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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (92-765) P

LA COSA NOSTRA
LASSTELLA RESTAURANT MEETING,
NEW YORK CITY, 9/22/66
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Re Bureau airtel to New York dated April 4, 1967
captioned as above and San Diego airtel to Director dated
March 13 captioned LCN, AR-CONSPIRACY

Tampa, immediately upon learning of the La Stella
Restaurant Meeting contacted sources having association with
SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. or his four brothers, FRANK, SALVATORE
(SAM), EPIFANO (FANO) and HENRY in an attempt to develop in-
formation as to the purpose of the gathering but none of these
sources were able to furnish such information. Additional in-
quiry of these same sources during recent contacts have likewise
been unproductive in developing the reason for the gathering.
The sources are identified as follows and all have been contacted
by SA JOHN A. AMBLER.

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On April 10, 1967 FRANK RAGANO, Attorney, 416 Pierce
St., Tampa, Fla., appeared voluntarily at the Tampa Office and

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advised Special Agent in Charge, JOSEPH F. SANTOIANA, JR. that he has been TRAFFICANTE's attorney since the middle of the 1950's and in addition to being TRAFFICANTE's attorney is also very closely associated with him socially. RAGANO stated that the La Stella Restaurant Meeting was a social gathering consisting of nothing more than TRAFFICANTE having dinner with old time friends and compared it as being a similar gathering to the Apalachian gathering of friends.

Referenced San Diego airtel, copy of which was furnished to New York, indicated that on March 9, 1967 SD1064-C-TE advised SAS EDWARD MARI and JOHN D. ARMSTRONG that approximately three months previously SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., whom source had known for some 30 years was in Los Angeles, California and during such time TRAFFICANTE commented that the reason for the La Stella Restaurant Meeting was a serious internal problem within the New Orleans "family" which had to be presented to the Commission or gunfighting would have broken out. San Diego when disseminating this information indicated that it was not to be discussed with any individual outside the Bureau and Tampa assumes that this individual would not be available for testimony.