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TO: Director, FBI (137-8185) (87-66742)

FROM: SAC, Miami (137-New)

RE: LA 4410-C-TE
TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL INFORMANT PROGRAM

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 10/30/64 and Bureau airtel to Miami, 11/4/64. Reference for previous information concerning the informant, Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 10/14/64.

The Bureau's evaluation of the trial and prosecution trial strategy in the case of FELIX ALDERISIO, as set out in Bureau airtel to Miami dated 11/4/64, is very accurate and complete.

On the afternoon of 10/23/64, SA JOHN P. LEWIS, to whom the ALDERISIO case was assigned in Miami, had a conference with USA WILLIAM MEADOWS and Departmental Attorneys WILLIAM KENNEY, (of Miami) and EDWARD "TED" HARRINGTON, (of SOG). They related they had that morning spoken to witness LITBERG and all said they had never before seen anyone who was so terrified and that he was almost distraught. They added he threatened to commit suicide by jumping out of the window of the court house if he was forced to face ALDERISIO. All three attorneys said they felt so sorry for LITBERG that they allowed him to return that date to Los Angeles.

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Their strategy in subpoenaing LITBERG was to make sure that ALDERISIO would see him in an effort to keep ALDERISIO from taking the stand in his own defense. Since ALDERISIO was not charged with threats against him, LITBERG could only be used as a rebuttal witness at best.

ANTHONY RICCI, aka Tony Ricci, Tony Gobels, has been in the Miami, Florida area for some time. He resides in Hollywood, Florida, with his ex-wife, LAVERNE ALEXANDER.

RICCI, during the latter part of 1963, and the first seven months of 1964, spent his time at the Golden Nugget Motel, Miami Beach, where he would play cards and associate himself with other hoodlums. The motel is patronized by the "Chicago crowd" during the winter season.

RICCI has been associating with STEVE MARUCA at Steve's Atlantic Service Station, 18300 Collins Avenue, and at the Thunderbird Motel, 18401 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, where he is alleged to have an interest in the service station and influence at the motel.

RICCI has also been named as a local "shylock."

Miami is interested in informant's past and present knowledge of RICCI; who instructed him to contact RICCI and their knowledge of the exact or proximate area to go to; what actually was discussed between RICCI and informant; did informant report back and if so, why, to RICCI after recontacting U. S. Attorney.

Enclosed for Los Angeles is a photograph of RICCI. Los Angeles, in their reply, should designate a copy of the communication for Miami to RICCI's control file, 92-112.

Referenced Bureau airtel requested Miami to furnish the Bureau with its views concerning the informant's statement that, according to Miami hoodlum TONY RICCI, Departmental Attorney BILL KENNEY was in the hip pocket of the hoodlums in Florida and that RICCI knew the outcome of the trial of ALDERISIO would be an acquittal. Miami has no specific information indicating hoodlums have such control over Departmental Attorney WILLIAM KENNEY, who is assigned at Miami.