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SD 1064-C-TE was recontacted on 10/12/67 and furnished the following information on the La Cosa Nostra (LCN):

I. SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

Informant flew to San Francisco, 10/2/67, to meet LCN member JIMMIE FRATIANNO from Sacramento and hoodlum FRANK VELOTTA of Cleveland, who is now residing in the Los Angeles area. He flew there at the request of VELOTTA and FRATIANNO to meet a labor

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membership from the Los Angeles family to the Chicago family with the knowledge of the former Los Angeles boss FRANK DESIMONE and the Chicago family boss SAM GIANCANNNA, aka Mooney. At that time, FRATIANNO and LCN member FRANK LA PORTE of Chicago were in a business association connected with the Fratianno Trucking Company.

The informant described in detail how FRATIANNO was disgusted with DESIMONE's leadership and convinced the Chicago family he could make them a lot of money by investing their money in West Coast trucking, among other things. Using this as an incentive, he got GIANCANNNA to agree to let him transfer into the Chicago family. GIANCANNNA in turn "told" DESIMONE that FRATIANNO was transferring into the Chicago family from the Los Angeles family.

Informant advised that DESIMONE in turn did not notify the other members of the Los Angeles family of FRATIANNO's transfer as he was supposed to do.

Informant stated that with the recent death of DESIMONE the Capos of the Los Angeles family polled all the members to elect NICK LICATA, the former underboss of the Los Angeles family.

Informant stated that in a recent meeting with his Capo, JOE ADAMO of San Diego, ADAMO complained that the votes of all the members are now in with the exception of JIMMIE FRATIANNO's. Informant then advised ADAMO that FRATIANNO had transferred to the Chicago family several years ago. ADAMO, in a recent contact with the informant, stated that he had been in touch with NICK LICATA and that they knew nothing about such a transfer. Informant again informed ADAMO that he was not going to get a "vote" out of FRATIANNO as far as he knows as FRATIANNO is now a member of the Chicago family. Informant told ADAMO to tell LICATA that if he does not believe him he can call the "Chicago boss" to confirm FRATIANNO's transfer of membership. Informant stated that he and FRATIANNO, as well as JOHN ROSELLI, are now enjoying LICATA's predicament over FRATIANNO's status and in order to resolve it LICATA will have to contact someone in authority in the Chicago family,

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He stated his Capo JOE ADAMO recently sold his bar, the Club Marina, and is looking around for another bar to buy to put his son to work. He advised that LCN member "BIG FRANK" BALISTRERI (who came to San Diego from Milwaukee about fifteen years ago), is now living at 134 Glenhaven Way, Chula Vista, California. He and his sons operate the Palomar Inn bar near the Mexican border and that they are attempting to sell this bar. He stated BALISTRERI is now in very poor health with heart disease and is completely inactive.

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