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Re San Diego letter to the Bureau dated 5/10/68.

SD 1064-C-TE recontacted on dates listed below and furnished following information on La Cosa Nostra (LCN) and other hoodlums:

I. Los Angeles Division

Informant advised on 5/16/68 LCN member JIMMY "THE WEASEL" FRATIENNO came to San Diego from El Centro after appearing in State Court on local fraud case. Joined the informant at his apartment on 5/8/68. Hoodlum burglar FRANKIE VELOTTA of Los Angeles drove to San Diego in 1968

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The following day, 5/10/68 they noted activity in SEACH's house. FRATIANNO became extremely nervous and insisted on getting out of their car a block from the SEACH house.

Informant and VELOTTA made pretext inquiry re sale of camper and learned SEACH no longer living there and house has been occupied for the past month by a WMA, 6'2", red hair from Minnesota.

FRATIANNO then made inquiries at Sands Hotel and learned SEACH has not been seen around Las Vegas for several weeks. Later on 5/10/68, FRATIANNO left Las Vegas flying home to Sacramento. Informant and VELOTTA drove back to San Diego arriving on 5/11/68.

Informant called ROSELLI to report negative results. ROSELLI advised informant he was flying back to Boston and possibly Washington, D. C. and would meet with him later. Learned ROSELLI's attorney was in Italy attempting to help ROSELLI in his defense against deportation trial presently in progress. ROSELLI advised informant he would attempt to get an additional lead re SEACH's whereabouts.

Informant drove to Los Angeles 5/13/68 for a short meeting with ROSELLI who gave informant \$600.00 to split with FRATIANNO to cover expenses. Informant complained to ROSELLI about FRATIANNO's nervousness and ROSELLI told informant to use FRATIANNO to identify SEACH only and to handle the murder the best way he could.

In addition to the above, informant advised on 5/16/68 that he had been informed by his capo JOE ADAMO of San Diego to be ready for a sit-down LCN meeting with the Los Angeles family leadership. He also learned through San Diego LCN member JOE LI MANDRI that both bosses NICK LICATA and underboss JOE DIPPOLITO would be in attendance.

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This meeting was held on Sunday, 5/19/68 (Information received from informant on 5/23/68). It was held in the home of JOE ADAMO's daughter in San Diego. Those in attendance in addition to the informant were NICK LICATA, JOE DIPPOLITO, "Capo" JIM REGACE, "Capo" JOE ADAMO, and members JOE LI MANDRI and LEO DIA of San Diego. (ANGELO POLIZZI was absent and has had another stroke).

(Results of this meeting in regard to LCN member LUIGI MERLI, aka., "Piscopo", have been furnished to the Bureau and Los Angeles in San Diego airtel to Bureau dated 5/24/68 entitled "SD 1064-C-TE").

During the meeting LICATA notified LEO DIA, President and major stock holder of the Southland Amusement Jukebox Company in San Diego, that the Los Angeles LCN family was "cutting back into" his jukebox company. They were taking over the 18% stock ownership held by deceased LCN boss FRANK DESIMONE's sister. They would pay her for the stock. They talked about putting the stock in JOE DIPPOLITO's name. DIA was also notified that the family was considering buying out stock held by CHARLIE GILARDI, the Vice-president of Southland. DIA was informed that the stock held by Secretary-Treasurer STEVE NIOTTA was okay since he was married to JACK DRAGNA's daughter and she had a good claim on it having inherited it from DRAGNA. DIA was told that eventually CHARLIE GILARDI, not an LCN member, would have to get out of the company.

Informant advised 6/4/68 that in recent telephone contact with ROSELLI he has been unable to furnish any good leads re SEACH's whereabouts and told informant he believes SEACH is hiding out in Honolulu.

According to informant SEACH's life will remain in jeopardy even after the Friar's Club case prosecution is concluded.