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Two copies of letterhead memorandum setting forth characterization of informants used in this report.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The identities of the individuals who furnished information set out in this report which must not be disclosed except upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, are as follows:

Fidelity Bank, Beverly Hills, California, DORIS SCHMIDT, Statement Department.

Union Bank, 8th and Hill Streets, VICKIE GUERRA and BETTY SIDLER, Statement Department.

General Telephone Company, Santa Monica, California, CSLA 4143-S.

Pacific Telephone Company, Los Angeles, California, CSLA 4178-S.

Mountain States Telephone Company, Phoenix, Arizona, RUTH BLAIR, Security Office.

Pacific Telephone Company, Sacramento, California, CSSF 50-X.

By airtel dated 2/2/66 the Las Vegas Office advised that WAYNE MC DORMAN, Investigator, Nevada Gaming Control Board, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised on 2/2/66 that this Board is considering the feasibility of enlarging Nevada's so-called "Black Book" and that JOHN ROSSELLI is one of those individuals under consideration for inclusion in this book. The Las Vegas Office requested copies of the most recent photographs of ROSSELLI, and a complete description which were furnished the Las Vegas Office on 2/8/66.

On 12/20/65 [redacted] PCI, who is in charge of the garage and is a general handyman at the Glen Towers Apartments where ROSSELLI resides, stated that recently ROSSELLI has employed a maid, ROSA GILES, on occasion to clean his apartment. She works full time for one of the other tenants

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in the building. She is part Indian and is about 51 years old. She drives a white Chevrolet bearing California license QKV 782.

PCI stated that ROSA GILES has a key to ROSSELLI's apartment and GILES has told PCI that ROSSELLI is very particular that she does not let anyone into his apartment. On another occasion GILES, who is quite friendly with PCI, told him that she has known ROSSELLI for nearly 20 years.

On 12/19/65 GILES permitted PCI to enter ROSSELLI's apartment for a few minutes when ROSSELLI was away. PCI stated that the apartment is very beautifully furnished and appears to have quite expensive furniture.

The records of the Registrar of Voters for Los Angeles County reflect that ROSA LEE GILES registered to vote on 2/29/64, at which time her address was 846 East 84th Street. She stated she was born in Georgia, is 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, and a cook by occupation.

On 12/30/65 IC MILLARD T. ANDERSON ascertained from Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, that ROSA LEE GILES has been employed as a cook for Mr. and Mrs. AL WEISS, 13765 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, in 1961. She is single, approximately 60 years old, and has Social Security No. 568-24-4256.

On 1/11/66 PCI [redacted] advised that ROSSELLI gets his car serviced at Jules Meyers Pontiac located at the corner of Santa Monica and Westwood Boulevards, West Los Angeles.

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AFFILIATIONS WITH LA COSA NOSTRA MEMBERS

Information set out below which was furnished by LA 4448-C-TE and LA 4412-C-TE, who are sensitive sources, should not be reported in the details of a report.

During the period from March, 1964, to April, 1965, LA 4448-C-TE furnished information that JOHN ROSSELLI, who resides most of the time in the Los Angeles area, is a member of the Chicago "Brugad" of La Cosa Nostra (LCN). Source

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advised that ROSSELLI is one of the ranking members of LCN but belongs to the Chicago "Brugad." According to this source, ROSSELLI is one of the most powerful men in the "organization" on the West Coast and handles interests of the Chicago "Brugad" in Las Vegas, Nevada.

On 3/4/64 this source advised that ROSSELLI is one of the most powerful and influential men in LCN. He is considered one of the sharpest and most intelligent men in this organization. He is highly respected and frequently consulted relative to and handles matters of highest importance and greatest delicacy. He was a member of the Los Angeles "Brugad" but later transferred to the Chicago "Brugad."

On 2/16/65 LA 4448-C-TE advised that FRANK BOMPENSIERO was the "Capo Regime" in charge of the San Diego group of LCN some years ago. When he was sentenced to state prison in about 1955, he was succeeded in this post by ANTHONY MIRABILE, who held this post until his death in December, 1958. This post is now held by JOSEPH ADAMO. Source advised that BOMPENSIERO is presently a "soldier" in the San Diego "Capo Regima."

LA 4412-C-TE furnished the following information concerning a conversation he had with FRANK BOMPENSIERO on 12/4/65:

BOMPENSIERO stated that although they (LCN) must ask the "boss" before moving into anything, he does not have respect for FRANK DESIMONE and therefore he will ask only one man, "GIOVANNI" (JOHN ROSSELLI).

