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The Central Bureau, Criminal Division, Italian National Police, Rome, Italy, advised in 1967 that the Judicial Tribunal of Rome had inquired if Scimone was ever considered a suspect in the attempted murder of Larry Gallo, a New York hoodlum, or if he had otherwise come to the attention of the New York Police authorities.

Investigation conducted by the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1967 determined that Francesco Scimone, known to the New York City Police and involved in the attempted Larry Gallo murder, is not identical with the above-mentioned Scimone, the band leader and Manager of the Coral Gables Club, Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Scimone, in a previous interview, advised he had started civil action against 23 newspapers in Italy for "defamation of character," which action is being handled by his attorney in Italy and he also had legal representation in the United States relative to this matter.

It is requested that Legat, Rome furnish any and all pertinent information regarding Francesco Scimone and, in particular, if known, his present whereabouts in the United States.