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ADMINISTRATIVE

In referenced report information was set out concerning ROSELLI's activities through LA 4476-C-TE to persuade the owner of Perino's Restraunt, ALEXANDER PERINO, to move his restraurant to Beverly Hills, California, and thereafter, ROSELLI had a scheme whereby he would take \$200 to \$300 from this restraurant each day.

On August 28, 1969, LA 4129-C advised that ALEXANDER PERINO is going to sell Perino's Restraunt to a company named Esagro Inc., but that the final papers had not yet been signed.

On October 10, 1969, LA 4129-C advised that Perino's Restraunt had been sold to Esagro Inc and that the ownership had changed the first week in October. This source stated that all of the employees as well as the former owner, ALEXANDER PERINO, are continuing to work at this restraurant as employees of the new owner.

On September 29, 1969, LA 4476-C-TE advised that ROSELLI told him that he was involved in a deal concerning rental cars in Los Angeles and he also wanted to get into Las Vegas. The company will be known as "World Wide Rent-A-Car". ROSELLI called JOSEPH BREEN in Las Vegas and told him to come to Los Angeles and bring his Italian friend to meet with ROSELLI on Monday, October 6, 1969. NEV.

ROSELLI told source that he had formerly been involved in the rental car business in Las Vegas. X CHELDIN

This source said that he as well as JACK and IRWIN CHELDIN and OZZIE CURTIS and ROSELLI are involved in the rental agency. He said everybody is going to put up money except ROSELLI. NEV.

On October 10, 1969, LA 4129-C advised that ROSELLI and JOSEPH BREEN from Las Vegas were at Perino's Restraunt on Wednesday, October 8, 1969.

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On October 11, 1969, LA 4476-C-TE advised that in regard to ROSELLI's request of JOSEPH BREEN to come to Los Angeles and bring his Italian friend with him, source has now learned that BREEN's friend is TONY PITCH, whose true name is PITCHELLO(ph). Source said PITCH was in Washington, D. C., and was unable to accompany BREEN, who actually did come to Los Angeles as requested by ROSELLI.

Source advised that PITCH has a tour bus business in Las Vegas and is associated with MAURICE FRIEDMAN who operates excursion boats on Lake Mead, Nevada. Source said that because Lake Mead is property of the United States Government, a permit must be obtained, probably from the Department of Interior. Source further stated that PITCH is interested in tying up his bus tours with the excursion boats and source said that PITCH is probably putting boat deals in his name, trying to get the deals.

LA 4467-C-TE in association with OZZIE CURTIS, JACK CHELDIN, IRWIN CHELDIN, and MILTON COHN (CPA) have devised a method which will result in a 50 percent profit on insurance on rental cars. In this regard, they have arranged for financing of a rental car agency and contemplate using a corporate name of "World Wide Rent-A-Car" (WWRC). In addition to insuring WWRC automobiles, they will also rent cars from this corporation and contemplate insuring rental cars for other rental agencies.

In an effort to establish Nevada business for WWRC, JOHN ROSELLI suggested that source contact TONY PITCHELLO, owner of Tony Pitch Travel and Bus Service, Las Vegas, Nevada, for assistance. ROSELLI indicated to source that PITCHELLO has the proper Nevada connections and money in the right places.

#### LEADS

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The records of the Fidelity Bank, Beverly Hills, California, were made available by DORIS SCHMIDT, Statement Department.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE <b>8/22/69</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/28/69 - 8/12/69</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JOHN ROSELLI</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>HAROLD F. DODGE</b>	TYPED BY <b>fsc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA HAROLD F. DODGE dated 4/28/69, at Los Angeles. Los Angeles letters to the Bureau dated 6/4/69, and 7/30/69.

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On 5/9/69, LA 4476-C-TE furnished information that he was meeting ALEXANDER PERINO at 2:00 p.m. on 5/10/69, at the request of JOHN ROSELLI. It is noted that PERINO is the owner of an exclusive restaurant, Perino's, located on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. Informant stated that ROSELLI wants the informant to be a front man with PERINO in a scheme to move PERINO's

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restaurant from its present location to the old Romanoff Restaurant on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, California. Informant stated that if this scheme worked out, he would possibly have to raise \$200,000.00, probably from FRANK RAGANO.

