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TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED LA COSA NOSTRA aka a Cosa Nostra, Cosa Nostra, La Causa Nostra, a Causa Nostra, Causa Nostra, Onorata Societa</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>FLYNN</b>	TYPED BY
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING - CONSPIRACY</b>	

The title of this matter has been marked "Changed" to reflect the correct and varied forms of reference to their organization, by the organized Italian criminal element.

**REFERENCES:**

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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201,119 NY airtel to Bureau, dated 5/1/63.  
Report of SA JAMES P. FLYNN, dated  
1/31/63, at NY.

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**ENCLOSURES:**

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting characterization of informants.

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DOCUMENTATIONS

Per Bureau airtel to New York, 4/16/63, captioned "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM", the following documentations are set forth to be utilized by all field offices in handling "La Cosa Nostra" investigations.

"La Cosa Nostra", translated as "Our Thing", is the name used by members of the organized Italian criminal element to refer to their over-all criminal organization. The framework of "La Cosa Nostra" consists of "borgate" or "families", each ruled by a "capo" or "boss". The "capo" appoints a "sotto-capo" or "underboss", and a "consiglieri" or "counselor", who advises the "boss" and the "soldati" or "soldiers", when required. The "soldati" are the lowest strata of membership and are directly under a "capodecina" (a "captain" or "lieutenant"), appointed by the "capo" to exercise his authority over the "soldati" assigned to a "decina", or group. A "Commissione" or "Commission", comprised of a group of "bosses" from various parts of the United States is the ultimate authority of "La Cosa Nostra". Members of the "Commissione" are referred to individually as "rappresentante", a term also signifying the status of "boss".

(Note: The term "caporegima" is used interchangeably with "capodecina", as is "regima" with "decina".)

Sources: The following sources have furnished the information concerning the above and are to be reflected in the usual manner of reporting:

JOSEPH VALACHI (protect)  
BU 82-C\*  
PH 651-C\*  
PH 599-C-TE  
PH 591-C\*

Characterization: The following will apply to all the above sources:

An individual in a position to furnish information concerning the organized Italian criminal element.

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INFORMANTS

NY T-1	JOSEPH VALACHI (protect)
NY T-2	Source known to the Bureau
NY T-3	PH 599-C-TE
NY T-4	SF 2345-C-TE
NY T-5	PCI <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> (Detroit)
NY T-6	NK 2251-C*
NY T-7	PH 591-C*
NY T-8	NY 3461-C-TE
NY T-9	BU 82-C*
NY T-10	NK 2319-C*
NY T-11	MI 602-C
NY T-12	SL 1241-C*
NY T-13	BS 837-C*
NY T-14	NY 3864-C-TE
NY T-15	LV 90-C*
NY T-16	LV 90-C*
NY T-17	MM 852-C*
NY T-18	LA 4448-PC

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INFORMANTS (CONTINUED)

NY T-19

LA 4412-C-TE

NY T-20

SF 2550-C-TE

NY T-21

POI JAMES WIEGHART (Milwaukee)

NY T-22

BS 839-S\*

NY T-23

DE 919-C\*

NY T-24

MM 845-C\*

NY T-25

DE 868-C-TE

LEADS

ALBANY DIVISION

Will attempt to locate and develop a highly confidential source in connection with the "regime" or "decina" of JOSEPH FALCONE.

Will closely follow current interest of "La Cosa Nostra" members in Gold Medal Packing Company, bearing in mind the current Bankruptcy violations in connection with the meat industry in which members of the GAMBINO and GENOVESE "families" of New York have been arrested.

BALTIMORE DIVISION

Will attempt to ascertain through logical sources and investigations, a feasible location frequented by FRANK CORBI and his close associates, with view to developing a highly confidential source in an effort to identify his "boss", as referred to by NY 3844-C\*, who is alleged to have met GERARD LAIETTA, aka Gerry Ryan.

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