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LA 4476-C-TE continues to be in a position to furnish valuable information concerning the activities of FRANK DESIMONE "Boss" of the Los Angeles La Cosa Nostra (LCN) "family." During the past week, LA 4476-C-TE furnished information concerning a plan whereby JOSEPH CIVELLO, Dallas LCN member may be able to purchase canneries for the H. L. Hunt Food Company and thereby obtain a finders fee in connection with this enterprise.

LA 4476-C-TE

LA 4476-C-TE, on 4/25/67, advised that he had informed FRANK DESIMONE of a contact by AL MARSHALL requesting that source and DESIMONE locate a tomato cannery for sale for DESIMONE's cousin JOE CIVELLO of Dallas, Texas.

CIVELLO has a man interested in buying a cannery. The finders fee for the purchase of the cannery is to go to MARSHALL, CIVELLO, DESIMONE and the informant.

DESIMONE advised the informant he knows a man near San Francisco, who they could talk to and turn over to him the locating of a suitable cannery. DESIMONE and informant agreed to go to San Francisco week end of May 6 to 7, 1967. As of this date, MARSHALL was enroute from Dallas to Los Angeles.

On 4/27/67, informant advised that MARSHALL arrived in Los Angeles on 4/26/67, and contacted informant. MARSHALL advised that DESIMONE's cousin, JOE CIVELLO, of Dallas is interested in purchasing the Wilson Cannery in Stockton, California.

CIVELLO wants to keep the purchase price of the cannery down to one million dollars. MARSHALL said he had seen CIVELLO in Dallas, Texas on 4/24/67, and had discussed the matter with him at that time.

MARSHALL said CIVELLO has a friend who is purchasing agent for H. L. HUNT, Texas multimillionaire, of Hunts Foods. HUNT has had arguments with Alpha Beta Markets owner and HUNT is trying to corner the tomato market by buying up

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all U. S. crops of tomatoes and purchasing canneries. HUNT intends to buy three canneries in California, one of which is the Wilson Cannery in Stockton, the asking price is about one million. The purchasing agent is steering CIVELLO, who is able to contact the seller and obtain a finders fee. CIVELLO expects 50 percent of the finders fee for his group, which includes MARSHALL and probably purchasing agent. FRANK DESIMONE will take 50 percent, to be split with friends in the north and source. Finders fee will be from 5 to 10 percent of one million dollars for the purchase of the Wilson Cannery, with the finders fee to be paid by the seller. DESIMONE and source are driving to Northern California near San Francisco Friday night, 5/5/67, to turn over deal of Wilson Cannery and two others to DESIMONE's friend.

LA 4367-C-TE

LA 4367-C-TE advised that JOHN ROSELLI was at the Friars Club, Beverly Hills, California on 4/24/67, playing cards with HANK GREENSPUN, Publisher of the 'Las Vegas Sun.' JONIE TAPS also told source on 4/24/67, that MAURICE FRIEDMAN paid off GREENSPUN to obtain license for Frontier Hotel from former Governor GRANT SAWYER and present Governor PAUL LAXALT.

LA 4412-C-TE

Informant visited WILLIAM SLOVIN at the hospital on the night of 4/21/67. SLOVIN claimed he had cooperated fully with IRS Intelligence re NICK SIMPONIS and that he will take witness stand to testify against him with regard to his hidden ownership in several bars in the Gardena and Los Angeles areas.

At 1:00 a.m., 4/24/67, the girl friend of SLOVIN phoned informant to advise that SLOVIN had expired.

At SLOVIN's funeral, informant learned from an associate of SIMPONIS' from Cabazon, California, that SIMPONIS is to fly to London, England on 5/1/67.

LA 4834-C-TE

Informant, during period 4/25 - 26/67, advised as follows: