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MIKE PARONE; AR	DE 92-New
DOMINIC CORRADO; AR (ARNETT)	DE 92-448
DOMINIC "SPARKY" CORRADO; AR (MOORE)	DE 92-590
JACK TOCCO; AR (SHIRLEY)	DE 92-574
JOE MASSEI; AR	DE 92-258
JIMMY QUASSARANO; AR (MOORE)	DE 92-441
ANTHONY WHITEY BESASE; AR	DE 92-369
MICHAEL POLIZZI; AR (BICKFORD)	DE 92-219
ANTHONY TONY GIACALONE; AR (LUNT)	DE 92-228
ANTHONY ZERILLI; AR (CHURCHILL)	DE 92-568
LEO MOCERI; AR (CONKLIN)	DE 92-1106
PETER LICAVOLI; AR (MONTEFIORE)	DE 92-217
VITO GIACALONE; AR (SHELBURNE)	DE 92-438
HAZEL PARK RACING ASSOCIATION; AR (CHURCHILL)	DE 92-998
ANTHONY TONY SCAGLIONE; AR	DE 92-New
CRIME CONDITIONS IN MICHIGAN; AR (CHURCHILL)	DE 92-876
ALBERT BETTI; AR	DE 92-1075
(SHELBURNE)	DE 92-860
AMERICAN ITALIAN DELEGATES CLUB; AR	DE 92-Dead

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative☒ Positive

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating:

Excellent

Coverage:

Same

Personal data: Informant is emotionally stable. He is not known to have furnished any false information.

2 - MIKE PARONE (92-NEW)  
2 - ANTHONY TONY SCAGLIONE (92-NEW)  
1 - Each of rest of above  
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on August 8, 1963:

AMERICAN ITALIAN DELEGATES  
GROUP PARTY AT THE HILLCREST  
GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB IN  
MT. CLEMENS, MICHIGAN, JUNE, 1963

The American Italian Delegates Club had their big party at the Hillcrest Golf and Country Club in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, in June, 1963. Another party is planned for August 19, 1963. The group was advised that there could be no crap games early in the morning as the State Police were going to raid the place that afternoon. However, about 3:00 p.m. they were notified that the raid was called off and so there was a big crap game, as well as a big pinochle game.

Everybody played golf that morning and then started drinking and playing cards. He said there were a lot of guests at this party from Ohio and included were ANTHONY WHITEY BESASE from Toledo, LEO MOCERI from Cleveland, TONY PAUL from Toledo, BIFF (LNU) from Toledo, 4 men from Columbus, Ohio, one from New York and two or three others, names unknown, from Cleveland.

LEO MOCERI and WHITEY BESASE stayed about three days. They stayed in a motel in the area, but he does not know the name.

ANTHONY TONY SCAGLIONE won \$20,000.00 playing pinochle. The pinochle game started Monday afternoon and lasted until Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. They played all night and did not even stop to eat. TONY PAUL from Toledo, lost \$7,500.00. TONY PAUL did not have this amount of money with him and on Tuesday night returned to Toledo and sent a messenger back with the \$7,500.00 with instructions to pay this money to SCAGLIONE. VITO GIACALONE and MIKE POLIZZI lost \$13,500.00 between them. The pinochle game was played for \$50.00 a hand with double on spades. If a person bets 35, the game goes to \$150.00 a hand, double on spades.

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MIKE POLIZZI and TONY GIACALONE dropped another \$10,000.00 playing gin. Informant stated that this is the largest game he has ever seen. TONY SCAGLIONE used to have used car lots, one on Gratiot near Beaufait and one in Hazel Park, Michigan. SCAGLIONE has a reputation of being a thief and a cheat and one not to be trusted; however, he stated he did not dare cheat with these people, as he would be killed instantly.

TONY SCAGLIONE was formerly very close to JIMMY QUASARANO and now does nothing.

Years ago SCAGLIONE won \$120,000.00 from a man called TONY FISH (TONY VENTIMIGLIA). He stated TONY FISH runs a fish market in the old Italian neighborhood and he is back working in the fish market.

