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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2717)

DATE: March 31, 1961

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FROM : SAC, DETROIT (92-643)

SUBJECT: ANGELO BRUNO, aka  
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Re reports of SA J. ROBERT PEARCE dated January 30, 1961 and March 22, 1961, at Philadelphia.

CG 6343-C\* on September 8, 1959, advised that ANTHONY J. ACCARDO and SAMUEL J. GIANCANA, in discussing a nine or twelve man "commission", named JOE ZERILLI from Detroit as a member.

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JOSEPH ZERILLI, 702 Middlesex, Grosse Pointe Park, was born December 11, 1897, at Terrasini, Italy, and entered the United States March 14, 1914. He was active in the liquor traffic at Detroit during prohibition days, later accumulated considerable wealth from legitimate enterprises, and is considered a so-called "elder statesman" among Italian hoodlums in Detroit.

DE 370-C has advised that ZERILLI has the final word in settling disputes among Sicilian and Italian gamblers in Detroit and is probably the top local policy-maker. DE 370-C expressed the opinion that if there is a national crime syndicate, ZERILLI would be the Detroit representative handling policy matters with representatives from other cities.

Other Informants agree that ZERILLI has the final word in arbitrating local disputes.

It is to be noted that ZERILLI's son, ANTHONY ZERILLI, is married to the daughter of JOSEPH PROFACI of New York (also named as a "commission" member).

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