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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (92-1203) (P)

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AR - CONSPIRACY
NEWARK DIVISION

DATE: 4/22/63

Re Bulet, 1/23/63, captioned THE CRIMINAL "COMMISSION", ET AL, AR - CONSPIRACY, which requested Newark to attempt identification of a murder referred to by ANGELO DE CARLO and ANTHONY RUSSO.

A thorough review of information furnished by NK 2251-C* shows that this incident has been mentioned four times always in conversation relating to subject organization.

The first occurred on 4/22/61, when DE CARLO and ANTHONY (TONY BOY) BOIARDO were discussing VITO GENOVESE and things which had happened to make him angry. BOIARDO asked DE CARLO if he remembered when "I croaked that little Jew". DE CARLO said he did, identified the victim as HARRY and then as LITTLE HAROLD.

On 1/7/63, during the conversation between DE CARLO and ANTHONY RUSSO, mentioned in relet, DE CARLO described the victim as one who must have lent money or jewelry to the BOIARDOS, causing them to want him eliminated. It was during this conversation that RUSSO mentioned "Found the car" and "Mother Hubbard's". However, immediately following, he clearly stated that he had abandoned the victim's car in Kearny, N. J.

On 2/23/63, DE CARLO, BOIARDO, LOUIS LARASSO and SAMUEL DE CAVALCANTE were discussing murders which had been committed within the organization. BOIARDO reminded DE CARLO "About the time we hit the little Jew". He described how the Boot (RUGGIERO BOIARD) hit him with a hammer and then he, himself, struck the victim eight times on the head with a crowbar.

On 2/26/63, DE CARLO and RUSSO had a lengthy conversation during which both mentioned their dislike for and distrust

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the ownership of OSCAR GIRARD, a known associate of RUGGIERO BOIARDO. In November, 1950, GIRARD sold The Grotto to JOSEPH ROSS, a relative, and JAMES PROCACCINA, both of Newark. Although there was no date of termination given in the record, it was noted that The Grotto had had repeated citations for various violations, the last being in September, 1953.

In 1952, The Grotto was described as a favorite hoodlum hangout and it was alleged that TONY BOY BOIARDO had a financial interest in it. In September, 1955, NK 1846-C reported that following a vacation period, The Grotto was scheduled to reopen on 9/12/55, but had not yet done so on 9/27/55. The site on which The Grotto stood has since been included in a large tract used for a freeway and housing project, both of which have been completed for at least five years.

All references in Newark indices to HARRY, HAROLD, LITTLE HARRY and LITTLE HAROLD have been reviewed, but none could be identified with the victim. In additionall jewelers listed in the classified section of Newark city directories for the period 1937 to 1957, with a first name of HARRY or HAROLD, were searched through indices with negative results.

In the event NK 2251-C* or any other source provides additional information which might lead to the identification of RUSSO's victim, appropriate action will be taken.

Concerning the reference in relet to the physical layout of RUGGIERO BOIARDO's Livingston estate, Agents who interviewed him on the premises have advised that the grounds occupy about 20 acres of which much is woodland. There are four houses on the property; BOIARDO's own residence and one each occupied by a married daughter. There is at least one large barn and several out buildings. The main house is at the end of a lane winding about 200 yards from a semi-rural road. The Agents observed that for a considerable distance to the rear of the house, there were gardens, animal and bird cages and statuary; however, because of the rolling terrain, no greenhouse was visible.

Newark will remain alert for any opportunity to survey BOIARDO's estate discreetly in order to locate the pit described by RUSSO.