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Your proposal to have two Special Agents, whose identities are unknown to PH 672-C-TE, assist him in painting and performing other necessary work preparatory for the opening of a luncheomette at 900 South 8th Street, Philadelphia, and install misur coverage under this pretext has been reviewed at the Bureau.

It is believed that such a procedure could possibly raise serious security problems which may jeopardize our sensitive sources. The Bureau does not desire that anyone outside of the Bureau be made aware of our confidential techniques. By placing two men in the informant's luncheonette, the possibility of misur coverage at this location could be brought to the informant's attention, particularly in view of your recent discussions with him regarding the wearing of a concealed tape recorder.

It is also noted that it has not as yet been established that Philadelphia La Cosa Nostra members will congregate at the lunchoonette and, therefore, the potential of a misur at this location has not been determined.

The Bureau appreciates your desire to obtain significant criminal intelligence information by establishing misur at 900 and 902 South 8th Street, Philadelphia. However, in view of the above factors, authority not granted to do so at the present time. In the event you develop additional information which would justify misur coverage at these locations, you may resubmit your recommendations.

NOTE: DEPT OF JUSTICE A top level informant of the PHO is opening a luncheonette Belmont . with the approval of Angelo Bruno, leader of La Cosa Nostra in Mohr AH in an area frequented by many La Cosa Nostra members. The Casper Callahan Luncheonette is adjacent to the barbershop which serves as a hangout Conrad . for many PH hoodlums. PHO proposes that 2 SAs assist CI in preparing luncheonette for opening, at which time misur could be established. Gale . Rosen \* It is felt that PH's request should be denied at this time for two Sullivan 🗘 reasons (1) serious security problems which could jeopardize confiden-Tavel . Trotter tial techniques and possibility informant would learn of our coverage and (2) it has not as yet been established that luncheonette JEK: rap (6) intelligerae information.

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Phila. airtel 5/25/64 entitled "PH 672-C-TE, Top Echelon Criminal Informant Program," furnished resume of recent information furnished from this source. Included in this communique was informant's efforts to open luncheonette in the vicinity of 8th and Christian Sts., Phila., and a request for lump sum payment of \$300.00 to assist informant in this regard.

Bureau by letter 5/27/64 entitled "PH 672-C=TE, Top Echelon Criminal Informant Program," authorized payment of \$300.00 as requested, plus authority to continue payments to informant on C.O.D. basis up to \$325.00 per month.

On 5/27/64 informant advised he had made initial payment of rent in the amount of \$65.00 and thereby secured control of the first floor of the vacant property at 900 S. 8th St., Phila. He will obtain equipment for operation of this luncheonette from his brother. He and his brother, SAM SCAFIDI, member of La Cosa Nostra, formerly operated a luncheonette near this address.

The \$300.00 payment to the informant will give him an opportunity to fraternize with La Cosa Nostra membership in the immediate area. Also, it is believed this affords Phila. a unique opportunity to obtain technical coverage at this address, plus coverage of 902 S. 8th St., barber shop of ALFONSO MAIORIELLO, the latter address being a meeting place for ANGELO BRUNO, Commission member of La Cosa Nostra, and his associates on a daily basis 34...

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to make installation at both 900 and 902 S. 8th Street for reasons included therein. Phila. can undertake this endeavor during the week of June 1, as informant was successful in renting the address at 900 S. 8th St.

It is proposed that 902 S. 8th St. be covered by use of a mite or similar unit used for penetrating a wall. There will be no trespass of 902 S. 8th St.; however, during the crucial period of time when wall will be drilled, Phila. Agents can be in MAIORIELLO's barber shop to gurnish direction to sound personnel who would be actually performing the task.

Informant has been told that two individuals, identities unknown to the informant, will help him paint and make necessary preparation for opening the luncheonette. The informant will tell his associates these men are individuals he met when living in the Willow Grove, Pa. area. The two individuals will, of course, be sound trained Agents.

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Phila. is at a disadvantage in that two of the sound trained Agents are known by sight in the vicinity of 8th and Christian Sts. It is, therefore, requested that the Bureau authorize a sound trained Agent from a nearby office to assist SA JAMES FINLEY in this regard. SA FINLEY is a resident agent at Doylestown and could answer any questions asked of him by any associates of informant.

