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[Redacted] RECONTACTED MARCH SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN LAST AT FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA BY CHICAGO AGENT. AS BUREAU AWARE, [Redacted] WAS CLOSE ASSOCIATE SAM GIANCANA, MARSHALL CAIFANO AND SEVERAL OTHER UPPER ECHELON LEADERS ORGANIZED CRIME IN CHICAGO.

ON ONE OF PREVIOUS CONTACTS HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY SEVERAL OF HIS ASSOCIATES IN ORGANIZED CRIME INCLUDING WILLIAM "WILLIE" MESSINA, JOSEPH "GAGS" GAGLIANO AND TONY SPILOTRO THAT THERE HAS BEEN A "MORATORIUM" ON GAGLAND SLAYINGS IN CHICAGO AREA FOR PAST TWO YEARS OR SO FOR REASON THAT CHICAGO GROUP WANTED TO PLAY DOWN THEIR IMAGE AS KILLERS SINCE

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PUBLIC HAD BECOME AROUSED OVER NUMEROUS KILLINGS AND COURTS WERE BEING INFLUENCED BY THIS IMAGE TO REFUSE APPEAL BONDS, GIVE HEAVIER SENTENCES, ETC.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAD SPECIFICALLY BEEN ADVISED BY MESSINA THAT ONE OF REASONS FOR "MORATORIUM ON HITS" WAS APPEAL OF FELIX "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ADLERISIO WHICH HAD BEEN PENDING IN U.S. SUPREME COURT. SINCE ADLERISIO KNOWN IN CHICAGO AS CHIEF "HIT MAN", CHICAGO GROUP DID NOT DESIRE TO CONTINUE PREVIOUS FAST PACE OF KILLINGS DUE TO THEIR BELIEF SUCH WOULD PREJUDICE SUPREME COURT AGAINST ADLERISIO.

[REDACTED] ADVISED MESSINA TOLD HIM ON THAT OCCASION; "WAIT UNTIL PHILLY GET REVERSED. HE'LL SHOW THESE STOOL PIGEONS WHO HAVE BEEN BLOWING OFF THAT THINGS HAVEN'T REALLY CHANGED AFTER ALL."

[REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED BY SPILOTRO, UNDERLING OF ADLERISIO, THAT WHEN ADLERISIO'S CASE WAS REVERSED, AS ADLERISIO WAS
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SAID IT WOULD BE, "THINGS WILL BE STRAIGHTENED OUT.
THERE WILL BE SOME MORE TRUNK JOBS THEN."

[REDACTED] NOW ADVISES HE UNDERSTANDS THAT WITH RECENT
SUPREME COURT DECISION ON ALDERISIO CASE "THE MORATORIUM
IS OFF" AND POLICY OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN CHICAGO WILL
REVERT BACK TO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST ANYONE WHO
VIOLATES TIME HONORED PRECEPTS OF CODE OF UNDERWORLD.

[REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED CONTRIBUTING TO DECISION OF
CHICAGO GROUP TO DECLARE "MORATORIUM" WAS APPEAL BY
FRANK BATTAGLIA, FORMER TOP LEADER OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN
CHICAGO, WHICH HAD BEEN PENDING IN EFFORT TO HAVE
BATTAGLIA RELEASED ON APPEAL BOND. HOWEVER, U.S.
CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS HAS AFFIRMED BATTAGLIA'S
CONVICTION AND CHICAGO GROUP IS APPARENTLY CONVINCED
THAT BATTAGLIA'S APPEAL HAS SMALL CHANCE OF PREVAILING
AT HIGHER LEVEL.

[REDACTED] ADVISED GANGLAND SLAYINGS WILL NOW RECOMMENCE
AND THAT RECALCITRANT HOODLUM FIGURES WHO HAVE BEEN SPARED
PHYSICAL VIOLENCE DURING "MORATORIUM" WILL NOW BE DEALT
WITH.

CHICAGO CLOSELY FOLLOWING THIS SITUATION AND BUREAU
WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS WITH COPY TO USA, CHICAGO.

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