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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-742)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-127)
RE: CAVBOMB

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Re CV airtel to Bureau, 4/24/64.

CV 278-C TE advised on 4/30/64, there is some apparent unrest among the underworld in Youngstown at the present time re LOUIS TIBERIO, owner of the Tropics Lounge and allegedly involved in bookmaking activities. Through DOMINICK MALLAMO, aka "Big Dom," leader in the "Calabrese Organization," informant has learned that TIBERIO is not making a payoff to MALLAMO as are other gambling operators and for this reason, TIBERIO could be hurt. Informant stated he will endeavor to maintain a close contact with MALLAMO in this regard, but does not think any plans have been formulated to date to hurt TIBERIO. Informant stated that all of the operators in the Youngstown area, including NAPLES and PETER FETCHETT payoff to MALLAMO.

Mr. C. T. "PETE" SHEEHAN, Assistant City Editor, Youngstown Vindicator newspaper, advised that he had a conversation on the night of 4/24/64, with GEORGE MILLOVICH, former Youngstown police officer, and Vice Squad Chief under former Mayor FRANK R. FRANKO. At this time MILLOVICH stated he had been one of the individuals responsible in inducing FRANKO to withdraw from the Democratic Congressional primary that day, and to support incumbent Congressman MICHAEL J. KIRWAN. He also stated that FRANK FETCHETT, according to MILLOVICH, had been working on FRANKO for about 6 weeks to withdraw in favor of KIRWAN, and to support KIRWAN.

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CV 344-C advised he contacted FRANK MEZZATESTA, Kent, Ohio, close friend of murder victim DOMINICK MOIO (body found in trunk of his car at Canton, O., 9/3/63), on 4/22/64. MEZZATESTA took informant around and introduced him as an old friend and told associates of how he and informant were both hiding from the police in DE, Mich., in 1929, and neither knew the other was wanted. MEZZATESTA mentioned he had been close to MOIO for years and had met MOIO in DE.

MEZZATESTA advised CV 344-C he believed MOIO had been killed in Youngstown and his body was taken to Canton where it was recovered. He stated MOIO definitely was responsible for the death of BILLY NAPLES (bombing-murder victim 7/1/62). He stated MOIO had been ordered to set up NAPLES and took an active part in the murder. He did not elaborate on the details or the others involved, but did state that MOIO "led BILLY NAPLES around by his nose," and was on his payroll. MEZZATESTA said MOIO and NAPLES had visited him many times together, and he personally was very fond of BILLY NAPLES. MEZZATESTA stated regardless of his feelings for NAPLES, when "they" stated he had to be eliminated, he, MEZZATESTA was powerless to do anything to stop his murder, regardless of his personal feelings. MEZZATESTA stated MOIO had been definitely for hire at all times and got mixed up with too many of the warring factions in the Youngstown area and that was why he was killed.

MEZZATESTA told CV 334-C to stay away from Youngstown as it was a "bad" town, and there was dissension between various factions and they are not organized with lines of authority. He amplified this by stating one group would have the control of the prosecutor, another would have the sheriff, and another group would have the police department. He stated that as an example, when a group would open up the barbut game, with the consent of the prosecutor, the sheriff would interfere and visa versa, and this caused the bloodshed and jealousy.

CV 344-C stated in talking to MEZZATESTA, he was able to determine that although he appears to be a harmless Italian, he is capable and apparently willing to engage in any action that he is called on to handle. He stated there was no doubt in his mind that he would handle a "contract" if he was asked to do so. He also stated the possibility exists that he had been an accomplice of MOIO in several of his bombings and arson cases, but he had given him no details.

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On 4/28/64, a conference was held by Common Pleas Judge SIDNEY RIGELHAUPT with Assistant County Prosecutor WILLIAM HOUSER, Mahoning Co. Prosecutor's Office, at which time prosecution of the 8 indictments secured by the Mahoning County GJ for gambling violations, was discussed. In view of the present crowded condition of the civil and criminal docket, it was felt that prosecution of these cases could not begin before 5/18/64. This date has been tentatively set for the trial of RONALD DAVID CARABBIA. It was agreed that of those persons indicted, it was most important that a successful prosecution be obtained against CARABBIA. With this in mind, it was felt that if one or more of the persons of lesser importance, such as STEPHEN ALMASY, MICHAEL S. GRANCHAY, or RICHARD MARZETTI, would tender a plea of guilty to the felony of promoting the numbers with the tacit understanding that he would receive a suspended jail sentence and 5 year period of probation, such plea would be accepted by Judge RIGELHAUPT. Once convicted and on probation, Judge RIGELHAUPT stated he would be agreeable to having them subpoenaed as witnesses for the prosecution in the CARABBIA case. Both GAUL and GRANCHAY have previously furnished signed statements to Bureau Agents admitting their participation in the CARABBIA numbers business, but at best, they would be reluctant witnesses. It is hoped, that in this way some measure of coercion can be applied to induce them to be cooperative witnesses. BENNIE WHITE, who is also indicted, and who has furnished a similar signed statement in the past to Bureau Agents, is presently serving a 4 year sentence in the penitentiary for perjury committed before the Federal GJ in CV, thus much of his effectiveness as a prosecution witness has been vitiated. Extreme caution must, of course, be exercised to insure that defense counsel for CARABBIA will not be able to use this procedure to their advantage by raising the issue of false testimony elicited by promises of light treatment by the Prosecutor's Office, however, despite this hazard, it is felt that the method is necessary to produce the strongest case possible against CARABBIA.

Additional info re CV 344-C is being furnished the Bureau under separate communication under caption of "CAVBOMB."