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Information set out below which was furnished by LA 4448-C-TE, LA 4335-C-TE, LA 4367-C-TE, and LA 4412-C-TE, who are sensitive sources, and information furnished by them should not be reported in the details of a report.

During the period from March, 1964, to April, 1965, LA 4448-C-TE furnished information that JOHN ROSSELLI, who resides most of the time in the Los Angeles area, is a member of the Chicago "Brugad" of La Cosa Nostra (LCN). Source advised that ROSSELLI is one of the ranking members of LCN but belongs to the Chicago "Brugad." According to this source, ROSSELLI is one of the most powerful men in the "organization" on the West Coast and handles interests of the Chicago "Brugad" in Las Vegas, Nevada.

On March 4, 1964, this source advised that ROSSELLI is one of the most powerful and influential men in LCN. He is considered one of the sharpest and most intelligent men in this organization. He is highly respected and frequently consulted relative to and handles matters of highest importance and greatest delicacy. He was a member of the Los Angeles "Brugad" but later transferred to the Chicago "Brugad."

On February 16, 1965, LA 4448-C-TE advised that FRANK BOMPENSIERO was the "Capo Regime" in charge of the San Diego group of LCN some years ago. When he was sentenced to state prison in about 1955, he was succeeded in this post by ANTHONY MIRABILE, who held this post until his death in December, 1958. This post is now held by JOSEPH ADAMO. Source advised that BOMPENSIERO is presently a "soldier" in the San Diego "Capo Regima."

On August 11, 1965, LA 4448-C-TE advised that on the night of August 6, 1965, informant had dinner with FRANK BOMPENSIERO. During the course of the conversation, informant inquired as to BOMPENSIERO's present source of income. At this point, BOMPENSIERO told informant that "JOHN (ROSSELLI) takes care of me." He also mentioned in that connection that he (BOMPENSIERO) sees ROSSELLI every couple of weeks. BOMPENSIERO did not furnish further specifics in this regard nor did he discuss the nature or extent of ROSSELLI's help.

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"Capo" in the Chicago "Brugad." According to informant, LA PORTE and ROSSELLI are very good friends. Informant also recalled that LA PORTE is a close friend of FRANK SCIBELLI. According to informant, FRANK SCIBELLI, FBI No. 535 801, "belongs" to the Massachusetts and New England "Brugad" of RAYMOND PATRIARCA.

On August 14, 1965, informant advised that he had been to dinner with FRANK BOMPENSIERO and his paramour, MARIA GAVIN, the night of August 13, 1965. On this occasion, BOMPENSIERO again made reference to making periodic or occasional trips to the Chicago, Illinois, area. BOMPENSIERO also told informant that he continues to meet regularly with JOHN ROSSELLI. In that connection, BOMPENSIERO told informant that he had been to Los Angeles on Monday (August 9, 1965) and had met with JOHN ROSSELLI on Imperial Highway. BOMPENSIERO did not furnish further specifics.

On the night of September 9, 1965, informant telephonically advised that he had been in contact with BOMPENSIERO on September 9, 1965. Informant invited BOMPENSIERO to accompany him to Del Mar Race Track on September 10, 1965, and then have dinner at informant's residence in Del Mar on the night of September 10, 1965. BOMPENSIERO told informant that he might have to be out of San Diego during the day on September 10, 1965, but if these plans did not materialize, then he would accompany informant to Del Mar. BOMPENSIERO also stated that, in any event, he would be back in San Diego by evening and would definitely plan on having dinner with informant at Del Mar the evening of September 10, 1965. BOMPENSIERO told informant that he would phone him the morning of September 10, 1965, relative to his availability during the day of September 10, 1965.

On the morning of September 10, 1965, informant telephonically advised that BOMPENSIERO had phoned him at 10:00 AM, September 10, 1965. BOMPENSIERO told informant that he had to leave San Diego on September 10, 1965, in connection with certain other matters that had come up and could not accompany informant to Del Mar Race Track on this date. BOMPENSIERO indicated that he would be back by Friday evening, September 10, 1965, and would plan on having dinner with informant at about 7:30 PM, September 10, 1965, at informant's residence in Del Mar, California.

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Informant stated on September 10, 1965, that BOMPENSIERO had mentioned that he had to meet JOHN ROSSELLI on Saturday, September 11, 1965. BOMPENSIERO did not furnish further specifics relative to this matter.

On September 12, 1965, informant telephonically advised that he had again had dinner with FRANK BOMPENSIERO and MARIA GAVIN on the night of September 11, 1965. On this occasion, BOMPENSIERO advised informant that earlier in the day of September 11, 1965, he had driven to Los Angeles and had met JOHN ROSSELLI at the Brown Derby Restaurant in Beverly Hills, California. BOMPENSIERO also mentioned that he had been planning on seeing ROSSELLI on Friday September 10, 1965, but that something had come up and he had made the "meet" on September 11, 1965, instead.

Informant advised that on the morning of September 2, 1965, he met with FRANK BOMPENSIERO at the Namara Inn at Del Mar, California. BOMPENSIERO again mentioned to informant that he definitely intends to "cut back" into NICK SIMPONS if he can get the approval of JOHN ROSSELLI and FRANK DESIMONE.

On September 11, 1965, LA 4412-C-TE furnished information that FRANK BOMPENSIERO was coming to the Los Angeles area to meet with "GIOVANNI."

