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MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054) DATE: MAY 25 1964
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (92-1027) (P)
SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA
 ANTI-RACKETEERING
 (OO: NEW YORK)

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PH 599-C-TE was recontacted on 5/7/64. With regard to information he furnishes, it is pointed out that he has been out of contact with organized Italian underworld activities for several years. He admits not currently being aware for the reason indicated above of some of the changes of membership, control, and policies.

It is also believed desirable to point out that in prior contacts he has indicated that he feels it is all right to talk to a law enforcement officer as long as one does not "hurt anyone".

A review of information furnished by him reveals that he has adhered to this policy. He has furnished

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if the last-mentioned individual is identical with the person identified by PH 599-C-TE or if he may be identical with the JOSEPH MAGLIOCCO who recently died and had recently been the head of a Family in New York City.

It is pointed out, however, that the informant claimed that the original boss was killed, and thereafter, control was taken over by "LUCKY" LUCIANO, who was elected. He said as he recalled, however, at the time of LUCIANO's control there were also other bosses who had some say in the overall control and were very similar to members of "the Commission" at the present time.

The informant said that although he assumes that the name "La Cosa Nostra" grew into popular use through some mistake, he had never heard the Organization referred to in this manner until the year of 1963. He claimed that he had never heard actual members refer to it by any name, and considered that this was not necessary.

Names frequently used locally in Philadelphia for convenience purposes over the years have been:

"the Greasers"
(the most common)

"the Organization"

"the Combination"

"the Syndicate"

He assumed that use of "La Cosa Nostra" may have developed as a result of some members talking in the presence of another individual who was not a member. In attempting to make themselves clear to each other, one of them may have referred to the Organization as "Our Thing", and the use of La Cosa Nostra subsequently developed.

He pointed out that whenever a member wanted to introduce to other members, he would merely say, "I would