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report of SA ROBERT A. ALVORD, 12/9/75, at Cleveland.

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INFORMANTS

On November 18, 1975, CV 3686-PC advised Special Agent (SA) JOSEPH G. MASTERSON that two persons are in from New Jersey at the request of HANK GRECCO. GRECCO feels he has five people now and is ready to kill DANNY GREENE. Source does not know Fla. who is paying for the two people from New Jersey or the contract for GREENE. Source advised that JOHN NARDI stated that it appears N.C.

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as though there was going to be a war. He said he was told it was going to be between the Irish and the Italians. Source further advised that ~~MORT FRANKLIN~~ met with NARDI before he left town on the 18th. FRANKLIN flew south to Florida and the Islands.

On December 10, 1975, CV 3284-C-TE advised SA RICHARD C. ARTIN that MORT FRANKLIN and ~~EUGENE CIASULLO~~ go back maybe 5 to 7 years. FRANKLIN has placed numerous sports bets with CIASULLO in years past and has even purchased a new station wagon from CIASULLO that was stolen and retitled by CIASULLO. CIASULLO maintains control of FRANKLIN mainly through intimidation. Concerning the recent bust of FRANKLIN by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the source advised that originally CIASULLO had been offered the deal by JOHN NARDI, but he, CIASULLO, turned the deal down and FRANKLIN picked up the option.

On January 29, 1976, source advised SAs RICHARD C. ARTIN and PATRICK J. FORAN as follows:

During the initial contact that the source had with FRANKLIN in late December, another job was mentioned by FRANKLIN. This job involved the destruction of the building that held the records and evidence for the narcotics case against NARDI and FRANKLIN which caused their recent indictment and arrest. According to the source, although FRANKLIN did not mention NARDI's name as being behind this destruction of evidence, source from his experience with FRANKLIN and his knowing FRANKLIN's spinelessness, source believes NARDI to be the prime mover in the destruction. FRANKLIN instructed the source to find someone to handle this job, which would pay \$25,000. Source was recently told by FRANKLIN that the bombing would not occur until the hearing which was to take place in Miami during the week of January 19, 1976, and it was determined exactly how good a case the Government had concerning their narcotics violations.

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Source then mentioned that if "they," meaning the source and his contacts, GRECCO, et al, were to handle some of the arsons for CUNNINGHAM through FRANKLIN and NARDI, they (source and others) would be in a position to learn the details concerning the destruction of the building in Miami. Source then mentioned there would be no harm in this, in that no one would be killed. The source was specifically instructed by SAs ARTIN and FORAN that he was in no way to facilitate or have anything whatsoever to do with any arson case involving anyone at anytime. The source stated that if that is how the FBI felt, he understood and would not participate in any way.

Source stated that through personal conversation with FRANKLIN, he learned that FRANKLIN and NARDI and CUNNINGHAM have telephone numbers of pay phones where they can reach one another on a daily basis. There are separate telephone contact points by the specific day of the week.

Source advised that FRANKLIN is leaving for Florida on January 21, 1976 and will be back in Cleveland by January 25, 1976. The purpose of this trip is to appear in court regarding the narcotics violation. The source further noted that the reason for FRANKLIN's involvement in the arsons contemplated by CUNNINGHAM was that FRANKLIN owes NARDI money from his bond that was put up for him by NARDI. Source further noted that NARDI put up the bond for FRANKLIN in that he, NARDI, feels that FRANKLIN is a weak sister and that he, NARDI, has to protect himself.

On December 30, 1975, CV 3686-PC furnished SA JOSEPH G. MASTERSON the following information:

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Source advised that MORT FRANKLIN had advised that "they" had a torch job to be handled in North Carolina in an old vacant hotel. Source stated that they wanted HANK GRECCO to do the job. He would receive \$5,000 out front and another \$5,000 when the job was completed. Source advised that GRECCO turned the job down, but may be interested in a job JOHN NARDI and FRANKLIN may want done in Florida. NARDI advised that if GRECCO and ~~GO. DONALD MACK~~ would not do it, NARDI would get someone from Florida. This second job was for the bombing of a building in Miami. This building held the records and evidence for the narcotics case against NARDI, FRANKLIN, ET AL, which caused their recent indictment and arrest. Ohio, N.J.

Source stated that this bombing job would not be given out until after the hearing (presumed to be preliminary hearing) in Miami in January, 1976. NARDI stated that they want to see what kind of case the Government has against them, then give the job out if it is a strong case and destroy all the evidence.

Source stated that FRANKLIN is now driving a 1975 Lincoln Continental, maroon and white in color, with 1975 Ohio license EL704. This is a leased car from Jet Auto Leasing of Cleveland, Ohio.

On January 6, 1976, source advised that HANK GRECCO changed his mind and wanted to do the job in North Carolina. Source learned from MORT FRANKLIN that it was too late. The job had already been done and FRANKLIN left for North Carolina on January 5, 1976, or January 6, 1976.

Source stated that FRANKLIN checked with JERRY (GERALD W. CUNNINGHAM) and learned that someone else went to North Carolina, possibly from Florida, and did the torch job. From what FRANKLIN stated, source learned that the hotel was vacant, near or on the ocean shore of North Carolina, was old,

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having been built in 1890 or 1900, and had a sprinkler system, which was turned off by the night watchman, who then disappeared for a short time. The hotel was insured for around \$100,000.

Ohio { Source advised that from what FRANKLIN has told him, the transaction involving CUNNINGHAM, NARDI, FRANKLIN, DOMINIC E. BARTONE, and MITCHELL W. BELL and the 1,000 machine guns is still planned to take place. The exact time frame for the machine guns to be stolen and flown out of Florida is unknown at the present time by source.

On January 8, 1976, CV 3317-C-TE advised SA ARTIN that JOHN NARDI would be leaving for Florida shortly to attend a preliminary hearing on his and MORT FRANKLIN's drug case. Source advised that NARDI is somewhat cocky regarding charges brought by the DEA and is not too concerned with the outcome of the trial. Source advised that street talk has it that NARDI did not go out front but has his bobos handling the deal. Source advised that his main bobo was MORT FRANKLIN and that for some reason NARDI feels that FRANKLIN could be a possible weak link because of his propensity for talk.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period pre-dates the last report in this matter to include results of investigation not available at the time last report submitted.

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