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## ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of a Letterhead Memorandum setting forth characterization of informants.

TO NEW YORK

Two (2) Copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth characterization of informants.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On 8/4/67, LA 4448-C-TE advised that with the death of Los Angeles LCN "Boss" FRANK DESIMONE on that date, that "Under-Boss" NICK LICATA would be in charge of the Los Angeles LCN "Brugad". Informant stated that LICATA will remain in charge until a new "Boss" is selected.

Informant stated that, almost invariable, a "Capo" is selected to be the new "Boss". While this is not always true, it is, generally, the practice. Informant stated that an "Under-Boss" is seldom selected to replace a "Boss". Informant stated that this is true because a "Capo" is more powerful than the "Under-Boss" as a "Capo" is at the operational level of the organization and the "members" are assigned directly to him. An "Under-Boss" has no "members" assigned directly to him.

This is one of the reasons why informant does not, presently, feel that "Under-Boss" NICK LICATA will be selected as the new "Boss". In addition, informant noted the resentment of various LCN "members" towards LICATA because of his lack of positive and productive leadership.

Informant stated that he was certain that LICATA would attempt to line up support in a bid to name him (LICATA) as "Boss". Another candidate would be "Capo" JOSEPH DIPPOLITO. Informant noted that it was yet too early to know what direction the various bids for power within the Los Angeles "Brugad" would take.

Informant stated on 8/4/67 that a new "Boss" would be selected by a vote of each LCN "member" of the "Brugad". Informant noted, however, that this was far from being as democratic as it sounded. Generally, he noted, the ranking and more powerful "members" of the "Brugad" agree among themselves who will be "Boss". The "Capos", in turn, contact their "Members" for their approval. "Members" generally vote as a block for the man their "Capo" is backing.

Informant noted, at this point, that the key man in the selection of the new "Boss" would, in informant's opinion, be JOHN ROSELLI. Informant stated that ROSELLI, undoubtedly, would be contacted and consulted relative to his views and his choice as "Boss". Informant felt that the opinion of ROSELLI would be persuasive on the Los Angeles "members".

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and "T" symbols were utilized in only those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Extensive information relating to LCN members and their activities in the Los Angeles area as well as information relating to LCN members and their activities in other parts of the country has been received from LA 4448-C-TE and SD 1064-C-TE. For their additional protection, several symbol numbers have been assigned to those sources.

LA T-1 is LA 4448-C-TE who is a "member" of the Los Angeles LCN "Family".

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LA T-3 is LA 4412-C-TE who is not a "member" of the Los Angeles LCN "Family" but who has an extremely close identity with various of its "members".

LA T-4 is LA 4448-C-TE who is a "member" of the Los Angeles LCN "Family".

LA T-5 is SD 1064-C-TE who is a "member" of the Los Angeles LCN "Family".

LA T-6 is LA 4448-C-TE who is a "member" of the Los Angeles LCN "Family".

LA T-7 is SD 1064-C-TE who is a "member" of the Los Angeles LCN "Family".

LA T-8 is JOSEPH VALACHI who has been identified as an LCN "member" in New York City.

LA T-9 is SF 2689-C-TE who is a "member" of the San Francisco LCN "Family".

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