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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. Your office has reported that only five members of LCN reside in your division. This is an increase of only two identifications within the past one-year period.

It is noted that the original information identifying these individuals as members was not provided by sources of your office. The basic make-up of LCN within your division has been relatively undeveloped.

As you know, SD 1064-C-TE provided information in October, 1967, revealing the existence of LCN groups in Pueblo and Denver, Colorado.

There is an urgent need for your office to obtain sources who can reliably identify LCN membership in your division. A true picture with respect to the prevalence of LCN in a particular area cannot be established without such sources. To this end there must be a concentrated and an imaginative effort by the Denver Office to penetrate LCN with member-informants. The noteworthy achievements by many offices in penetrating LCN clearly establish that a well-planned and aggressive program will produce concrete results.

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