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ANTHONY "BLACK TONY" TERAMINE, aka, AR	92-442 (Phillips)
WILLIAM "BLACK BILL" TOCCO, aka, AR	92-490 (Shirley)
DOMINIC "FAT DOMINIC" CORRADO, aka, AR	92-448 (Arnett)
ANTHONY "TONY" TOCCO, aka, AR	92-486 (Shirley)
CHARLES "CHICKIE" SHERMAN, aka, AR	92-557 (Iseman)
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Informant advised that he was contacted the previous Sunday night by STANLEY EDWARD FREEMAN. FREEMAN is presently out on Federal Court Bond, which was put up by Informant, on a meat hijacking case. Informant stated that FREEMAN told him that he had just that night hijacked a tractor and trailer loaded with a large amount of metals, consisting of 90% nickel and 10% tin. Informant advised that FREEMAN stole this entire load from the lot of some company named Schwarz Co. on W. Fort St. He said that FREEMAN claimed that the Schwarz Co. driver wouldn't know the load was taken until at least the following Monday afternoon. Informant advised that FREEMAN had no "out" for a load of nickel and he told FREEMAN emphatically that he (Informant) had no "out" for it either.

Informant said that after a lot of arguing with FREEMAN he was able to convince FREEMAN that "swinging" with this load of nickel was very foolish indeed. Informant added that FREEMAN, who had already "spotted" the load, ie, hid it out, returned to it and drove the whole load back into its original parking spot on the Schwarz lot.

Informant advised that FREEMAN told him that he had been given a real good "score" on AL VARGA's home in Allen Park, Mich. He said that apparently FREEMAN's "finger-man" had told FREEMAN exactly where VARGA keeps his money hidden in his home. Informant revealed that AL VARGA lives at 7144 Larme, Allen Park, Mich. He added that FREEMAN has asked him to "case" VARGA's home for him. Informant stated that FREEMAN's initial concern was whether or not AL VARGA was "a syndicate guy" and Informant assured FREEMAN that VARGA was not. Informant advised also that AL VARGA had contacted him earlier in the week and VARGA wants to go "in partners" in the numbers with Informant, which Informant agreed to do.

Informant advised that SHAWNA, the stripper at the Book Bar on Michigan Avenue who is "CANDY" DAVIDSON's girl friend, told him that "CANDY" is going into business as a used car salesman in Grand Rapids, Mich. Informant advised that he intends to visit DAVIDSON this coming weekend at the Herkimer Hotel, Grand Rapids, where "CANDY" is living. He stated that "CANDY" left Detroit, where he was living at the Imperial Hotel, on orders from his parole officer. Informant stated that "CANDY" DAVIDSON has a reputation as being a "real rough little guy". He said that he knew "CANDY" in Chicago many years ago and he commented that "CANDY" has had "six partners shot out from under him". Informant advised that "CANDY" is not very big in stature

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but at one time, when he was first in San Quentin Prison, "CANDY" asked to meet the heavyweight boxing champion of the prison. Informant said that a match was arranged in the gym and "CANDY" beat the heavyweight champion senseless. He revealed that "CANDY" always wanted to make his position as "champ" known early, whether it was prison or out. Informant commented that the time since "CANDY's" recent release from Jackson State Prison is the longest in CANDY's life-time that he has not been "on the lam".

Informant advised that he was in company with "Chickie" SHERMAN at the Imperial Hotel that day. He said that "CHICKIE" asked him to run the restaurant in the Imperial Hotel. He commented that "CHICKIE" offered it to him "for nothing". Informant revealed that a Mr. and Mrs. ROSEN have the lease on the bar and restaurant in the hotel and he is going to get together with them about taking over the restaurant tomorrow. Informant advised that "CHICKIE" mentioned to him that he had recently bought a restaurant for some guy, whose identity "CHICKIE" did not reveal, and that it is Informant's opinion that "CHICKIE" intends to use this restaurant as a "front" for one of his "horse book" joints.

Informant advised that "CHICKIE" was in company with "TARZAN" CHRISTOPHERSKI and CHARLEY SAM. He revealed that CHARLEY SAM, TOMMY BOOTH and another individual who usually hangs around with CHUCK MORGAN, have taken over the Flame Show Bar on John R. St., Detroit, from MORRIE WASSERMAN's widow and they are going to have their Grand Opening on Friday night, April 19, 1963. Informant said that he believed that JOHNNY THOMAS is behind this whole deal as THOMAS and TOMMY BOOTH have been "real thick" recently and were downtown together today closing some kind of deal. Informant added that "CHICKIE" SHERMAN told him that he and DAVEY EDWARDS had received Federal Grand Jury subpoenas on "CHICKIE's" income tax case and they had to be in the Federal Building Monday morning, 4/22/63.

