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TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL
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 LA COSA NOSTRA - ANTI-RACKETEERING

It has been previously pointed out that one of our primary goals in the Criminal Intelligence Program is the full identification and subsequent prosecution of the membership of La Cosa Nostra (LCN), the dominant group in organized crime in this country. With an ever-increasing public awareness of the significance of LCN on a national basis and in consideration of the Bureau's vast responsibilities in the field of organized crime, it is necessary that complete intelligence be developed regarding LCN.

A review of progress reported in the identification of LCN members discloses that a substantial number have been identified. Your office has reported an increase in the number of LCN members residing in your territory from 30 to 41 within the past one-year period. It is noted, however, that the structure of the Detroit "family" has not been completely developed. There currently exists a need for your office to identify "caporegimas" and the membership assigned to each in your division.

DE 1059-C-TE has been of assistance in identifying LCN members, but as you know, he has been relatively inactive in LCN affairs in the recent past. To appropriately discharge your responsibilities, additional member-informants in LCN are required. These are the only sources currently available who can provide accurate and authentic data regarding LCN. Their importance cannot be overemphasized.

Your Top Echelon Criminal Informant Program must be specifically aimed at a further penetration of LCN. To this end, you should maintain an aggressive and continuous Top Echelon Criminal Informant Program.

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