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FROM : SA LEO C. SHIRLEY

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PCI

Dates of Contact 5/1/63		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JOSEPH ZERILLI; AR (CHURCHILL)	92-218	
WILLIAM TOCCO; AR (SHIRLEY)	92-490	
MATHEW RUBINO; AR (MONTEFIORE)	92-229	
TONY GIACALONE; AR (LUNT)	92-228	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.		
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Personal Data **PCI spent the winter months until 4/15/63, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He expects to stay in Detroit area until latter part of 7/63, at which time expects to travel in Italy, France and Spain.**

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PCI advised on 5/1/63, that during his recent winter vacation in Ft. Lauderdale, at no time did he ever see any of the Detroit hoodlums or gamblers in that area. He stated these people spent their vacations in Miami.

During this interview, the status of JOSEPH ZERILLI, WILLIAM TOCCO were discussed. It is to be noted PCI is a prohibition era bootlegger and he is the originator of the CORRADO numbers organization. In the early 1940s, he served a prison sentence as a result of arrests in connection with the CORRADO gambling syndicate. Source stated that at the present time, JOSEPH ZERILLI and WILLIAM TOCCO control the Italian criminal syndicate and gambling operation in this area. When PETE CORRADO (deceased, 1958) was alive, he was their associate. During the 1920s when ZERILLI, TOCCO and CORRADO were making maneuvers to gain control of the Italian criminal syndicate, they had problems with CHESTER LAMARE, who was the "kingpin" at that time. Source recalled on one occasion during the 1920s, CHESTER LAMARE had set up a situation in which there was going to be a meeting in a fish store in the Eastern Market. At this meeting, WILLIAM TOCCO, PETE CORRADO and JOSEPH ZERILLI were invited. The gunmen appeared before the arrival of the above three and killed one of these in attendance. According to source, LAMARE was later killed by this same gunman, who is now deceased. This gunman had been contacted by ZERILLI, CORRADO and TOCCO and was advised that he would be in danger because LAMARE was the only other person who knew he was involved in the killing at the fish market. Subsequently, this gunman killed LAMARE. After LAMARE was removed, the above three individuals took over the control of organized crime in this area and have maintained this position until the present time.

In many instances, TOCCO and ZERILLI have saved the Detroit Police and local law enforcement organizations considerable investigation because these persons settle many of the problems among the Italians.

Source stated that it is to be noted SAM BAGNASCO is married to one of the daughters of WILLIAM TOCCO. SAM BAGNASCO's father, FRANK BAGNASCO, was killed in the late 1930s. Source stated that they, TOCCO and ZERILLI, were responsible for the killing of FRANK BAGNASCO. He stated "they killed him".

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JOSEPH ZERILLI and WILLIAM TOCCO for many years saved considerable difficulty among the Italian criminal syndicate because they never want any trouble. When PETE CORRADO was alive, he was "bull headed, tough and forceful" and in many instances caused problems that had to be settled by TOCCO and ZERILLI. In this regard, source stated that TONY GIACALONE is similar to CORRADO. He appears to be somewhat of CORRADO's type. Source recalled on one occasion during the 1930s, after TOCCO had built his new home on Middlesex, PETE CORRADO tied a mule to a small shack on the lot north of TOCCO's residence where now is located the house of SAM BAGNASCO. Source stated he told PETE CORRADO that he should not do things like that in Grosse Pointe Park because these other legitimate people who live in Grosse Pointe Park do not want things like that and might cause the rest of the syndicate people trouble in Grosse Pointe Park. Source stated he recalls CORRADO mentioned "I'm the big boy and no one can scare me".

Source advised that on his return from Ft. Lauderdale, he has been in contact with a couple of the syndicate people and heard from them that recently the numbers had been hit very hard and caused the syndicate some concern. Source indicated that apparently what happened was that there were too many "lucky hits".

With regard to MIKE RUBINO, Source advised that his family has not spoken to him for a number of years. Source recalled that when he attended the funeral of MIKE RUBINO's mother, no member of RUBINO's family would have anything to do with MIKE. Source stated that this was all due to the fact that MIKE RUBINO's father and his brother, SAM RUBINO's, death were caused by activities of the Italian criminal syndicate. The remaining members of the family blame MIKE for this situation and have held him responsible for their deaths in view of his association with the Italian criminal syndicate.

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