Informant advised that he was talking to LOUIE LA HOOD that day at the Imperial Hotel. He stated that LA HOOD is promoting a dance in honor of Father CORNELIUS' - Return to Our Lady of Help Church to be held at Cobo Hall soon and that LaHOOD bragged that he is having DANNY THOMAS and Count BASIE as entertainers. Informant advised that LaHOOD, who is awaiting trial in USDC, Detroit, on 6/11/63, charged with Harboring Top Ten Fugitive TOMMY VIOLA, told him that if he can get \$5,000.00

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together from this dance he can "square the beef" on the VIOLA case. Informant added that LaHOOD, whom he refers to as a "stone idiot", was serious in his statements to this effect around the group in the Imperial Hotel, however, everybody present treated LaHOOD's statement as a joke.

Informant furnished SA FITZPATRICK with two current "green sheets". It is noted that they are titled "Green Sheet Weekly, Sports Review" and they are dated for "Week Ending April 6" and "Week Ending April 13". Informant stated that PETE LICAVOLI controls this operation and that LICAVOLI has employed "Crippled Dominic" BUFFA to handle the distribution of "Green Sheets". Informant stated that "Crippled Dominic" BUFFA passes out these "green sheets between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. each Thursday night, at least in time so that they can be "on the streets" by Friday each week.

Informant advised that he had been in company with FREDDIE KRUSE, the bondsman, the previous day. He stated that KRUSE told him that DANNY COSENTINO has opened up his handbook again and that TONY GIACALONE is behind COSENTINO's "horse action". Informant advised that apparently FREDDIE KRUSE has changed his mind about the eventual outcome of the Palm Furniture Bankruptcy case as KRUSE mentioned that MIKE RUBINO and SAMMY GIORDANO will "walk away from the case" and that JOHNNY AYOTTE will "ride the beef to jail". Informant advised that RUBINO is "all through" if he goes to jail. He commented that RUBINO would have to "nail it on the wall and forget about it". Informant was of the opinion that the Government would "run Mike to the grave" once he "fell" on the Palm case.

Informant advised that recently he spent the afternoon with a local bookie named JACK LOWE. He said that JACK LOWE is called "Jock" by most of his friends and that "JOCK" LOWE lives at 3626 Beaconsfield and is a guy in his middle 40's. He mentioned that LOWE was arrested in February, 1963, in company with ONFRE "HUMPHREY" CRAPROTTA in a "horse book" which they operated at 6259 Holcomb St., Detroit. Informant revealed that DANNY COSENTINO owned the four-family flat at 6259 Holcomb and that the same day the police also arrested SAM RUFFINO, Jr. and RUFFINO's girl friend, PAT DI FATTA, who were running a numbers office at the same address on Holcomb St. as "JOCK" and "HUMPHREY". Informant advised that he and "JOCK" stopped to see JOEY ALLEVATO at ALLEVATO's new bar-b-q restaurant at Barham and Mack Aves. across the street from PETE LICAVOLI's

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Apache Realty. Informant stated that ALLEVATO told him that he has \$5,000.00 tied up in his restaurant. He said that ALLEVATO sells the Racing Form and also "does a little booking" out of his restaurant. Informant revealed that ALLEVATO commented that he bought the place from an individual named ART (LNU).

Informant advised that MIKE BRUNO and his brother have been operating a blind pig and after hours joint at the Kevin House Hotel, 1460 Farmer St., Detroit.

Informant advised that last Tuesday, 4/16/63, PETE LICAVOLI's son, MIKE LICAVOLI, left Detroit and traveled to Chicago, Ill. where he intends to spend some time at the local Chicago race track, Sportsman's Park. Informant commented that his own son has become a good friend of LICAVOLI's other son, TEDDY LICAVOLI, and they have been recently going to the Toledo Race Track.

Informant revealed that several days ago the Irwin Bar, Detroit, was burglarized and the bar's safe was taken away. Informant revealed that two brothers pulled this "score" and informant identified them as being the two grandsons of JOHN CAROLL, who owns the John S. Carroll Real Estate Co. at 13243 Harper Ave., Detroit, telephone 371-7474. Informant said that JOE VALENTI works for JOHN Carroll Realty. (It is noted that NICK DITTA, when out of state, has furnished the identity of his employer as being the John Carroll Realty Co.) Informant advised that CAROLL's two grandsons, one of whom is named JACK (LNU) and who works in the real estate office, are "Kinda nuts" and they have "got to get caught" on this "score". Informant revealed that the two brothers stole the safe and later, after "cracking" it, they got its contents of \$800.00. He said that the next day an article appeared in the Detroit newspapers reflecting that the thieves who "took off" the Irwin Bar got \$2,000.00 in the safe and also an unknown quantity of whiskey. Informant added that this made the two brothers "hot" as they did not take any whiskey and they only got \$800.00. Informant revealed that the two brothers went back to the Irwin Bar and grabbed the owner and in "no uncertain terms" told him that anything over \$800.00 that he got back from his insurance company was going to be split 50-50 with them.

