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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

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FROM : *BR* SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-229) (P)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA (LCN)
AR - CONSPIRACY
(OO: New York)

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LJC RE GIANCANA
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Re San Diego letter to the Bureau dated 6/17/74.

BELOW INFORMATION SHOULD BE HANDLED IN A MOST CIRCUMSPECT MANNER AND UNLESS SOURCE IS WELL CONCEALED, REPORTED ONLY ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE PAGES OF THE REPORT IN WHICH IT IS USED. SUCH INFORMATION FROM THIS INFORMANT IS NOT TO BE DISCLOSED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU AS IT MIGHT COMPROMISE THE INFORMANT AND PLACE HIM IN JEOPARDY.

The following information was received from SD11064-C-TE regarding LCN members and hoodlum associates:

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143 cards

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B. approx 1968
Calif

Calif
B. approx
1939-1937

Accordingly, SD 1064-C-TE met with MIKE MARINO *Calif* whom he described as 66 years, 5'8", gray hair, olive complexion, dark eyes. MARINO was accompanied by his nephew, MIKE MARINO, JR., 38 to 40 years, 5'9", stocky build, dark hair. MARINO told the informant he served over 23 years in prison, including two years on Death Row. After learning of CAPITO's hoodlum connections, MARINO denied extortion attempts and told the informant that he is a friend of HENRY COHEN, who runs a grease plant called "The Peterson Place" on 25th Street in *Calif* Los Angeles. MARINO claimed that through COHEN, he attempted to get a job in The Grease Plant, apparently owned by CAPITO, and CAPITO thought it was a "shakedown." MARINO's home telephone is (213) 333-0124. MARINO admitted contacting CAPITO, along with PALLADINO, but claimed the whole thing was just a misunderstanding.

Informant advised he made inquiries through the SICA gang and learned that PALLADINO and MARINO were working with Hollywood Strip hoodlums LOUIS RUSH and MIKE RISO, aka Rizzatillo, and that they were attempting to "muscle" CAPITO and others. *Calif*

CAPITO later called the informant, indicating that MARINO, et al, were no longer putting the "muscle" on him. The informant reported this to MOCERI, who told him that his friend, DEL SANTER was being prosecuted on some type of Conspiracy charge in Ohio, but that after it was taken care of, they would make a trip to the West Coast to see CAPITO and the informant.

4. MORRIS SHENKER

Informant advised on 7/22/74 he was contacted by RICHARD HORTON, aka Levin, from Boulder, Colorado. HORTON is a well known con man in Colorado and Southern California. HORTON, according to the informant, made a great deal of money several years ago defrauding Colorado banks and after serving a Federal prison term, settled in Boulder, Colorado, where he owns a large apartment house. HORTON told the informant about a brewery in Colorado available for sale and wanted the informant to contact MORRIS SHENKER to purchase it so HORTON could get a finder's fee.

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the sheriff would not stand for it. HAWTHORNE said his uncle warned him that security people at the track would watch him more closely if he operated such a house. JOEY HAWTHORNE told informant that his uncle was very active in the Sheriff's successful campaign. HAWTHORNE told the informant that for the above reasons, he had decided against setting up a house near the track for dice and card gambling.

On 8/11/74, HAWTHORNE contacted the informant and wanted him to intercede on his behalf with one of San Diego's major gamblers and bookmakers, JOHN SPATAFORE. HAWTHORNE told the informant that he had lost \$43,000 betting "head to head" with SPATAFORE at the Del Mar Race Track. Because of other losses booking major gamblers at the track, he could not come up with the cash immediately, and SPATAFORE fixed it so he could get no action until he paid off. HAWTHORNE indicated his total losses to SPATAFORE amounted to about \$56,000, but that he had already paid off \$9,000 in cash. (Hidden cameras were set up at the Del Mar Race Track by the District Attorney's Office and during the last week of the Del Mar season, HAWTHORNE and several other bookmakers were arrested and charged with felony bookmaking.) *Calif*

5. San Diego LCN

member of la Casa Nostra
Informant reported on 7/12/74 that LEO DIA, an LCN member and owner of the Southland Amusement Vending Machine Company in San Diego, was going to Italy and other countries in Europe beginning at the end of July. (This information was furnished to the Legat, Rome for coverage by the Italian police.) *Calif*

On 8/12/74, informant reported on a meeting with LCN Capo JOE ADAMO, San Diego. ADAMO told him he had been in telephone contact with LCN Underboss JIMMY REGACE and Capo SAM SCIORTINO. (REGACE and SCIORTINO were planning to take a trip back East--reasons unknown.) Informant and ADAMO both believed they were going to Detroit to confer with LCN leaders there because of LICATA's critical condition. REGACE told ADAMO that LCN family Boss NICK LICATA was sent home from St. John's Hospital, Santa Monica, to die with inoperable cancer of the liver. REGACE will be acting boss until his death. *Calif*