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ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Denver, Milwaukee, and St. Louis Divisions for information purposes in view of information incorporated in the report which is of interest to those offices. Two copies of this report are designated for the Kansas City Division in view of possible future dissemination.

The period of this report extends from May 25, 1964 through June 3, 1964, which is the period utilized in the preparation of the report. Information has been furnished from various sources on other periods.

Information is reflected in this report which had been obtained from Mr. FLOYD R. HAYES, former Teamster official in Kansas City, Missouri. This information has not been previously disseminated to the U. S. Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, pursuant to Bureau instructions. All this information has been furnished to the Department of Justice in prior communications.

This report includes information attributed to Kansas City T-Symbols which has been furnished by informants of the Milwaukee Division. Information reflected in report of SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND, dated 5/28/64 at Milwaukee, and attributed to MI T-1 is being set forth in detail in this report. In referenced Milwaukee letter of 5/26/64, the Milwaukee Division requested that in reporting any of the material furnished by this informant, that respective offices are requested to omit all information pertaining to informant's connection with persons involved as well as any indication that the information came from Milwaukee.

INFORMANTS:

KC T-1 is KC 379-PC who furnished information to SA JAMES F. GLONEK and SA JOSEPH STABILE.

KC T-2 is KC 148-PC who furnished information to SA JAMES F. GLONEK and SA ROY L. HUMPHREYS, JR.

KC T-3 is MI 623-C-TE who furnished information to SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON, both of Milwaukee Division.

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KC T-4 is former KC 254-C whose present whereabouts is known to the Bureau.

KC T-5 is KC 3-66-PC who furnished information to SA ROY L. TUSSEY.

KC T-6 is KC 315-C who furnished information to SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF.

KC T-7 is KC 349-C who furnished information to SA ROY L. TUSSEY.

KC T-8 is KC 358-C who furnished information to SA ROY L. TUSSEY.

KC T-9 is KC 339-C-TE who furnished information to SA ROBERT J. DENEEN.

KC T-10 is CV 553-PC who furnished information to SA J. EDWARD BURKE of the Cleveland Division.

KC T-11 is KC 284-C who furnished information to SA JOHN M. GATTIS, JR.

KC T-12 is MI 602-C-TE who furnished information to SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY of the Milwaukee Division.

KC T-13 is former PCI who furnished information to SA DON W. WALTERS and SA MAX E. RICHARDSON.

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C O N S P I R A T O R I A L
A S P E C T S

KC T-9 advised on January 29, 1964, that it is T-9's impression that SAM PALMA is a member of the La Cosa Nostra and has been on "hits". T-9 based this on information received in which PALMA has indicated that he has often sat in a car for hours on end without eating and this was PALMA's method of stating that he had traveled on "a hit". PALMA was reported to have stated that he knows a lot of people in different cities throughout the country and has done a lot of traveling.

T-9 also advised that SAM PALMA had mentioned to an acquaintance that he wished this individual to contact "CHECKERS" in Denver when this individual was visiting them. "CHECKERS" may refer to CLYDE SMALDONE, a well-known Denver criminal figure.

T-9 advised on April 16, 1964, that SAM PALMA, through arrangements made with ROY WILLIAMS, President of Joint Teamsters Council #56, Kansas City, Missouri, will be going to Sacramento, California, "because a man in Sacramento needs some muscle". PALMA is to be paid \$1,000 a week and had planned to fly to California where he would be met by a man whom WILLIAMS had previously contacted. T-9 stated this trip was delayed due to illness of the individual PALMA was to meet in California, however, he intends to take this trip in the future.

T-9 stated that T-9 was unable to determine whether PALMA's services involved threat-type situations or a killing but from the expressions used by PALMA, T-9 assumed it would be threat-type situations rather than a killing.

PALMA has FBI #327 429 A, date of birth March 3, 1925, and has been previously described by informants as a member of the criminal organization in Kansas City.

KC T-8 advised during September, 1963, that ANTHONY CIVELLA, nephew of NICK CIVELLA, had told associates that SAM GIANCANA of Chicago, Illinois, was the "boss of Chicago, Kansas City, and St. Louis".

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KC T-13 advised during August and September, 1961, that in 1921 when T-13 came to Kansas City, Missouri, there was no one organization that controlled the Italian north side in Kansas City. There was one group that asserted its influence over this area that operated a sugar house and maintained its position by extortion and firearms. This group was commonly referred to as the "Black Hand".

It was generally understood that the principle members of this organization were:

JOSEPH DI GIOVANNI; PAUL DI GIOVANNI;

PETE DI GIOVANNI; VINCENT DI GIOVANNI;

VINCENT CHIAPPETTA (now residing in St. Louis);

NICHOLAS GENTILE (now residing in Italy, having gone there "by request"); and

MIKE MOLLE (now deceased).

FRANK LA ROCCA, Kansas City, Missouri, born February 14, 1889, at Lucca Sicula Agrigento, Italy, entered the United States October 24, 1906, at New York City as FRANCESCO FRANKO. He was naturalized November 10, 1944 at Kansas City, Missouri. LA ROCCA was arrested in Kansas City, Missouri, on two occasions for murder. In 1920 he was acquitted by a jury and in 1921 he was arrested as a suspect and released.

[redacted] appeared before a Federal Grand Jury, Kansas City, Missouri, on April 14, 1961, having been subpoenaed to testify concerning [redacted]

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FELIX FERINA and ANTHONY CARDELLA, both described by informants as members of the Kansas City criminal organization were both convicted in United States District Court, Kansas City, Missouri on Obstruction of Justice charges and are presently incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

[redacted] testified before the Federal Grand Jury [redacted]

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[REDACTED] LA ROCCA was subsequently convicted in the United States District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, and his sentence imposed for the crime of perjury is presently being appealed. Witnesses from Gunnison, Colorado, identified LA ROCCA as the purchaser of the pertinent weapon and other weapons as well as being in Gunnison, Colorado, during the period in question. In purchasing the weapons, LA ROCCA used the name of JOHN SUTONANO.

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