Using the Italian language, BOMPENSIERO stated that the "Boss" called him from Detroit not too long ago and asked him to do him a favor commenting, "I know that you can do it." BOMPENSIERO said he told him that, "I ain't nothin'...only a soldier" but the "Boss" said, "I didn't go the other route (through ADAMO, LICATA, or DESIMONE), I want you to handle this." BOMPENSIERO said he told him he would be glad to do it if he can. BOMPENSIERO said, "You don't know how happy I've been since that call. I don't have to ask ADAMO, the 'blind guy' (DESIMONE), or the 'cigar' (LICATA)...only one guy I have to clear with...GIOVANNI (ROSSELLI)."

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To this LUIGI MERLI commented to informant, "maladrino, maladrino," which, according to informant in Italian means "at top, has proven self, belongs." He was referring to BOMPENSIERO.

BOMPENSIERO said that he has to meet "GIOVANNI" early this morning (12/6/65) to talk to him about this matter and, since he had to catch a plane for Mexico City at 10:00 AM from San Diego, he will meet GIOVANNI "half way" (between San Diego and Los Angeles).

BOMPENSIERO also stated that he still meets "GIOVANNI" every week "but it's no good where we were before" (Brown Derby in Beverly Hills because he and FRATIANNO were shaken down in there by Los Angeles Police Department Intelligence recently). He stated that they are looking for a new place to meet.

On 11/17/65 informant advised that on the night of 11/16/65 FRANK BOMPENSIERO had contacted informant to arrange a meeting with him. On the night of 11/16/65, informant met with FRANK BOMPENSIERO and JAMES "THE WEASEL" FRATIANNO at the Villa Capri Restaurant in Hollywood, California.

On this occasion, both BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO spoke freely to informant of the fact that they were partners along with FRANK LA PORTE of Chicago in the Fratianno trucking companies. They both also mentioned that they are in regular contact with JOHN ROSSELLI and that ROSSELLI also has some sort of interest in this trucking operation. Informant noted that this was the first time that BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO had, personally, stated this fact to informant. Informant had been advised by JOSEPH LIMANDRI and "Capo" JOSEPH ADAMO in San Diego that BOMPENSIERO, FRATIANNO, and LA PORTE were associated together in the Fratianno trucking companies; however, neither BOMPENSIERO nor FRATIANNO, themselves, had previously made this statement to informant.

On 12/4/66 BOMPENSIERO also told informant that he had recently been contacted by the "Boss" of the Detroit "Brugad," JOSEPH ZERILLI. ZERILLI, according to BOMPENSIERO, is an LCN "commissione" member. According to BOMPENSIERO, ZERILLI did not have BOMPENSIERO's telephone number as he had moved a couple of times within recent months. ZERILLI called

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a contact of his in El Centro, California (not further identified). This individual called "Capo" JOSEPH ADAMO in San Diego and requested ADAMO to contact BOMPENSIERO and ask BOMPENSIERO to call ZERILLI. ADAMO was given a telephone number at which ZERILLI could be reached.

BOMPENSIERO stated that he did call ZERILLI whom he has known for years. BOMPENSIERO told informant that ZERILLI said to him, "FRANK, will you do me a favor--I would like you to take care of something for me." BOMPENSIERO stated that he then told ZERILLI that he was no longer a "Capo" but only a "soldier" and that this matter would probably have to be cleared with his "Boss" FRANK DESIMONE and his "Capo" JOSEPH ADAMO. ZERILLI then told BOMPENSIERO, "Don't worry about them, I'll handle anything that comes up." BOMPENSIERO said he then told ZERILLI that he would give the matter some thought and would recontact him.

BOMPENSIERO told informant that he desired to discuss this matter with JOHN ROSSELLI and was going to try to see ROSSELLI, if possible, before he (BOMPENSIERO) left for Mexico City on 12/6/65.

BOMPENSIERO did not discuss further specifics of this matter with informant nor was it possible for informant to ask any further questions in connection with it. BOMPENSIERO did, however, indicate that ZERILLI's request related in some way to an LCN matter.

On 12/6/65 informant advised that he had dinner at the BOMPENSIERO residence on the night of 12/5/65. BOMPENSIERO told informant that he had not been able to get in touch with JOHN ROSSELLI for the past several days. He had learned, he claimed, that ROSSELLI had returned to the Chicago, Illinois, area sometime after the death of MURRAY HUMPHRIES and did not know if he had returned to the Los Angeles area.

On 12/5/65 BOMPENSIERO told informant that he wanted to see ROSSELLI about the "ZERILLI matter" if possible before he left for Mexico City and would leave for Mexico City either the morning or the night of 12/6/65.

