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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (92-6054)

FROM : Legat, Mexico (94-17) (RUC)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA
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DATE: 11-29-63

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RemCable to Bureau 10-11-63, Bucab to Mexico City 10-14-63 and San Diego airtel to Bureau 12-15-63.

On 10/10-11/63 WILLIAM J. DURKIN, Bureau of Narcotics Representative, American Embassy, advised he had received a long distance phone call from ERNEST GENTRY, U.S. Bureau of Narcotics, Houston, Texas, who had been instructed by U.S. Bureau of Narcotics Commissioner GIORDANO to relay to DURKIN the following information:

A U.S. Customs source had advised that JATO (phonetic) and other unidentified Italian leaders of captioned organization were proceeding to Mexico City and would be at Hotel Alameda on 10-14-63. The U.S. Customs source had reportedly received the information from JATO, who was one of the group coming to Mexico City.

Bureau cable of 10-14-63 advised that information received was to the effect that the individuals reportedly coming to Mexico City had a criminal background but no reference was made to captioned organization. The Bureau further advised that no identifying information was known concerning JATO and that the Bureau had received no information concerning such meeting except from U.S. Customs.

MARIO AGUINAGA, Security Officer, Hotel Alameda, was contacted on 10-11-63 and requested to check reservations under the last name JATO or any other Italian names and to be alert for any arrivals at the hotel beginning 10-14-63. AGUINAGA advised that no reservations had been made under the surname JATO or other Italian names. AGUINAGA was recontacted on various occasions between 10-14-63 and 10-28-63 and he advised that a recheck of hotel records had failed to reveal the registration of anyone with the surname JATO or of any individuals with Italian names.

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RAUL ZAMBRANO, Chief, Immigration Department, at the Mexico City Airport, was alerted on 10-11-63 to be on the lookout for any individual with a surname JATO or any other Italian name for the period 10/11-31/63.

SANTIAGO IBANEZ LLAMAS, Chief, Inspection Department, Mexican Immigration Service, was also contacted on 10-11-63 and the same alert as previously placed with ZAMBRANO was furnished to him with the request that he confirm the direct Mexico City Office request with ZAMBRANO. IBANEZ advised on 10-14-63 that he had on 10-11-63 requested ZAMBRANO at the Immigration Department of the Mexico City Airport to be alert for individuals arriving as described previously. IBANEZ was recontacted on 10-30 and 11-8-63 and he advised that a recheck with ZAMBRANO at the Mexico City Airport had reflected that no individuals were reportedly processed at the airport with the surname JATO or other Italian sounding names during pertinent period of 10-11 through 25-63, which was the period checked by ZAMBRANO.

Referenced San Diego airtel requested that offices receiving this communication were to check their indices and advise San Diego of the results. Said communication carried the name WINSTON ~~HONEYCUTT~~ which, according to the Mexico City Office files, was a known alias in Mexico City of WINSTON MARION ~~REYNOLDS~~, former I.O. #2958, who was located in Mexico City and deported to the U.S. on 7-13-58. REYNOLDS, as pointed out by EUGENE V. VALCOUR in the San Diego airtel, was actually engaged in mounting lighted signs on taxicabs for advertising purposes, according to the files of the Mexico City Office.

No other information or names in San Diego airtel were matched with information in possession of the Mexico City Office.