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Re NY tels 10/6, 7/70, and report of SA PAUL J. STAPLETON, NY, 9/23/70.

The following is a resume of the events leading up to and subsequent to the gangland slaying of SALVATORE GRANELLO, notorious soldier in the GENOVESE "family" of "LCN", whose body was found 10/6/70.

NY 4336-CTE furnished information to the effect that he was certain GRANELLO was slated to be "hit" because he was "bad mouthing" TOMMY EBOLI and was making claims that he intended to find out who was responsible for the assassination of his son MICHAEL GRANELLO. MICHAEL was killed in gangland fashion in NYC in December, 1968, when SALVATORE was confined to the FCI, Danbury, Conn. The contract on MICHAEL was let out after he had a number of disputes with LCN members on the Lower East Side of NYC. MICHAEL GRANELLO was active with a younger hoodlum group and had gained a reputation of being "a very money hungry guy". Sources reported he was "hit" for a combination of reasons and his utter disregard for LCN authority. At the time of MICHAEL's death, sources reported SALVATORE was greatly upset and angered over the killing and vowed that he would take retributive action if he determined the identity of the slayers.

After SALVATORE GRANELLO's release from prison, sources continued to report that he never forgave EBOLI for authorizing the "hit" on his son. SALVATORE GRANELLO was then opened as a PC of the NYO to explore the possibility of his potential as a C-TE. On 9/23/70, GRANELLO was contacted by Buagents for the purpose of informing him of the alleged "contract". He initially declined to talk to the contacting agents and requested permission to consult his attorney ROY COHN. After

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telephoning COHN, GRANELLO told agents that his attorney instructed him not to answer any questions pertaining to substantive matters that were presently before the Federal Court in the SDNY, but to act in a cordial manner. Bureau should note that GRANELLO was under indictment in three separate cases in the SDNY alleging violations of the WPPDA Statutes.

GRANELLO was then informed of the proposed contract and the underworld rumors that he was slated to be "hit" because of his bad remarks about TOMMY EBOLI. GRANELLO discounted these reports, claimed that he always got along with EBOLI and there was no basis to the FBI's contention about the proposed hit.

Investigation revealed that on the evening of 9/24/70, GRANELLO was in Vincent's Clam Bar, Hester & Mott Streets, NYC, with HYMAN GEORGE LEVINE, JIMMY "JUMPS" CORALLO, MIKE LORIA (ph) and possibly some relative of GRANELLO's. SALVATORE left the Bar about 7:00 p.m. and was to later meet LEVINE and CORALLO at the Park Sheraton Hotel, NYC, about 11:00 p.m. He never made the meeting.

On 9/25/70, GRANELLO was scheduled to appear in USDC, SDNY, with his attorney ROY COHN relative to an application that he was making to the court for permission to travel to Florida. GRANELLO never appeared but his presence was not needed as his attorney filed the necessary papers.

On 9/30/70, NY 4336-CTE advised that GRANELLO was missing and that he was almost certain that he was hit.

On 10/1/70, NY 7446 PC informed that he learned GRANELLO was last seen 9/24/70, that he failed to appear in court 9/25/70, and failed to meet other appointments scheduled for 9/25/70. Source reported GRANELLO's mother in Greenwood Lake, NY, was very upset over her son's disappearance and that GRANELLO's wife and HYMAN GEORGE LEVINE came up from Miami to make inquiries about the subject. Source reported it was felt GRANELLO was possibly hit but that relatives and close friends of GRANELLO were not discussing his disappearance with any outsiders.

Subject's mother was contacted by a Buagent 10/2/70, at Greenwood Lake, NY. She admitted not having seen her son in a couple of days but was not concerned because she assumed he was away on business.

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During this period sources continued to report GRANELLO's unavailability. On 10/6/70, NYCPD located abandoned car on East River Drive and Houston St. Search of vehicle revealed GRANELLO's body wrapped in heavy canvas or drop cloth with plastic wrapping about the head. Autopsy report not yet available but police estimate death occurred about eight-ten days prior due to decomposition of remains. Investigation revealed the vehicle rented from Hertz, Newark, NJ, Airport 5/2/70, with stolen credit card issued to SALVATORE ALLEVA, 605 East 16th St., Brooklyn, NY. Vehicle subsequently reported stolen to Third Precinct, Newark PD, when not returned on 5/9/70, designated date.

NY 4336-CTE subsequently advised GRANELLO murdered approximately 4:00 a.m., 9/25/70, and that the hit was made with approval of VINCENZO GENEROSO, aka "The Old Man". Murder allegedly took place in a coffee shop on Elizabeth St., between Houston and Prince Streets, NYC. Investigation revealed this coffee shop could possibly be the Eighth Ward Pleasure Club located at 262-264 Elizabeth St., NYC, a known hoodlum hangout operated by JOE "BEFTY" LOIACANO.

ROY COHN, Attorney, 39 East 68th St., NYC, interviewed late afternoon of 10/12/70. This was the first available date for interview in view of recent Jewish holiday. COHN contacted after he indicated he desired to be interviewed by FBI concerning his client SALVATORE GRANELLO's death. COHN furnished the following information:

He met GRANELLO about two or three months ago when he was contacted by HYMAN GEORGE LEVINE and asked to represent GRANELLO in a Bond Default case in the SDNY. After the Bond Default trial in USDC, SDNY, in which GRANELLO was acquitted on 7/9/70, he became friendly with GRANELLO and made a number of court appearances for him when he made application in the SDNY for permission for GRANELLO to travel to Florida and Puerto Rico in connection with his new employment at Swing A-Knit Corp., 1440 Broadway, NYC. COHN appeared in USDC, SDNY, 9/25/70, to renew an application to the court for extended travel on the part of GRANELLO. Although GRANELLO was not legally compelled to appear, he had made arrangements to be there with COHN. GRANELLO never appeared.