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Re San Francisco nitel to Bureau, 7/16/76.

SF 8677-PC advised that while working at Sal's Pizzeria on July 9, 1976, she overheard a conversation between SAL AMARENA and JIMMY FRATIANNO and ascertained that MICKEY COHEN is dying. She ascertained from the conversation that JOE PAOLI, owner of Paoli's Restaurant in San Francisco, is concerned about COHEN's illness as COHEN has an interest in Paoli's Restaurant in San Francisco.

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PC also ascertained that HOWARD COOK of Los Angeles is coming to San Francisco on Saturday, July 10, to see FRATIANNO, the reason unknown.

PC ascertained that SAL AMARENA flew to New Orleans, Louisiana under the name E. JOHNSON and AMARENA obtained his airline ticket from an individual called FATS, who is working for PAT COCOA. Source stated that COCOA and FATS are burning a credit card under the name E. JOHNSON and sold the airline ticket to SAL AMARENA at half-price. Source stated that when SAL AMARENA traveled to New Orleans, he took hot property with him, which included clothing, jewelry and golf clubs.

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Source advised that on 7/12/76, SAL AMARENA bought a .25 caliber automatic pistol for \$25. Source also stated that SAL owes a \$300 telephone bill. Source advised that FRATIANNIO called SAM (LNU) and that HOWARD COOK returned to Los Angeles from San Francisco. Source also ascertained that Australian MURRAY REILLY is coming to San Francisco in about nine days.

Source ascertained on July 13, 1976, that JIMMY FRATIANNIO and an unknown individual called BLACK DANNY, have a deal going which involves the purchase of a nude encounter parlor in San Francisco, California. Also on July 13, 1976, PC was able to determine that SAL AMARENA had in his possession stolen jewelry which included a \$210 silver necklace, a \$110 opel necklace, and assorted jewelry which was taken from Macy's Department store by LEROY PARNELL, JR., also known as COOKIE. PC advised that AMARENA also had in his possession at the pizza parlor a stolen Sony color portable color TV set. PC advised that BOBBY the Baron talked to AMARENA this date and told him that he knows some people that will buy any kind of stolen diamond.

On July 14, 1976, PC stated that two Negro males came into Sal's Pizza and wanted to sell SAL a "handle". The Negro males asked SAL if anyone wanted a handle and stated they were asking over \$300 for it. PC copied the license number of the Negro males' car, which was XKK 244, a 1968 Ford. Auto registration data reflected that California license XKK 244 for a 1968 Ford, was registered to WILLIE PRESCOTT, 1941 Mission Street, Room 20, San Francisco, California. On July 14, 1976, PC heard that an important person was flying in from New York City to meet with JIMMY FRATIANNIO.

PC also ascertained that MIKE RIZATELLO was coming into San Francisco for a meeting at Sal's Cafe on July 15, 1976.

PC advised that on July 15, 1976, FRATIANNIO advised he would be traveling to Los Angeles on July 16, 1976. PC also advised that a meeting was held at Sal's Cafe on July 15, 1976, which included MARTY ALENSTEIN, FBI Number 870 125 B, a known loan shark and sports book-maker from Los Angeles, MIKE RIZATELLO and JIMMY FRATIANNIO. PC overheard something about a two million dollar finders fee being mentioned.

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On July 15, 1976 FRATIANNO called MARTIN (LNU) at the Tropicana in Las Vegas, RAY (LNU) probably in Philadelphia, and spoke in Italian, SAM CONTI in San Francisco and RUDY THAM in San Francisco.

PC advised that on Friday, July 16, 1976, she quit her job at Sal's Pizza as SAL AMARENA was getting unbearable to work for. PC stated that she thinks FRATIANNO will now be spending much more time at her apartment since she has terminated her employment with SAL AMARENA.

PC advised that on July 17, 1976, JIMMY FRATIANNO called her from Reno, Nevada, and said he had been having meetings on Friday and Saturday but did not disclose the purpose of those meetings.

On Sunday, July 18, 1976, FRATIANNO came to PC's apartment and stayed the night, leaving on Monday, July 19, 1976. Electronic surveillance was instituted the results of which are given at the end of this airtel.

PC advised that on July 20, 1976, FRATIANNO called her and stated that MURRAY from Australia was in town and he also expected HOWARD COOK from Los Angeles to arrive. PC also advised that FRATIANNO plans to travel to Los Angeles on Sunday, the 25th of July, or Monday, July 26, 1976. PC advised that her mother intends to visit her this coming week and she probably will not see much of FRATIANNO, however, JIMMY has told her that he would call her frequently during this coming week.

