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RE BUFFALO TEL JULY THIRTYONE LAST, RELATIVE TO FBI

RECOVERY OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS IN NEGOTIABLE SECURITIES  
 RECENTLY STOLEN FROM WEALTHY ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, INDUSTRIALIST  
 DAVID M. STRASENBURGH. EXTENSIVE FAVORABLE PUBLICITY HAS  
 RESULTED FROM DARING ACTION OF FBI SCUBA DIVER IN RECOVERY  
 OF LOOT FROM TREACHEROUS WATERS OF LAKE ONTARIO. NEWS  
 STORIES HAVE HIGHLIGHTED FBI DRAMATIC ACTION AS A GREAT  
 ACCOMPLISHMENT IN DRIVE AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME ELEMENTS  
 IN WESTERN NEW YORK. NEWS STORIES HAVE ATTRIBUTED WAVE OF  
 RECENT MAJOR BURGLARIES OF MILLIONAIRES HOMES IN ROCHESTER  
 AREA TO SMOOTH WORKING LA COSA NOSTRA THIEVES WHO HAVE  
 ACCUMULATED MILLIONS IN LOOT. FBI MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR  
 RECOVERY CONTRASTED BY NEWS OUTLETS TO APPARENT INACTION  
 OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY STYMIED IN

THEIR EFFORT TO BREAK UP THIS ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

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AS BUREAU IS AWARE, THIS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR RECOVERY

RESULTED FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY ONE OF BUFFALO OFFICE'S  
*La Cosa Nostra* LCN MEMBER INFORMANTS, *Buffalo* BU THREE THREE TWO DASH C DASH TE. *Top Echelon*

THIS INFORMANT ONE OF FEW WHO KNEW LOCATION OF LOOT AND  
UNDERTOOK GREAT PERSONAL RISK IN ASSISTING OUR OFFICE. HE  
WILL BE SUSPECTED BY GANG BUT <sup>(he)</sup> HAS FBI FURNISHED AND ASSISTED  
COVER STORY AND IS CONFIDENT HE WILL BE SAFE FROM REPRISAL,  
HOWEVER, FACT REMAINS HIS VERY LIFE AT STAKE HERE. THIS

INFORMANT OF TREMENDOUS VALUE TO BUREAU AS PROVEN BY THIS  
RECOVERY OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS OF STOLEN LOOT. I RECOM-

MEND BUREAU APPROVE LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS  
TO BU *Buffalo* THREE THREE TWO DASH C DASH TE FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN *Top Echelon*

THIS MATTER. IT MUST BE OBSERVED THAT THE STRASENBURGH CASE  
WAS UNDER INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY FBI AS <sup>Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property</sup> ITSP MAJOR THEFT

AND COUNTLESS MAN HOURS OF FBI WORK AND EXPENSE HAVE BEEN  
SAVED BY THIS INFORMANT'S INFORMATION. UNDER ALL CIRCUM-

STANCES I FEEL ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR AMOUNT COMPLETELY JUSTIFIED.

BUREAU RESPECTFULLY REQUEST TO SUTEL DECISION IN THIS MATTER. *Submit Teletype*

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