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AT STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

Will continue to develop information regarding the LA COSA NOSTRA, its members, and their activities through informants and other sources.

Will attempt to identify any additional members.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The background for JAMES VINCENT TRIPODI and COSMO ANTHONY QUATTRONE in this report is being set out for the information of the New York, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh Divisions, and dates are not being carried in the investigative period since information previously furnished to the Bureau. Investigative period includes the dates QUATTRONE and TRIPODI identified as LCN members.

INFORMANTS:

CI T-1 is General Crime Survey, Cincinnati Division, dated 10/15/47, to 4/15/48.

CI T-2 is CV 344-C, contacted by SAs FRANK G. DOUDS, DELBERT D. ROBERTS and E. ARTHUR RIEGE.

CI T-3 is CI 463-C, contacted by SAs DELBERT D. ROBERTS and E. ARTHUR RIEGE.

CI T-4 is CI 477-C-TE, contacted by SA DELBERT D. ROBERTS.

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Steubenville, Ohio, and
EUGENE DE PALMA, 300 South
Seventh Street, Steubenville, Ohio

Petition for Naturalization Number 2418, filed November 26, 1940, was denied by Immigration Officials on the grounds that the Petitioner - TRIPODI, had failed to establish good moral character during the period required by law.

On August 29, 1940, TRIPODI registered as an alien in accordance with the Alien Registration Act, and stated he had been arrested four times. On March 2, 1944, he executed Form AR-2-A (Alien Registration) and admitted having been arrested seven times. This matter had previously been presented to the United States Attorney, who informed INS that no prosecution would be instituted. On July 10, 1942, a question and answer statement was taken from one FRANCESCO PETROLO in connection with a violation of the Immigration Laws. Mr. PETROLO stated that he owned the Star Cigar Store at 136 North Sixth Street, Steubenville, Ohio, and that in the rear of this store a gambling business was operated by JAMES TRIPODI. During an investigation conducted in connection with one BRUNO TEGANO, information was obtained that said BRUNO TEGANO was employed as a "pick-up" man for one "JIM," who operated a lottery at the Star Cigar Store, North Sixth Street, Steubenville, Ohio. The persons who gave the information subsequently admitted to INS officials that the "JIM" to whom they had referred was "JIMMY TRIPODI."

JFK Law-11(a)

In view of the fact that instant Petition was filed on November 26, 1940, it was necessary for the Petitioner to show that he had been a person of good moral character for a period of five years immediately preceding the filing of the Petition until the date of his admission. The evidence mentioned

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