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**TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL INFORMANT PROGRAM  
LA COSA NOSTRA - ANTI-RACKETEERING**

It has previously been 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 heavy 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, your office has identified only three members within your division. This serves to highlight the urgent need for the New Orleans Office to obtain sources who can reliably identify LCN membership in your division. The basic make-up of LCN in the state of Louisiana has been relatively undeveloped.

Our investigations of LCN have revealed the absolute necessity of establishing sources who are in a position to provide accurate and authentic data regarding this organization. It has also been shown that a complete picture concerning the prevalence of LCN in a particular area cannot be established without such sources.

You are expected to show a marked improvement in identifying LCN members within your division. To this end, there must be a concentrated and imaginative effort to penetrate LCN with member-informants. The significant achievements by many offices in this field points out that a hard-hitting, continuous program will produce concrete results.

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