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BOMPENSIERO again told informant he would be in Mexico City for most of the week. He also stated that he (BOMPENSIERO) intended to come to Los Angeles to see JOHN ROSSELLI some time soon after his return to Mexico City and at that time he would contact informant so they could also get together while BOMPENSIERO was in Los Angeles.

BOMPENSIERO then stated that DESIMONE was afraid to make a real decision on his own and always discussed such matters with JOHN ROSSELLI. He would then respond as ROSSELLI suggested. BOMPENSIERO then said that the "real Boss" actually is JOHN ROSSELLI.

Informant noted that normally such comments from BOMPENSIERO would be highly dangerous. However, according to informant, ROSSELLI is the real power in this area, and BOMPENSIERO is closely associated with ROSSELLI. In addition, informant pointed out, before his imprisonment, BOMPENSIERO had been a ranking LCN "member" in Southern California and has highly placed, ranking LCN friends throughout the country.

It is noted that informant has previously identified the Brown Derby Restaurant in Beverly Hills, California, as a "meeting place" used by FRANK BOMPENSIERO as well as JOHN ROSSELLI. Informant has also previously furnished specifics relative to several "meets" held or planned to be held at this restaurant between ROSSELLI and BOMPENSIERO.

In this same connection, informant advised that during the course of his discussions with FRANK BOMPENSIERO in San Diego on 12/4-5/65, BOMPENSIERO made several references to the fact that he continued to meet with JOHN ROSSELLI on about a weekly basis.

BOMPENSIERO then told informant that he and ROSSELLI had changed their "meeting place" as "We can't use the Brown Derby anymore. It's no good anymore. We have to set up a new place."

BOMPENSIERO did not tell informant why this "meeting place" was no longer being used by him. From the remarks he made, however, informant was of the impression that he had not finalized details and specifics of a new "meeting place."

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Before informant left for Los Angeles on the night of 12/5/65, BOMPENSIERO again told him that he was definitely going to Mexico City on Monday, 12/6/65. He again stated that he would be gone most of this week, but that sometime after his return he would come to Los Angeles to meet with JOHN ROSSELLI. BOMPENSIERO told informant that he would plan on meeting with informant also when he was in the Los Angeles area.

While informant was with FRATIANNO and BOMPENSIERO on the morning of 1/18/66, they discussed the following matter with informant, requesting him to treat it in the strictest of confidence.

Both BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO spoke in extremely critical and profane terms of HAROLD "HAPPY" MELTZER and LOUIS TOM DRAGNA and his father, THOMAS F. DRAGNA. FRATIANNO, in particular, was quite bitter in his comments.

FRATIANNO reminded informant that prior to his (FRATIANNO's) imprisonment in the mid-1950s, he had always been close to the DRAGNAs, particularly JACK DRAGNA (deceased "Boss") and had always been fair in his dealings with them. Prior to his imprisonment, FRATIANNO noted that he had been a "Capo." FRATIANNO reminded informant that the "regimes" led by him (FRATIANNO) and BOMPENSIERO had been the two most "active" regimes in the entire Los Angeles "Family." JACK DRAGNA had always been "cut in" to all their operations and this had always been a highly prosperous association.

FRATIANNO then noted that, during that period, he "had a lot going." He again reminded informant that, at that time, he had "cut into" numerous bookies and gambling figures in the Los Angeles area, that he had set up a "piece" of a legitimate business for himself in the garment industry in Los Angeles, and that his operation had been highly prosperous.

When he went to prison in the mid 1950s, according to FRATIANNO, it was the responsibility and duty of "Boss" JACK DRAGNA to see that his (FRATIANNO's) operation was handled for him and that the proceeds from this operation be given to his wife, JEWEL FRATIANNO. Even without a successful operation, it was still the duty of DRAGNA to see that his wife, JEWEL, was "taken care of."

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FRATIANNO claimed to informant that he received assurances from JACK DRAGNA that this would be done.

Instead, according to FRATIANNO, this was not done. His wife did not receive any appreciable proceeds from "those things I had going for me." His wife, JEWEL, was told by the DRAGNAS that she would "be taken care of" through "HAPPY" MELTZER. According to FRATIANNO, JEWEL was given a pittance, \$50 or \$75 a week through MELTZER--and this for only a few months.

When JEWEL FRATIANNO continued to object, after a few months, MELTZER, according to FRATIANNO, told her that nothing remained of FRATIANNO's operation and that she was making a "pest" of herself in continuing to come to him.

