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MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2924)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (92-61) (P)

SUBJECT: STEVE MAGADDINO, aka
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DATE: 6/17/63

Re Pittsburgh airtel dated 5/23/63 and Buffalo airtel dated 5/31/63 in case captioned "LA CAUSA NOSTRA; AR - CONSPIRACY."

Referenced communications set forth information obtained from BU 82-C* on 5/24/63 relating to an "Exemption Certificate" issued to LOUIS A. CHESLER and Mrs. GEORGETTE GROSS (PH) by the Governor General of the Grand Bahama Islands authorizing them to construct and operate a gambling casino in the Bahama Islands.

According to BU 82-C*, CHESLER is "tied up with (MEYER) LANSKY, VITO CRITELLI (PH) and JERRY COLAVITO (PH)." The informant further identified Mrs. GEORGETTE GROSS (PH) as the wife of WALLACE GROSS (PH) of Freeport, Bahama Islands.

As previously reported, Constable ROBERT STONE, National Criminal Intelligence Unit, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Toronto, was contacted on 5/29/63 to develop background information concerning GROSS.

- 3 - Bureau
(1 - 92-6054) (LA CAUSA NOSTRA)
- 3 - Miami
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- 3 - New York
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On 6/4/63, Corporal CAL BEACOCK, National Criminal Intelligence Unit, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, advised that the names of WALLACE and GEORGETTE GROSS are unfamiliar to him. He suggested that the information relating to WALLACE GROSS (PH) could refer to a Toronto lawyer known as "WALLY" ROSE who has defended leading Toronto racketeers in the past and has had considerable contacts with them. Corporal BEACOCK added that it is only logical that "WALLY" ROSE is acquainted with and has had dealings with CHESLER. He also said that ROSE has a number of girl friends, one of which may well be known as GEORGETTE. He pointed out he has received information recently to the effect that WALLY ROSE visited the Bahama Islands, reportedly for the purpose of obtaining an interest in gambling casinos in the Islands.

Based upon information furnished by BU 82-C* at Buffalo and PH 591-C*, STEVE MAGADDINO of Niagara Falls, New York, and ANGELO BRUNO have been approached about financing part of the cost of construction and operation of the proposed gambling casino. Members of the "Magaddino family" have discussed the details of this gambling venture with JACK E. GELLMAN, an attorney in Niagara Falls, New York, particularly about obtaining mortgages, interest payments and the market value of stock of Consolidated Bowling Corporation.

As previously reported, CHESLER and GELLMAN are large stockholders and the original promoters of Consolidated Bowling Corporation.

It is also noted that PASQUALE NATARELLI, a leading figure in the Treasury Balance lotteries in Western New York explained to subject's son-in-law, VINCENT A. SCRO, that the employment restrictions of the Exemption Certificate did not prohibit them from placing pit bosses or supervisors of their own choosing in the gambling casino.

According to highly placed informants, SAMUEL G. RANGATORE, JR. went to Philadelphia to discuss this gambling venture with ANGELO BRUNO on 5/26/63. While in Philadelphia, RANGATORE met with BRUNO, FELIX JOHN DE TULLIO, NICK PICCOLO and ALFREDO (LNU) at Lyndy's Luncheonette. After RANGATORE

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2. Will advise if the names VITO CRITELLI (PH), JERRY COLAVITO and Mrs. "WALLY" (GEORGETTA) GROSS or ROSE (PH) are known to the Philadelphia Office as associates of MEYER LANSKY or BRUNO.

BUFFALO

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

1. Will, by separate communication, request the most recent income tax returns for the following from the Treasury Department through the Bureau:

Consolidated Bowling Corporation
Niagara Falls, New York

JACK E. GELLMAN, wife ELIZABETH R. GELLMAN
441 College Avenue
Niagara Falls, New York
Offices at 770 Main Street, Niagara Falls,
New York

LOUIS A. CHESLER
233 Kings Point Road, Great Neck, New York

STEVE MAGADDINO
Dana Drive, Town of Lewiston, New York

2. Will submit letterhead memorandum to Bureau summarizing the information relating to the proposed gambling casino in the Bahamas, suitable for dissemination to the Legat, London, England.

The Legat, London, England, will through appropriate police channels in London, attempt to obtain a copy of the "Exemption Certificate" issued to LOUIS A. CHESLER, a Canadian

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citizen, determine the business name of the company which will build and operate the gambling casino, the principals behind the company and the banking channels through which the company's funds will be handled.