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GABRIEL MANNARINO, AKA, SAMUEL MANNARINO, AKA, AR. ON AUGUST FOURTEEN LAST, JOSEPH R. MEROLA WAS INTERVIEWED AT USPO BLDG., MIAMI, FLA., IN PRESENCE OF DJ ATTORNEYS WILLIAM KENNEY AND WILLIAM KEHOE AT MEROLA-S INSISTENCE. INTERVIEW COMMENCED IN LATE AFTERNOON AND MEROLA SET CONDITIONS HE WOULD NOT TESTIFY TO INFORMATION FURNISHED, WISHED IDENTITY PROTECTED AND WOULD NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE VIOLATIONS IN WHICH HE WAS PARTICIPANT. MEROLA FURNISHED BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING HIMSELF, GABRIEL AND SAMUEL MANNARINO AND THE HISTORY OF THEIR ASSOCIATION. HE CHARACTERIZED GABRIEL MANNARINO AS SECOND ONLY TO ACTIVE JOHN LA ROCCA, PITTSBURGH, AND INACTIVE FRANK AMATO, BRADDOCK, PA., AS TOP MEN IN WESTERN PA. FOR QUOTE NATIONAL CRIME SYNDICATE UNQUOTE. ALSO REFERRED TO BY MEROLA AS QUOTE THE OUTFIT UNQUOTE. INFORMATION FURNISHED REGARDING INTERNAL DISSENSION IN MANNARINO ORGANIZATION IN

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NEW KENSINGTON, PA., WITH FORMER BODYGUARD JOHN FONTANA AND FORMER QUOTE TRIGGERMAN UNQUOTE AL ROSS AT ODDS WITH KELLY MANNARINO. MEROLA PREDICTS ANDY MANGINI, LIEUTENANT FOR KELLY MANNARINO, WILL BE KILLED BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE STEALING FROM MANNARINO GAMBLING ENTERPRISES. MEROLA FURNISHED IDENTITY OF ANDY MANGINI AS UNSUB IN LOADING OF STOLEN WEAPONS IN CASE QUOTE STUART SUTOR, ET AL, ITSP, TGP, FFA, NM, CONSPIRACY UNQUOTE AND OF THIEVES GEORGE FLOREA AND RICHARD STEWART. HE FURNISHED OTHER POSITIVE INFORMATION IN THIS CASE. MEROLA SAID QUOTE OUTFIT UNQUOTE BEHIND NEW DIXIE SWEEPSTAKES TICKET OSTENSIBLY FOR BENEFIT OF PAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND KELLY MANNARINO COMPELLED TO TAKE TEN THOUSAND BOOKS FOR DISTRIBUTION IN HIS AREA. BELIEVES TICKETS PRINTED IN NEW YORK CITY BUT HAS NO POSITIVE INFORMATION PRESENTLY. MEROLA, AFTER SOME THOUGHT, RELENTED AND ALSO FURNISHED POSITIVE INFORMATION ON SOME BURGLARIES AND ROBBERIES IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATED OR KNEW

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INTERVIEW TERMINATED AT MEROLA-S REQUEST ABOUT TEN P. M. DUE TO MEROLA-S PRIOR COMMITMENT FOR DAYTIME OF AUGUST FIFTEEN, INTERVIEW TO RESUME SIX P. M. THAT EVENING. SAS PORTELLA AND FORSYTH ANTICIPATE RETURN PITTSBURGH AUGUST SIXTEEN NEXT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-2914 92-2918
 FROM SAC, PITTSBURGH 92-236 92-228
 GABRIEL MANNARINO, AKA, AR. SAMUEL MANNARINO, AKA, AR. RETEL
 MIAMI TO BUREAU, AUGUST FIFTEEN LAST, CONCERNING STATEMENT OF
 JOSEPH R. MEROLA THAT QUOTE OUTFIT UNQUOTE COMPELLED KELLY
 MANNARINO TO TAKE TEN THOUSAND BOOKS OF NEW SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS
 FOR DISTRIBUTION IN HIS AREA. ON EIGHT SEVENTEEN SIXTYONE, A
 PCI OF PG OFFICE ADVISED HE HAS HANDLED TWO DOLLAR SWEEPSTAKES
 TICKETS BASED ON DIXIE HANDICAP TO BE RUN AT PIMLICO FOR TWO
 WEEKS. JOHN CIRIGLIANO, AKA, SHRIGGS, WHO IS DISTRIBUTOR IN
 NEW KENSINGTON, PA., AREA, FOR MANNARINOS REGARDING TREASURY
 LOTTERY TICKETS IS ALSO DELIVERING SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS. SINCE
 DJ ATTORNEYS, WILLIAM KENNY AND WILLIAM KEHOE SAID THEY WANT
 INDIVIDUALS TO BY THESE TICKETS WHO WILL TESTIFY, UACB, PG IS
 PLANNING TO HAVE SAS NOT KNOWN TO RACKET ELEMENT BUY ONE OR MORE
 TICKETS AT KNOWN NUMBERS OUTLETS IN OR NEAR NEW KENSINGTON. BOTH
 SUBJECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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