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ALL OFFICES

MI 623-C-TE has supplied information which alleged that a high-level meeting of "La Cosa Nostra" members was scheduled to take place at the farm of SAM "Teets" BATTAGLIA located at Pingree Grove, Illinois, on 8/2/64. This meeting was postponed, according to the informant, and rescheduled for sometime in October, 1964. All offices should be alert for any information within their respective territories which would indicate 'travel plans of known members to the Chicago area during October, 1964. Such information should be given priority attention and immediately disseminated to the Bureau and appropriate offices.

For purpose of brevity in the preparation of the details of this report, information received from reporting offices has been summarized in many instances. Where information was attributed to a member of "La Cosa Nostra", or a highly confidential source, that information was given priority of selection.

The name "La Cosa Nostra" is not necessarily binding as a requisite to the existence of an organization in a given city having a common origin with the "Mafia". However, in order to qualify an organization as belonging to the same criminal conspiracy as "La Cosa Nostra", certain common requisites have been found to be necessary within the organization.

The requisite of Italian parentage for admission to membership appears without exception. Knowledge of and obedience to the rules of the "commission" are binding on all members. In addition, the requirement that introductions can be performed only by a third party member is apparently rigidly observed.

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Fringe organizations in various cities which are composed of Italian and non-Italian members do not qualify on the basis of similar initiation rites and a common purpose of criminal endeavor. Member sources or highly confidential sources reporting the discussions of members are knowledgeable, for the most part, of the basic parlance and terms we now associate with "La Cosa Nostra". An example which illustrates the continuity of this knowledge by member sources is illustrated in the information reported by MI 623-C-TE of the Milwaukee Office and set forth in the details of this report.

Each office should continue to direct its efforts toward the objective of developing member and highly confidential sources within the organization known as "La Cosa Nostra".

It is noted that more than one T symbol was used to cover the same informant in several instances during the preparation of this report. This was done to further conceal the identity of the informants as the source of information.

INFORMANTS:

NY T-1	MI 623-C-TE
NY T-2	PH 623-0*
NY T-3	PH 591-C*
NY T-4	LA 4448-C-TE
NY T-5	BS 837-C*
NY T-6	LV 124-C-TE
NY T-7	BS 837-C*
8-T YM	NK 2251-C*
NY T-9	NK 2319-C*
NY T-10	NY 3461-C-TE
NY T-11	NK 2251-C*
NY T-12	NY 4120-C*
NY T-13	BU 82-C*
NY T-14	BU 280-C*
NY T-15	BS 837-C*

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NY T-18
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NY T-19
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                 358-C
4448-C-TE
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BUFFALO

At Buffalo, NY

- 1. Will continue to identify additional members of the MAGADDINO "family" through member and highly confidential sources.
- 2. Will observe and report additional meetings of a conspiratorial nature between STEVE MAGADDINO and "bosses" in the NYC area.

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Ill.

- l. Will remain alert and report developments in the Chicago area regarding a proposed high-level meeting of "La Cosa Nostra" leaders in October, 1964, at the farm of SAM BATTACLIA.
- 2. Remain alert for any possible charges in leadership of the Chicago "family". It is noted that CG 6729-C and NY 3986-C* have both reported information that SAM "Mooney" GIANCANA may be replaced as head of the organized criminal element in Chicago.

CLEVELAND

At Cleveland, Ohio

1. Will continue efforts to develop highly confidential sources in the Cleveland Division who are in a

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- 2. Will remain in close contact witl MI 623-C-TE for additional information regarding a proposed high-level meeting of "La Cosa Nostra" members on the SAM BATTAGLIA farm at Dunke, Illinois in October, 1964.
- 3. Will attempt to develop additional information concerning the movement of members between the Milwaukee, Chicago and Kansas City area, and the amount of control over such members by SAM GIANCANA "boss" of the Chicago organization.

NEWARK

At Newark, New Jersey

- 1. Will continue to report coverage by NK 2319-C* and NK 2251-C*.
- 2. Will remain alert for prosecutable violations of "La Cosa Nostra" members under applicable Federal and State Statutes.
- 3. Will attempt to identify additional members of the DE CAVALCANTE and GENOVESE "families" in the Newark area.

NEW HAVEN

At New Haven, Conn.

Will continue efforts to establish highly confidential and member sources who can furnish information regarding existence and membership of "La Cosa Nostra" members in the New Haven area.

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NY T-1 has advised in April and May, 1964, that the following qualifications for membership are necessary before a candidate is acceptable in the Milwaukee "outfit."

Qualifications for Membership

A prospective member must be of Italian blood. Originally, he must have been a Sibilian, but this limitation is no longer in effect.

It is not necessary for the prospective member to commit murder on behalf of the organization. At times this was a qualification. Some recently "made" members may have qualified by the murder of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT in January, 1963, according to the informant.

The candidate is proposed for membership by another member who likes him, may have worked with him in criminal activities, and knows his potential. In the past, each member of the family was asked personally if he had any objection to the candidate, and a "blackball" would eliminate him from consideration. All members are not consulted today; the decision to admit a member is made by a few leaders.

The candidate must never have cooperated with law enforcement officers.

In the past the candidate was inducted in an initiation ceremon, during a tourna, or general membership meeting, at which attendance by all members was compulsory. This tradition is not followed today.

