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(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise of numerous gangland murders which have occurred during the past two years in the following cities throughout the United States: Chicago, New York, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix and Milwaukee.

SYNOPSIS:

Since February, 1975, at least 11 LCN members and associates have met with violent deaths. These victims were all murdered under somewhat similar circumstances and each was shot a number of times in the back of the head with a .22 pistol. Many of the weapons were equipped with a silencer. There have been additional gangland murders wherein complete details have not been reported to date, one occurring in New Orleans, Louisiana, and others in the New York City area. Two of the weapons and silencers recovered in these murders were later found to have been purchased at the same gun shop in Miami, Florida. In several of these murders, the victims were "hit" as they either entered or left their vehicles. On two occasions, the cars had flat tires and, as the victims stepped out of their vehicles, they were shot from the rear. In two of the other slayings, the victims were killed in their residences under closely related circumstances wherein the same number of shots were fired to specific areas of the body and a mixture of different types of ammunition was used in each murder. A strong possibility exists that two individuals are responsible for many of these murders and that orders for the "hits" were issued by ranking LCN functionaries.

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Memorandum to Mr. Fehl
Re: La Cosa Nostra Gangland Slayings

Of the above individuals murdered to date, information obtained from high-level informants and other sources tends to indicate that two hitmen are traveling around the country handling high-level LCN "hits." Based on information provided by [SD-1064-TE] just prior to his death, a strong possibility exists that these individuals may be identical to Joseph Charles Hansen, a well-known Chicago burglar residing in Los Angeles, California, and another Chicago burglar, residence unknown, by the name of Paul John Shiro. Both Hansen and Shiro are close associates of Tony Spilotro and have been for several years.

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