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STEVE MAGADDINO, aka
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Re Buffalo tel to Bureau dated 7/24/63, captioned "LA COSA NOSTRA - AR"; Bureau airtel to New York dated 8/1/63, captioned "LA COSA NOSTRA - AR; CONSPIRACY."

For information all offices, on 7/24/63, BU 297-PC advised subject left Buffalo, N. Y., on 7/23/63; destination, mode of travel, and purpose not known. On 7/24/63, PC also advised VINCENT A. SCRO, son-in-law of subject, had left with family to visit brother in Syracuse, N. Y. Date of departure by SCRO not known. However, SCRO indicated to highly confidential source (HCS) he would leave for Syracuse on 7/20/63, and continue on to unidentified destination on 7/21/63. SCRO observed in Buffalo by HCS on 7/22/63, but not seen since then. Contact with other sources and HCSes has failed to indicate whereabouts of MAGADDINO since 7/20/63.

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On 8/6/63, BU 297-PC advised he had met subject's sons-in-law, JAMES V. LA DUCA and CHARLES A. MONTANA, on same date. They advised PC that subject had telephonically contacted them from Syracuse, N. Y., on evening of 8/5/63, and told them that he and SCRO had been in Las Vegas, Nevada, and would return to work at Buffalo on 8/8/63. MAGADDINO and SCRO were in Syracuse at time of call. LA DUCA mentioned to PC that MAGADDINO and SCRO had gone to Las Vegas to "handle a problem," and planned to be gone for one week. PC did not know details of travel, purpose of visit to Las Vegas, nor exact dates they were in city.

PC conjectured MAGADDINO and SCRO were possibly furnished a hide-out by a former Buffalonian presently residing in Las Vegas. This individual is in the construction business in Las Vegas but had returned to visit Buffalo in December 1962, at which time he contacted MAGADDINO. PC could furnish no additional information relative to this individual at this time.

BU 297-PC also advised that when he met MONTANA and LA DUCA on 8/6/63, both were extremely agitated and excited as a result of information furnished by JOSEPH VALACHI, which has been given wide publicity in the Buffalo area.

PC related that immediately upon meeting MONTANA and LA DUCA, they requested him to accompany them to a storeroom, at which time they told him that all of them would be receiving a subpoena. They wanted to know how PC would testify and if he would perjure himself if need be. PC told them that he would do so and that they could depend upon him not to reveal anything. LA DUCA, who appeared extremely excited, stated in reference to VALACHI: "Just because that big, fat (obscene) couldn't keep his mouth shut, these borderline guys will have to go."

PC stated he did not know the exact meaning of LA DUCA's statement, but interpreted it to mean that certain individuals on the fringe of the organization who may

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be subpoenaed to testify may be killed in order to prevent them from revealing information regarding the MAGADDINO group in Buffalo. LA DUCA did not elaborate regarding source of subpoenas but expressed opinion that current publicity will have same results as publicity from Apalachin Meeting where those in attendance were subpoenaed to testify before various grand juries and investigative bodies.

It is noted that PC considers himself a "borderline guy" and, for that reason, is fearful of being murdered if LA DUCA's threat is carried out. PC noted, however, that LA DUCA is a close personal friend who is planning on entering business with PC as a close associate or partner.

On 8/6/63, BU 258-C* advised that FRED RANDACCIO and PHIL (SHEPPER?) had visited FRED MOGAVERO, at which time PHIL mentioned the name "GENOVESE." MOGAVERO replied that he (MOGAVERO) knows only his own name and occupation, and that is all. The ensuing discussion then turned to a photograph in a newspaper, probably referring to that of STEVE MAGADDINO, which has appeared in local newspapers in connection with information from VALACHI. RANDACCIO identified the photograph as a recent one, and PHIL added that pictures of all of them had been obtained.

Later, on 8/6/63, BU 258-C* observed an unidentified man with MOGAVERO, who remarked that the situation is going to get worse and worse.

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