Two initiation ceremonies were held in the past which followed neither the old tradition of polling membership for possible objection or the tradition of conducting the initiation at a general meeting of the membership. In February or March, 1963, at the home of JOSEPH BALISTRIERI, father of the boss, FRANK BALISTRIERI, an initiation was conducted of STEVE DE SALVO and PETER BALISTRIERI in the presence of only a few members. A month later, in the basement



of Alioto's Restaurant on Highway 100, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which is owned by former boss JOHN ALIOTO, a larger meeting was held at which the following were inducted: DOMINIC PRINCIPE, ALBERT ALBANA, HARRY DE ANGELO, and BENNY DE SALVO. (Note: STEVE DE SALVO, DOMINIC PRINCIPE, and ALBERT ALBANA were considered very likely suspects in the ANTHONY BIERNAT murder, and STEVE DE SALVO had contacted BIERNAT before the murder.)

Initiation Rites

The fingers of the candidate and his sponsor are pricked and blood mixed as a sign of brotherhood, hands of all are joined in a circle, a saint's picture is burned, and an oath taken in Italian that the member will obey the orders of his leaders and will place the welfare of the organization above anything else, including family or religion.

of choosing a sponsor at an initiation through the procedure of having persons in a circle extend fingers in any number from one to five, taking a count, and then using this number in counting around the circle to pick the sponsor. He said this system has been used on occasion to select a man to take part in a "hit."

Obligations of Membership

Orders of the boss must be followed under the penalty of death for failure to obey.

Members must not traffic in narcotics under penalty of death.

Members must obtain the consent of their leaders before they engage in any activity which might affect another member. Thus, he must consult with his leader before engaging in any criminal activity or before engaging in any business, since these might conceivably affect another member.



For several years informants have furnished information that SALAMONE is closely associated with members of the Magaddino "family." Until recently he and members of the Magaddino "family" had a joint business venture involving a laundry and linen supply service in Erie, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH J. DI CARLO, 426 Richards Drive, Liberty Township, Youngstown, Ohio

DI CARLO was the former head of the old DI CARLO Gang which operated in Buffalo, New York, and Youngstown, Ohio. DI CARLO was last known to maintain a room at the Taft Hotel in New York City, New York, for the period December 29, 1963, to June 3, 1964. A source in Buffalo, New York, advised he observed DI CARLO in the lobby of the Lucayan Hotel, Grand Bahama Island, British West Indies, in early 1964.

During the past six months information has been received from law enforcement agencies in Canada, informants, and through interviews that STEVE MAGADDINO continues to exercise a great deal of influence and control over individuals associated with the Magaddino "family" and living in the Province of Ontario, Canada. There are set forth below the names of those individuals who have either been named as members of the Magaddino "family" or because of their being closely associated with such members, they have been suspected as being members of the "Mafia" in Canada by the Canadian authorities:

DANIEL G. GASBARRINI,
Business Address
Gasbarrini General Contractors,
749 King Road,
Burlington, Ontario,
Canada

GASBARRINI served five years and four months for violation of the Narcotics Act of Canada, having been released on January 15, 1955. Sources of information in Canada have advised that GASBARRINI is suspected of being a principal figure in the narcotics smuggling activities in Canada.

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CHARLES J. CIPOLLA, Guelph, Ontario, Canada

CIPOLLA has been associated in gambling activities and narcotics smuggling activities between Canada and the United States. CIPOLLA, known under FBI Number 1555922, was arrested July 31, 1963, by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on narcotics charges. Information was furnished by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that CIPOLLA had a tie with the underworld in the United States. They identified an associate known as MICHAEL TASCARELLA, also known as "Mike Torch," of Buffalo, New York, who was arrested by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on June 5, 1962, hear Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, with one JOSEPH ANGELLO of Buffalo. They were both charged with violation of the Canadian Narcotics Act.

HARRY ABORDONARO, an Attorney in Ontario, Canada

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BORDONARO has represented Canadian hoodlums engaged in narcotics traffic in the past and was observed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Buffalo, New York, allegedly to pick up and return ALBERT AGUECI to Canada.

LOUIS INNAZELLA, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

INNAZELLA and his brothers operate the Hill Top Motel in Ontario, Canada. DOMINICK D'AGOSTINO testified in United States District Court shortly after the Apalachin meeting that his last place of employment was the Hill Top Motel in Canada. INNAZELLA was recently contacted by telephone by someone calling from the telephone of SALVATORE PIERI. He has also been cited as being a "Magaddino Man" in the operations of a gambling establishment near Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada.

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Federal Grand Jury Action

In connection with the criminal activities of ertain "La Cosa Nostra" members in the New York City area, embers of the were subpoenaed to appear efore a Federal Grant Jury. On February 4, 1964. subpoenaes were served on
and selected by Federal
ureau of Investigation agents, ordering these persons to
ppear to testify before the Federal Grand Jury, Southern
istrict of New York, to answer questions regarding violations
f. mitle 18 Contine 271 / Heated Contine Regarding Violations
f Title 18, Section 371, United States Code, the general
onspiracy statute. More specifically, the stated purpose
f the questions asked of these individuals pertained to the
which it is known that these persons
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All individuals subpoensed appeared before the
ederal Grand Juny on three separate occasions, and all

and and were afforded the opportunity of testifying before the Grand Jury under immunity, however, both again refused to answer the questions asked of them.

On July 9, 1964, ANTHONY CASTALDI was sentenced to two years in prison for contempt of court in that he refused to testify before the Federal Grand Jury, under immunity.

On August 10, 1964, SALVATORE SHILLITANI, was also sentenced to two years in prison for contempt of court for refusing to answer sixty questions before a Federal Grand Jury.