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LA COSA NOSTRA - ANTI-RACKETEERING

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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, your office has reported identifying only four members as residing within your territory, which is an increase of one in the past year. This serves to highlight the urgent need for your office to obtain sources who can reliably identify LCN members in your division.

The top-level LCN hoodlum, Santo Trafficante, maintains a residence within your division. The basic makeup of LCN in Florida has been relatively undeveloped. Particular emphasis should be placed upon obtaining member-sources in LCN who will enable you to penetrate Trafficante's operations.

Our investigations of LCN have disclosed the absolute necessity of establishing sources who are in a position to provide accurate data regarding this underworld organization. An authentic picture regarding the prevalence of LCN in a particular area cannot be obtained without member-informants. The importance of such sources cannot be overemphasized.

You are expected to show a marked improvement in identifying LCN members within your division. To accomplish this, you must have a continuous and hard-hitting program to develop member-informants. The identifications of LCN members is an integral part of the Criminal Intelligence Program.

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