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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2924)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (92-61-Sub 3)
SUBJECT: STEVE MAGADDINO, aka
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DATE: 3/31/65
"JUNE"

Re Buffalo airtel to Bureau, 1/26/65, Bureau letter to Kansas City, 2/1/65, Bureau letter to New York, 2/1/65, Bureau letter to Buffalo, 2/16/65, Bureau letter to Buffalo, 2/24/65, Bureau letter to Buffalo, 3/4/65, Bureau letter to Buffalo, 3/5/65, and Bureau letter to Buffalo, 3/11/65.

There are enclosed herewith the translations of conversations from Sicilian into English. These translations represent conversations of STEVE MAGADDINO, members of the "MAGADDINO Family," and several unidentified men who called upon MAGADDINO on 1/21/65 and 1/22/65.

UTMOST CAUTION MUST BE TAKEN TO SEE THAT INFORMATION SET FORTH BELOW IS NOT DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU, NOR SHOULD INFORMATION BE ALLUDED TO IN ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH INFORMANTS, SUBJECTS OR SUSPECTS IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT BU 280-C*, A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REPORTING DAILY UPON THE ACTIVITIES OF STEVE MAGADDINO AND MEMBERS OF THE "MAGADDINO FAMILY."

According to BU 280-C*, STEVE MAGADDINO met with the following individuals for about 15 minutes beginning at 12:10 p.m. that day at the Magaddino Memorial Chapel in Niagara Falls, N.Y.:

1. ANTONIO "NINO" MAGADDINO, a brother of STEVE MAGADDINO and a delegate to the infamous Apalachin Convention.
2. PETER A. MAGADDINO, the son of STEVE MAGADDINO and who presently is an officer actively employed in the business activities of the Magaddino Memorial Chapel.
3. PETER J. MAGADDINO, a nephew of STEVE MAGADDINO and the son of ANTONIO MAGADDINO, who is actively engaged as an employee of the Magaddino Memorial Chapel.

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MAGADDINO explained to LOFFA and SCIA that he helped set up the business (narcotics) deals between JOHN PAPALIA ("JOHNNY PAPELEVO"), VINNEY MAURO ("LA MORRA") and "Rognetta the Calabrese," while VITO GENOVESE was in jail. (Page 40)

JOHN PAPALIA, a Canadian, is currently confined at Lewisburg Penitentiary after a Federal narcotics conviction.

After discussing how well he, MAGADDINO, has always handled problems of others in the past, he began speaking of a more familiar topic, i.e., the events that took place after the alleged kidnaping of JOSEPH BONANNO.

MAGADDINO made reference to attempts by CHARLES BATTAGLIA in Phoenix to contact his cousin in Buffalo. This cousin may be SALVATORE "SAM" PIERI, a member of the MAGADDINO "Family" who was incarcerated in Atlanta Penitentiary on Federal narcotics charges with VITO GENOVESE, JOSEPH VALACHI and ANTHONY CHRISCI, aka "Tony Chris." MAGADDINO explained that a "TONY CRISTO" (or CREST or CRESTA) was told by BATTAGLIA of his being unable to see his cousin in Buffalo. Later BATTAGLIA called his cousin by telephone from Phoenix and the cousin reported this telephone call to MAGADDINO, who figured that BATTAGLIA was in Arizona with either JOSEPH or BILL BONANNO.

MAGADDINO calls BATTAGLIA all sorts of names and said that BATTAGLIA's wife was having an affair with BATTAGLIA's brother. (Page 44)

It appears that the above concerns information previously reported by LA 4335-C-TE relating to BATTAGLIA's attempts to contact MAGADDINO through SAM PIERI.

Once again MAGADDINO describes the events leading up to the dismissal of JOSEPH BONANNO by the Commission. He elaborates on his previously reported comments on this matter particularly the apparent suicide of "MARCO ANGELO" because of BONANNO. He also interjects the purpose of a visit of his "brother-in-law GASPARINO" whom he has identified previously as both brother-in-law and cousin. (Page 68)

PAUL SCIA adds that GASPARINO visited the United States about twelve to seventeen years ago when the father of VINCENZINO D'ANNA died. GASPARINO mentioned he is in all likelihood GASPAR MAGADDINO of Sicily.