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Re Romelets 10-8-63 and 10-10-63
and Rome cable, 10-3-63.

On October 14, 1963, the American Embassy, Rome, made available a copy of a telegram dated October 11, 1963, from the State Department, Washington, D. C., to the Embassy, Rome, which was as follows:

"Senate permanent subcommittee on investigations consists of Democrats: McClellan (chairman), Jackson, Ervin, Muskie, Thomas J. McIntyre, Daniel B. Brewster, and Republicans: Mundt, Curtis, Javits.

"Suggest that Costantino communicate directly with Jerome S. Adelman, Room 101, Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D.C., who is his counterpart and can discuss exchange of information."

On October 16, 1963, Dr. ARISTIDE MANOPULO, Central Bureau, Criminal Division, Italian National Police, Rome, Italy, advised that the Italian Parliamentary Anti-Mafia Commission has decided to establish liaison with the U. S. Senate Sub-Committee

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through the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs rather than through the Italian Police as was conjectured in recab.

On October 18, 1963, Dr. MANOPULO advised that the Italian Police had still been unable to locate ~~NICOLA~~ GENTILE but were continuing their efforts.

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On October 20, 1963, Dr. MANOPULO advised that the Italian Police have learned that GENTILE has given interviews to the Rome daily "L'Ora". Rome is presently making efforts to determine if any articles have yet appeared in "L'Ora". If so, these articles will be obtained and furnished to the Bureau and this matter will be followed closely.

On October 20, 1963, Dr. MANOPULO made available a fingerprint card dated September 15, 1951, at Palermo, Sicily. The purpose for the card was not noted thereon. Dr. MANOPULO also made available a flyer issued by Interpol in April, 1952, in the French language alerting all police agencies to advise Interpol of all travel on the part of GENTILE. These items are being retained in 92-80-1A by Rome.

Additionally, on October 20, 1963, Dr. MANOPULO furnished the following information re GENTILE:

"The following is the criminal record of NICOLO GENTILE:

"January 11, 1900, Court of Agrigento, 5 months imprisonment for voluntary injuries;

"May 11, 1920, Court of Appeals of Palermo, acquitted of charge of premeditated homicide;

"December 2, 1929, Court of Appeals of Palermo, two years imprisonment and one year surveillance for conspiracy.

"In 1930 GENTILE immigrated to the United States and on November 2, 1947, he returned to Italy.

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"GENTILE established residence in Realmonte (Agrigento), until April 28, 1952, at which time he transferred his residence permanently to Palermo, where he lived as man and wife with one FRANCA, age 42, who resided at Via Napoli ^{Gentile} 9. He subsequently married FRANCESCA BIONDO, age 60, a dressmaker, who resided at Via Napoli 26. ^{B. 28/12/1903}

^{B approx 1910}
^{Italy}
"During the time he was in Palermo, ^{Mrs. Nicolo} ~~GENTILE~~ was a textile merchant on Via Roma and established connections with the best known local gangsters, particularly with LUCIANO LUCANIA. ^{Italy}

"In April, 1963, GENTILE took lodging in Taormina (Messina), where he exhibited Postal Card #1543214, issued at Palermo, October 31, 1958.

"According to reliable sources, GENTILE is presently residing in Rome.

"He is considered a dangerous individual with strong tendencies toward criminal delinquencies."

The Rome office is following this matter closely and pertinent information developed will be promptly furnished to the Bureau.