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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-10830)

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (92-1543) (C)

SUBJECT: MIKE TASCARELLA  
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DATE: 12/13/68

(OO:ALBANY)

Re Albany letter to Bureau, 6/28/68, and Bulet to Albany, 11/8/68.

On 7/22/68, the San Francisco Office advised that a review of the San Francisco Police Department records revealed that there was no record of any outstanding warrant or detainers being held at that time for JOHN CEASAR GROSSI. Investigation reflected that the San Francisco Police Department had cancelled their previously issued warrants against GROSSI and the detainer had been removed.

On 8/26/68, the Dallas Office advised that Chief Deputy ALLAN SWEATT, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, stated that his office was still desirous of returning JOHN CEASAR GROSSI to Dallas and that a detainer was still pending against GROSSI at the Kingston Penitentiary, Kingston, Ontario, and that they were again sending a letter to the Kingston Penitentiary confirming this detainer.

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On 8/30/68, the Buffalo Office furnished background information regarding MICHAEL CARL TASCARELLA relating to his activities since 1953 within the Buffalo Division. This information was furnished to the Albany Office in the event GROSSI was to be interviewed.

On 10/29/68, Associate Deputy Warden W. CHINNERY, Kingston Penitentiary, Kingston, Ontario, advised that JOHN CEASAR GROSSI was originally scheduled to be released on 10/31/68; however, the Board had ruled that he did not submit his application soon enough and it did not appear that he would be released before January, 1969. He said GROSSI was quite upset over this and further that the authorities at Dallas, Texas, had written to the institution stating that they were still desirous of taking GROSSI into custody when

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he was released. He said that this upset GROSSI and he did not appear to be in any helpful mood.

Mr. CHINNERY stated he would make inquiry of GROSSI to determine if he was still desirous of being interviewed by an Agent and in the event he was, Mr. CHINNERY would advise the FBI at Watertown, N. Y.

On 11/1/68, Deputy W. CHINNERY, Kingston, Ontario Penitentiary, advised that JOHN CEASAR GROSSI stated that he did not desire at this time to be reinterviewed and inasmuch as he was being released soon to the Dallas, Texas, authorities, in the event he had any additional contact with the FBI, he would contact the FBI at Dallas, Texas.

On 12/5/68, Deputy CHINNERY, Kingston, Ontario, Penitentiary, advised that JOHN CEASAR GROSSI had been granted a full pardon on 12/13/68, and was reportedly taken to Toronto, Ontario, to be deported. He stated that on 11/18/68, a letter was received from JOHN CEASAR GROSSI stating that all charges in the states had been dropped against him and that he was on his way to San Francisco, California, where he was obtaining employment.

Inasmuch as GROSSI did not desire to be reinterviewed by the FBI and he has been released from the Kingston, Ontario, Penitentiary, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter and this case is being considered closed.

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# Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/28/68

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FROM SAC, ALBANY (92-NEW) (P)

SUBJECT MIKE TASCARELLA  
AR  
(OO: BUFFALO)

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On 6/12/68; Associate Deputy Warden, W. CHINNERY, Kingston Penitentiary, Kingston, Ontario, telephonically contacted SA J. ROBERT HOWARD, and advised that one JOHN CAESAR GROSSI, presently incarcerated in the penitentiary for bank robbery desired to speak to an FBI Agent.

On 6/14/68, CHINNERY advised that GROSSI, who is present working in the penitentiary hospital, desired to speak to an Agent. He stated that GROSSI is a very sophisticated type of inmate, who is eligible for parole October 31, 1968.

On 6/14/68, JOHN CAESAR GROSSI, presently in Kingston Penitentiary, advised that he has two detainers filed against him, one from Dallas, Texas, for theft by false pretenses, and one from San Francisco, California, for auto theft. GROSSI stated that he will be eligible for parole October 31, 1968, and does not desire to return to either state for further incarceration.

GROSSI said that over the years, he has become acquainted with members of the underworld and served time at the Federal Penitentiary with FRANK COSTELLO, VITO GENOVESSE, and JOE DI PALERMO

GROSSI further advised that he was also quite well acquainted with one SAM DIBELLA, New York City, who he believes the FBI contacted when he, GROSSI, was being sought as a fugitive. He stated that DIBELLA has a brother JOE, who runs a cleaning and

*See memo*

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dye establishment in Long Island, N.Y., and both the DIBELLAs are connected with the underworld in the New York City area.

GROSSI stated that at the present time he is working in the prison hospital with one MIKE TASCARELIA, from Buffalo, N.Y., presently serving a 14 year sentence for narcotics. He advised that he believes that he has acquired the confidence of TASCARELIA, who has informed him, GROSSI, that when he is released, he would see that GROSSI gets an introduction to one FRANK SILVESTRO (phonetic), from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, who reportedly is a big man in narcotics and gambling.

GROSSI stated that he is willing, if the two state charges against him are dismissed, to make contact with SILVESTRO and SAM DIBELLA, in an effort to gain their confidence, and is willing to assist the FBI in obtaining information regarding these persons. He related that he is willing to "stick his neck on a meat block" if necessary. GROSSI said that there are other people he is acquainted with but did not believe in giving away any free samples without something in return. GROSSI was informed that the FBI could not make any promises or offers to get the charges dropped and would possibly contact him at a later date. GROSSI said that if any additional contacts are to be made, the arrangements should be made with Deputy Warden CHINNERY.

JOHN CAESAR ~~JA~~ GROSSI

It is noted that GROSSI is identical with JAMES CAESAR GROSSI, former I.O. number 3906, Bureau file 88-30913.

GROSSI is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
<u>DOB</u>	<u>August 5, 1925 or 27</u>
<u>POB</u>	<u>Paterson, N.J.</u>
Height	6'
Weight	200
Build	Medium

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