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On 12/31/63, DE 878-C-TE advised that he is in frequent contact with NICK DITTA (local arsonist, reported enforcer, and, according to DE 919-C*, a "soldier" in Cosa Nostra.) DITTA recently spoke in "glowing terms" of PAUL STRACCI (PH) or STROZZI (PH) who has a drugstore in Buffalo. DITTA described STRACCI as a "man of the arts" and said that STRACCI makes many trips to Italy. It was the impression of DE 878-C-TE that DITTA was making STRACCI out to be a "Mafia ambassador" between the U.S. and Sicily.

Buffalo is requested to furnish identity of PAUL STRACCI (PH) or STROZZI (PH) if known, evaluate possible Cosa Nostra connections, and furnish background and description.

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