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LA 4412-C-TE
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LA 4468-C-TE
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LA 4739-PC	LA 4838-PC
LA 4760-PC	LA 4839-PC
LA 4786-PC	LA 4841-PC
LA 4808-PC	LA 4845-PC
LA 4809-PC	LA 4847-PC
LA 4812-PC	LA 4848-PC
LA 4813-PC	LA 4850-PC
LA 4814-PC	LA 4854-PC
LA 4815-PC	LA 4875-PC
LA 4818-PC	

PERSONNEL

The following Agents of the Los Angeles Office are exclusively assigned to the Top Echelon Criminal Informant Program and have the following informants assigned to them:

SA GEORGE E. BLAND

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LA 4366-C-TE
LA 4476-C-TE
LA 4815-PC
LA 4845-PC

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LA 4821-PC

SA AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.

LA 4529-C-TE
LA 4691-C-TE
LA 4786-PC
LA 4820-PC

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

The Federal Grand Jury investigation in the

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All information from informants and targets under this program and information developed through gambling investigations is being closely evaluated to develop prosecutable gambling offenses.

LA 4775-C-TE

This source advised during the past week that FRANKIE MILANO, who is operating a horse race service in Los Angeles, has been encountering difficulty in getting racing results from his source during the early afternoon hours. The informant advised that MILANO's source is undoubtedly a local newspaper sports office and he thought that the difficulty in the afternoon hours may coincide with MILANO's source's lunch hour. The informant also provided a list of eight persons who subscribe to MILANO's

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service, all of whom are known as bookmakers.

The informant also provided the telephone number which is being used as a combination front and back office by a Glendale bookmaking ring headed by TONY RICCIO.

In addition, this informant identified a service station owned by an individual who was "bossing" a car theft ring in central Los Angeles. This ring shuttles stolen vehicles to Mexico after their theft is two years old.

LA 4813-PC

On 1/12/67, this informant advised that last fall ANTONE KALEEL, a Los Angeles bookmaker, planned to only book football games played in teams in the Big 8, Big 10, Southwest Conferences and by West Coast and big independent teams.

He planned to eliminate accepting action on games involving teams in the Southeastern Conference. He did not go through with this plan. According to source, KALEEL closes his book after the football season and does not open it until the regular baseball season commences.

This source stated that during the week of 1/8/67 through 1/14/67, gamblers from the East, believed by source to be associated with GIL BECKLEY, moved money into Los Angeles for the purpose of betting on the Tulane - LSU basketball game on the evening of 1/12/67. The gamblers wanted to bet Tulane minus 8½ points. A Los Angeles bookmaker known as The Phantom was approached to take some of this action.

Source also advised that he believes that attempts are being made by eastern mobsters to move into Los Angeles and organize bookmaking. Source was not able to furnish any further concrete information concerning this matter at this time, but will attempt to develop details.

LA 4155-C-TE

This informant, on 1/11/67, advised that JOE CAPUA, a beer salesman who services the Casa al Dante, contacted source on 1/10/67, telephonically and advised source that he

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should be on the alert since FBI Agents had contacted him that day and made inquiries about the source and others at the source's business establishment.

Source further advised that SONNY DE FALCO is making some shylock loans for MIKE PETRO and source overheard DE FALCO discussing the obtaining of a loan with bookmaker MARTY WEISS.

This source also advised on the same date that DE FALCO no longer is getting line information from Las Vegas, Nevada since DE FALCO makes his own basketball line. Source stated that DE FALCO will probably again receive line information from Las Vegas when the baseball season reopens.

LA 4786-PC

On 1/10/67, source advised that during the last couple of weeks he had lost two of his service customers to FRANK MILANO. MILANO, according to source, promised these customers 10 minute service on local race results. Informant stated that 10 minute service is not possible as the results are not sent from the track for 15 minutes after the termination of the races. Source also believed that MILANO used "muscle" on these customers as an unidentified Negro approached his customers and told them that they had better stay with MILANO as this was the way things were and that source was on the way out as far as service was concerned. Source is still of the opinion that MILANO must get his results from someone in the 'Herald-Examiner' newspaper and believes that this contact was set up by BUD FURILLO, a sports writer for this paper. Source was unable to furnish any specific information concerning the source of MILANO's service.

LA COSA NOSTRA ACTIVITIES

LA 4834-C-TE has been converted from a target to a Top Echelon Informant. This informant is attempting to move closer to top hoodlum figures in the Los Angeles area and it is felt that his association with these people, as well as his association with people involved in various

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criminal activities in the Los Angeles area will place him in a position of unlimited potential value as a top hoodlum and Top Echelon Criminal Informant. Continuous effort is also being afforded to the development of other targets who are known La Cosa Nostra (LCN) members in an effort to further penetrate the field of LCN activities and to identify additional LCN members in this and other divisions.

LA 4448-C-TE

During the past week, this informant has been in contact with individuals in Las Vegas, Nevada and Palm Springs, California and has determined that Springfield, Massachusetts LCN members, FRANK SCIBELLI and SAM CUFARI, have not as yet arrived in Palm Springs as expected. Informant stated that these individuals are still expected to arrive and it is believed they will take up their residence in Palm Springs about the middle of January, 1967.

