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Via A I R T E L AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Los Angeles (92-1112)
RE: LA COSA NOSTRA
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Re Bureau teletype to Los Angeles, et al,
dated 1/18/65.

On the night of 2/17/65, LA 4448-C-TE furnished
the following information:

Informant had just been to the residence of
NICK LICATA, "Under-Boss", Los Angeles "Familia". While
there, LICATA mentioned that FRANK DESIMONE, "Boss",
Los Angeles "Familia", had not been in contact with him
since DESIMONE's trip "back east". LICATA appeared to
be somewhat irritated about this. He then told informant
that he had just been contacted by "The Boss" from the
San Jose, California area and that this individual said
that he had to see DESIMONE, personally, about some
important matter. He then requested LICATA to make contact
with DESIMONE and arrange such a meeting. LICATA did not,
at this time, identify this "Boss" by name. He has
previously, however, identified JOSEPH CERRITO as "Boss"
of the San Jose group, La Cosa Nostra, and JAMES LANZA as
"Boss" of the San Francisco group, La Cosa Nostra. It is,
therefore, presumed that he had reference to one of these
two individuals.

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LICATA then told informant that he (LICATA) was going to meet with TOM PALERMO, "Consiglieri", Los Angeles "Familia", at 9:00 PM, 2/17/65 to ascertain if he (PALERMO) had been in recent contact with DESIMONE. LICATA indicated to informant that, on occasion, PALERMO is in contact with DESIMONE when he is not in direct contact with LICATA. LICATA then told informant that after seeing PALERMO, he would make what contacts are necessary to get in touch with DESIMONE and attempt to arrange the meeting referred to above.

Above information telephonically furnished to San Diego and San Francisco Offices on 2/18/65 with request to effect appropriate coverage in conformance with Bureau instructions as set out in referenced airtel. Los Angeles also affording similar coverage.

FULL SECURITY OF ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE AFFORDED BY ALL OFFICES.