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LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue investigative efforts to identify the killers of DANIEL SEIFERT and pursue logical investigation that offers prosecutive potential.

Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorney GREG WARD and follow closely anticipated Grand Jury activities during the early part of November, 1975.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The extended period of investigation is noted. However, this case has continued to receive intensive investigation attention and close contact has been maintained with the USA Office as well as the Chicago Strike Force with view of eventual prosecution in this matter.

Investigation to date was reviewed with Departmental Attorney GREG WARD on October 24, 1975, with the following results. Departmental Attorney WARD was of the opinion that based upon evidence gathered to date by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it was his opinion that a strong circumstantial case exists for a Mail Fraud indictment against JOSEPH LOMBARDO. WARD also was of the opinion that a definite possibility of an Obstruction of Justice indictment also exists depending upon the strength of the eventual Grand Jury testimony. To this end, Departmental Attorney WARD advised that he anticipates initiating Grand Jury activities in this matter on October 11, 1975, with a hope of obtaining an indictment against LOMBARDO.

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Every possible avenue of investigation indicated by the series of events described above is exhaustively being explored and pursued by the Chicago Division.

It should be noted that a separate investigation has been initiated based upon the foregoing and the results are being reported in Chicago file entitled NICK CIOTTI, aka, AR, Chicago file 92-4658.

INFORMANTS

CG 9561-PC advised on May 2, 1975 that the recent Not Guilty verdict in the Teamster Union case came as a complete surprise to him and he felt certain that the defense attorneys were equally surprised. A week or so before the verdict was returned a very close friend of his had a conversation with JULIUS ECHLES, who represented RONALD DE ANGELES. ECHLES told his friend in no uncertain terms that IRWIN WEINER and his client RON DE ANGELES, were "sunk" and that there was only an outside chance that ALLAN DORFMAN would get off. Informant stated that he had not heard anything indicating any irregularities about the procedures of this case.

Informant went on to state that the prosecuting attorneys are young and lack experience, in particular concerning "jury selections". He stated the Government has numerous prerogatives in jury selection compared to limited choices by the defense. He stated that if any mistake was made it was made by the prosecuting attorneys in not seeing to it that there were at least one or two jurors who had some accounting or management experience. Informant stated from what he heard this was a "below average" type of a jury comprised mostly of housewives and unemployed individuals. If this was the case, informant stated there was no doubt in his mind this jury got lost in the mise of evidence and could not assemble the facts in such a way that they were convinced "beyond a reasonable doubt" that the defendants were guilty.

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Informant stated he heard there was quite a celebration after the Not Guilty verdict and he also heard from several "friends" that the cost of the defense in attorneys fees amounted to \$800,000.00 and most of this was paid by ALLAN DORFMAN. Informant stated there was no doubt where DORFMAN got his money to pay off this huge amount.

CG 6890-CTE advised on May 1, 1975, that there was a good deal of talk but no proof that "BUDDY" CIOTTI's wife was dead before she was placed in the car in the CIOTTI garage where the charger was cut up. CIOTTI and his wife did not get along. He knew that she was hanging around the basement of the old Casa Madrid and that she was being "banged" by a bunch of hillbillies and because of this he used to beat her. CIOTTI claimed he found her in his garage in a car with the motor running. No autopsy was performed.

CG 6457-PC advised on May 5, 1975 that she was not in a position to know exactly where VICKI CIMINO was recently residing. PC indicated that the following telephone numbers were listed for VICKI CIMINO, one of which was supposed to be the apartment in which VICKI and JOSEPH CIMINO resided, telephone 865-8242 (non-published), telephone 343-3443 (listed to L. A. SCORZA), 1634 Broadway, Melrose Park, Illinois.

