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Detroit letter dated April 14, 1967, to the Bureau with copies forwarded to those offices handling member informants, requested that the member informants be interviewed concerning their knowledge of the structure and identity of the members of the Detroit LCN family. Pertinent information furnished in this regard by those offices canvassed is set forth in this report.

Copies of this report are designated for offices covering territory in which members of the Detroit LCN family are known to reside or are known to have financial interest. Copies are also being furnished to offices having informants who have contributed to information set out in this report. Copies to these offices are furnished for information purposes. Leads for any of these offices are being handled through separate communications.

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until finally the faction controlled by JOE ZERILLI succeeded in getting enough power to form an organization. He stated that this organization, as it gained power, gradually took over all of the rackets in the Detroit area and still exists at the present time, stronger and richer than ever. The informant stated that up until twenty years ago, JOHN "PAPA JOHN" PRIZIOLA was active in numbers and narcotics traffic in Detroit and was second in power only after JOE ZERILLI, "BLACK BILL" TOCCO or PETE CORRADO.

He advised that PETE CORRADO, who died in 1957, began amassing a tremendous fortune in numbers and at the time of his death controlled the Murphy House which was the largest numbers operation in Detroit as well as all illegal operations stemming from the Greek Town area of Detroit. Informant stated that the CORRADOs own property in Detroit at the present time valued at over \$32,000,000.00 and added that this amount does not include hard cash which they have stashed away.

The source stated that ANGELO MELI and FRANK MELI also became powerful and wealthy in those years. He stated that ANGELO MELI is today considered one of the big men in the Detroit syndicate.

As an example of the strength of the Detroit syndicate, the informant related that many years ago he worked for the Ford Motor Company under HARRY BENNETT. He stated that there were numerous ex-convicts on the Ford Motor Company payroll who were acting in the same capacity that he was. He advised that his only job was to "be available". His job was to be ready to act in the event that strong arm men or strike breakers were needed. He further advised that part of the deal was that each week he had to turn over one day's pay to "BLACK LEO" CELLURA, the syndicate representative.

This source speaks of the organized Italian criminal element in Detroit as the "syndicate" which he stated is the same as the Mafia. He advised that he had not heard of the term LCN until the Senate hearings in which JOE VALACHI was a witness.