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LA COSA NOSTRA - ANTI-RACKETEERING

It has been previously pointed out that one of our primary goals in the Criminal Intelligence Program is the full identification and subsequent prosecution of the membership of La Cosa Nostra (LCN), the dominant group in organized crime in this country. With an ever-increasing public awareness of the significance of LCN on a national basis and in consideration of the Bureau's vast responsibilities in the field of organized crime, it is necessary that complete intelligence be developed regarding LCN.

A review of progress reported in the identification of LCN members reveals that a substantial number have been identified. Your office has reported that at the present time 118 members of LCN reside in your territory. As you know, New Jersey is a major stronghold of LCN operations. Therefore, your office has heavy responsibilities in the organized crime field. There currently exists an urgent need for identification of additional LCN members in your territory. Although as noted you have made progress in this area, much more remains to be accomplished.

Your office has developed one member-informant in LCN, NK 2428-C-TE. Every effort must be made to utilize his full potential to the Bureau's advantage including the identification of additional LCN members. Member-informants are the only sources currently available who can provide accurate and authentic data regarding LCN membership.

The TECIP in the Newark Division must be directed with a view towards further penetration of LCN. You should maintain a continuous and well-planned program to accomplish this end. The importance of developing additional member-informants cannot be overemphasized.

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