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FOLLOWING INFORMATION RELATES TO POSSIBLE LCN INVESTMENTS INTO LEGITIMATE BUSINESS.

A LOS ANGELES SOURCE ON AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST RETURNED TO THE U. S. FROM A TWO WEEK TRIP MADE TO THE ORIENT. THIS INFORMANT IS AN ASSOCIATE OF NICOLO LICATA BOSS OF THE LA FAMILY. INFORMANT WAS ACCOMPANIED ON TRIP BY OZZIE CURTIS AN LA RESIDENT WHO IS ON THE PAYROLL OF HOWARD HUGHES.

IN TOKYO, JAPAN OZZIE CURTIS AND INFORMANT MET WITH ONE NICHOLAS ZAPPETTI DESCRIBED AS MALE, ITALIAN, ABOUT

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FIFTY YEARS OLD, WHO HAS BEEN IN TOKYO FOR TWENTY TWO YEARS AND WAS RAISED IN THE NYC AREA. PRIOR TO MEETING, CURTIS TOLD INFORMANT THAT OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS HE HAS MET WITH ZAPPETTI IN TOKYO ON APPROXIMATELY THIRTY OCCASIONS. ZAPPETTI ACCORDING TO CURTIS WAS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF THE LATE ALBERT ANASTASIA AND DUTCH SCHULZ. CURTIS FIRST MET ZAPPETTI ON A MESSENGER INTRODUCTION ARRANGED BY JOHN ROSELLI LCN MEMBER RESIDING LA BELONGING CHICAGO.

IN MEETING WITH ZAPPETTI, ZAPPETTI ADVISED THAT EARLY IN NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT HE TELEPHONED THE U. S. AND INSTRUCTED EDWARD PUCCI TO COME TO TOKYO. PUCCI DESCRIBED AS CURRENT BODYGUARD FOR WELL KNOWN ENTERTAINER FRANK SINATRA AND A FORMER FOOTBALL STAR FOR USC. ZAPPETTI SET UP AN UNKNOWN COMPANY FORMED IN PANAMA WHICH OPERATES GENERAL STORES IN THE LOUISIANA AREA. THESE STORES ARE USED TO PURCHASE FROM TRAPPERS NUTRIA FURS WHICH ARE SENT TO JAPAN FOR PROCESSING AND SUBSEQUENT SALE IN THE ORIENT. PUCCI WAS SENT TO CARLOS MARCELLO, LCN BOSS NEW ORLEANS TO ARRANGE THAT NO OTHER COMPANY COMPETE WITH HIS GENERAL STORES IN PURCHASING FURS. MARCELLO AGREED TO MAKE

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SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AND BECAME A PARTNER WITH ZAPPETTI.

INFORMANT AND CURTIS HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED BY ZAPPETTI TO SET UP DISTRIBUTORSHIPS IN THE CALIFORNIA AREA SO THAT THESE FURS CAN BE SOLD IN THE U. S. INFORMANT INTENDS TO MEET WITH JOHN ROSELLI AND LICATA CONCERNING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AND IN THIRTY DAYS WILL AGAIN TRAVEL TO TOKYO AND MEET WITH ZAPPETTI.

NEW ORLEANS THROUGH APPROPRIATE SOURCES, DETERMINE WHAT COMPANY OPERATES PURCHASES OF NUTRIA FURS LOUISIANA AND OBTAIN LIST OF OFFICERS AND HISTORY OF SUCH COMPANY.

NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW INDICES AND FORWARD TO NEW ORLEANS AND LA ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING NICHOLAS ZAPPETTI WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN TO LCN INFLUENCE OR TIES.

FOR INFO ALL, CURTIS DESCRIBED ZAPPETTI AS BEING ACTIVE IN ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES TOKYO AND HAVING STRONG INFLUENCE OVER JAPANESE ORGANIZED CRIME LEADERS THAT AREA. ZAPPETTI CLAIMS CLOSE TIES TO LCN.

BECAUSE INFO SET FORTH IS IN EMBRYONIC STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND SINCE INFORMANT IS CLOSELY INVOLVED IN
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