stated that the individuals in the position to make this choice are "tight lipped", and no mention is being made as to even a possible successor. The LUCHESE "family" is doing this to avoid "outside" interference, such as that which happened in the BONANNO situation, and they want solid member support from within first, before any choice is made known.

NY 4857-C-TE stated that for a two-week period, 7/10/67, to 7/25/67, BILL BONANNO traveled alone to Europe, where he visited in Frankfurt, Germany, with his former girl friend, HELGA REYNOLDS, and they traveled to Saville, Spain, to attend the bull fights.

NY 4857-C-TE stated that members of the LCN are seriously considering going "underground" for security reasons, in view of all the problems LCN members, particularly the "bosses", are having all across the nation. NY 4857-C-TE explained that any information regarding

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LCN matters will be limited to the principals involved, and will not be a matter of common knowledge to all LCN members.

NY 4857-C-TE stated that on 5/20/67, a meeting was arranged between PAUL SCIACCA and BILL BONANNO in Brooklyn, NY, and that very little was accomplished as a result of this meeting, other than their expression of "mutual distrust". According to NY 4857-C-TE, two individuals from both sides made all arrangements for the meeting, to assure complete safety for the two parties. NY 4857-C-TE stated that very little can be accomplished between BILL BONANNO and PAUL SCIACCA, in the way of a compromise, as SCIACCA definitely wants to be "boss".

In regard to JOE "BAYONNE" ZICARELLI, NY 4857-C-TE stated that ZICARELLI has served his purpose in his attempts to effect a solution to the BONANNO "family" problems, as ZICARELLI does not have enough influence or carry enough weight on his own to bring about a settlement.

NY 4857-C-TE added that on occasions BILL BONANNO carries a "piece", meaning a firearm, and that BONANNO justifies this with the claim that he would rather be caught by the police with one, than to be caught by "others" without one.

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