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Since the inception of the related investigations pertaining to the Organized Crime Program one of the primary objectives of this program was to identify members and positions of leadership. To this end knowledgeable informants were contacted in all pertinent field offices. On the whole the informants supplied accurate information, which was subsequently verified by highly confidential sources and by member sources but as to the exact number of LCN members in the U.S. many diverse numbers were received. Some of the figures appeared to be unrealistically high and much confusion has arisen as to the exact number of LCN members. Even member sources are not consistent in their estimation. As recently as September, 1968, NY 6436-C-TE (member source) who is an extremely knowledgeable informant was contacted and opined that there were 2,000 members in New York City but 500 were dead. The NYO can account for over 500 living members with several hundred known dead but it is exceedingly unlikely that the NYO will surpass 700 active members. Therefore, at this time an attempt should be made to reconcile the exact membership.

As a point of reference the membership books according to reliable sources were closed for all families a short time following the Appalachian meeting on 11/14/57. It is conceded that in a few isolated instances, for specific reasons, some members were admitted, however, the number is relatively insignificant. Therefore, to come to a determination it will be necessary for all offices to review their AR files and list all deceased members on a separate list. It is expected that this project can be easily completed for inclusion into the next LCN National Summary report in the Fall, 1969.

It is believed that by following this procedure, an accurate determination can be made as to the approximate number of LCN members in the U.S. at it's high point in November, 1957. Since that time the active membership list would necessarily decrease primarily because of deaths.

Offices are not necessarily confined to the time of Appalachian and should include the names of persons identified as members who died prior to this time so that a complete deceased list will be compiled.