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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *UB*

DATE: May 20, 1964

FROM : C. A. Evans *CE*

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Gandy ☐

Enclosed herewith is the latest edition of the above-captioned Digest, 1 copies of which are disseminated to all field offices. This issue contains background information pertaining to changes in the leadership of three La Cosa Nostra "families," including a complete summary of the notorious Gallo-Profaci feud, which was recently concluded.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the enclosed material be approved for dissemination to the field.
2. That, upon approval, the enclosed material be returned to the Criminal Intelligence Section for dating, printing, and distribution. The Plastiplates are being retained in the Criminal Intelligence Section.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
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A number of sources have reported leadership changes in three La Cosa Nostra "families" within recent months. Set forth below are the background details on these changes, including a complete summary of the Gallo-Profaci feud which played such a prominent part in the realignment of power in the old Profaci "family."

Bonanno Retires

The "Criminal Intelligence Digest" of January 9, 1964, reported the fact that La Cosa Nostra "Commission" member Joseph Bonanno had disappeared on the west coast during the early part of August, 1963, and had possibly fled the country in order to avoid prosecution for income-tax evasion. On December 16, a highly confidential source of the New York office advised that Bonanno had called a meeting of his caporegimas (captains) to announce that he would be leaving for "quite a while" and that his brother-in-law, Francesco (Frank) LaBruzzo, would run the "family" in his absence. Assisting LaBruzzo in this assignment was Bonanno's son, William, a caporegima in charge of the Tucson, Arizona, area for the "family," whose headquarters are in New York City. (1)

By March 3, 1964, however, it was reported that the elder Bonanno wanted to retire and have LaBruzzo named permanent capo (boss) of the "family." Approximately three weeks later, Bill Bonanno advised a source of the New York office that "the old man is out of it now" and that LaBruzzo had "taken his place." On April 5, 1964, LaBruzzo called a "formality" meeting of his caporegimas, in connection with which he stated that he had not yet assumed full control of the "family," pending some unspecified action on the part of his predecessor. He also took the occasion to announce that William Bonanno had resigned his post of caporegima in order to accept an appointment

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