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Memorandum

TO : SAC, **DETROIT (137-1622)**

DATE: **12/16/63**

FROM : SA **WINSTON T. CHURCHILL**

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SUBJECT: **DE 889-C-72
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Dates of Contact 12/4, 5, 6, 9/63	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
JOSEPH ZERILLI, aka.; AR	62-210 (COMMUNIST)
DOMINIC PETER CORRAO, aka.; AR	62-466 (ADMITT)
FRANK J. VALITTI; AR (OO: Pittsburgh)	62-1145 (CHURCHILL)
GASPARE ZERILLI, aka.; AR	62-1145 (CHURCHILL)
GASPARE GRADA, aka.; AR	62-1125 (COMMUNIST)
JACK LOON BUEY, aka.; FF AL; CR	44-869 (DETROIT)
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE	
<p>By airtel dated 7/19/63, the Bureau advised the Detroit Office to submit daily teletype summaries which reflect the whereabouts of JOSEPH ZERILLI and his activities. Informant has been given the specific assignment to daily contact the Detroit Office and report ZERILLI's whereabouts and activities.</p> <p>On 12/4, 5 and 6/63, Informant advised that JOSEPH ZERILLI was still in the Detroit area at his home in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. Informant stated that he planned on seeing JOSEPH ZERILLI at the ZERILLI home in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, on the evening of 12/7/63.</p> <p>On 12/9/63, Informant advised that he had dinner with DOMINIC CORRAO at the CORRAO residence in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. Informant advised that JOSEPH ZERILLI and his son, TONY ZERILLI, along with their wives, attended the dinner and the group discussed the assassination of former President</p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent
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KENNEDY. Informant advised that JOSEPH ZERILLI made the remark that he feels that President JOHNSON will make a much better President as he is more mature. Informant stated that he asked ZERILLI if he thought this man RUBY, formerly of Chicago, was tied up with OSWALD and ZERILLI stated that in his opinion RUBY did not even know OSWALD; however, informant stated that ZERILLI made no mention as to whether or not he knew RUBY. Informant stated that he is strongly of the opinion that ZERILLI never knew RUBY. Informant stated that he himself has never heard of JACK LEON RUBY in his many years associated with the Detroit Italian criminal syndicate.

On 12/9/63, informant advised that the numbers business as far as the Italians are concerned is completely closed down. Informant stated that there is running the numbers in Detroit a colored group with the exception of one small independent action, which is run by JOHN BASSALO, who picks up "a few bucks a week" and works as a salesman partime at Shalla Chevrolet on the east side of Detroit.

Informant advised that as far as FRANK J. VALENTI is concerned, he is not acquainted with him in anyway and after viewing his photograph stated that he has never seen this individual in the Detroit area. Informant stated that the photograph of ZERILLI, which was in the "Saturday Evening Post" last summer was a photograph which was taken of ZERILLI approximately 25 years ago and in no way resembles ZERILLI. Informant stated that ZERILLI now has steel gray hair and is a lot fatter than he was when the photograph was taken. Informant stated he had no information which would indicate that ZERILLI was in the Pittsburgh area with VALENTI in 1962. Informant stated that GASPERE ZERILLI, who is a distant cousin of JOE ZERILLI, formerly worked in the PETER LICAVOLI group; however, since the closing down of the numbers action, he has no idea as to what GASPERE ZERILLI is doing.