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LA COSA NOSTRA . AR; CONSPIRACY; OO NEW YORK.

RE LA TEL TO BUREAU MARCH TWENTY NINE LAST. PANGUINGUE AKA PAN.

PAN IS A FAST MOVING CARD GAME PRIMARILY PLAYED BY WOMEN WHICH HAS A LARGE APPEAL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTS TO OPEN AND OPERATE PAN CARD PAROLORS BUT ACTION BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAVE BY AND LARGE PREVENTED A LONG TERM OPERATION. BASED ON CURRENT LEGISLATION THE GAME OF PAN IS NOT A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW. BUT LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE RECENT ARRESTS AND HAVE PASSED A COUNTY

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ORDINANCE OUTLAWING PAN AS ILLEGAL. OPERATIVES OF PAN HAVE
APPEALED THIS ORDINANCE ON GROUNDS THAT IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL
TO OUTLAW PAN AND PERMIT OTHER GAMES SUCH AS GIN RUMMY,
BRIDGE AND POKER TO OPERATE. A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE IS
CURRENTLY REVIEWING THIS APPEAL.

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THE TWO PAN CLUBS IN LA ARE NAMED THE ALMONT AND CELEBRITY. THE CELEBRITY CLUB IS OPERATED BY JACK CALLIE WHO IS A FRONT MAN FOR LA FOUR SEVEN ONE ONE C-TE. INVESTORS IN THIS CLUB INCLUDE LA LCN FAMILY AND GEORGE GORDON.

THAT ALMONT CLUB FOR YEARS WAS FRONTED BY MANUEL RICKIE JACOBS, A LA GAMBLER. HE IS CURRENTLY NOT ON THE LICENSE BECAUSE OF FEDERAL INDICTMENT IN THE BEVERLY HILLS FRIARS CLUB CASE, BUT IS THE FRIMARY BEHIND THE SCENES OPERATOR. INVESTORS IN THIS CLUB INCLUDE LA FOUR SEVEN ONE ONE C-TE, NEW YORK GAMBLER CHARLES MEYERSON, NEW YORK LCN MEMBER CARMINE TRAMUNTI REPRESENTING LUCHESE FAMILY, LAS VEGAS HOODLUM IRVING NIGGY DEVINE, MIAMI GAMBLER GEORGE GORDON AND NEW YORK RESTAURATEUR WILLIE ROSEN.

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THAT HE HAD MET WITH TRAMUNTI AND BEEN CONSIGNED TO INSURE PROFITS MADE BY NEW YORK INVESTMENT SAFELY CARRIED NEW YORK AREA. RECENTLY THIS INFORMANT ADVISED THAT WILLIE ROSEN OWNER OF GATSBY RESTAURANT, NEW YORK, AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE FRANK SINATRA, HAS BEEN HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE TO TRANSPORT THE MONEY TO THE NEW YORK LCN FAMILY.

ON APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST LA FIVE ZERO FOUR ZERO PC

ADVISED HE WAS RECENTLY CONTACTED BY NIGGY DEVINE AND

INSTRUCTED TO CALL WILLIE ROSEN WHO AT THAT TIME WAS

RESIDING IN LA WITH HELEN GRECO ENTERTAINER AND FORMER WIFE

OF SPIKE JONES, DECEASED. HELEN GRECO PREVIOUSLY WAS

DATED BY LCN MEMBER JOHN ROSELLI WHO RESIDES LA. INFORMANT

DID CONTACT ROSEN WHO TOLD INFORMANT THAT HE HAD RECENTLY

MET WITH RICKIE JACOBS AT THE ALMONT CLUB AND HAD AN

ARGUMENT WITH HIM DEMANDING WHY INVESTORS NEW YORK HAD NOT

RECEIVED RETURN ON THEIR MONEY. JACOBS CLAIMED NO RETURN

SENT BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE EXPENSES INCURRED IN REOPENING

AND CURRENT OPERATION OF ALMONT CLUB. ROSEN TOLD INFORMANT

THAT HE MAY HAVE TO GO BACK TO JACOBS TO DEMAND THIS MONEY

AND DESIRES INFORMANT TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON NEXT CONTACT.

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LA FOUR SEVEN ONE ONE C-TE DETERMINED RICKIE

JACOBS IN PAST HAS PERSONALLY POCKETED DEBTS OWED TO CLUB

AND NOT ADVISED OWNERS. BOTH INFORMANTS INDICATE RICKIE

JACOBS MAY BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE WITH INVESTORS INCLUDING

TRAMUNTI.

THIS MATTER BEING CLOSELY FOLLOWED AND BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. IN ORDER TO PROTECT LA INFORMANTS THIS MATTER NO DISSEMINATION SHOULD BE MADE OF ABOVE.

NEW YORK FORWARD TO LA PHOTO AND RUNDOWN ON ROSEN INCLUDING HIS KNOWN HOODLUM ASSOCIATES.

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