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Re San Diego airtel to Bureau, 7/10/67.

San Diego 1064-C-TE was recontacted 7/25/67 and furnished the following information on La Cosa Nostra (LCN):

I. LAS VEGAS DIVISION

Informant advised he made trip via plane to Las Vegas on 7/16/67. Met JIMMY "The Weasel" FRATIENNO in Los Angeles and they flew together to Las Vegas to check on their investment in the manufacture and utilization of the horse race gambling machine they are trying to install in Las Vegas casinos. He advised that ABE BENJAMIN is handling this for them in Las Vegas. This machine utilizes old horse racing movies which are projected on a screen. The players insert their coin, pick the horse they think will win and then the machine is started and the one who has picked the winning horse is the winner, like the winner at a jackpot machine. Informant indicated that those investing in this machine are himself, ABE BENJAMIN, JIMMY FRATIENNO, JOHN ROSELLI of Hollywood and DANNY WILSON at Los Angeles. If the machine is successful, it will be manufactured in Chicago and Chicago

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hoodlum money will be behind it. On 7/25/67, informant advised that they will be putting some of these machines in Las Vegas casinos in three or four weeks.

In a prior meeting with the informant, he identified DANNY WILSON of Los Angeles as an Italian with another true name who is apparently the West Coast representative for some well known garbage disposal unit manufactured in St. Louis.

For the information of the Los Angeles Division, on July 25, 1967, Las Vegas Division informed that the individual identified as DANNY WILSON of Los Angeles is probably identical with JAMES ROBERT IANNONE, FBI Number 346232. IANNONE, aka., Danny Wilson, has an extensive arrest record and has served a considerable amount of prison time for burglary and other charges in the New York area. He has a brother, SALVATORE VINCENT IANNONE, aka., Sonny Wilson, FBI Number 4823431. Sonny Wilson is currently employed as a floor man at the "21" pit of the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas.

The Las Vegas Division further pointed out that MICHAEL A. WICHINSKY, an owner of the Sands Hotel, is the prime owner of Bally Slot Machine Company in Las Vegas. It is manufactured in Chicago and distributed in Nevada by WICHINSKY. It would be very easy for WILSON to become associated in the coin operated machine field. (Las Vegas and Los Angeles are again requested to be extremely careful in making any inquiries in this regard as the informant is deeply concerned about anyone in authority finding out about the hoodlum promotion of this machine as he is hoping to make a financial comeback through his investment in it).

II. DETROIT DIVISION

Informant advised that he has heard the Detroit LCN family has been successful in obtaining a Nevada license to operate gambling at the New Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas. He further advised that he no longer expects to get a point in the Detroit investment and has ceased making any further overtures to PAPA JOHN PRIZIOLA in Detroit in his attempt to get cut in on the Detroit Family's investment in the New Frontier.

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only four hours and immediately left. Informant speculated MOONEY came back to settle problems and pick up some more money.

ROSELLI warned the informant and apparently others in Los Angeles not to go back to New York City to attend the recent funeral of TOM LUCHESE as he believed it would be under intense surveillance by ~~Los Angeles~~ New York law enforcement authorities.

The informant again talked about his desire to become boss of the Los Angeles LCN Family and indicated that he had some LCN leaders on his side, including ROSELLI. Informant indicated that he is trying to get some support in the Los Angeles Family to make a bid for the leadership, especially in view of FRANK DESIMONE's present critical condition.

In regard to FRANK VELOTTA, informant advised that he is now in the San Francisco area with some woman who is running a magazine subscription crew. He is living with her although she is married to someone else and apparently is getting money from her. VELOTTA, in recent conversation with the informant, indicated a desire to get out of the rackets since he is still young.

Informant advised that in his recent trip to Los Angeles, he visited gambler EDDIE NEALIS at Beverly Hills and that NEALIS is in very bad shape with a heart condition and confined to his apartment.

VII. NEW YORK DIVISION

Informant had no information at this time as to identity of LUCHESE's successor.

VIII. ST. LOUIS DIVISION

Informant had no information indicating TONY GIARDANO had recently returned to San Diego. GIARDANO has not been in contact with him. GIARDANO has informant's telephone number and he felt he would have called him if he had been in San Diego. Stated GIARDANO always stays at the El Cortez Hotel when in San Diego.

Stated GIARDANO has a first cousin residing in San Diego named JOE GIARDANO, age about 52, who is now

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employed at the National Steel and Shipbuilding Company at San Diego. (JOE GIARDANO of San Diego will be contacted for any information of value concerning TONY).

IX. CHICAGO DIVISION

As set out above, informant advised that according to remarks made by JOHN ROSELLI of Hollywood, SAM GIANCANA was back in Chicago for about four hours recently and apparently has returned to Mexico City.

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Since the dictation of this communication, FRANK DESIMONE, LCN boss of the Los Angeles family died in Los Angeles on 8/6/67 and contact will be maintained with the informant to determine identity of the new LCN boss of the Los Angeles Family.

Requested to furnish any pertinent information or photographs that can be used on basis for questioning informant in matters where he might have knowledge.

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In regard to the contract on ANDY LOCOCO, informant advised at this meeting that this contract has been outstanding for the past three years. Informant again stated that he is opposed to it and has no intention of carrying it out. Informant has told ROSELLI and other close friends around the country about his opposition to it and his contempt for the Los Angeles LCN leadership. He again advised that he has complete control over this situation since the contract is assigned to him. This whole matter is now suspended because of the death of LCN boss DESIMONE in Los Angeles.

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