FRATIANNO then noted that when he finally got out of prison, that it was LOUIS TOM DRAGNA that had a legitimate business in the garment industry in Los Angeles. He also noted that it was now "HAPPY" MELTZER that had the "most going for him"--taking cuts from bookies and being involved in money loaning deals. He pointed out that MELTZER had always "fronted" for the DRAGNAS and that they were sharing in MELTZER's operations.

FRATIANNO took the position, according to informant, that the operation he (FRATIANNO) had once developed had been, in effect, taken over by the DRAGNAS and their associate, MELTZER.

Both FRATIANNO and BOMPENSIERO then told informant that BOMPENSIERO, too, had a profitable operation going in San Diego prior to his imprisonment and this operation had been allowed to dissipate and disintegrate and he, too, had been "let down" by the "family."

FRATIANNO and BOMPENSIERO then indicated to informant that the reasons they had been making their inquiries with SAM LAZES, WILLIE ZEVON, ELI LUBIN, GEORGE GORDON, etc., was to ascertain the nature and extent of the operations of the DRAGNAS and MELTZER.

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FRATIANNO and BOMPENSIERO then told informant that they had discussed this matter at some length with JOHN ROSSELLI. They had not, as yet, made any move and did not intend to make any move until such time as they ascertained more specifics relative to the operations of MELTZER.

After they develop the information they want, FRATIANNO and BOMPENSIERO told informant that they intend to contact "Boss" FRANK DESIMONE and request a "meet" with LOUIS TOM and THOMAS F. DRAGNA. They intend to confront them with what they referred to as the "shabby treatment" they received, the facts relating to what FRATIANNO considers as an "insult" to his wife by MELTZER, and demand some sort of redress.

Before BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO left, they again requested informant to treat their conversation in the strictest of confidence. They asked informant to be alert to any information relating to the operations of MELTZER and the DRAGNAs and to relay such information to them on the occasion of their next contact.

Informant noted that both FRATIANNO and BOMPENSIERO have gone to some lengths to re-establish close and regular contact with him. Both continue to be insistent that informant visit them at their respective residences whenever he might find it convenient to do so. Part of the reason, according to informant, is the fact that neither BOMPENSIERO nor FRATIANNO have the contacts that informant has in the Los Angeles area. Informant is in a position to know certain information desired by both of them. Informant has the phone numbers and means of contact with various individuals in this area that neither BOMPENSIERO nor FRATIANNO have. In addition, informant, BOMPENSIERO, and FRATIANNO all have close, long-standing identity with JOHN ROSSELLI.

Informant stated that it is his opinion that BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO are slowly and cautiously making a bid for a shift of leadership in which one or both would be identified in the Los Angeles "Brugad." Informant emphasized that this was only his opinion--it was not based on direct statements made by BOMPENSIERO or FRATIANNO, but rather on indirect statements. They are openly critical of men like "Capos" JOSEPH ADAMO and ANGELO POLIZZI and even "Under-boss"

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(Thur) 9/9/65 7:30 AM (ROSSELLI went to Las Vegas via
airlines in morning and returned to
Los Angeles in late afternoon)
(Fri) 9/10/65 7:38 AM (ROSSELLI at Friars Club in afternoon)

(LA 4448-C-TE as previously reported in this investi-
gation, advised that BOMPENSIERO stated he had met with JOHN
ROSSELLI in Los Angeles on 9/11/65 and that he had been planning
on seeing ROSSELLI on Friday 9/10/65 but something had come
up and so he made it on Saturday, 9/11/65, instead.)

(Thur) 9/23/65 (ROSSELLI at Friars Club in afternoon)
(Wed) 9/29/65 " " "
(Tues) 10/5/65 " " "
(Fri) 10/8/65 " " "
(Wed) 10/13/65 (ROSSELLI at Friars Club on 10/11/65
and 10/14/65)

On 7/17/65 MARIA GAVIN's telephone account was
charged with a call to the Friar's Club, Beverly Hills, Cali-
fornia, telephone number 273-0850.

The San Diego Office also advised that on 8/18/65
the account for telephone number 279-2484, listed to MARY ANN
GAROFALO, 3610 Mt. Aladin Avenue, San Diego, was charged with
a long distance call to telephone number 273-0850, Beverly
Hills, California, which is listed to the Friars Club. MARY
GAROFALO is the daughter of FRANK BOMPENSIERO. JOHN ROSSELLI
(when in Los Angeles) spends nearly every afternoon at the
Friars Club.

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LA T-11	CLAIRE KARIVIEN Los Angeles, California
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