In connection with the LICAVOLI activity in Toledo, Ohio, Informant stated that originally PETER CORRADO, now deceased, and YONNY LICAVOLI were partners in certain operations in the Toledo area. PETER CORRADO was also a partner of JOE MASSEI, who went to Florida. Before PETER CORRADO died, he took DOMINIC CORRADO with him on the last two years of his life and explained to DOMINIC his operation and his interests. As a result of this "FAT DOMINIC" CORRADO makes a trip to Toledo every Monday or Tuesday to check his interests. If DOMINIC is up north at his cottage or in Miami, he sends his younger brother, TONY CORRADO, and several times he has sent his cousin DOMINIC "SPARKY" CORRADO. On at least two occasions this spring, DOMINIC "SPARKY" CORRADO had to go to Toledo and did not get back in time to play golf on Wednesday when all of them play at Hillcrest.

DOMINIC CORRADO goes to Biff's Restaurant or night club, which is located on the outskirts of Toledo. He stated Biff's Restaurant or night club burned down a year or so ago, but has been rebuilt

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TONY PAUL, of Toledo, was a partner of JOE FRETTI, now deceased; and that JOE FRETTI's dying wish was that TONY PAUL's son or daughter would marry JOE FRETTI's son or daughter. This marriage was consummated after FRETTI's death.

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LEO MOCERI

TONY WHITEY BESASE served a term in the Ohio State Prison and was released. After his release, he came to Toledo, Ohio, and became the head man. When LEO MOCERI was released from prison in 1958, he went to WHITEY BESASE's place, was given money, and then he came to Detroit. In Detroit, "BLACK BILL" TOCCO made the statement that LEO MOCERI was going to Cleveland and would handle things in Cleveland.

Another man, from either Cleveland or Toledo, is named COHEN (CARL COHEN). COHEN, according to Informant, is a close friend of WHITEY BESASE, and he was an important man in Cleveland before he and MOE DALITZ went to Las Vegas. COHEN is now the floor man at the Stardust and whenever TONY BESASE is in Las Vegas, they always get together.

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MICHAEL POLIZZI  
and  
ALBERT BETTI

MIKE POLIZZI is playing a lot of golf this year at the Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. He is playing a lot of golf with ALBERT BETTI, a Hamtramck bookie and gambler. These persons play golf and bet very heavy. They play for \$2,000.00 for nine holes. On one occasion, ALBERT BETTI won \$15,000 from POLIZZI and MIKE POLIZZI won \$8,000.00 from BETTI the following day. Informant stated that ALBERT BETTI runs a crap game in a pool hall in Hamtramck and it allegedly goes on most of the day. ALBERT BETTI has several trotters and had these at the Hazel Park Race Track this spring. BETTI's trainer is known as DOC GIBSON. He is now at the MRA in Livonia. ALBERT BETTI on one night bet \$5,000.00 on one race; \$1,000.00 to win, \$2,000.00 to place, and \$2,000.00 to show. BETTI was described as a young man about 38 to 40 years of age.

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JACK TOCCO;  
HAZEL PARK RACING ASSOCIATION  
and  
MIKE PARONE

JACK TOCCO was playing golf almost every day at the Hillcrest Golf and Country Club until the runners started running at Hazel Park. Since then he has not been out. JACK TOCCO and his group are really making a cleaning at Hazel Park. On Monday August 5, 1963, the 'Dago's' had three horses. Informant stated he knows that two of these won, but he did not know how the third race came out. On Sunday night JACK TOCCO went to Utica to see MIKE PARONE. MIKE PARONE also has race horses at the Hazel Park Race Track. When JACK TOCCO came back from seeing PARONE, he had the names of three horses which were going to run on Monday. JACK TOCCO gave these to MIKE POLIZZI. Two of these horses won and all of the Italians were on it. Informant concluded by stating that the Italians are having another big party on Monday, August 18, 1963, at the Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. There will be visitors from several states and there will be the usual big gambling. The gambling takes place in the main dining room at the Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. He states this is a private party and will not be bothered in any way.

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ANTHONY TONY GIACALONE

Informant stated that TONY GIACALONE is now back working with his same contacts. He stated this means he is bribing police officers and arranging for protection.

Informant was questioned about specific information. He stated TONY GIACALONE is the man whose job is arranging for and paying protection. When he was caught by the Detroit Police Department, he dropped his daily activity and had the witnesses hide out. GIACALONE, according to his associates, thinks the case against him will be dropped if the witnesses can't be produced. In the last two or three weeks, GIACALONE has resumed his normal activities.

Informant many times has stated that the Italians depend on police protection. They make no move without protection and for years have controlled the Detroit City Police, the Sheriff's Office, have a contact high up in the Michigan State Police, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and the State of Michigan. ART CAPLAN was the only name mentioned as being hidden by GIACALONE. He, according to the Informant, was somewhere around Harsens Island.