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ADMINISTRATIVE

The following information is being included in the Administrative Section of this report because of its nature the identity of the informants involved could not be concealed.

CV 278-C-TE was contacted on April 9-10, 1964, at which time he advised that on the afternoon of April 9, 1964, he contacted DOMINICK MALLAMO, aka., "BIG DOM," Youngstown, Ohio, rackets leader, at MALLAMO's request, at the Workingmen's Club, East Federal Street, Youngstown, and thereafter the two of them drove to the home of PAUL ROMEO, 12th Street, Campbell, Ohio, previously reported as retired "head" of the "Calabrese Organization" in the Youngstown area.

Upon arrival at the home, informant advised he and MALLAMO went to the basement of the home, where informant had previously met with ROMEO and MALLAMO, and MALLAMO remained in one room, and ROMEO took him into another room where there was a large statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. ROMEO advised informant he was going to make him "one of us," in that he felt informant "is a good boy." ROMEO took the informant by the hand and instructed informant to kneel before the statue, which informant did, and then ROMEO knelt beside him. ROMEO instructed informant to repeat after him, "If something happens any place and I get caught, I don't talk." ROMEO and the informant then got up, and ROMEO poured two glasses of wine and told the informant, "You know what this is, this is blood, which is the bond between us," and then ROMEO asked the informant, "Do you know me?" and informant replied "No," and ROMEO replied, "That's good." ROMEO then asked, "Do you know DOMINICK?" and informant advised "I know him from the Workingmen's Club," and ROMEO replied "That's good." ROMEO then told the informant, "Sometime you might have to say you don't know DOMINICK, O.K.?" and informant replied in the affirmative.

Informant advised ROMEO again took him before the statue and told him to light two candles, which he provided, and instructed him, when kneeling, to repeat, "I die before I squeal," which the informant did.

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Then ROMEO advised informant that there are many people in this world that are no good, and the "FBI is no good people." ROMEO then stated, "No let nobody fool you because you get mad, you must never get mad. See DOMINICK (MALLAMO) before you make a move, and never make a move by yourself." ROMEO then told the informant that if MALLAMO should go out of town and the informant needs to see him and cannot, that he should come to ROMEO, and he would call "CHEECH" (FRANK MARTEL). ROMEO stated to informant, "You belong to us," and informant then said, "If I belong to you, then you belong to me too," and ROMEO said "Yes." ROMEO said "If someone do something wrong to you, don't do something back, but go and see DOMINICK. You're too young a man to die, and we get many young fellows to do the job, not one man, and not you."

ROMEO then called MALLAMO into the room and the three knelt before the statue, and informant again repeated, "I die before I squeal. If something happens any place and I get caught, I don't talk." ROMEO then asked the informant, "What if they take you to jail and hit you with a strap, what do you do? Informant stated he told him he would get mad and that he would kill the person who hit him, and ROMEO said, "No, don't do that, go and see DOMINICK (MALLAMO)," and informant said "O.K."

Informant then stated ROMEO took "holy water" and blessed informant and MALLAMO as they held hands, and the informant was instructed to fold his hands, still kneeling, and told to repeat after ROMEO, "If I have to go to jail I go." Informant then told ROMEO that he did not like this, in that if someone hit him, he would hit back or kill, and ROMEO said, "No, we got people that do this kind of business."

Informant stated that all three then stood up, and ROMEO poured another glass of wine for each, and the three of them drank the wine. ROMEO then asked informant if he was able to travel, if MALLAMO could not go, and informant said he was. ROMEO then asked, "Suppose I need you to go to Steubenville, can you go?" and informant replied that he could, and ROMEO asked, "To Cleveland?" and informant again replied he could.

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ROMEO cautioned informant that he was not allowed to carry a gun anymore, and told the informant he knew the informant had a blackjack and also told him to put it away. He also told him to make sure he never carried a gun or blackjack in his car at anytime.

Just before leaving, ROMEO told the informant "DOMINICK tell you when going to have a meeting."

Informant advised he attended a dinner meeting at the Workmen's Club, East Federal Street, Youngstown, on the night of April 10, 1964, which was in regard to the telephone call he had received earlier from MALLAMO that day, and not to drive his car to that location, but either to walk or call him, and he would have someone pick him up. Contrary to informant's previous opinion, he was not required to make a trip that night. Present at the dinner meeting were about 20 or 25 persons, all not known to the informant. After they had all eaten, DOMINICK MALLAMO got up and addressed the group and introduced the informant as a new member, and stated "he is now one of us." MALLAMO also remarked to the group that the group had to stick together as one, otherwise they will fall apart. He also mentioned that many members are behind on their monthly dues, and also mentioned that the initiation fee is \$100 followed by monthly dues of \$10 per month. Informant recognized the following at the dinner meeting, in addition to MALLAMO.

JOSEPH "BLACKIE" GENNARO, Hillsville, Pennsylvania and Youngstown, Ohio black top contractor, race horse owner, and member of the Pennsylvania State Boxing Commission

(FNU) RICH, a partner, PUTKO, WASHKO & RICH Funeral Directors, Campbell, Ohio.

