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ANTHONY "TONY" GIACALONE, aka,	92-228 (Lunt)
JOHN "PAPA JOHN PRIZIOLA, aka	92-231 (Arnett)
ANGELO MELI, aka, AR	92-540 (Moore)
ANTHONY "TONY" CORRADO, aka, AR	92-591 (Arnett)
JOSEPH "WHIP" TRIGLIA, aka, AR	92-664 (Montefiore)
JAMES "BIFFO" MACCAGNONE, aka	92-669 (Transeth)
LOUIS LA HOOD SARKIS, aka, AR	92-672 (Fitzpatrick)
ANTHONY "SHRIEKY" THOMAS, aka,	92-786 (Iseman)
NICK DITTA, aka, AR	92-833 (Transeth)
CRIME CONDITIONS IN MICHIGAN	92-876 (Montefiore)
ANTHONY "KANGO" IMBRUNONE, aka	92-924 (Shirley)
DOMINIC "JOEY" ALLEVATO, aka, AR	92-1006 (Montefiore)
RONNIE MORELLI, aka, AR	92-1011 (Montefiore)
HANDBOOK CONTROL FILE	162-18 (Shelburne)
NUMBERS CONTROL FILE	162-19 (Cammarota)
JOEY COPPOLA, aka, ITWI	165-88 (Shelburne)

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Informant advised that several weeks ago NICK DITTA gave him a "score" on two old guys, brothers, who own a bar in Harper Woods. Informant stated that the Wildwood Inn, located at 19800 Harper Ave., Harper Woods, Mich., telephone TU 5-9885, is owned by two brothers, who are of Belgian descent, and that the City of Harper Woods wants the property on which the Wildwood Inn is situated for a recreation area. He said that NICK DITTA told him that PETE LICAVOLI contacted him recently about purchasing the Wildwood Inn. Informant revealed that LICAVOLI gave DITTA authority to pay up to \$75,000.00 cash for this property and DITTA went to see one of the owners. He stated that DITTA told him that he offered the brother \$75,000.00 cash but was turned down as they wanted \$100,000.00, for their bar and property. He stated that the brother, in turning down DITTA's offer, commented "we don't need cash". Informant advised that DITTA told him of the apparent hermit-like existence in which the two brothers live and that there should be a lot of money hidden around their home. He said, however, that DITTA was offering him this "cold score" and that he and DITTA had made no further plans as yet to "take off" these two old brothers who own the Wildwood Inn.

Informant advised that he and NICK DITTA had earlier planned to "take off" the residence of TONY ALONGI. He stated that ALONGI works for his brother in the Eastern Market "on the payroll" for \$100.00 a week although ALONGI actually works in the numbers in the old Murphy House. Informant stated that ALONGI lived in a little house off Eight Mile Road, he believed the street to be Orleans, and that DITTA has claimed that ALONGI actually keeps \$50 to \$60,000.00 in cash in his home. Informant advised that ALONGI is "cheating the house" in the numbers and also is "booking a few horses" on the side.

Informant advised that he has recently been associating with PETE LICAVOLI's son, TEDDY LICAVOLI. He stated that the previous evening they met at Carmen's Pizzeria, 14618 Mack Ave., and then went to the East Warren Recreation, 17225 E. Warren. Informant said that many of the young Italian hoodlums are now hanging around this bowling alley and bar. He said that RONNIE MORELLI is a close associate of TONY CORRADO and he sees them together frequently at the East Warren Recreation. Informant advised that MORELLI was there last night with JOE FRANCO, who is a union official, and also a kid named RICHARD "DICK" STEFANI. Informant added that he has also seen RONNIE MORELLI and TONY

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CORRADO together at the French Leave, a new bar owned by LARRY SUMMERS which recently opened on East Jefferson across the street from the Brodhead Naval Armory. He stated that LARRY SUMMERS used to own the Roaring Twenties Bar in Detroit.

Informant advised that he and TEDDY LICAVOLI and FRANK BIOFORE were at the French Leave the previous night. He said that LOUIE LA HOOD was in there with "SHRIEKY" THOMAS. Informant advised that both LAHOOD and "SHRIEKY" were "trying to promote themselves" with a very attractive red head named JANICE (LNU) who works as a waitress at the French Leave. Informant said that "SHRIEKY" wants to set JANICE up in a furnished apartment and also get her a car "like he did with FRANKIE CARDONI". He revealed that JANICE lives with a roommate named JANET (LNU), who is also a waitress at the French Leave, in Apt. 206 at the Shorecrest Apts., 1350 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Informant stated that he has heard the story that LOUIE LA HOOD went out several times with JANET (LNU) from the French Leave and that JANET is now pregnant by LOUIE.

