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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 members of LCN reveals that a substantial number have been identified. However, a review of monthly airtels submitted by your office regarding accomplishments in the Criminal Intelligence Program discloses that within the past one-year period, the number of LCN members identified as residing within your division has increased by only one from 20 to 21. It is noted that the original information identifying 20 of these individuals was not provided by sources of your office.

It is recognized that MM 1231-C-TE, an admitted member of LCN, has identified some LCN members residing outside of your division and, in addition, has made available data confirming the membership of some LCN members within your division. This source has an exceptional potential to assist your office in identifying LCN activity within your division. Every effort must be made to utilize his full potential to the Bureau's advantage.

The basic makeup of LCN in your division has been relatively undeveloped. Particular emphasis should be placed upon obtaining member-sources who are affiliated with Santo Trafficante. There exists an urgent need for the Miami Office to develop sources who can accurately identify the LCN membership operating under the direction of Trafficante. No appreciable progress has been reported by your office in this regard.

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