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REFERENCE

Report SA EDWARD D. HEGARTY, 7/21/64, at Philadelphia

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU (2):

Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum setting forth characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

TO NEW YORK (1):

One copy of LHM setting forth characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

It has previously been reported that PH 701-C* was developed as a source of information conversant with the daily activities of RUSSELL BUFALINO in June 1964. This informant ceased furnishing information in October 1964. To date an additional source has not been developed to replace this former valuable source.

On 3/25/65 PH 752-C* was developed and it is anticipated this source will eventually furnish valuable information concerning the activities of ANGELO BRUNO. This source replaced former Philadelphia source PH 623-C* whose reliability and productivity were well known to the Bureau.

On 3/26/65 PH 753-C* was developed. This source is in a position to furnish valuable information concerning the activities of LCN members ERNEST PERRICONE and JAMES GATTO.

PH 591-C* continues to furnish daily information on the activities of PETER MAGGIO, Soldato of the Philadelphia Family of LCN, who is a close confidant of ANGELO BRUNO and is BRUNO's brother-in-law. On occasion this source has, in the past, provided information concerning LCN of great value.

PH 734-C* was developed in December 1964 as a replacement for the former PH 571-C*. This source furnishes information on a daily basis concerning the activities of MAX WEISBERG who is the recognized leader of Philadelphia's "Jewish Mob." This source has furnished considerable valuable information concerning activities of ANGELO BRUNO and other LCN members.

PH 672-C-TE and PH 599-C-TE, both of whom are members of the Philadelphia Family of LCN, continue to furnish information concerning the activities and identities of LCN members.

PH 521-C who was originally developed in 1951, is directly knowledgeable concerning the activities of LCN members in the Pittston and Scranton, Pa., areas. In recent months this

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informant's potential has been fully realized and he is furnishing information enabling the Philadelphia Division to precisely determine the membership of LCN members in the Pittston and Scranton areas. This informant is a son of PH 739-PC. PH 521-C has advised he is not a member of "The Organization" or of LCN; however, his father was formerly active in "The Organization." An analysis of information furnished by PH 521-C leaves little room to doubt that his father, PH 739-PC, is a member of LCN. In view of this and in view of the fact that PH 739-PC has confided in his son in the past concerning membership and activities of "The Organization," this information is being set out in the body of this report insofar as individual membership is concerned.

While PH 521-C is neither a highly confidential source nor an LCN member, it is believed his statements concerning the identities of persons holding membership in "The Organization" are sufficiently reliable to attribute LCN membership to the persons identified as members by him.

PH 702-C* is an investigative technique used in connection with the assignments given to PH 672-C-TE.

During the month of April 1965, Philadelphia sources have advised that LCN Capodecina PHILIP TESTA and ANGELO BRUNO's close confidant PETER J. MAGGIO have both purchased residences in the Southern New Jersey areas. The locations of these residences have been determined and the Newark Division has been requested to make every effort to develop highly confidential sources of information conversant with the activities at these residences.

INFORMANTS

PH T-1	PH 591-C*
PH T-2	PH 623-C*
PH T-3	PH 702-C*
PH T-4	PH 672-C-TE
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PH 734-C*
PH 521-C
NK 2461-C*
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SIMONE and CARL IPPOLITO have considered investments in Las Vegas, Nev., and/or Bahama Islands gambling casinos. ANGELO BRUNO, according to PH T-9 and T-10, took part in the "commission" deliberations of which body he is a member, concerning JOSEPH BONANNO, a fellow commission member who was allegedly kidnapped 10/21/64 in New York City.

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Details: A. EXISTENCE OF LA COSA NOSTRA (LCN)

PH T-1, T-2 and T-4 have previously advised that an organization which bears the title LCN exists and is active in the Philadelphia area. This organization, according to these three sources, bears the name La Cosa Nostra.

