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FROM: *MRW* Malcolm R. Wilkey, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: *Joseph O* United States v. Bonanno, et al.
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Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Belmont.....
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Mr. Parsons.....
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Mr. Trotter.....
Mr. W.C. Sullivan.....
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Reference is made to your memorandum of July 20, 1959, which advises that interview reports of Charles Gorman, John J. Keating, Robert F. McGuinness and Paul J. Rennard cannot be made available to the attorney in charge of the subject case for the reason that their statements were made to the Bureau in strictest confidence.

It is contemplated that all four of these individuals will be called as government witnesses in the captioned trial. Gorman was Director of Public Safety in Buffalo and Keating was a Representative of the New York State Watch Dog Committee. Together they interviewed defendants Magaddino and LaDuca and named co-conspirator D'Agostino. The Magaddino interview is set forth in the indictment as Overt Act 15. McGuinness can give testimony concerning defendant Scalish. Rennard has information concerning co-conspirators Medico and Bufalino. As you indicated in your memorandum of July 20, the identity of these individuals and the information they can give was secured from sources other than the FBI.

Under the Jencks Act it may be necessary for the Government to produce prior statements of these persons when they are called as trial witnesses. To protect these witnesses it would be most helpful if the prosecution could have the information they furnished to the Bureau.

Therefore, it is requested that you re-contact these four persons, advise them of the fact that it is planned to call them as government witnesses and see if under these circumstances they will not permit the information they furnished to the Bureau to be transmitted for study by Departmental attorneys in connection with the captioned trial.

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