Informant advised that he was at PETE LICAVOLI's home the previous Friday morning with TEDDY LICAVOLI. He stated that he saw a number of PETE LICAVOLI's paintings and he thought them to be extremely well done. He said that TEDDY LICAVOLI told him that a number of PETE's paintings, scenerys and the like, are hanging on display in "Leon's Beauty Shop, an exclusive shop at 17888 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe. Informant advised further that TEDDY LICAVOLI's aunt, FREDa, is caring for their home while his parents, PETE and GRACE LICAVOLI, are in Tucson, Ariz. He stated that TEDDY LICAVOLI is selling his Cadillac to FRANK BIOFORE, who owns a grocery store on John R. and Edmund Sts., Detroit. Informant advised that TEDDY LICAVOLI is buying a 1955 Mercedes Benz 300 SL for \$4700.00 from the individual who owns the unlimited racing sail boat Apache. Informant related that he and TEDDY LICAVOLI went over to O'LEARY Cadillac on E. Jefferson in Grosse Pointe last Friday. He said that TEDDY had his entire car gone over and he didn't sign a single paper. He stated that LICAVOLI has a charge account at O'LEARY Cadillac. Informant advised that while at O'Leary Cadillac he spoke with TED ANGOTT, one of the new car salesmen. He stated that ANGOTT asked him if he knew TONY GIACALONE and they thereafter discussed TONY GIACALONE's recent arrest. Informant said that ANGOTT, in mentioning TONY GIACALONE, said "he (Giacalone) is one of my best customers."

Informant advised that the coffee house on E. Congress and St. Aubin is closed and padlocked and that "BIFFO" MACCAGNONE

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is presently hanging around in the evenings at JOEY ALLEVATO's Bar-B-Que Restaurant on Mack and Barham Aves., Detroit.

Informant advised that he has recently been spending a great deal of time with ANGELO BUFALINO, BILL BUFALINO's brother. He stated that ANGELO BUFALINO lives on Alter Road with his two sisters and that BUFALINO is presently working at Cobo Hall. He said that ANGELO BUFALINO is driving a red Tempest which is a "loaner" car. Informant advised that one of BUFALINO's sisters has a 30 year old son who is a Professor at Purdue University and during the summer months works at the Bell Telephone Co. in New Jersey.

Informant advised that, during the course of conversation one evening, ANGELO BUFALINO related to him of his former friendship with ROY CALABRESSE, who was found murdered in gangland fashion and stuffed in his trunk in February, 1962. Informant stated that BUFALINO's opinion was that ROY CALABRESSE died because of his efforts to muscle in on a large crap game run on St. Jean Ave. by JOE "WHIP" TRIGLIA. He said that ANGELO BUFALINO told him that when CALABRESSE failed in putting the pressure on TRIG to get a "piece" of TRIG's dice game, CALABRESSE telephoned the police one night after leaving TRIG's game and within five minutes the game was raided and shut down. Informant added that CALABRESSE's former girl friend, PIXIE IMBRUNONE, who is the daughter of ANTHONY "KANGO" IMBRUNONE, is now active in using and peddling narcotics and she is going with a kid named (FNU) GRAMMATICO who lives somewhere on Wayburn or Maryland Aves.

Informant advised that the bookmaker at the Hotel Newport (formerly the Hotel Savarine) is named "MACK" LNU. He stated that "MAC" is a little old man in his 60's who lives at the hotel, is on a pension, and works for a weekly pay in his bookmaking activities. Informant advised that "MACK" does about \$50.00 a day "action" and that he "turns in" to an individual named "One-Arm Frank" (LNU).

Informant advised that he was with JIMMY MICHAELS in the restaurant early this morning. He stated that MICHAELS owns a stable of race horses and also a lot of property in Detroit. He said that MICHAELS owns the whole block of stores on the south side of E. Jefferson near Coplin across the street from the Cinderella Theatre. Informant revealed that JIMMY MICHAELS also owns property at Nine Mile Road and Harper Ave., where the old Ritz Restaurant used to be located. Informant stated that JIMMY MICHAELS was in company with "BULLY" ABRAHAM, the bartender at the

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Gold Cup Room in the Whittier Hotel, DAVE ZAKOOR, and DAVE BRADY, who owns Brady's Service Station on E. Jefferson. Informant advised that all of this outfit were gloating as they had bet a lot of money and won Saturday at the DRC on the horse named "Go Yankee", which paid \$33.00 to win. Informant advised additionally that a bookmaker only pays off 16-1 to win, 8-1 to place, and 3-1 to show. Informant stated that recently JOEY COPPOLA was telling him of the existence of "commission horses". Informant explained that a "commission horse" is a "sure thing" and that they are given out of some place in Cincinnati once or twice a week. He stated that COPPOLA gets the identity of "commission horses" and furnishes them to some of his better customers to keep them on the string and "in action". He said too that a "commission horse" gives a better a sure winner but that it doesn't pay off much, only \$5.00 to \$6.00. Informant stated that a bookmaker must pay for "commission horse" service and that he believes, in COPPOLA's case, that COPPOLA occasionally "lays off" to the Cincinnati source of his "commission horses".

