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RE BUFFALO TEL JULY THIRTYONE LAST, RELATIVE TO FBI

RECOVERY OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS IN NEGOTIABLE SECURITIES
 RECENTLY STOLEN FROM WEALTHY ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, INDUSTRIALIST
 DAVID M. STRASENBURGH. EXTENSIVE FAVORABLE PUBLICITY HAS
 RESULTED FROM DARING ACTION OF FBI SCUBA DIVER IN RECOVERY
 OF LOOT FROM TREACHEROUS WATERS OF LAKE ONTARIO. NEWS
 STORIES HAVE HIGHLIGHTED FBI DRAMATIC ACTION AS A GREAT
 ACCOMPLISHMENT IN DRIVE AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME ELEMENTS
 IN WESTERN NEW YORK. NEWS STORIES HAVE ATTRIBUTED WAVE OF
 RECENT MAJOR BURGLARIES OF MILLIONAIRES HOMES IN ROCHESTER
 AREA TO SMOOTH WORKING LA COSA NOSTRA THIEVES WHO HAVE
 ACCUMULATED MILLIONS IN LOOT. FBI MULTIMILLION DOLLAR
 RECOVERY CONTRASTED BY NEWS OUTLETS TO APPARENT INACTION
 OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY STYMIED IN
 THEIR EFFORT TO BREAK UP THIS ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

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AS BUREAU IS AWARE, THIS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR RECOVERY RESULTED FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY ONE OF BUFFALO OFFICE'S *La Cosa Nostra* LCN MEMBER INFORMANTS, *Buffalo* BU THREE THREE TWO DASH C DASH TE. *Top Echelon*

THIS INFORMANT ONE OF FEW WHO KNEW LOCATION OF LOOT AND UNDERTOOK GREAT PERSONAL RISK IN ASSISTING OUR OFFICE. HE WILL BE SUSPECTED BY GANG BUT ^(he) HAS FBI FURNISHED AND ASSISTED COVER STORY AND IS CONFIDENT HE WILL BE SAFE FROM REPRISAL, HOWEVER, FACT REMAINS HIS VERY LIFE AT STAKE HERE. THIS INFORMANT OF TREMENDOUS VALUE TO BUREAU AS PROVEN BY THIS RECOVERY OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS OF STOLEN LOOT. I RECOMMEND BUREAU APPROVE LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BU *Buffalo* THREE THREE TWO DASH C DASH TE *Top Echelon* FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. IT MUST BE OBSERVED THAT THE STRASENBURGH CASE WAS UNDER INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY FBI AS ^{Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property} ITSP MAJOR THEFT AND COUNTLESS MAN HOURS OF FBI WORK AND EXPENSE HAVE BEEN SAVED BY THIS INFORMANT'S INFORMATION. UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES I FEEL ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR AMOUNT COMPLETELY JUSTIFIED. BUREAU RESPECTFULLY REQUEST TO ^{Submit Teletype} SUTEL DECISION IN THIS MATTER.

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