As previously stated, FRATIANNO came to PC's apartment the evening of July 18, 1976, and left the morning of July 19, 1976. The following are highlights of information obtained through electronic surveillance, which was instituted while FRATIANNO was at PC's apartment. FRATIANNO called HOWARD (probably HOWARD COOK) in Los Angeles and charged the bill to his work or office telephone, which he stated was 415-863-7607. From the above phone call, between FRATIANNO and HOWARD, it was determined that HOWARD apparently loaned money and got beat. FRATIANNO appeared upset with HOWARD and advised HOWARD that he was going to make some moves. FRATIANNO also asked HOWARD if he called RICHARD GEORGE about the car.

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FRATIANNO told PC that while in Reno he went on a tour of the Mustang Ranch with the owner (probably JOE CONFORTE). FRATIANNO told PC that the Mustang Ranch almost resembles a prison with the barbed wire fences and so forth. He stated that the girls employed at the Mustang Ranch work three weeks and get one week off. FRATIANNO advised that the girls average approximately \$1000 per week.

FRATIANNO told PC that the reason he had been in Reno recently was that an individual he knows wanted to buy a "joint" in Reno, Nevada.

FRATIANNO telephoned BOB (LNU) and told him that some people want to buy a "joint" in Reno, and that the people were from New York. FRATIANNO mentioned the name CANTINA (ph) during a couple of years. FRATIANNO asked if he could do anything for him on his report. FRATIANNO told BOB that he gave someone \$400 and the guy owes money to HOWARD COOK. FRATIANNO told BOBBY (LNU) not to meet him at the airport as FRATIANNO stated he is being watched constantly at airports. FRATIANNO told BOB that the guy he was with from New York is going to jail in September, and he also told BOB that he was working on some big things.

FRATIANNO told Source that BOBBY has a three day pass from prison and has five more years to serve in jail.

FRATIANNO told PC that he gets alot of attention while in Los Angeles, however, he feels that he is not being followed in San Francisco.

FRATIANNO again told PC that some New Yorkers wanted to buy a "joint" on the North Shore, probably Lake Tahoe.

FRATIANNO also told PC he would probably be at her place five days a week when he was in town.

FRATIANNO told PC that the Look Magazine article was about "me and ALIOTO". FRATIANNO stated he saw ALIOTO on the street the other day and ALIOTO ran like a deer. He told PC that ALIOTO had cost him one million dollars. FRATIANNO advised that when he got out of prison in 1960, he formed a trucking company, one of the biggest in the state of California, and that he hauled rock and dirt on various highway construction projects, including Highway

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80 near Donner Summit, Highway 99 near Fresno, Merced and Modesto, and the Las Vegas Freeway. FRATIANNO stated he was wiped out in 1966 and that the ALIOTO story in Look Magazine finished him. FRATIANNO advised that he had borrowed \$135,000 from ALIOTO. He also stated he used to own the Aladdin in Las Vegas and that he had paid \$35,000 for the Aladdin.

FRATIANNO and PC discussed various passages from a book entitled, "The Grim Reaper" and FRATIANNO mentioned FRANK BOMPENSIERO and also stated that a movie entitled Dragnet which apparently involved two Kansas City hoodlums that robbed a Las Vegas casino and were later killed gang-land style, was about him, JIMMY FRATIANNO. FRATIANNO mentioned nothing specific about the death of the two Kansas City hoodlums.

FRATIANNO also mentioned that one time he was fined \$85,000 and he mentioned the name JOHN ROSELLI.

On 7/19/76, before departing PC's apartment, FRATIANNO mentioned that he had to see TOMMY KILDAIN.

FRATIANNO came to source's apartment on evening of 7/21/76 and departed on the morning of 7/22/76. While FRATIANNO was at the apartment, electronic surveillance was instituted. FRATIANNO talked about obtaining 150 porno films from Los Angeles for PHIL MEIDA and PHIL MEIDA was very upset as half the films were gay type films, which MEIDA does not want to handle. FRATIANNO called JACK (possibly LOCICERO), a LA pornographer, in regards to the 150 films for PHIL MEIDA, and was quite upset about the gay films which had been included in the package.

FRATIANNO told PC that he wants to obtain a passport for the purpose of traveling to Australia on business, possibly in September of this year.

FRATIANNO also told PC that he intended to travel to Los Angeles, California for one day, possibly on Sunday or Monday, July 26, 1976.