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On 11-25-68 Dr. BORIS GIULIANO, Flying Squad, Police Headquarters, Palermo, Sicily, advised that Investigating Magistrate ALDO VIGNERI of Palermo is not expected to announce his findings until June, 1969. VIGNERI has under study the report of denouncement charging 90 persons with aggravated criminal conspiracy to import and export narcotics to and from Italy.

With regard to the acquittal in June, 1968, of the 17 defendants charged with aggravated criminal conspiracy, GIULIANO advised the appeal is still pending before the Palermo Court of Appeals and at this time there is no indication when the court will render a decision.

Italian police authorities struck another blow at La Cosa Nostra and the MAFIA when it arrested in Naples, Italy, on 11-23-68 TONY CARILLO, a U.S. citizen and a caporegima of the VITO GENOVESE "family" of La Cosa Nostra. (Bureau alerted by cable 11-25-68 to arrest of CARILLO in Italy.)

CARILLO has been charged with conspiring to import and export narcotics and is allegedly tied in with the arrest of the Alitalia Airlines steward whom U. S. Customs authorities found to be in possession of 5 kilograms of heroin when he arrived at John F. Kennedy Airport, New York City, on 11-6-68. The U. S. Narcotics Bureau, American Embassy, Rome, Italy, had developed information relating to CARILLO's involvement had developed information relating to CARILLO's involvement had had alerted Italian police.

Any pertinent information developed will be forwarded to the Bureau promptly.

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