It is proposed that the coverage of 900 S. 8th St. will be undertaken with the use of a "ZAM" unit or with a "mate" unit being placed in the actual telephone network. These two types of coverage can furnish the best security available.

It is believed that sound Agents will not be jeopardized in any way. Phila. Agent personnel can be in the area without compromising the sound Agents' position. It is believed that under these conditions complete security can be afforded. The actual installation would be over a two or three day period while painting and other chores are being performed. These Agents will be alone in the store, which is at present vacant.

The potential of these sources, if authorized and successfully installed, cannot-be over-emphasized.

Released under the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 DATE: 11-14-2017 ' ( FD-142 (Rev. 2-6-64) OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MemorandumJUNE : Director, FBI (Bufile 92-6054 TO 5/27/64 SAC. Philadelphia (92-1027 Sub A) SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE Title LA COSA NOSTRA RE: Character of Case Anti-Racketeering Field Office Philadelphia Symbol Number Type of Surveillance (Technical or Microphone) Name and address of person or organization on whom surveillance is to be ROCCO SCAFIDI, 900 S. 8th St., Phila., Pa., Address where installation is to be made (set forth exact room 2. A. number or area to be covered): Rear room, 900 S. 8th St., Phila. B. Location where monitoring plant is to be maintained: Central monitoring plant. 3. Previous and other current installations on the same subject: SCAFIDI is PH 672-C-TE, a member of La Cosa Nostra by his own admission. PH 591-C\* and PH 623-C\* furnish information re ANGELO BRUNO, et al, members of La Cosa Nostra. EX-103 REC- 34 -6054-656 4. Cost and manpower involved: Proportionate share of leased lines permanently assigned to central monitoring plant. There will be no added cost or manpower other than what is presently operating central plant at present time. KEROK 1964 JUN 22 1964 5. Adequacy of security: Security will be complete or installation w not be undertaken. - Bureau - RM - Phila. JRP:ERG (2) Registered Mail

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6. Type of case involved: Anti-Racketeering re La Cosa Nostra.

- 7. Connection or status of subject in the case: SCAFIDI is a member of La Cosa Nostra. He has approval of ANGELO BRUNO to open luncheonette at 900 S. 8th St., Phila. with stipulation that SCAFIDI's wife operate same so that SCAFIDI will have steady legitimate employment, enabling him to satisfy probationary requirements. It is contemplated La Cosa Nostra associates of SCAFIDI will use this establishment as a hang-out, particularly during the evening and weekend hours when informant will be present.
- 8. Specific information being sought: Identify members of La Cosa Nostra and their illegal activities. Informant will associate with the lower echelon members of La Cosa Nostra at instant address. Considering possibility of incarceration of BRUNO in the near future, some of this lower echelon could be undertaking policy making positions in La Cosa Nostra.
- 9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance: FRANK MONTE and FRANK NARDUCCI, both known members of La Cosa Nostra have promised informant they will hang out at his luncheonette if he is successful in opening same for business. There are other luncheonettes in the area but this will be the only luncheonette operated by a La Cosa Nostra member in the neighborhood most frequented by La Cosa Nostra members and their associates.
- 10. Importance of case and subject: Subject is a low ranking member of La Cosa Nostra; however, technical coverage will verify information he furnishes. Will also furnish coverage during day hours and while he is not present. Individuals who will frequent

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this place are those who are actively engaged in illegal activities of La Cosa Nostra group, such as gambling, loan sharking, etc.

ll. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail): Considering that ANGELO BRUNO has instructed informant to obtain legitimate employment, thereby necessitating the informant be away from his criminal associates during the day hours, there is no other means of obtaining this information in as complete detail as would be available by technical coverage. It will be a check on the informant, realizing he will not know that installation is going to be made. His membership in La Cosa Nostra will be a drawing card to other members of La Cosa Nostra to frequent this location. He has indicated that among the members they frequently discuss previous illegal activities, including murders they have committed.

12. Risks of detection involved: It is contemplated that coverage of 900 S. 8th St., Phila., will be a ZAM unit which affords more security than any other type installation available. This unit is not even recognized by trained telephone personnel.

- 13. Probable length of technical surveillance: 90 day trial period.
- 14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency): None