ROSELLI told this informant that he expects half of any fee that informant makes in handling this scheme, and in addition, expects informant to take \$200.00 to \$300.00 a day out of this restaurant business, with PERINO's knowledge for ROSELLI.

On 5/21/69, LA 4476-C-TE advised that the PERINO deal is still pending, and that the members of this partnership of this venture are the informant, [redacted] and JOHN ROSELLI. Each one of the partners are to receive one third of the proceeds which will be stolen from the restaurant.

On 5/23/69, the source advised that he talked to JOHN ROSELLI on that date, and ROSELLI appeared to be trying to back out of the PERINO deal, saying it appeared too risky. Informant was of the opinion that ROSELLI will not back out, but was trying to get the informant's opinion without directly asking him.

On 5/21/69, LA 4129-C advised that ROSELLI and DAN BUSBY, a young attorney, have been to Perino's Restaurant together in the past. This informant stated that recently BUSBY came to the restaurant alone, and talked to Mr. PERINO about moving his restaurant to Beverly Hills, California. BUSBY told PERINO that he represented some Jewish man who owned the Romanoff Restaurant building, and was trying to rent the building. BUSBY wanted to know if PERINO was interested in leasing or buying the building for the purpose of moving Perino's Restaurant to Beverly Hills. LA 4129-C stated that PERINO told BUSBY that he was not interested in this deal because he stated that a few months previous he had taken a two-year lease on his present building, and in addition, PERINO said that he did not like the Romanoff building because it was too dark, and looked like a tomb.

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On 6/7/69, LA 4476-C-TE advised that he had lunch at the Beverly Hills Brown Derby with JOHN ROSELLI on 6/6/69. During this meeting, ROSELLI advised that JERRY ZAROWITZ did not get his license to operate in Las Vegas. ROSELLI said that he could probably get between \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00 from ZAROWITZ by promising ZAROWITZ that he, ROSELLI, could get a license for ZAROWITZ. ROSELLI intimated that when he got the money, he would, in fact, do nothing to try to get a license for ZAROWITZ.

On 5/16/69, LA 4476-C-TE advised that on the previous weekend, JOHN ROSELLI flew to Las Vegas, reportedly in the private plane of HOWARD HUGHES for the purpose of contacting ROBERT MAHEU. ROSELLI told informant that EDWARD MORGAN, an attorney from Washington, D. C., was also in Las Vegas, and informant talked about the convictions of ROSELLI which are now on appeal.

On 7/16/69, LA 5040-C-TE advised that he was recently contacted by JOHN ROSELLI, and ROSELLI wanted some furniture in his apartment and some furniture of his girl friend reupholstered. ROSELLI told informant that his girl friend was FRANCES CATES who resided at 11734 Wilshire Boulevard, Apartment C16, and whose telephone number is 479-7351.

LA 5040-C-TE advised on 7/18/69, that on the previous day he was with JOHN ROSELLI and ALLEN SMILEY in connection with the furniture to be reupholstered. Informant stated that they visited the fabric shop operated by PHIL DASH on Robertson Boulevard to select fabric for the furniture. While there, they decided to call PHIL DASH, who resides in Miami, Florida, and who is a friend of ROSELLI and the informant. When informant talked to PHIL DASH, DASH instructed him let ROSELLI have the material he needed free of charge.

PHIL DASH was interviewed on 10/16/67, at Miami, Florida, at his place of business, David and Dash Fabrics, 2445 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida. DASH is the president of this firm, and stated that it is a multi-million dollar business with outlets in 20 different cities. DASH is described as an associate of Miami and Las Vegas hoodlums, and is known to engage in high stakes gin rummy games.

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The records of the Carte Blanche were made available by ELLEN SULLIVAN, Supervisor, Forgery Division.

The records of the Wilshire Limousine Service were made available by BOB HACKER, Owner.

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