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It is noted that considerable information has been developed in recent months regarding the existence of La Cosa Nostra and the identities of leaders and members in your division. A great deal of this information has come from MI 623-C-TE, who for many years has been personally acquainted with a number of important Cosa Nostra figures in the Springfield area.

You are to carefully review this and other pertinent material and advise the Bureau by 11/12/64 of your plans to maintain a thorough and continuing project to fully develop your investigation of La Cosa Nostra in the Springfield Division. As has been noted previously, the lack of information on the prevalence of La Cosa Nostra existence and activity in a given area cannot be construed to mean that it does not exist in such a locale, but rather, in many instances, that there are no available highly placed sources capable of furnishing reliable data on this phenomenon in the organized underworld, as recent experience in your division has again illustrated.

In order to fully develop our intelligence picture of La Cosa Nostra nationally, it is necessary that each office, covering an area having La Cosa Nostra membership and existence, completely determine the make-up of such a group locally, and its relationship to more important "families" and/or the "Commission."

This matter is to receive immediate attention and you are to establish logical and continuing investigative procedures which will enable you to attain the coverage necessary in this Bureau-wide investigation.

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