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SF-2550-C-TE was contacted by SA RUDOLPH H. MANCINI on 6/14/68 and 6/17/68, and furnished the following information:

He came down with a virus infection on Tuesday, 6/11/68, which lasted throughout the week; therefore, he was unable to personally contact ALEX CAMARATA or PETE MISURACA to instruct them to travel to San Jose, California, for personal contact with MANNY FIGLIA. On Thursday evening, 6/13/68, ALEX CAMARATA telephonically contacted him at his home and expressed concern that the informant had been out of touch. Informant explained his illness and suggested that ALEX contact PETE and make arrangements for them to meet with MANNY FIGLIA in San Jose as soon as possible. ALEX agreed to contact MANNY in San Jose personally; however, he objected to going to San Jose with PETE, stating he would not "go anywhere with Pete."

During the above conversation, ALEX also related that PETE GIAMONA had been in contact with him earlier that week at his home and he expressed a desire to meet with the informant. ALEX said he telephonically contacted informant's residence but was unable to reach anyone. Informant explained that at that particular time he and his wife were probably at the hospital visiting their sick nephew. ALEX said that before PETE GIAMONA departed his residence, he said he had to make a trip "back East" which would also include Florida. ALEX did not relate to this further.

On Monday, 6/17/68, informant contacted ALEX at his home in Martinez, California. ALEX related that he had contacted MANNY FIGLIA at San Jose on Sunday, 6/16/68, and that he was very disturbed. MANNY expressed concern because PETE was not with him and said he was very disappointed that he was having so much trouble convincing ALEX and PETE MISURACA to follow instructions. ALEX said MANNY wanted to know why he and PETE were disregarding direct orders from their "capo" which is just in time. ALEX explained that they all have a lot at stake here and that somebody might end up in jail; therefore, they all must proceed cautiously. Informant stated that this points out the mistrust and resentment that is fermenting among the members of the San Jose family as a result of the JOE CERRITO-"Life" magazine suit. ALEX advised that MANNY informed him that JOE CERRITO has again changed his mind about what each must say during the answering of questions when each furnishes a deposition. MANNY informed him that he and PETE, like himself, are to "take the Fifth" when questions are put to them. ALEX said MANNY also gave him the impression that JOE CERRITO also will "take the Fifth" during his deposition.

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SF-2550-C-TE was contacted by SA RUDOLPH H. MANCINI on 6/21/68 and furnished the following information:

On Tuesday, 6/18/68, he met MANNY FIGLIA at San Jose, California, knowing he had furnished a deposition earlier that day in the JOE CERRITO-"Life" Magazine matter. MANNY informed, with the exception of his name and address, that he had taken the "Fifth" in answer to all questions. He advised that he replied to all questions, "I refuse to answer on grounds that it might tend to incriminate me." MANNY said that the attorneys handling the questioning were not "local yokels" but big-time attorneys from back East. He said that he would not even admit that he knew his wife or that they lived together. MANNY said they also asked him if he knew of a party by the name of "AL COSTA".

MANNY explained that JOHN ARDIZZONE, JOE CERRITO's attorney, was present during his deposition and ARDIZZONE later commented that the questions "were not too bad" and perhaps they should have answered them because there might be trouble later on. MANNY told informant he should immediately contact PETE MISURACA and ALEX CAMARATA and inform them of what he, MANNY, had done. FIGLIA pointed out that he was not telling them what to do, but he wanted them to know how he had handled the matter and suggested that they do the same.

Informant then questioned FIGLIA, stating this was in contrast to his previous contacts where FIGLIA stated these were CERRITO's orders. MANNY then replied, "Well, they know what they're supposed to do. I just want them to know how I handle it." MANNY said he was particularly worried about PETE MISURACA as to what he might say during questioning.

On Tuesday night, 6/18/68, he met ALEX CAMARATA and PETE MISURACA at MISURACA's home in Richmond, California. He informed them of his personal contact with FIGLIA and that FIGLIA had "taken the Fifth" during his deposition earlier that day. MISURACA informed that he might not show up to honor the subpoena on 6/20/68 as he did not sign it. ALEX and the informant finally convinced MISURACA that he had to honor the subpoena or it would be trouble for everybody. MISURACA then produced an issue of the "Life" Magazine, the one which contained an article that made reference to him. PETE said, "I'm going to make them pay for this stuff. I'm going to sue 'Life' Magazine for twenty million dollars. I'm going to give each of you guys one million dollars."

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On Thursday, 6/20/68, informant met ALEX CAMARATA and PETE MISURACA at the MISURACA residence in Richmond, California, at which time the discussion centered around depositions furnished by CAMARATA and MISURACA earlier that day. CAMARATA commented that there was "nothing to it." He said he furnished his name and address and took the "Fifth" on all other questions. Informant said that it was apparent from talking to PETE MISURACA that he did answer certain questions, but MISURACA would not be specific as to what ones he answered or what answers he might have given.

MISURACA said that during the taking of his deposition, an attorney showed him a cancelled check in the amount of \$50,000.00 made out to PETE MAYO, allegedly issued by Harold's Club in Reno, Nevada. The check reportedly was cashed by someone who endorsed it as PETE MAYO. PETE said they would not tell him when or where the check was cashed so he denied having any knowledge of it. PETE commented that after completing his deposition, he and JOHN ARDIZZONE had a brief discussion alone. He said ARDIZZONE said to him, "Pete, you did a beautiful job." Upon hearing this, CAMARATA immediately threw up his hands as the statement conveyed a special meaning that was caught by CAMARATA and the informant. Informant explained that the word, "beautiful," has a different connotation when used in the Sicilian language and that ARDIZZONE was actually telling PETE that he "fouled things up." ALEX said to MISURACA, "Pete, don't you understand that this means that you did not do a good job?" PETE then flew into a rage and began to castigate JOE CERRITO. PETE said, "Someone is going to get stuck in this thing and it's not going to be me. Joe has millions. Why should I protect him? From now on, I'm going to look after myself." PETE then referred to CERRITO as being "greedy" in that he had an opportunity to withdraw the suit against "Life" after it had been filed and in not taking this opportunity, he made trouble for everyone. ALEX CAMARATA then cut in and said, "Pete, you're always ready to blame someone when you don't know what you're talking about. Why do you think I was not at your wedding? I was on an errand."

Informant said this statement by CAMARATA recalled the wedding of PETE's daughter in December, 1967, in Berkeley, California, which was attended by LCN members, JOE CERRITO, MANNY FIGLIA and SAL COSTANZA. He recalled PETE greeting JOE CERRITO and shaking his hand and saying, "I see you're here, Mr. Joe, and some of the other boys, but where is my nephew, Alex?" Before anyone could reply, CERRITO cut in and in the Sicilian language said, "Never mind, he's on an errand." Informant advised that the subject concerning CAMARATA's absence from the wedding was immediately dropped.

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