Informant advised that on Sunday, 6/30/63, ANGELO BUFALINO picked him up at the hotel and they went over to ANGELO's brother, BILL BUFALINO's home on Weber Place in Grosse Pointe. Informant stated that BILL BUFALINO and his family were not at home but were visiting at someone's cottage in Port Huron, Mich. He said that ANGELO BUFALINO took photographs of some flowers in the BUFALINO gardens and they left.

Informant advised that he and ANGELO BUFALINO then drove up to visit ANGELO MELI at MELI's summer home on the St. Clair River. Informant said that a large group was at MELI's home consisting mostly of women and children. He stated that ANGELO MELI was playing cards with his friends, WILLIE TOIA, who owns the WILLIAM TOIA Hot Rod Shop at 9146 Gratiot, Detroit, SWEENEY WILLIAMS, who owns a stamping plant in Burbank, California, and who came with TOIA, and DOMINIC (LNU), a little short guy who "looks like a mole" and who was raised around the Franklin Settlement with Informant. Informant said that WILLIE TOIA and SWEENEY WILLIAMS had driven up to ANGELO MELI's place in TOIA's new car, a 1963 four-door hardtop Lincoln Continental, light blue in color.

Informant advised that they all sat around and conversed for several hours and ANGELO MELI then personally conducted Informant, ANGELO BUFALINO, and LITTLE DOMINIC (LNU) on a tour of his farm across the highway from his summer home. Informant stated

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that ANGELO MELI seemed particularly pleased when he showed them the oil rig where he had struck oil on his farm. He said that ANGELO MELI told him that JOE LOVERDE was doing the oil drilling on his farm and that he is drilling a second well now. Informant advised that ANGELO MELI was also pleased when he showed them a new silo on his farm which MELI claimed "cost over 10 G's". He stated too that ANGELO MELI will soon have a completely automatic feeder installed in his farm and that all the parts are in crates near the barn now. Informant advised that MELI mentioned during the course of the tour of his farm, that he also owned an additional 98 acres in the area and in so doing he pointed toward a farm which was in view and which also had a new silo and said "it is just the other side of that place."

Informant advised that ANGELO BUFALINO used to work as a bartender for ANGELO MELI years ago when MELI owned the Stork Club, a plush bar and restaurant on Warren Avenue, which burned down over ten years ago. Informant stated that BUFALINO had some conversation with ANGELO MELI concerning a Florida vacation and later BUFALINO told him that ANGELO MELI owns a co-operative apartment house in Florida and that he had once stayed in these Florida apartments at the invitation of MELI. Informant said that ANGELO MELI commented that he sold his home on Devonshire Rd. in Grosse Pointe and that since living at his summer home he (MELI) believed that his health has greatly improved. Informant advised that ANGELO MELI commented to the effect that, "out here I can't be bothered by my old friends and I'll outlive my enemies".

Informant disclosed that at one point in the conversation ANGELO MELI spoke of his personal physician, a Dr. FARHAM (Ph) who has offices in Grosse Pointe. Informant said that ANGELO BUFALINO mentioned his auto accident in April and that he was waiting for a settlement. He stated that BUFALINO commented that at the time of his accident his brother, BILL BUFALINO, called in Dr. AIUTTO. Informant advised that at the mention of Dr. AIUTTO's name ANGELO MELI got very upset and commented that "AIUTTO is a real thief". Informant disclosed that ANGELO MELI said that he had warned all his relatives and associates to stay away from Dr. AIUTTO. Informant added further that at one point ANGELO MELI commented about the home, swimming pool and property which is located next door to his own place on the St. Clair River. He said that ANGELO MELI mentioned that he had once owned this home and property too but, quite a while back apparently, had sold it.

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Informant advised that ANGELO BUFALINO spoke at length about the recent Detroit Police Department arrest of TONY GIACALONE. He stated that BUFALINO told him that GIACALONE's arrest had really "shaken" the Detroit syndicate and on the very day of GIACALONE's arrest, "PAPA JOHN" PRIZIOLA left Detroit on a hurried trip. Informant commented that BUFALINO emphasized that "PAPA JOHN" rarely ever leaves town and, in this instance, it was due to a wide spread fear of further police arrests and pressures.