Informant advised that he was recently with JOE LAUDICINI at the olverine Hotel. He stated that LAUDICINI, during the course of conversation, mentioned that he has Inspector PAUL

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SHERIDAN of the First Precinct on his payroll. Informant mentioned that LAUDICINI operated a fairly large "phone action" handbook from his flower shop in the Wolverine Hotel but that LAUDICINI is presently complaining that his former partner, an Italian guy named PAUL (LNU) "beat" him out of about \$70,000.00 and put LAUDICINI out of business. Informant remarked that LAUDICINI showed him a "bum check" which LAUDICINI said he had gotten many years ago from old Henry Ford. He stated that LAUDICINI keeps this "bum check" as a souvenir.

Informant advised that one of the biggest "fences" in Detroit is JAKE KRANTZ, who owns and operates the Admiral Plumbing and Heating Co., 2248 Gratiot Ave., telephone LO 7-0620. Informant stated that KRANTZ handles "hot" brass, nickel and all kinds of metal although he mentioned that he won't buy "Hot" cigarettes. He said that KRANTZ will handle stolen merchandise in big lots, up to a trailer load, and that KRANTZ confided in him that he has an "out" for stolen stuff in Chicago. Informant disclosed that he took an individual to KRANTZ the previous day and KRANTZ bought a whole case of bronze faucets which this individual had stolen off the back of some truck.

Informant advised that he was recently in company with MILT GOLD, who is the attorney for PETE LICAVOLI's brother, DOMINIC LICAVOLI, and also for the American-Italian Delegates Club (AID). Informant said that GOLD told him that DOMINIC LICAVOLI doesn't make a move without his brother, Pete's, OK. He stated that GOLD also mentioned to him that he represents RANDOLPH MACKEY, a Negro numbers operator in Detroit, and that MACKEY owes him \$10,000.00. Informant advised that GOLD conversed with him at length about "the outfit" and of the "connections" that "the outfit" had in the Detroit Police Dept. Informant stated that he was astounded when GOLD confided to him that Inspector GENE GEIBIG and Inspector JOHN O'NEILL of the Vice Bureau were on the syndicate's "payroll". He advised further that GOLD told him that Gunn Dairies had a seven year contract with Home Juice Co. to deliver their wholesale products however, recently BILLY GIACALONE summarily terminated this contract. Informant stated that MILT GOLD gave him the impression that JOHN FLORINO was extremely upset about the Gunn Dairy contract with Home Juice being broken but that FLORINO

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would never think of suing Home Juice for breach of contract. He said that apparently FLORINO "wound up" with some building in this "exchange."

Informant revealed that PETE DI LORENZO, of DI LORENZO's Market, 13327 Mack Avenue, went to Montreal, Canada, this week, Informant said that DI LORENZO allegedly went on a business trip though he still thinks that DI LORENZO is either a "courier" for "the people" or else in narcotics traffic. He said that just recently DI LORENZO returned from a trip to Italy. Informant advised that MIKE NEPA recently returned from a trip to California where he visited ANGELO LOCICCHIO. He added that NEPA is now working at his trade as a house painter.

Informant advised that he recently saw THOMAS FRANCIS "BOO BOO" DAVIS driving a new all-white 1963 Oldsmobile with Michigan license BB 8605. (It is noted that this license is registered to BOO BOO's mother, SELMA DAVIS, 7430 Coleman, Dearborn, on a 1960 Oldsmobile 88 Four door).

Informant advised that he was recently in company with DR. JOSEPH RASAK. He said that RASAK was elated because the former Township of Dearborn had recently become the new City of Dearborn Heights. Informant stated that RASAK claimed that he had the Chief of Police, the City Attorney, and the head of the Vice Squad of the New City "in his pocket". Informant advised that he agreed with RASAK that this is a "tremendous clout" and that he and RASAK intend to meet soon with BILLY GIACALONE in attempts to get GIACALONE to open up the syndicate barbut game as a "starter" in Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

Informant revealed that the coffee house at E. Congress and St. Aubin, called the Club Hofflex, is in the name of TOMMY EMON, although TOMMY only "fronts" for "BIFFO" MACCAGNONE. Informant said that recently BIFFO was going to move the coffee house license to a new place at Baldwin and E. Lafayette but that the police license bureau eventually would not approve the move.

