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Airtel to Legat, Rome
Re: John Roselli

Approximately a year ago a very valuable and sensitive informant, who himself has long been a member of La Cosa Nostra, furnished information on an extremely confidential basis that Roselli's true name is Filippo Sacco, who was brought to this country from a town near Naples, Italy, by his immigrant parents when Roselli was but a small child. According to the informant, the Sacco family settled in Boston, Massachusetts, where Roselli's mother and other family members still reside. The informant relates that Roselli has continued to maintain in secrecy his true identity and connection with Boston but has for many years sent a sum of money each year for his mother's use. Only a very few people know of this background and the transmittal by Roselli of money to his mother. Elaborately careful and secretive methods are used in transmitting the money to Roselli's mother in order to avoid the possibility of his true identity becoming known.

The informant was of the opinion that the motive of Roselli's concealment of true background was that he may be wanted for a very serious crime committed in the Boston area in the early 1920s, possibly as an accomplice of Tancredi Tortora, who was known by the informant to be in the Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, areas in the early and middle 1920s, both reportedly in a fugitive status. Tancredi Tortora has been identified as the individual now residing in Acerra, Italy, who was charged with a murder committed in Boston in 1922 but who was not apprehended and convicted until 1934. After serving part of a life sentence, Tortora was paroled from Massachusetts State Prison and deported to his native Italy in February, 1951.

Tancredi Tortora, mentioned above, is the same individual concerning whom you made inquiry through the Italian National Police, the results of which were contained in letterhead memorandum of 9/2/64 and transmitted to the Bureau under cover letter of the same date. Your letterhead memorandum set forth that Tancredi Tortora together with his brothers, Parigi and Comizio, are dealers in fruit and vegetables and reside on Corso Italia Street, Acerra, Italy. It is also set forth that the son of Parigi Tortora, Carmine, is an officer in the U. S. Navy.