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LA COSA NOSTRA - CONSPIRACY. AR. OO NEW YORK.

FAMILY IN CHARGE OF THE BRONX AND NOW DECEASED.



Mr. Bishop.... Mr. Casper.... Mr. Callahan

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE AND AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

ON FEBRUARY SEVEN LAST, SF THREE TWO ZERO EIGHT DASH PC ADMITTED MEMBERSHIP IN LA COSA NOSTRA (LCN). ADVISED MADE MEMBER SUMMER OF NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT IN FAMILY OF "THREE FINGER BROWN" LUCHESE. IDENTIFIED GODFATHER IN LCN AS PAUL VARIO, WHO ALSO LATER BECAME SOURCE'S CAPO DECINA. STATED VARIO TOOK HIM TO MEET A CAPO IN LUCHESE FAMILY IN BROOKLYN PRIOR TO INITIATION. CAPO DESCRIBED AS OWNER OF BAKERY, NAME UNKNOWN. SOURCE ADVISED THIS CAPO IS NOT KNOWN ON THE STREET AND WAS REFERRED TO BY VARIO AS "THE OLD MAN." SOURCE SAID HE SAW THIS CAPO ONE OTHER TIME WHEN HE VISITED PAULIE HAMM, ANOTHER CAPO IN LUCHESE

SOURCE ADVISED INITIATION TOOK PLACE IN UNION HALL NEXT
TO FONTAINBLEAU FLOWER SHOP, BROOKLYN. PRESENT AT INITIATION
WERE PAUL VARIO, BABE VARIO, PETE (LNU), WHOM SOURCE DESCRIBED
AS "CUMPARI" OF PAUL VARIO, AND CIRO (LNU), WHOM SOURCE DESCRIBED
AS CRIPPLE WITH LUNCHENETTE IN BROOKLYN. ALL WERE MEMBERS OF
LUCHESE FAMILY UNDER PAUL VARIO.

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SOURCE IDENTIFIC TADDO DE MARCO (PH) AS SL PER IN GENEVESE
FAMILY OF LCN. SAID TADDO IS GODFATHER IN LEN FOR JOEY DE
MARCO (NO APPARENT RELATIVE), FRANK CACCIATORE, AND PEPI (LNU),
ALL OF WHOM WERE MADE MEMBERS IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN AT CEREMONY
PRESIDED OVER BY TADDO DEL, A CAPO IN GENEVESE FAMILY. CACCIATORE
LATER RECEIVED ASSIGNMENT TO KILL JOEY DE MARCO AND CARRIED
THIS OUT IN NINETEEN FIFTYNINE. SOURCE IDENTIFIED PEPI AS OWNER
OF CANDY SHOP ON SECOND AVENUE BETWEEN ONE ZERO EIGHT AND ONE
ZERO NINE STREETS IN NEW YORK CITY.

SOURCE ADVISED FEW PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF WITNESSES TO CEREMONY KNOW OF HIS MEMBERSHIP, WITH EXCEPTION OF "THE OLD MAN," CARMINE TRAMUNTI, WITH WHOM SOURCE HAS BEEN CLOSE FRIENDS FOR THIRTYFIVE YEARS, AND JOHNNY ANGELO, MEMBER OF GAMBINO FAMILY, TO WHOM SOURCE WAS INTRODUCED AS MEMBER BY PAUL VARIO. SOURCE SAID LUCHESE FAMILY DISCOURAGES DISSEMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP INFO,

SOURCE STATED PAUL VARIO DISPLEASED WITH HIM OVER SHYLOCK LOANS INCURRED BY SOURCE. VARIO SEVERAL MONTHS AGO ATTEMPTED TO REACH SOURCE THROUGH BROTHER OF SOURCE IN LAS VEGAS AND ARRANGE FOR MEETING TO CLEAR MATTERS UP. SOURCE SUSPECTED HE WOULD BE KILLED AT MEETING AND DECLINED. SOURCE CLAIMS, HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY EXISTS HE CAN RENEW RELATIONSHIP WITH VARIO AND NEW YORK LCN MEMBERS IF SHYLOCK DIFFICULTY HANDLED.

ADDITIONAL INFO FURNISHED BY SOURCE RE LEN MATTERS AND HI JACKING NEW YORK WILL BE FORWARDED AIRMAIL TO BUREAU AND NEW YORK.

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Through alertness and perseverance, Agents of San Francisco Office developed a new top echelon member-source of La Cosa Nostra. He is from segment of the Luchese "family" in New York City not previously penetrated and is presently in hiding in San Francisco because of substantial shylock loan in New York which he has been unable to pay off. While he fears being killed for this failure, he is attempting through intermediaries to negotiate the indebtedness so as to enable him to return to New York and restablish his relationships.

Of particular interest is his description of his 1958 induction to organization which is known to but a few. In addition to a handshake and repeating an oath which has generally been standard in this ritual, informant and others at this ritual, according to San Francisco Office, each had glass of wine from which they drank half and dumped the remains as being symbolic that the ceremony and events taking place were secret and would not be carried outside of the room. Informant being followed closely for further developments.

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