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Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 8/24/76.

On 8/16/76 SF 8677-PC advised that JIMMY FRATIANNO telephonically contacted her and stated he would be coming to her apartment this evening.

On 8/16/76 JIMMY FRATIANNO came to PC's apartment and electronic surveillance was instituted and reflected the following information:

FRATIANNO made a telephone call to Triple A Auto Wreckers in Hayward, California, and asked to speak to MERLE (PH). FRATIANNO discussed with MERLE a possible business deal concerning a widow woman in New York City whose husband died and left her a large seafood company. FRATIANNO later identified this company as the Atlas Food Company and stated that the woman was worth approximately \$22,000,000. FRATIANNO told MERLE that the woman buys seafood including shrimp and lobster in Mazatlan, Mexico, where the seafood is brought to the Mexican border near Brownsville, Texas, at which time it is inspected by FDA and she purchases the food only after it had been FDA inspected. FRATIANNO tells MERLE that the woman does not like to deal with the Mexicans and would like to go through

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an intermediary. He tells MERLE that he can put MERLE in touch with this woman and as an intermediary could take approximately one-third of the profits made from the purchase and sale of shrimp and lobster in Mazatlan, Mexico, which is eventually sold in New York City. FRATIANNO also mentions to MERLE the disappearance of JOHN ROSELLI and said that he was with ROSELLI on several occasions in Los Angeles earlier in the summer.

FRATIANNO placed a telephone call to the Circle Star Theater in San Carlos, California, for the purpose of ordering theater tickets for both the Tom Jones and Engelberg Humperdink shows. FRATIANNO told the PC that he was good friends with the manager of the Circle Star Theater in San Carlos, California, and that the manager was from Chicago. FRATIANNO ordered tickets in Section 7 and 9 of the Circle Star Theater but mentioned no specific date.

FRATIANNO told the PC that he is in bad shape for money and says he has over \$2,000 coming in in bills each month. FRATIANNO also told PC that SAL AMARENA owes him \$400. FRATIANNO advised PC that he has opened up a checking account at a bank close to Sal's Espresso Cafe at 287 Ellis Street and that when he opened the account he didn't need any identification.

FRATIANNO mentioned the name JACK MEDLOVICH (PH) and also stated that he knows DONJO (PH), the owner of the Circle Star Theater.

FRATIANNO again called MERLE in Hayward, probably MERLE BROWN, and again talked about the shrimp deal with the Atlas Shrimp Company in New York. FRATIANNO mentioned 150,000 pounds of shrimp priced at \$4.05 which sold a month later for approximately \$5.65. FRATIANNO stated that the woman is worth \$22,000,000 and is the largest wholesale shrimp dealer in the State of New York.

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FRATIANNO made an outgoing telephone call to an Unknown Subject and advised the Unsub that they will loan his lawyer \$100,000. He also advised the Unsub that some guy wants him to loan some money, but that the guy owes too much money. FRATIANNO was possibly talking to PHIL MAITA in regards to the above matter and FRATIANNO stated that the guy owns \$6,000,000 worth of property which he wants to build more homes on, however most of the lots that the guy owns have liens on them. FRATIANNO says he will meet with the guy tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. It should be noted that the property owner FRATIANNO was talking about is possibly MICHAEL CALLEN, a large San Mateo County home builder.

FRATIANNO made a collect call to telephone number 326-2627 and stated that his name was Doctor JAMES. This call was to Sidney, Australia, however the party JIMMY wanted to speak to was not in.

On 8/18/76, PC telephonically advised that FRATIANNO called her today and advised her that he was not coming to her apartment that evening. FRATIANNO told her he was staying at home as he expected a number of important telephone calls that evening. FRATIANNO also advised that he had to pick up FRANK BOMPENSIERO at the San Francisco International Airport (SFIA) on 12/19/76 at 12:35 p.m.

As a result of information regarding BOMPENSIERO which was furnished by the PC on 8/20/76 Inspector DAVE KELLOGG of the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD), Intelligence Unit, advised that FRANK BOMPENSIERO of San Diego arrived at SFIA at approximately 12:50 p.m. in the afternoon on 12/19/76. KELLOGG advised that BOMPENSIERO met with JIMMY FRATIANNO and went to the airport lounge and had lunch. An SFPD police woman sat close to the same booth occupied by BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO and was able to ascertain that BOMPENSIERO was literally giving FRATIANNO hell about