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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 substantial number of LCN members have been identified by many offices, 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 within your division has decreased from six to five. This serves to highlight the urgent need for your office to obtain sources who can reliably identify LCN membership within your division. The basic make-up of LCN in Maryland 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. The importance of developing a member-informant in LCN cannot be overemphasized.

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 clearly established that an aggressive and well-planned program will produce concrete results.

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