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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054) DATE: 3/18/69

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-262) (P)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA
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Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of Milet to Chicago, 3/4/69, captioned as above, which set forth background information regarding an incident recently reported by MI 623-C-TE concerning members of the Rockford, Illinois, LCN family.

On 3/13/69, MI 623-C-TE furnished the following information to SA DANIEL E. BRANDT:

The informant said that he went to Rockford, Illinois, over the weekend of 3/1-2/69, for the purpose of straightening out the incident involving JOE ROBERTS and NICK GENTILE, which possibly involved the Rockford LCN family. On 3/2/69, the informant met with FRANK BUSCEMI, Underboss of the Rockford LCN family, and CHARLEY VINCE, Rockford LCN member. They both remarked about the recent publicity involving members of the Kansas City LCN family, who were served with Federal subpoenas to testify before a Grand Jury in Florida as soon as they departed an airliner in Miami, Florida. They both commented that JOE ZAMMUTO was in Florida at that time, and they hoped that ZAMMUTO was not the victim of one of these subpoenas.

BUSCEMI made the statement that as of the present time the entire Rockford, Illinois, LCN family is experiencing a great deal of trouble. The entire membership has been forced to testify before a Federal Grand Jury, and that they feel they will all have to go to Chicago to continue their testimony before the Grand Jury. He said the Federal

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and local authorities have been exerting tremendous pressure onmany of the operations connected with the Rockford family to the point where they are not able to make any move without being under the scrutiny of the authorities. In view of this added pressure, BUSCEMI said he wants no incidents to take place and was extremely upset at the possibility that there was some possible "muscle action" being exerted by JOE ROBERTS in connection with NICK GENTILE. BUSCEMI said he wanted this matter to be straightened out completely, and that later on that same day he was arranging with informant to meet personally with ROBERTS so that this problem could be solved.

Before leaving, BUSCEMI told him that if JOE MARINELLI should come to Milwaukee, the informant was to give him nothing, show him no respect, and make no effort to have any contact with him. BUSCEMI gave no reason for his instructions regarding MARINELLI, but the informant was of the opinion that any individual who is treated in this manner is in bad straits with the LCN family, and in many instances, many individuals who received this type of treatment are possibly set up for a "hit." The informant commented the possibility existed that MARINELLI may have been suspected of talking to the Grand Jury about LCN matters.

Later that same day, the informant was contacted in Rockford by KNOBBY GULOTTA, Rockford LCN family, and JOE ROBERTS. It was evident to the informant that ROBERTS and GULOTTA were working to gether in a house siding operation. The informant made it clear to GULOTTA and ROBERTS that there was to be no muscle action upon instructions of FRANK BUSCEMI. ROBERTS and GULOTTA both agreed that they would have nothing further to do with NICK GENTILE, and that they would not create any incidents.

The informant said he received the impression through the above meeting that everyone in the Rockford LCN family is upset at the recent action of the Federal Grand Jury in that the pressure exerted by the Federal and local authorities has brought their gambling and other illegal activities to a standstill in Rockford.

AS THIS MOST VALUABLE INFORMANT WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE RECEIVING OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THIS INFORMATION BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE OF THE BUREAU AS SUCH DISSEMINATION AND THE FACT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL FROM MILWAUKEE WAS FURNISHING INFORMATION REGARDING THE ROCKFORD LCN FAMILY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT IN THE DISCLOSURE OF THIS INFORMANT'S IDENTITY.

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On 2/27/69, MI 623-C-TE was contacted by SA DANIEL E. BRANDT, and he furnished the following information:

On 2/23/69, the informant was visited by NICK GENTILE, a former Milwaukee hoodlum, not an LCN member, who is now working for Foreman Brothers selling siding in the Beloit, Wisconsin, area. GENTILE told him that he received a telephone call in Beloit, Wisconsin, on 2/21/69 from a JOE ROBERTS. ROBERTS is employed also in the siding business and was working in the Beloit, Wisconsin, area for the Jarvis Enterprises, Inc., whose offices are located in Rockford, Illinois. ROBERTS told him during the phone call that he would give GENTILE five days to get out of Beloit. According to GENTILE, ROBERTS "shot off his mouth" that GENTILE may have FRANK BALISTRIERI in Milwaukee, but that he had more powerful friends in Rockford.

On 2/24/69, the informant called ROBERTS and asked him what the story was in connection with his telephone call to NICK GENTILE. Informant said he knew ROBERTS from the past, and that ROBERTS told him he would drop the whole matter.

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On 2/25/69, the informant received a telephone call from HENRY GULOTTA, LCN member of the Rockford, Illinois, family. GULOTTA said he understood that JOE ROBERTS was in trouble in Beloit, Wisconsin, and that he either wanted to come to Milwaukee or wanted the informant to come to Rockford, Illinois, to straighten the matter out. Informant told him he did not think he should come to Rockford unless he was given authority to do so. On 2/26/69, the informant received a call from CHARLEY VINCE, LCN member of the Rockford, Illinois, family, who told the informant that it would be permissible for him to come to Rockford. The informant then made arrangements to meet both VINCE and GULOTTA in Rockford on 3/3/69. The informant said that he recalled that JOE ROBERTS was in the past a close friend of JOSEPH "CRAMPS" MARINELLI of the Rockford, Illinois, LCN family, and if the informant was correct, had in the past worked with MARINELLI. The informant did not know if ROBERTS was presently working for or closely associated with MARINELLI.

Any further information along these lines as obtained from this informant will be forwarded to the Chicago Office.

CAUTION SHOULD BE UTILIZED BY THE CHICAGO DIVISION IN HANDLING THE ABOVE INFORMATION AS DISCLOSURE OF THIS INFORMATION OUTSIDE OF THE BUREAU COULD REASONABLY RESULT IN THE COMPROMISE OF THIS MOST VALUABLE INFORMANT.

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