On September 13, 1965, this informant advised that BOMPENSIERO told him that on September 11, 1965, he BOMPENSIERO left his apartment in San Diego at about 10:15 AM and arrived at the Brown Derby Restaurant in Beverly Hills, California, at 2:00 PM. He stated that "JOHN" (ROSSELLI) was already at the bar in this restaurant and without obvious recognition they sat at the bar appearing to be watching the football game on TV. Source said that from the way BOMPENSIERO explained this meeting, he and JOHN conversed for approximately two hours but in such a manner that no one else in the place would have been aware that they were talking to each other. BOMPENSIERO did not discuss in the presence of this informant the purpose of his meeting with JOHN ROSSELLI.

LA 4412-C-TE learned from BOMPENSIERO that BOMPENSIERO had been to the Brown Derby in Beverly Hills on Tuesday, September 7, 1965; that "JOHNNY" was there, but they felt that

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there were two police officers there at the time so he, BOMPENSIERO, had one drink and immediately returned to San Diego. BOMPENSIERO mentioned to informant that he does not meet "JOHN" at the same location in Los Angeles every time they meet.

On various dates in September, 1965, LA 4335-C-TE advised that on September 22, 1965, IRVING LINK telephonically contacted informant after informant had left a message at the Friars Club for LINK to contact informant. Informant desired to talk to LINK inasmuch as informant was endeavoring to locate someone who could make a \$2 million real estate loan and he, informant, had been told that LINK had contacts with people who could finance such a loan. LINK was interested in informant's proposition and agreed to meet with the people who were trying to obtain the loan and the informant.

Informant, who is acquainted with JOHN ROSSELLI, on September 22, 1965, telephonically contacted ROSSELLI at the Friars Club, using as a reason for calling his prior conversation with LINK. He asked ROSSELLI to have a cup of coffee with him and that he wanted a favor. He told ROSSELLI that he was contacting him because he had spoken to another member of the Friars Club in regard to a business deal and indicated to ROSSELLI that he wanted ROSSELLI's help in connection with this other member. Informant did not mention LINK's name to ROSSELLI and ROSSELLI did not ask who the member was and therefore source was of the opinion that LINK had talked to ROSSELLI. ROSSELLI told informant that it would not be wise for him to be seen with informant at this time and suggested source go downtown and talk to that fellow. Informant said that ROSSELLI was referring to LOUIS TOM DRAGNA. (LOUIS TOM DRAGNA, according to LA 4448-C-TE, is a member of LCN and his uncle, JACK I. DRAGNA, deceased, was head of the LCN for many years in the Los Angeles area.) ROSSELLI told informant to go and see "that person" and discuss this matter with him, and ROSSELLI would then call and direct "this man" the right way.

On September 23, 1965, LA 4335-C-TE advised that on that date he had contacted LOUIS TOM DRAGNA. Informant told DRAGNA that someone had told him to contact DRAGNA and DRAGNA immediately asked who, whereupon informant said that it was JOHN ROSSELLI. Source told DRAGNA that he would like to work

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with him but if he cannot, he would want to work with ROSSELLI. DRAGNA said "ROSSELLI has everything, hasn't he? If it's big enough, ROSSELLI might be interested." DRAGNA said he would call ROSSELLI and mentioned that ROSSELLI had not called him in six months. He told informant to call him the following day. As of October 3, 1965, DRAGNA had not contacted ROSSELLI. On that date, informant called ROSSELLI at the Friars Club and indicated to ROSSELLI that he would give him 50 per cent of his "finder's fee" in connection with the real estate loan. Informant complained to ROSSELLI that DRAGNA said he is not doing anything. ROSSELLI then said that he is not doing anything and informant should go with DRAGNA. ROSSELLI said that informant has been close to DRAGNA in the past and they are practically related and that is where informant should be.

On October 11, 1965, informant was again in contact with LOUIS TOM DRAGNA and DRAGNA said he did not want to help informant and suggested that informant go to ROSSELLI. Informant told DRAGNA that he only wanted to make some money and everywhere he goes, he is referred to DRAGNA. DRAGNA replied that ROSSELLI has everything.

On October 14, 1965, LA 4367-C-TE advised that on that date he had talked to "HAPPY" MELTZER (HERBERT FRIED) and he told him that he had a piece of the "pan operation" operated in Santa Monica in 1964 by RICKY JACOBS and JACK CALLIE (the pan operation was shut down by court action). MELTZER also said ROSSELLI also had a piece of this operation but had put no money into it. He said that ROSSELLI is not the boss in Los Angeles, but FRANK DESIMONE is the boss and that all ROSSELLI does is collect money for Chicago. MELTZER said DESIMONE can tell ROSSELLI to run errands. MELTZER said he does not like ROSSELLI, whom he refers to as "the actor."

The identities of the individuals who furnished information set out in this report which must not be disclosed except upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum are as follows:

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Union Bank, 8th and Hill Streets, Los Angeles,
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LA T-138	CSLA 4268-C	
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LA T-152	LV 10-C	
LA T-176	JOHN MC DONALD, U.S. Post Office, Beverly Hills	
LA T-188	CSLA 4476-C	
LA T-189	CSLA 4268-C	
LA T-191	LA 4367-C-TE	
LA T-203	GEORGE HOPKINS, Manager Glen Towers Apartments Los Angeles	
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LA T-213	GEORGE HOPKINS, Manager Glen Towers Apartments Los Angeles	
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LAS VEGAS

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA: Will continue to conduct investigation concerning ROSSELLI's activities in Las Vegas.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will conduct continuing investigation concerning ROSSELLI's activities.

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