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Dr. NINO MENDOLIA, Chief, Squadra Mobile (Flying Squad), Police Headquarters, Palermo, Sicily, Italy, advised on January 5, 1968, that Instructional Judge ALDO VIGNERI of the Palermo Tribunal has decided against the issuance of additional warrants at this time. According to Dr. MENDOLIA, as the situation stands now, the trial of those individuals in custody will be held "sometime this year." He said he did not know if this means before the summer recess or after, but in his opinion the trial most likely will not be held before the fall of 1968.

For the Bureau's additional information, Legat has ascertained that the Italian Government has requested the extradition of RAFFAELE QUASARANO to Italy and is preparing the necessary papers to request the extradition of JOE BONANNO and SANTO SORGE. As the Bureau knows, all were charged in Italy with aggravated criminal conspiracy, a crime not included in the extradition treaty in effect between Italy and the United States. According to Legat's police sources, most likely the Italian Judiciary, which is handling the matter of extradition with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will link QUASARANO, BONANNO and SORGE with other crimes, such as murder, which are included in the treaty.

For the Bureau's additional information, on October 23, 1967, a trial was commenced in Reggio Calabria, Italy, against 115 defendants, all of whom are charged with being members of the MAFIA and with aggravated criminal conspiracy. The trial is a culmination of an investigation

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