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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

DATE: 3/28/67

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-262) (P*)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA
DETROIT DIVISION

Re Detroit airtel to Bureau dated 3/3/67.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The following informant contacts were made by SA CARLYLE N. REED concerning leads set out in referenced airtel to attempt to clarify information regarding the LCN and members of that organization in the Detroit Division.

On 3/8/67, MI 607-C advised that he was not in a position to furnish any information of pertinence. This informant is described as a businessman and associate of hoodlums who has furnished reliable information in the past.

On 3/10/67, MI 656-C-TE advised in the negative regarding Outfit (LNC) matters in the Detroit area.

On 3/14/67, MI 623-C-TE, who is described as a hoodlum who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

Informant is not personally acquainted with any members of the Detroit LCN family. However, he stated there is definitely a family there and that years ago he, the informant, knew the boss there, name not recalled at the present time. Informant also advised that he has heard of the surname TOCCO of the Detroit family. He recalled that at one time FRANK COPOLA was in Detroit and may have been a member there. However, COPOLA was last in the New Orleans, Louisiana area before he was deported to Italy or Sicily. COPOLA would have been in Detroit in about the late 1930's. The 1930's were the years when the informant had heard about the Detroit family.

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Informant does not know JOE ZERILLI (alleged boss of the Detroit family).

From the above, and as indicated by the informant, he is in no position to know if any new members have been taken into the Detroit LCN family since 1946-1947.

Regarding the possibility of sons of LCN members inheriting "the right to become members" of the LCN, informant stated that to the best of his knowledge, this has not been done and is not done. Informant pointed out that among many, and probably the majority of present LCN members known to him, these members purposely avoid having their sons become involved in the LCN and related illegitimate or criminal activities. In this regard, informant pointed out that many long-time LCN members in view of developments in recent years feel that they have been "stuck" with their membership, and it is difficult and sometimes impossible to break away from the organization and friends who are members. Such disillusioned members, in effect, fear the stigma of their association with the LCN.

Informant said that as far as he knows, he feels quite certain that sons of members would have to prove themselves and go through the initial procedures. Informant said that it would not be necessary for such prospective members to prove themselves by fulfilling a contract to make a "hit" on anyone.

The statement among LCN members that "He was made", means that the individual was initiated into the LCN. The statement, "He is his father's son", in LCN jargon possibly means that a son takes after his father. However, this does not mean that the son is a member of the LCN, because of his father's membership. . .

For the confidential information of Detroit, MI 623-C-TE is a long-time member of the Milwaukee LCN family. Any reporting or utilizing of the above information from this informant should be paraphrased and should not indicate in any way that this information came from the Milwaukee area. To do so could compromise the informant and jeopardize his personal well being.