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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054) 7/19/68
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-229) (P)
SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA
AR - CONSPIRACY
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re San Diego airtel to Bureau, 7/2/68.

SD 1064-C-TE was recontacted on 7/10/68 and furnished the following information on La Cosa Nostra (LCN), and other hoodlums.

I. LOS ANGELES DIVISION

- 1. Los Angeles LCN Leadership Meeting
 - a. LCN Involvement in Gambling, Cabazon, California.

Informant advised that on the morning of 7/6/68, following instructions given to him by Los Angeles LCN boss NICK LICATA, he was picked up in San Diego by LCN member JOE LI MANDRI of San Diego. They traveled to Montclair, California, in LI MANDRI's 1968 Pontiac coupe, California license VUD-596. Upon arrival there they went to Holiday Motor Lodge, Room 65. (Motel operated by JACK GREENBERG, a friend of Los Angeles LCN underboss JOE DIPPOLITO.) They were joined in Room 65 by Los Angeles LCN boss LICATA and underboss DIPPOLITO.

The meeting was called by LICATA to discuss the present attempt by the Los Angeles LCN family to get a foothold in the legalized card gambling casinos operating in Cabazon, California on the outskirts of Palm Springs.

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II. CHICAGO DIVISION.

Informant reported Chicago capo FRANK LA PORTE called him from Chicago during the first week of July to inquire about the outcome of the FRATIANNNO prosecution (LA PORTE and some of his hoodlum associates were subpoenaed for this trial and took the Fifth Amendment privilege). Informant advised LA PORTE concerning the outcome of the trial and LA PORTE said nothing to indicate he expected to return to the San Diego area in the near future. LA PORTE advised the informant that he would keep in touch with him.

III. SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION.

1. ANGELO MARINO.

MARINO called the informant about a week ago and told the informant he has followed San Francisco's Mayor JOE ALIOTO's advice and has declined to give a deposition to the attorney for Life Magazine stating that his health is too poor at this time for such activity.

During this conversation, MARINO told him he has acquired an option on some land in Northern California and that he hopes to use this land to build a cemetery. He stated that his friend, ABE CHAPMAN has a friend in the mortuary business, and explained that there was a great deal of profit in such an operation if the license could be obtained. He asked the informant if he could help him arrange for a Teamster loan. Informant told MARINO that TONY GIORDANO, the St. Louis LCN boss knows Attorney MORRIS SHENKER of St. Louis who would be a key man in getting such a loan approved. He advised MARINO to attempt to get such a loan through this channel.

2. ROBERT TEGAY.

Informant advised that BOB TEGAY of San Francisco called him about two weeks ago and said he was coming down to see him, but has not yet showed up.

(Re Las Vegas letter to San Francisco, 6/22/68, entitled, "ALADENA T. FRATIANNNO, San Francisco File 92-1289." It is noted a BOB HILL and a SIN COFFEY are described as registering at the Frontier Hotel. The informant has advised that the name BOB HILL is one of the aliases used by TEGAY).

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expects NICK to eventually demote him and might possibly put the informant again the position of San Diego capo.

4. FRANCISCO ISADORE MATRANGA.

Informant stated that FRANK MATRANGA has not yet filed bankruptcy, but it is beginning to look as if he will soon do so. That JOE MATRANGA is about to give up attempting to get his state liquor license reapproved. His Attorney, KETH BYROM (former Chief Investigator for the State Attorney General's Office at Los Angeles), could not represent him as the Attorney General complaint it was a conflict of interest. Accordingly, FRANK MATRANGA will now attempt to get back into the bar business openly and therefore, must file bankruptcy.

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