SAM ZARLENOO, owner, Royal Cafe, East Federal Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

ANTHONY AULISIO, owner, Aulisio Fish Market, East Federal Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

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TONY VERSAGE, aka., "TONY THE BUICK," Youngstown, Ohio.

"CHICKIE", former bartender at the Skyway, Youngstown.

"COCKEYED JIMMY," Campbell, Ohio.

Informant stated that after the dinner, he went with MALLAMO to the kitchen of the Workingmen's Club at which time he asked MALLAMO about the initiation fee, and told MALLAMO he hadn't told him this before, and MALLAMO told him not to worry about it, and that the informant will be making money soon.

At this same time MALLAMO instructed the informant never to talk business over the telephone, stating that the FBI has the telephones tapped, and the best thing for the informant to do is to make a call and then set a place and a time for a meeting, and then discuss his business in person. MALLAMO again stated "The FBI is no good, and you be careful, as they even have FBI women." MALLAMO also mentioned he is not satisfied with JOHN SALVATORE at the C.M.A.S. Club, and they will have to watch him closely. SALVATORE brought a lot of "heat" on the Club recently when he purchased some stolen clothing from two Negroes.

Informant was contacted on April 25, 1964, at which time he was questioned as to what group he considers himself to be a member of, and he advised he believes he became a member of the "Calabrese Organization," which in the Youngstown area has as its active head, DOMINICK MALLAMO and PAUL ROMEO of Campbell, Ohio, being the retired "head." He advised that at no time during the initiation ceremony did ROMEO use the words "La Cosa Nostra," however, he did tell informant he was going to make him "one of us." He also stated that to date, no other superiors have been identified to him, nor has he obtained any information as to the connection of this group with groups in other cities.

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In connection with the influence of the Calabrese group headed by ANTHONY MILANO of Cleveland, CV 344-C gave the following as an illustration:

He stated that in about 1958 he backed a sheriff's candidate in Mansfield, hoping that if he was elected he would be able to open a house of prostitution in Mansfield and within the jurisdiction of the sheriff. The candidate was elected without any support whatsoever of TONY MOLLICA. He started his house of prostitution, which was a money making proposition and shortly thereafter MOLLICA approached him and told him that people in town were talking and saying that he, MOLLICA, was responsible for the house being able to operate and it was giving him a bad name because "members" are not supposed to engage in prostitution. Informant told MOLLICA that he had nothing to worry about as he was not involved, and it then became apparent that MOLLICA was trying to get part of the operation and profit. MOLLICA then turned to MIKE ROMEO of Poland, Ohio, brother of PAUL ROMEO of Campbell, who was a friend of informant's father, and ROMEO called on the informant on behalf of MOLLICA. ROMEO told informant that he was "out of line" and was giving MOLLICA a bad reputation in that he had moved into MOLLICA's territory. ROMEO told CV 344-C to close the house for a couple of months so that everything would "cool" down. Informant refused and told ROMEO he was not out of line and secured his own "fix" by backing the sheriff in the election and the sheriff wanted nothing to do with MOLLICA and would not allow him to operate anything. Informant stated he was mad about this interference and then wrote a letter to his father in Buenos Aires and later received an answer to the letter. With the answer he was instructed to take the letter to PINDELLI's good friend, ANTHONY MILANO in Cleveland, and according to CV 344-C, he did this. A couple of days later informant was called by "WHITEY" BESASE, who instructed him to come to Akron to the home of JAMES LA FATCH for a meeting. He was told to come there with MOLLICA, but informant refused stating he was not going to be "dumped" en route or at the meeting. He then called MILANO in the presence of MOLLICA and told MILANO what they wanted of him.

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MILANO instructed MOLLICA that he was instructing "the kid" (the informant) to accompany him to Akron, and told MOLLICA that if a "hair on the head of PANDELLI" was harmed he would see that the whole bunch was taken care of. Informant then got on the phone and was instructed by MILANO to go to Akron with MOLLICA and everything was going to be all right, and he would not be hurt. Informant stated they went to Akron to JAMES LA FATCH's home where about 20 persons were assembled. After a dinner, all except informant retired to the basement where MOLLICA and MIKE ROMEO were interrogated. Informant advised MOLLICA lied and denied that he had said what he had and ROMEO became infuriated and left. Everyone shook hands with the informant except ROMEO, and informant was told that he was "not out of Line" and he should continue to operate. He recalled the following individuals at the meeting:

LA FATCH
MOLLICA
ROMEO
"WHITEY" BESASE
LEO MOCERI
ERNIE LA SALLE
ANTHONY DELSANTER
Many strangers

CV 344-C stated that about two weeks later he was called to the Ritz Bar in Mansfield by MIKE ROMEO, and in the presence of MOLLICA, ROMEO denounced MOLLICA as a "bar" and asked informant to forgive him. After the meeting ROMEO told the informant that he could go to ANTHONY MILANO in Cleveland and tell him that everything was all straightened out. Informant then went to D'AGOSTINO, not wanting to bother MILANO with such small details, and gave him the information, and D'AGOSTINO told him he would see that MILANO was advised. He stated he had no further troubles with MOLLICA.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status since there are no immediate leads needing attention and the information collected in this investigation is based on

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