LA 4412-C-TE

On 1/10/67, information furnished by this informant alleging that the manager of I. Magnin's, an exclusive department store in Beverly Hills, California, is maintaining large amounts of cash in the store safe, was disseminated to IRS, Los Angeles, after discussion with the Assistant U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles.

This cash is alleged to be "under the table" payments made to entertainers from various hotels and casinos in Las Vegas, Nevada. Reportedly, they are in cases in the safe which bear the names of the entertainers. Comedian RED SKELTON is one of the entertainers named. The custodian is further alleged to be paid by the entertainers for this service. IRS at Los Angeles will promptly advise this office of results of their investigation in this matter.

LA 4834-C-TE

This informant has been maintaining close contact with HORACIO RUDY ESTRADA, aka, subject of Los Angeles file 92-2422. ESTRADA is believed to have knowledge of the whereabouts of ERNEST NIELSON, subject of a UFAP-Abortion case, Los Angeles file 88-12764.

On 1/10/67, ESTRADA turned over to the informant

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two bonds issued to GARY S. and HAL G. POLLOCK, which ESTRADA told informant were turned over to his mother in Mexico by ERNIE NIELSON. ESTRADA advised that NIELSON had turned over many similar items to his mother and he was trying to dispose of them.

Informant also advised that the wife of WILLIAM MANVILLE BURKE has been contacting former associates attempting to obtain money for lawyer fees for BURKE, who is entering a not guilty plea to the ITSMV charge in connection with the Los Angeles file of which BURKE is a subject, File No. 26-47624.

LA 4476-C-TE

On 1/6/67, source advised that JERRY ZAROWITZ, Casino Manager, Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, left for Europe on 1/4/67, with KIRK KERKORIAN, the landlord of Caesar's Palace. Source subsequently learned that ZAROWITZ is scheduled to return to Las Vegas on 1/12/67.

On 1/9/67, source advised that on 1/5/67, JOEY DURANDO, the bondsman, contacted source in company with LOUIS GELFUSO and TONY CILLI, a Las Vegas pawnshop operator in partner with BABE PARISI. DURANDO discussed with the source his attempting to obtain an entertainment license from the Los Angeles Police Commission for FRANK SICA at SICA's Sir Sico Restaurant and that they would pay whatever was asked. It is noted that SICA has been attempting to obtain this license since 1959 without success. It was agreed that source would mention this matter to FRANK DESIMONE for his reaction.

On 1/10/67, source advised he met with FRANK DESIMONE and mentioned the SICA matter. DESIMONE said he did not know FRANK, but had met his brothers, JOE and FRED, years ago. DESIMONE was maneuvered into accepting as escrowholder one-half of the $10,000 fee to be charged minus expenses. DESIMONE agreed to send his man to see SICA and obtain the money.

On 1/11/67, source advised that DESIMONE called source that day and requested source to take a ride with him. While riding in DESIMONE's car, they discussed the ANTHONY LA ROCCA, JR. murder trial set for 1/12/67. As a

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result of this discussion between the source and DESIMONE, the source suggested obtaining a 30 day continuance and DESIMONE agreed.

On 1/12/67, source advised that the LA ROCCA case was continued to 2/20/67.

Source advised that he was told by PHIL DAVID, described as a hustler and promoter and friend of CHESTER SIMS who is trying to negotiate the sale of the Flamingo Hotel, that DAVID was on his way from New York to Miami to meet with MEYER LANSKY and SIMS. According to SIMS, the Flamingo is earning 3 3/4 million net spendable income on top of the table and 10 million under the table. It is noted that the Flamingo was reported to be sold by the press on 1/13/67, to a Japanese hotel group.

GENERAL

LA 4367-C-TE

Source advised on 1/6/67, that he met with Washington, D. C. attorney EDWARD MORGAN (former Bureau Agent) at Los Angeles International Airport on 12/31/66. MORGAN was between planes and had arrived from Las Vegas, enroute to Washington, D. C. MORGAN said he is handling the JAMES HOFFA appeal. MORGAN is also handling the defense of CLIFF JONES, the former Lieutenant Governor of Nevada. Source stated that SIDNEY KORSHAK had said that MORGAN was not going to win the HOFFA case.

MORGAN also told the source about JOHN ROSELLI being arrested in Las Vegas and how he, MORGAN, had got him out. MORGAN said he met ROSELLI years ago in Las Vegas and stated that ROSELLI was a "stand up guy" because ROSELLI did some outstanding secret work for a Government agency and never said anything to anyone, including the FBI.

On 1/7/67, source advised that he met JOHN ROSELLI and ALLEN SMILEY on the street in Beverly Hills on the afternoon of 1/6/67. ROSELLI related his recent arrest in Las Vegas and was concerned about who might have had RALPH LAMB make this arrest. He asked source to try and find out because he knows that source knows LAMB. He was considering

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a false arrest suit, but did not want the notoriety.

On 1/12/67, source advised that KORSHAK told him that SAM MOONEY left Chicago with his son-in-law, the attorney, because of the Federal heat.

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