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NY airtel, 2-20-64.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are articles pertaining to the Mafia experiences of NICOLO GENTILE, which appeared in the September 14-15, 1963; September 17-18, 1963; and September 19-20, 1963, issues of "L'Ora", a leftist Italian-language daily newspaper of Palermo, Italy. It is believed that the information set out in the enclosed articles is almost identical with the information set out in the articles which appeared in the Rome, Italy, leftist Italian-language newspaper "Paese Sera", which were furnished to the Bureau by relet of 10-3-63. The enclosed articles were received on March 18, 1964, from Mr. JAMES TILLMAN, Immigration and Naturalization Service, American Consulate General, Palermo, Italy. Mr. TILLMAN is attempting to obtain the additional one or two articles which appeared in "L'Ora" at about the same time as those enclosed. When such articles are received from Mr. TILLMAN, they will be promptly forwarded to the Bureau for its review.

On March 17, 1964, the question of obtaining copies of the three long installments which set forth the framework of "The Honored Society" which appeared in "L'Ora" in 1962, according to re NY airtel, was discussed with Mr. PHILBERT DEYMAN, Consul, American Consulate General, Palermo, Italy. Mr. DEYMAN stated that he would make every effort to have these articles located and would furnish them to this office when found. When received, these articles will be promptly furnished to the Bureau as requested in re NY airtel.

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On March 18, 1964, the matter of obtaining a copy of the document which re NY airtel indicates as pertaining to a confession made to the Italian Police in 1937 by a certain Dr. MELCHIORRE ALLEGRA of Castelvetro, Sicily, was discussed with Dr. MICHELE GAMBINO, Vice Questore, Palermo Police Department, Palermo, Italy. Dr. GAMBINO stated that he would make every effort to attempt to locate a copy of this document. Dr. GAMBINO was also asked to make available any other material which he might have which would be of assistance to the Bureau in its understanding of the make-up and development of the captioned matter. Dr. GAMBINO promised that he would search his files for any such information which might be pertinent and of value.

Dr. GAMBINO was also informed of the ^{best} intentions of this office in attempting to locate NICOLO GENTILE. Dr. GAMBINO promised to promptly furnish any pertinent information which may come to his attention concerning GENTILE.

As the Bureau is aware, this office maintains frequent contact with Dr. ARISTIDE MANOPULO, Central Bureau, Criminal Division, Italian National Police, Rome, and has repeatedly restated our interest in locating GENTILE for interview. To date, however, the Italian Police have been unable to locate GENTILE.

Dr. MANOPULO is being urged again to make all possible efforts to locate GENTILE, including possible contact with the publishers of GENTILE's book, "Vita di Capomafia", who may be aware of his present whereabouts.

This office also maintains frequent contact with representatives of the Bureau of Narcotics who are attached to the American Embassy in Rome and who also have alerted all of their sources concerning NICOLO GENTILE. The Bureau of Narcotics representatives have advised that they will promptly notify this office should they receive any information concerning the whereabouts of GENTILE.