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Re San Francisco airtel to the Bureau, 6/3/68.

For the information of the Buffalo, Dallas, Newark, Philadelphia, Miami and Tampa Offices, a libel suit in the amount of seven million dollars was filed by JOSEPH CERRITO, boss of the San Jose family, LCN, against Time, Inc., publishers of "Life" magazine. The complaint filed pointed out that CERRITO has never been and is not now a member of any criminal organization, as inferred in the "Life" magazine issues dated 9/14/67 and 9/25/67.

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On 3/15/68 the issue of "Life" magazine published the third article concerning "The Mob" with emphasis placed on the activities of JOSEPH CERRITO and members of his LCN family, as well as naming JAMES JOSEPH LANZA, boss of the San Francisco LCN family.

Since the last article was released, the attorneys for "Life" have filed in the Federal Court a motion directing that a deposition be taken from JOSEPH CERRITO on 6/25/68 at San Jose, California.

On 5/22/68 Mr. JOHN SUTRO, JR., of the San Francisco law firm of Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro, advised that in connection with the libel suit, subpoenas had been issued for the taking of depositions from JAMES JOSEPH LANZA, ANGELO ANTHONY MARINO, EMANUEL JOSEPH FIGLIA, DOMINICK ANZALONE, PHILIP MORECI, STEVE J. ZOCCOLI, ALEX CAMARATA and PETER MISURACA, all of whom have been identified as members of the San Jose LCN family.

On 6/5/68 SAM ALVID, a former security informant of the San Francisco Division, who has furnished reliable information in the past, but who is known to cooperate with various other law enforcement agencies, voluntarily advised that he had been in contact with JOHN ARDIZZONE, of the law firm of Salciccia and Ardizzone, on the afternoon of 6/5/68, at which time ARDIZZONE advised that in the civil action involving JOSEPH CERRITO and "Life" magazine, attorneys for "Life" have subpoenaed numerous individuals throughout the nation for the purpose of taking depositions.

It is noted that in addition to the eight individuals in the San Francisco Division already known to have been subpoenaed, the following have also been subpoenaed:

JOSEPH CIVELLO, Dallas, Texas,
Date of hearing: Not known;

CARLOS GAMBINO, Brooklyn, New York,
Date of hearing: 6/4/68;

JOSEPH COLUMBO, New York, New York,
Date of hearing: 6/4/68;

RUSSELL BUFFALINO, Scranton, Pa.,
Date of hearing: 6/5/68

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STEVE MAGADDINO, Niagara Falls, New York,
Date of hearing: 6/7/68;

GERARDO CATENA, Boca Raton, Florida,
Date of hearing: 6/11/68;

JOHN MISURACA, St. Petersburg, Florida,
Date of hearing: Believed to be 6/11/68.

ALVID advised that according to ARDIZZONE, the only individual currently being considered for deposition, insofar as his case is concerned, will be the deposition of the author, SANDY SMITH, to be taken at San Jose on 6/26/68.

It is noted that on 6/5/68 Santa Clara County SO served subpoena on ANGELO MARINO at his residence, 50 North Washington Street, Apt. 12, Santa Clara, California.

The Bureau and all interested offices will continue to be advised of activities taking place in this libel suit.