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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

FROM : JDS
~~HAB~~ SAC, PHILADELPHIA (92-1027)

SUBJECT: La Cosa Nostra
LCN
AR - CONSPIRACY

DATE: 12/24/68

Re Bureau letter to Philadelphia dated 11/25/68.

On 12/13/68 PH 872-C-TE furnished the following information:

On 12/13/68 informant advised it is his opinion that RUSSELL A. BUFALINO of Kingston, Pa., is the "Boss" of his own "Family" in the Upstate Pennsylvania area. He said he feels that BUFALINO became the "Boss" of the "Family" after the death of JOHN SCIANDRE. JOHN SCIANDRE, formerly of Pittston, Pa., was a very cruel and vicious leader of the Mafia and he died sometime during the late 1940's or early 1950's. JOHN SCIANDRE allegedly received his power in the Mafia from deceased LCN leader SANTO VOLPE of West Pittston, Pa.

The informant further remarked that when he was traveling with LCN member JOSEPH PAGANO, who is currently a subject of the New York Office, came in contact with individuals who always asked about BUFALINO whenever they learned that he, the informant, was from Pittston, Pa. He said he always received the impression from talking to the people from New York City that BUFALINO was a very important man.

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