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Considerable investigation has been conducted regarding the Italian criminal organization and reported by the Dallas Office under the titles, "MAFIA, INFORMATION CONCERNING", and "JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, aka., AR". New York has received copies of pertinent reports. Pertinent information developed in those matters concerning the existence and activity in Texas of a national Italian criminal organization is set forth in the details of this report.

✓ JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO is recognized by sources and informants at Dallas, Texas, to be the "representative" or "boss" in the Dallas area, who answers to higher placed members of the organization. Investigations have been conducted concerning CIVELLO and his associates by the Dallas Office, Internal Revenue Service, Federal Narcotics Bureau, and local law enforcement agencies. These investigations have developed that the Italian criminal element has had little success in operating as an organization in the Dallas area. CIVELLO's activities are very limited and his associates tend to operate individually, either in legitimate enterprises or in gambling activities. There has been no evidence that CIVELLO actually controls or arbitrates disputes among the Italian element in Dallas. CIVELLO is said to be in a "stand-by" position due to the fact that the organization is not able to operate as such in Dallas because of the local law enforcement.

CIVELLO has not been known to be actively engaged in any criminal activity since the Apalachin Meeting, 11/14/57. Investigation has developed that CIVELLO and his associates are interested in controlling or setting up gambling operations in the Dallas, Texas, area but numerous reliable informants who are in a position to know about gambling activities state CIVELLO is not known to be directly involved in any illegal activity at this time. Reliable informants and all other law enforcement agencies in the Dallas area are well aware of the FBI's interest in CIVELLO and have said they will report any information concerning him to the Dallas Office.

Identity of Informants

Dallas T-1 is DL-105-C.
Dallas T-2 is NY-3123-C*.

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Dallas T-3 is ERNEST GENTRY, District Supervisor,
Federal Narcotics Bureau, Dallas, Texas.

Dallas T-4 is DL-95-C.

Dallas T-5 is HO-1076-C.

Dallas T-6 is JEROME J. CRANE, co-owner of the Crane-
Longley Funeral Home, Dallas, Texas, who is well acquainted with
Italian families in the Dallas area.

Careful consideration has been given to each source
concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in
those instances where identities of the sources must be
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