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Re San Diego airtel to Bureau, 11/24/67.

SD 1064-C-TE was recontacted on 12/7/67 and furnished the following information on La Cosa Nostra:

Sacramento and San Francisco Divisions

Informant has been in contact with LCN member JIMMY "The Weasel" FRATIANNO on several occasions recently. Stated FRATIANNO is having difficulty raising money for his defense in the federal case at San Diego charging him with Fraud Against the Government - Conspiracy. Attorney JAMES CANTILLON of Los Angeles no longer defending him as FRATIANNO unable to furnish sufficient money. FRATIANNO appeared in U. S. District Court, San Diego, 12/4, 11, and 12/18/67 for arraignment and plea, but received postponements while attempting to secure new counsel. FRATIANNO scheduled for return 1/2/68 for arraignment and plea. FRATIANNO has attempted to get informant to use his influence on newly elected San Francisco Mayor Attorney JOSEPH ALIOTTO. FRATIANNO would like ALIOTTO to help THOMAS LOUIS KING recover his insurance companies. FRATIANNO feels that KING in some way could help him in his continued litigation with federal and state authorities over the operation of his trucking company.

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Apparently FRATIANNO believes KING has political influence in Sacramento. Informant states he has no intention of using his friendship with ALIOTTO for FRATIANNO's benefit.

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Stated that he and ALIOTTO grew up in the same neighborhood in Milwaukee and ALIOTTO has represented his good friend, LCN member, ANGELO MARINO of San Jose, but that ALIOTTO "is an honest man" and will not do business with the mob.

Informant verified FRATIANNO was having trouble raising money for his defense. Attempted to retain San Diego Attorney, former Assistant U. S. Attorney, PETE [illegible] had to come up with $20,000. [illegible] unable to do so, [illegible] turned him down.

In regard to LCN member, ANGELO MARINO, informant advised that he expects MARINO to visit him in the near future in San Diego.

Stated that FRATIANNO's legal problems are his own as he got into his present difficulty on his own and not as a result of LCN orders and so he must raise his own money.

For the information of San Francisco, informant furnished information concerning, JACK PROVART. Stated PROVART is an investigator for Humboldt County District Attorney. Lives [illegible] Oceanview, Eureka, California. Stated any contact with PROVART should be cautious. Advised that PROVART formerly employed by Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), San Diego, and that informant was San Diego Capo and controlled several bars. PROVART was the "bag man" for ABC head, BILL BONNELL, who later fled to Mexico to avoid state prosecution for bribery.

Los Angeles Division

Informant recently had meeting with his Capo JOE ADAMO, and learned that newly elected Los Angeles LCN boss NICK LICATA, has appointed Capo JOE DIPPOLITO his new underboss. LICATA then appointed JAMES PHILIP REGACE as a new Capo to fill the vacancy caused by DIPPOLITO's promotion to underboss. Identified REGACE as a used car lot operator in East Los Angeles, who came to Los Angeles from Cleveland. Informant has not seen him in about 17 or 18 years, but believed he was brought to Los Angeles by MICKEY COHEN and worked for COHEN as a "collector"; believed he was made a LCN member in Los Angeles when JACK I. DRAGNA was boss and was sponsored by JIMMY FRATIANNO.

Informant stated that in his opinion, REGACE's only qualification for Capo status was his friendship with DRAGNA and that he would do whatever DRAGNA told him to do. Stated

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[illegible] is still in periodic contact with Chicago boss [illegible] and that GIANCANA is still spending a great deal of his time in the Mexico and Central America areas. Believes that it is possible that ROSELLI might sent the informant to contact GIANCANA there to further discuss reorganization of LCN California family.

Informant advised that at the present time, they do not have enough power to openly buck LICATA without a shoot out.

Informant admitted that while recently back in Akron, Ohio, he discussed this with LEO MOCERI and ERNIE PUSCO, aka., La Salle, and LA SALLE indicated that he could make personal contact with "four" Commission members but did not identify them.

Informant advised that in recent contact with his Capo JOE ADAMO, he was told that LICATA wanted to see the informant sometime soon after the holidays at which time he will discuss with him informant's desire to "out back in on" [illegible] LICATA also wants informant to set up a meeting on behalf of LICATA with Chicago Capo FRANK LA PORTE. Informant claims he does not know what LICATA has in mind for this meeting, but that he will try to maneuver himself into a position with LA PORTE so that he will be present at the meeting. Informant feels one reason for the meeting would be to clarify membership status of FRATIANNO.

Informant advised that to his knowledge, the Los Angeles family leadership is:

LICATA - Boss; DIPOLIPO - Underboss;
TOMMY PALERMO - Consiglieri; and
Capos POLIZZI, ADAMO and REGACE.

New York Division

Informant was questioned regarding the recent New York mob assassinations of JAMES D'ANGELO and FRANK MELLERI, but claimed to have no knowledge concerning them except what he read in the newspapers, speculating that they somehow are connected with JOE BONANNO's attempts to regain his power. Informant agreed to have lunch in the near future with LCN member MARCO LI MANDRI and will bring up the subject to determine if LI MANDRI has any further knowledge regarding the internal warfare going in New York in the BONANNO family.

New York note in San Diego airtel to Bureau, 11/7/67, informant mentioned the existence of smaller autonomous

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[illegible] CAROLLO;
[illegible] GAMBINO

[illegible] early [illegible] he identified was that of [illegible] the son of SAM CAROLLO, former New Orleans [illegible] boss. Explained that in about 1952, SAM CAROLLO was [illegible] in Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, across the border from San Diego, seeking to avoid deportation. He wanted to return to the "ranch" in New Orleans and desired to re-enter the U. S. without being caught by Immigration and Naturalization Service. Word was sent to the informant who was Capo in San Diego at the time. He went to Tijuana and set up a big party in a Mexican restaurant. At the height of the party, he and CAROLLO slipped away and he smuggled him back into the U. S. Drove him directly to El Centro, California, where SAM CAROLLO, his son, was waiting, in a chartered plane and flew him back to the "ranch" in the New Orleans area. Stated that TONY CAROLLO is a LCN member.

Advised that he met the present LCN boss, CARLOS MARCELLO through SAM CAROLLO in 1945-1946 when he went there to talk with them about furnishing the race wire service. Informant indicated he had little or no knowledge about the present LCN activities in the Louisiana family.

Informant might be agreeable, however, sometime to make a trip in the future back to the New Orleans and Florida areas to contact MARCELLO and TRAFFICANTE.

Informant had no knowledge of (FNU) BERTOLINO, the Godson of FRANK COPPOLA, reportedly working as an entertainer in Las Vegas. Stated that COPPOLA is an old friend of his and that he would be agreeable to contacting BERTOLINO the next time he went to Las Vegas to determine if he is a LCN member from Italy.

Detroit Division

In accordance with Detroit letter to San Diego, [illegible] entitled, "DOMINIC JOSEPH [illegible] CAVOLI", the informant was questioned concerning his LCN status.

He advised that many years ago, when he went back to Detroit to attend the wedding of JOE MATRANGA to PRIZIOLA's

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