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- and other trucking companies involved to preserve necessary evidence and shipping documents produced by these concerns at the time of the Grand Jury Proceedings in Chicago.
- Bolice Department, CIU and the States Attorney's Office for Cook County, both of whom conducted extensive investigations in these matters and are retaining items to be used as evidence.
  - 4. Will continue efforts to develop additional evidence which will be of assistance in successful prosecution of these cases.
  - 5. Will maintain close contact with AUSA JAMES CASEY and AUSA ROBERT J. WEBER, who have been assigned prosecution of these indictments.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Following information furnished by CG 7046-PC.

On 1/22/68, informant advised that he was acquainted with JOE MOSKOWITZ, aka JOE THE FURRIER. He said that he had met him in recent months through a mutual friend and they had considered going into business together, however they never found a suitable business to buy. He went on to say that he was quite surprised to read in the paper that he had been indicted along with WILLIE DADDANO and others during December, 1967. Informant stated that he felt that he knew MOSKOWITZ well enough to convince him that he should consider cooperation with the FBI.

On 1/26/67 informant stated that he had just talked to MOSKOWITZ. He said that MOSKOWITZ more or less

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took the position that he didn't care what happened and said that he expects to go to jail. He indicated that his participation had been very little but that he would have to pay for what he did. He also told the informant that he did not know any of the persons involved except PAT SCHANG. He said that he had bought some stolen furs from SCHANG a few years ago.

MOSKOWITZ told the informant that he was going to think things over and might consider cooperation with the FBI later. It was the informant's opinion that MOSKOWITZ appears to be afraid of the persons who he is indicted with.

In several contacts with CG 7049-PC, this informant stated he had been with ROCCO MONTAGNA and FRANK DE LEGGE, Jr., and they had discussed how they intended to "smear" the government witnesses in the pending cases. This informant stated it was their intention to accuse MICHAEL LA JOY, JOSEPH D'ARGENTO and PATRICK SCHANG of the murder of a Sears Roebuck employee which occurred during a holdup at the Sears Golf-Mill Store. It was this informant's interpretation of the overheard conversation that they intended to use PAUL PANCZKO as a witness against these three government witnesses. PANCZKO, who was reported as being involved, would be granted immunity for his testimony. They planned to push this case through Sears executives who have offered a substantial reward for the solution of this case and who are intensely interested in this matter.

On 2/2/68 AMERICO DE PIETTO entered a guilty plea concerning his participation in the Hall Freight Line theft of July 9, 1963. This conviction was reported in referenced report of Special Agent FRANK J. FORD, dated 2/14/68. As no previous correspondence had been received by the Bureau concerning this theft, which was basically an intrastate loss, a summary of the background and details of this case is being set forth in this report.

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