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Re Cleveland airtel, 1/17/64.

On January 20, 1964, Mr. RICHARD HILL, Supervisory Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Cleveland, Ohio, advised SA EDWIN B. BIRNEY that the extensive main file of JOSEPH PINDILLI, A5-223-148, FBI Number 160539, aka., GUISIPPI PINDILLI, GUISEPPE PANDAGLIA, CONSTANTIN CARBONE, born January 1, 1887, at Riggio, Calabria, Cosolito, Italy, is maintained in the Cleveland office of INS.

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"The file also shows that, although Mr. PINDILLI never married, he lived with a woman out of wedlock from 1910 to 1927, and as a result, six children were born to them in this country. His alleged wife was ordered deported on July 16, 1930, also on a narcotics charge.

"On November 20, 1947, Mr. PINDILLI was deported to Italy on the SS'Marine Perch'. He submitted to this office an application for permission to reapply for admission into the United States after deportation. This application was denied on July 14, 1960.

"With reference to your request for copies of the pertinent decisions, regulations make copies available on a loan basis to the Attorney of Record only during the pendency of the proceedings.

"We trust that this is a satisfactory response to your inquiry."

The effort on the part of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, D. C., on behalf of PINDILLI, A5-223-148, for an application of re-admission for PINDILLI was turned down at this point by INS, exercising their semi-judiciary powers.

HILL advised that the complete file on PINDILLI is maintained in Cleveland, Ohio, and would no longer be located at St. Paul, Minnesota, where it had been located at one time.

It is felt by the Cleveland Division that PINDILLI, who is now 77 years of age, would no longer be a threat to law enforcement in the United States and especially since he is in declining health and could be controlled by CV 344-C.

It is also felt that if arrangements could be made discreetly through Bureau liaison with the State Department and/or INS at Washington, D. C., for the re-entry of PINDILLI into the United States on a visitor's visa, specific information as to the present structure of the La Cosa Nostra can be obtained. Additionally, it should be noted that CV 344-C stated that his father would unquestionably be able to determine details concerning such items as the CAVALLARO killing, the killing of the NAPLES brothers in Youngstown, and the VINCE DE NIRO killing

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which are apparently all related. He noted that PINDILLI would not divulge this information to anyone but he (CV 344-C) could obtain and relay whatever information PINDILLI obtained to this Bureau.

It is also believed unlikely that PINDILLI would become a problem while in the United States on a visitor's visa, but should this occur his visa could be cancelled and he could then be returned to Argentina. If excellent intelligence information is forthcoming due to his presence in the United States, it is felt that the temporary visitor's visa could then be extended to take full advantage of his position in the "organization."

It is requested that the Bureau through liaison with the State Department, the Department of Justice (Anti-Racketeering Section) and/or INS at Washington, D. C., ascertain how a visa may be obtained for PINDILLI.

Information furnished by CV 344-C reflected in Cleveland airtel to the Bureau, dated January 17, 1964, is being paraphrased and disseminated to other interested divisions.