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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 recorded in the identification of the members of LCN reveals that a substantial number have been identified by many offices. However, your office has reported only one LCN member as residing in your territory. It is noted that this identification was not made by sources of your office.

A lack of additional information regarding LCN in your division cannot be construed to mean this organization does not exist in your territory, but rather suggests that there are no available sources sufficiently well placed to furnish additional reliable data on this topic.

As you know, the basic makeup of LCN in your division has been undeveloped. Our investigations of LCN have revealed the absolute necessity of establishing sources who are in a position to provide accurate and authentic data regarding this organization. A true picture concerning the prevalence of LCN in a particular area cannot be established without such sources. There is an urgent need for your office to obtain a member-informant in LCN.

You are expected to show a marked improvement in identifying LCN members within your division. To accomplish this, your office must have an imaginative and continuous program to

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