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Re Kansas City airtel 4/15/64, captioned "Steve Magaddino, aka., AR," NYtel 4/8/64 and NYairtel 4/14/64, captioned "NY 3461-C-TE, Top Echelon Criminal Informant Program."

Referenced Kansas City airtel includes information from BU 280-C* regarding a visit to New York City by Steve Magaddino, Buffalo "commission" member, during March, 1964, at which time he conferred with various leading La Cosa Nostra figures concerning the reorganization of the Bonanno and Profaci "families."

As previously received from other sources, BU 280-C* confirmed that Joseph Colombo has been appointed "boss" or "representative" of the "family" previously headed by Joseph Profaci, and more recently by the now deceased Joseph Magliocco. It is noted that Colombo previously was a "caporegime" in the Profaci "family." According to BU 280-C*, one "Gasparini" had been nominated for an undetermined position of leadership in the "family" now headed by Colombo. "Gasparini" was initially turned down, presumably by some of the assembled "capiregime" from that group, and, subsequently, was chosen for another position, also undetermined. This source also reported that

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FNU D'Amarido (phonetic) was appointed "consiglieri." In discussing these appointments, Magaddino noted that "Gasparini" was better off than some other unnamed individual, because "Gasparini" is well liked by the entire "commission" and stands in good stead with each representative ("boss" - "representando") who is on the "commission."

It is noted that in the past Magaddino, when mentioning "Gasparini" has referred to this individual as "Joe Bongio's father." (Joseph Steven Bongiorno, aka., AR - Buffalo origin, Bufile 92-7164, Buffalo file 92-409) Investigation has determined that "Bongio's father" is Gaspar Bongiorno, 29 Winston Drive, Shirley, Long Island, New York, and that the wives of Magaddino and Gaspar Bongiorno are sisters. Investigation has also determined that Magaddino traveled to New York City during the latter part of March, 1964, and stayed at Gaspar Bongiorno's residence March 24 and 25, 1964.

NY 3461-C-TE has reported that a ceremony was held at an undisclosed location in the New York City area on April 5, 1964, at which time Colombo was installed as "boss" and one "Charlie Lemmons" as "underboss" of the old Profaci "family." This latter source noted that seven "families" were represented at this ceremony, in addition to two "capos" of the Colombo "family." Informant was unaware of "families" represented, with the exception of the Detroit "family."

It is noted that New York has determined from NY 4120-C* that Joseph Bonanno has withdrawn as "active boss" of his "family," and that Frank LaBruzzo, his brother-in-law, has succeeded him, at least as "acting boss" of this group. This source has also reported that Salvatore Vincent Bonanno, Joseph Bonanno's son, has been appointed "consiglieri" of this "family." The Bureau is not aware of any information developed regarding possible identity of the new "underboss" of this "family."

In coverage provided by BU 280-C*, as mentioned above, considerable discussion is reported regarding reorganization of the Bonanno "family." Magaddino seems to indicate that Joe Bonanno's son has been made the "consiglieri" of that group, and refers to another unnamed individual as "underboss."

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In reviewing material pertaining to reorganization in the above-discussed two "families" in captioned organization, it is interesting to note that LA 4448-C-TE has reported that Frank Desimone, "boss" of the Los Angeles "family" of La Cosa Nostra, travelled to New York City during March, 1964, to confer with the Thomas Luchese "family" (Luchese heads one of New York's five "families" and is a "commission" member.) This would place Desimone in New York City during approximate period of conferences regarding these reorganizations. It is also noted that BU 280-C* reported that Magaddino mentioned "that lawyer" was present during at least some of these conferences. In the past, Magaddino has referred to Desimone as the "lawyer" when Desimone's identity entered into conversations regarding Los Angeles. This would appear to be of particular significance in view of previous data received through BU 280-C* to the effect that Joseph Bonanno had assigned his son some authority over La Cosa Nostra activities on the West Coast.

New York should thoroughly review with NY 3461-C-TE his knowledge of results of reorganization of old Profaci "family," particularly for the identity of "Charlie Lemmons," the "underboss;" the identity of the "consiglieri;" and identities of any newly appointed "capos." A photograph of Gaspar Bongiorno should be shown to this source to determine if known to informant, and, if he may be identical with any of the new officials of the Colombo "family." New York should also intensify efforts to identify all new leaders in these two major La Cosa Nostra "families," and establish coverage which will provide current data on the activities of these groups, which will be of particular importance during the immediate future due to these reorganizations. New York is to furnish your observations regarding changes in leadership in these two groups and furnish results of your inquiry to further positively identify all new leaders.

The above is for the information of offices having "commission" members operating within their divisions and for the information and assistance of the Kansas City translator.

All offices are reminded that any information which may be pertinent to high-level activities within this organization, and, particularly to these recent reorganizations, should be immediately furnished to the Bureau and other interested offices.

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