1. PHILADELPHIA FAMILY OF LCN

a. In General

On August 24, 1964, PH T-4 advised that approximately 20 years ago the organization was called the Mafia. He recalled how JOSEPH IDA, who was then boss of the Philadelphia Family, picked up the gun from the table used during his LCN induction ceremony and while holding this gun said, "Chista representa la Mafia, Niatri semu tutti la Mafia." (This represents the Mafia and we are all the Mafia.)

Subsequently during October 1961 informant was reinducted into LCN after a ten year exile. He recalled on October 24, 1964, that at this ceremony ANGELO BRUNO, who was the boss, took the gun from PETER MAGGIO who was holding it during the induction ceremony. BRUNO stated aloud while holding the gun, "Niatri representamu La Cosa Nostra. Sta famigghia è La Cosa Nostra." (We represent La Cosa Nostra. This family is La Cosa Nostra.)

BRUNO said aloud, "Sta famigghia si chiama La Cosa Nostra." (This family is called La Cosa Nostra.)

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PH T-4 said that ROCCO SCAFIDI's life was saved through the intercession of GUISEPPE TRAINA, a New York City LCN member who was a close associate of ROCCO SCAFIDI's father, GAETANO SCAFIDI.

On September 2, 1964, PH T-3 advised that PH T-4 had a conversation with FRANK MONTE during which they discussed the possibility of the name LCN being changed. PH T-4 told MONTE that he learned the name would possibly be changed from LCN member ERNEST PERRICONE.

On September 24, 1964, PH T-3 advised that PH T-4 had a conversation with JOHN CAPPELLO. CAPPELLO said the LCN members in his decina are "pretty old" and that PHIL TESTA has two young members, namely, FRANK MONTE and FRANK NARDUCCI, in his decina. The members of TESTA's decina are "all old men like I got." CAPPELLO complained about being a capodecina and said there were too many headaches involved with this position and wished he was not a capodecina. CAPPELLO said that he would not want to be a "Boss" or "Underboss" but would consider the position of "Consiglieri" because the "Consiglieri" does not get too involved. CAPPELLO said a "Consiglieri is like a lawyer. In case you got a beef or gripe or I get a beef with you he hears the story and he tries to straighten it out. Understand?"

CAPPELLO went on to say "He is like a lawyer. In other words, he is like a peacemaker."

PH T-4 inquired about the "Commission." CAPPELLO said the "Commission is nine bosses...from different states, from different families, the bosses of nine different families...They've been on the commission for years and years. Like our family, our boss (ANGELO BRUNO) is a representative on there...he's one. There is CARLO GAMBINO, there is TOMMY BROWN (THOMAS LUCHESE). Eight or nine of them."

On November 9, 1964, PH T-4 advised there are more LCN members in the Philadelphia Family of Calabrese, Ethnic extraction, than Sicilian extraction.

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JOHN SALVO
SAM COMETA
ROSARIO MONTANTO
ANGELO POLIZZI
WILLIAM MEDICO
ANGELO MEDICO
LOUIS CONSAGRA
JOSEPH CONTESSA
JOSEPH SCALLEAT
possibly ANGELO SCIANDRA.

PH T-8 also advised on March 10, 1955, that SANTO VOLPE contacted STEVE LATORRE in an effort to have the informant brought into the Mafia as a member, but LATORRE would not approve this. Subsequently LATORRE was ousted from the Mafia in about 1949 or 1950. STEVE LATORRE was summoned to Binghamton, N.Y., by JOSEPH BARBARA for a meeting. At the meeting the following were present:

JOSEPH BARBARA
RUSSELL BUFALINO
JOHN and ANGELO PARRINO

LATORRE was criticized for not cooperating with the Mafia and from then on he was not considered a member. LATORRE as of 1955 was still highly regarded by the members, particularly the old members, and that whenever they are in the Pittston area they visit his residence.

The following persons from the Pittston, Pa., area were known to have been in attendance at the 1957 alleged gangland meeting held in Apalachin, N.Y.:

RUSSELL A. BUFALINO
JAMES OSTICCO
ANGELO SCIANDRA
DOMINICK J. ALAIMO.

The identities of persons identified as being members of the Mafia or the organization, according to PH T-8, are set out hereinafter under Section C.