Informant advised that JACKIE TOCCO has recently been going around town "hitting up" all the Italian business people particularly those in "the outfit" from the old E. Congress neighborhood, and requesting a cash donation for the Holy Family Church. Informant said that TOCCO is looking to raise \$25,000 by this means.

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Informant disclosed that EDDIE MORAN has a brother JULIE MORAN, who was formerly a superintendent at the Ford Motor Co. He stated that JULIE MORAN, who may now use the name JULIUS GAIL, is a successful manufacturer's representative in Detroit who flies his own plane on business all over the country. Informant claimed that a week ago, when he ran into EDDIE MORAN in the coffee house owned by TOMMY MARTINI, on E. Jefferson and Brush Sts., Detroit, MORAN told him that he (MORAN) was "working a game" in Youngstown, Ohio.

Informant advised that PAUL LEGO told him the other day that he had been arrested for "queer", i.e., counterfeit money, the previous Thursday. Informant said that LEGO claimed that LANEY COBB contacted him (LEGO) and admitted that he had signed a statement against him with Secret Service. Informant advised that LEGO was released the same day on \$2,000.00 bond.

Informant advised that many thieves are active recently in the Detroit area burglarizing the cars of visiting salesmen as they stop over night at local motels. Informant stated that the other day he was furnished twenty-nine beautiful jackets which bore "made in Britain" labels. He said that he sold these 29 jackets in one afternoon for \$10.00 each. He revealed that PETE LICAVOLI's kids, TEDDY LICAVOLI and MIKE LICAVOLI, each bought two of these "hot" jackets. Informant also advised that he was then in possession of thirty boxes of McGregor sport shirts, each box containing three new shirts. He stated that these shirts each carry a \$5.00 or \$7.50 price tag and that he is selling them for \$7.00 a box. Informant stated that he has told his source of these shirts and jackets that he doesn't want anything from an interstate shipment and that he is convinced that these specific items came from a salesman's car. (It is noted that Informant later mentioned that he sold these thirty boxes of shirts within a couple of hours that same day to CHICKIE SHERMAN and the crowd that hangs around the Imperial Hotel.)

In accord with the current crime conditions report, Informant was asked to outline verbally the present structure of the Detroit Italian syndicate as it exists, to his knowledge, today. Informant, for purposes of this report, advised as follows:

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Informant advised that the Italian syndicate is the major racket group in the Detroit, Michigan, area. He stated that this syndicate is made up primarily of Sicilian hoodlums, although it also is composed of hoodlums of other nationalities, such as Syrian, Jewish and Negro, who carry out duties assigned to them by leading racket figures. The principal activity of this syndicate is the control of the rackets, which includes all forms of gambling. Informant variously refers to the Italian syndicate as "the combination", the "outfit", and "thepeople".

Informant advised that JOE ZERILLI is the leading figure in the Italian syndicate in the Detroit, Michigan, area. He stated that ZERILLI commands the highest respect from the hoodlums in the syndicate and that his word is considered to be law among this group of individuals. Informant advised that ZERILLI has a reputation of being an individual who does not generally condone strong-arm methods and as one who would rather resolve problems arising out of syndicate activities through the use of mediation among the "elder statesmen" of the syndicate. Informant further identified these "elder statesmen" of the Detroit Italian syndicate as being ANGELO MELI, WILLIAM "BLACK BILL" TOCCO, and JOHN "PAPA JOHN" PRIZIOLA. He stated that the "elder statesmen" are considered to be a mediation board and that these individuals convene to hear major disagreements among syndicate members and to settle all such major disagreements. Informant further related that ZERILLI and the "elder statesmen" in this syndicate periodically receive a certain percentage of all monies derived from gambling activities controlled in the Detroit area by the syndicate.

Informant identified further the three major groups of the Italian syndicate in Detroit as follows:

PETER LICAVOLI - JOSEPH "SCARFACE JOE" BOMMARITO group, whose active leader is MATHEW "MIKE" RUBINO.

CORRADO GROUP, which is controlled by DOMINIC "FAT DOMINIC" CORRACO, son of the late PETE CORRADO, and whose active leader is ANTHONY GIACALONE.

PRIZIOLA-POLIZZI group, which is operated by JOHN "PAPA JOHN" PRIZIOLA and MICHAEL SANTO POLIZZI

Informant further advised that the main independent Negro numbers house operators in Detroit, Michigan, are EDDIE WINGATE, WALTER SIMMONS, CLARENCE WILLIAMS, JOHN JUDSON WHITE and BURRELL "JUNIOR" PACE.

