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Synopsis:

Nine individuals residing in Conn., have been identified as La Cosa Nostra (LCN) members. individuals are listed as probable or suspected LCN members. The New Jersey DE CAVALCANTE "Family" has the greatest representation in Connecticut, with three known members of which one is characterized as a "Caporegima" and another as "Underboss." are also two suspected members in this "family." New York GAMBINO "Family" is next with three known members. The remaining known members belong to the New York GENOVESE or COLUMBO "families" with the "family" relationship of some suspected members not established. The existence of a "Connecticut 'Family'" has not been verified and appears unlikely. RALPH TROPIANO, COLUMBO "Family", indicted by Federal Grand Jury, New Haven, in March, 1968, for violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1951, and awaiting trial. Charges involved extortion in connection with refuse removal business in Conn LCN members along with other hoodlum gamblers in the Hartford, Conn., area, subpoenaed during June, 1968, before a Federal Grand Jury, Hartford, in gambling and shylocking probe. USA, Hartford, plans continuance of these Grand Jury hearings.

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DETAILS:

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Also suspected of being an LCN member of the GENOVESE "Family" is VITO SABIA, also known as "BILLY WEST" of Stamford, Connecticut. "Family" association of the other suspected LCN members has not been established.

PROSECUTIVE ACTIVITY CONCERNING LCN MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

In March of 1968, RALPH TROPIANO of the COLUMBO "Family" was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in New Haven Connecticut, for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951. TROPIANO has been released on \$100,000 bond, and is awaiting trial which is scheduled to commence in the fall, 1968, term of court. TROPIANO is charged with extortion in connection with his activities in the refuse removal business in Connecticut. TROPIANO and a close associate, WILLIAM GRASSO, had established a refuse removal business, and in connection therewith, were in competition with other refuse removal dealers. They are specifically charged with threatening other refuse dealers for taking "stops" away from them.

In June of 1968, United States Attorney JON O. NEWMAN, Hartford, Connecticut, presented testimony to a Federal Grand Jury in Hartford, relative to gambling and loan-shark operations. Subpoenaed for this Grand Jury were

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Also subpoenaed for this Grand Jury were a number of known gamblers, in the Hartford, area.

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The "Hartford Times" a daily newspaper having wide circulation in Connecticut, on June 25, 1968, reported the following information concerning the Grand Jury probe.

"Gaming Probers Hear 'Big Nose'

"Salvatore L. Cufari, otherwise known as 'Big Nose Sam' and reputed Mafia overseer of a huge New England crime syndicate, testified before a federal grand jury today in Hartford.

"U. S. Attorney Jon O. Newman called the jurors into session Monday to delve into interstate gambling and loan sharking, although he remained mum about the whole proceeding.

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JOSEPH GUERRIERO

GUERRIERO, better known as "PIPPY" is suspected of being a member of the DE CAVALCANTE "Family" in New Jersey. This suspicion is founded on his close association with FRANK CARBONE, a known member of this "family" and the fact that GUERRIERO's car has been observed at meetings of the DE CAVALCANTE "Family" in New Jersey.

GUERRIERO has been reliably reported as an equal partner in a policy operation, with DANNY TEDESCO, previously described as a protection man for CARBONE. The policy operation is centered in Hartford and New Britain, Connecticut, which is a suburb of Hartford.

GUERRIERO is known to have the exclusive Negro numbers action in New Britain. JFK Law 10(a)2

was subpoensed before the Federal Grand Jury in June of 1968, and invoked the Fifth Amendment relative to his gambling activities.

ANTHONY LA SELVA

ANTHONY LA SELVA, a brother of JOSEPH who is a known member and "Underboss" of the DE CAVALCANTE "Family", operates the General Automatic Transmission Company in Waterbury with JOSEPH. Because of his close association with his brother, JOSEPH, he is suspected as being a member of the DE CAVALCANTE "Family" and this probable membership is also borne out by reason of ANTHONY's car being observed at a meeting of the DE CAVALCANTE "Family" in New Jersey.

DAVID TACOVETTI

IACOVETTI, identified by NH T-3 as a member of the CARLO GAMBINO "Family" in New Jersey, resides in Trumbull, Connecticut. IACOVETTI operates several drive-in type restaurants in Connecticut, and is believed to be part owner of several night-club type restaurants in New York City. He is frequently in New York City, and has in the past traveled to Haiti, the Dominican Republic,

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SANTUCCIO was identified by JOSEPH VALACHI in testimony before a Senate Investigating Committee as a member of the GENOVESE "Family" of New York City.

He currently resides in Hartford, Connecticut, although originally from New York. He has arrest record dating back to 1916, which includes arrests from felonious assault to homicide with a shotgun. He ceased his trips to New York City in 1962, after VALACHI's testimony that he had killed a number of hoodlums in New York City during the Prohibition Era.

His past known associates include TONYENDER, VITO GENOVESE, THOMAS EBOLI, CHARLES "LUCKEY" LUCIANO, CARLO GAMBINO and JOSEPH VALACHI.

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IGNAZIO CARL MARCHESE

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NH T-6 reported that MARCHESE, known as "O K BENNY" is a member of either GENOVESE or the COLUMBO "Family."
Born in Italy, he came to the United States where he was naturalized in 1944. He has no gainful employment but is known to travel frequently to New York City from his home in Ansonia, Connecticut.

Reliable sources have reported that he purchases cheap merchandise in New York City, and sells these items from his car in the Ansonia, Connecticut, area. He is also known to pick up pornographic film in New York, which he sells and rents in the New Haven area.

He is reported to have been a member of the old "IODINE" gang in New York City, which gang was active in hijacking, and he has as known associates suspected LCN members PAUL AGRESTA of Bridgeport, and NICK PATTI of Ansonia, Connecticut.

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