PC further advised that CIOTTI has been known to frequent the Harlo Grill, located at North and 24th Avenues, Melrose Park, Illinois, and has been reached in the past at the following telephone number:

343-9718
(Non-published)

PC advised that NICK CIOTTI had spoken to her over the telephone early on the previous day. He invited her out

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for drinks that evening and she declined. The conversation generally related to the welfare of the children and his plans to take the children out over the weekend.

Later in the conversation, he suggested that they get together for dinner on Friday, April 25, 1975, and that the children be brought along. The dinner was to take place at the Golden Horns on North Avenue and Mannheim Road.

PC advised that NICK CIOTTI had taken the PC and the children out to dinner on the previous Friday, (April 25, 1975). The dinner arrangements were made at the Golden Horns Restaurant and at no time during the conversation which took place during dinner did CIOTTI mention anything about his problems with the Federal Government or with the States Attorney's office relative to the death of his wife in December, 1974.

PC advised that when CIOTTI traveled to the Wisconsin Dells during the latter part of September, 1974, he registered under a fictitious name. The name that he registered under was (first name unknown) (FNU) RIZZO and the accommodations were arranged at the Chula Vista Motel Restaurant, Wisconsin Dells. PC further advised that NICK and DERYLE CIOTTI were accompanied by their two older children and JENNIE CLARK, DERYLE's younger sister.

PC advised that the waitress employed at Dante's, North Avenue in Melrose Park, was a ROSEMARY FIORITO. This was the same individual who shortly after her daughter's death expressed her sympathy and indicated to the PC that she had been in the company of NICK and DERYLE CIOTTI several hours prior to the time DERYLE CIOTTI's body was discovered. To the best of PC's recollection, FIORITO indicated that the three of them were at Dante's until approximately 5:30 A.M., December 28, 1974.

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PC further advised that DIANE RUSSO, telephone 693-2870, actually owns the beauty shop immediately behind the CIOTTI residence and that NICK's mother JULIA CIOTTI works in this shop as a beautician.

CG 6990-CTE advised on April 17, 1975, that three of the individuals involved in cutting up the Charger used in the Bensenville killing are "BUDDY" CIOTTI, "SONNY" GALE, and JOSEPH CIMINO. Two Melrose Park detectives, possibly TONY STALLATO (ph) and KENNY FURLINETTO (ph) saw blue acetyline torch arc lights flashing in a garage at 3:00 A.M. They found CIOTTI, GALE and CIMINO cutting up the aforementioned Charger. The three were taken to the Police Station whereupon the officer on duty, DANIEL PRINCIPI (ph) called Lieutenant RONALD BELLE, who in turn, called the Chief of Police DOMINIC CIMINO. A decision was made to release the men and no written record of any kind was made.

"BUDDY" CIOTTI lives at 1401 North 29th Avenue, Melrose Park, but hangs around the gin mills on Mannheim Road near the airport. His wife killed herself about two months ago. CIOTTI is a little "goofy", likes to gamble at the track and at cards, and likes to think he has a lot of power and influence.

Following an article in the "Chicago Tribune" on April 3, 1975, concerning the Bensenville matter, DOMINIC CIMINO called a special meeting of the individuals involved in the Charger destruction. Source was not present at this meeting, but is of the opinion it was for the purpose of briefing each person in case of questioning by any outside investigative agency. The meeting was restricted to just those involved.

CG 6457-PC advised on a continuing basis during June and July of 1975, that NICK CIOTTI refuses to discuss his current situation with reagrds to the Federal investiga-

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tion currently under way for any problems which he may have with the Cook County States Attorney's Office or with the Cook County Grand Jury investigation in session and looking into the death of his wife, DERYLE CIOTTI.

PC indicated that CIOTTI continues to claim employment with a plumbing company owned by his aunt and uncle. However, PC indicated that it is doubtful whether CIOTTI actually does much work for this company. PC indicated that neither she nor any other members of her family have been contacted by any Melrose Park authority or by any member of the CIOTTI family concerning inquiries made by Federal and local law enforcement authorities relative to the death of DERYLE CIOTTI.

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