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TO : SAC, DETROIT (92-876)

DATE: April 22, 1963

FROM : SA JOSEPH W. MONTEFIORE

SUBJECT: CRIME CONDITIONS IN MICHIGAN

DE 370-C advised SA PALMER M. WEE on 3/3/63, that TONY GIACALONE and TONY CIMINI, aka. Tony Long, had just recently made a trip to Florida to visit the ailing JOE BOMMARITO, who is suffering from Parkinson's Disease, Diabetes, and is also going blind. Source stated that he does not expect that "Scarface" will return to Detroit again until he comes back "in a box".

DE 370-C also advised that PETE LICAVOLI has attempted to persuade him to make a trip to Miami to visit "Scarface" because of their many years of close friendship.

DE 370-C also advised that ANGELO "BARRELS" LOMBARDI has been doing some numbers hustling in Pontiac, Michigan, and he definitely stated that LOMBARDI is not representing the Sicilians there, but is operating on his own. He stated that LOMBARDI is not trusted and the only reason he has not been liquidated, is because of consideration for his father-in-law, BENNY BOMMARITO. DE 370-C further advised that PHIL GUASTELLA and PETE GUASTELLA may be engaged in some small numbers operation in Macomb County but he has no knowledge of this. He further stated that the numbers racketeering does not flourish in Macomb County as it does in Wayne and Oakland Counties. He stated that LES ALMSTADT, Macomb County Sheriff, and FRANK IRONS of Oakland County, are considered absolutely incorruptible. He volunteered that some Oakland County official in south Oakland County can be corrupted.

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- 1 - 92-560 (TONY CIMINI - SA CHURCHILL)
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DE 370-C further advised that "OKIE" MEROLLIS, aka. "The Court Jester" was recently interviewed by Special Agents in Detroit, who were seeking information about "SCARFACE" JOE BOMMARITO. Informant stated that MEROLLIS has recently been used as a sort of errand boy, who has paid bills for BOMMARITO in the Detroit area and he is a Hebrew, who formerly was a bookmaker. Informant stated that MEROLLIS has been a close friend of BOMMARITO, but has not been a figure of any importance in racket activity.

DE 370-C further advised that with regard to JOHN WHITE's trip to Nashville, Tennessee, to testify before the Federal Grand Jury investigating the recent HOFFA trial, the judge supposedly told WHITE that he did not know why the Government had subpoenaed him. According to WHITE, he was before the Grand Jury for only a few minutes. DE 370-C also stated that the Government apparently had hoped to link WHITE with LARRY CAMPBELL of the Teamsters, but their apparently was no connection and Informant is certain JOHN WHITE never had any close personal contact with JIMMY HOFFA. Informant stated that it is his opinion that the individual who accompanied WHITE on his trip to Cincinnati, Louisville, and Nashville, prior to the HOFFA trial, was a Negro, who the Informant knows only as "Buckwheat".

DE 370-C said the winning number has been determined in the recent past by race results at New Orleans. It will be determined during the next weeks by race results at Hot Springs. He said Hialeah is not being used any more because of the difficulty of getting race results out of the track as soon as the race is run. DE 370-C said the policing at Hialeah is too efficient so those persons who flash race results to confederates outside the track have not been successful at the Florida track. He added that an effort is made so that the numbers people throughout the midwest all use the same track at the same time. Thus the winning number in Ohio or Indiana will be the same as the winning number in Michigan.

DE 370-C again mentioned that he has heard more conversation regarding BILL BUFALINO being groomed to eventually take over the Teamsters Union. He said the conversation has been to the effect that BUFALINO is "clean," i.e., he has no criminal record and he

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is a lawyer. Every effort will be made so as not to ever contaminate him by permitting anyone to show a connection between him and any racket activity. DE 370-C is of the opinion that Sicilians in other cities will try to extend and consolidate their holds on the local unions so that if HOFFA should be convicted or for some other reason he cannot remain as head of the Teamsters, the Sicilians will be in a position to take over. DE 370-C said he has no specific information, only general conversation. He did say that he could furnish some information regarding the history of HOFFA's association with the Sicilian hoodlums and how HOFFA used them when he was first coming to prominence in the union. He said that because the writer would be duty bound to report information, he does not dare to relate the details. DE 370-C added that he would relate the details to the writer in confidence if he was no longer employed by the FBI, but will not furnish the information while he is so employed. An effort was made to get DE 370-C to discuss this matter further, but he refused.