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Re San Diego airtel to the Bureau dated 12/19/68.

Contacts were made with SD 1064-C-TE on 12/27/68 and 1/13/69. He furnished the following information on LCN members and other hoodlums:

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him that, when FARKAS called him, he was to advise him to go ahead and cooperate with the LCN leaders in the Los Angeles area.

LICATA told the informant that later he received a report from his Capo, JIM REGACE, that FARKAS called "Happy" MELTZER, but MELTZER would not talk to him. This infuriated LICATA, who then held a meeting with MELTZER at 10:00 a.m. on 12/21/68.

LICATA told the informant that he wanted to know from MELTZER why he would not talk to FARKAS and advise him to cooperate with his outfit. MELTZER claimed that he had been ill at the time FARKAS called and was unable to talk with him. LICATA told MELTZER that FARKAS felt he was being caught between the LCN leaders' aspirations to get back into the bookmaking field and the established bookies, that he was frightened, and that FARKAS wanted to leave town.

LICATA told the informant that he insisted MELTZER call FARKAS and tell him to cooperate with the LCN in assisting them to set up a bookmaking income.

After this discussion, the informant and LICATA talked about tighter control over LCN members coming into the Southern California area from other parts of the country. LICATA again told the informant that, when FRANK SCIBELLI (LCN member from Springfield, Massachusetts) returned to Palm Springs, he was to question him regarding his gambling activities and that, if he is taking any local bookmaking action, he must cut the Los Angeles LCN family in for 50%.

LICATA told the informant that it was important they begin to raise money from bookmaking. He told the informant that FARKAS had agreed to put up several thousand dollars for their bookmaking activities and had agreed to turn the money over to REGACE and PETE MILANO.

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could have easily said something out of turn. He believes, however, that PETRO was too experienced to get trapped easily and that, in his opinion, whoever killed him was known to PETRO.

The informant also pointed out the possibility that the killing also could be connected with the murder of PETE DI GRAVIO of Cleveland. (For the information of Los Angeles, on 10/23/68, the Cleveland Office advised that DI GRAVIO was killed by rifle fire on 6/21/68 while playing golf in the Cleveland area. Four shots were fired into him by an unknown assassin from the woods adjacent to the golf course. Since the early 1960's, DI GRAVIO had operated a shylocking business in Cleveland under the names, MDM Investment Company and DMM Investment Company, both located on Mayfield Road Hill in the heart of the Italian community.

The Cleveland informant advised in 11/66 that JULIUS PETRO, the former Cleveland bank robber, moved to Los Angeles after release from prison, and had come back to Cleveland for a conference with DI GRAVIO regarding the heading up of a loan shark business in Los Angeles with his brother, MIKE.

DI GRAVIO had visited the Los Angeles area on several occasions, and his son resided in Los Angeles. DI GRAVIO's son, WILLIAM, was arrested on 1/6/67 in San Diego for possession of marijuana and in Los Angeles on 2/8/68 for robbery. In May, 1968, PETE DI GRAVIO spent several weeks in California and eventually brought his son, WILLIAM, back to Cleveland with him.

One Cleveland source advised that, in his opinion, DI GRAVIO was killed as a result of something that happened in California during his last visit, but could not be more specific.

It should be noted that, when SD 1064-C-TE visited St. Louis during December, 1968, he contacted Cleveland