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ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU

Two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth characterization of informants.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A copy of this report is being furnished Albany for information in view of subject's reported attendance at the Apalachin meeting in that division.

Copies are furnished the New York and Detroit Offices for information in view of the report that organizations in that

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area may attempt to enforce payment of the alleged debt of HAROLD SMITH if the local organization fails to make the collection.

A copy is being furnished the Miami Office for information in view of subject's reported intended travel to that area.

A copy of this report is being furnished to INS, San Francisco, because that agency is investigating an individual whom subject assisted in entering the U.S., GUISEPPE MARINO.

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Information furnished by SF T-30, [redacted] aka, SF 2550-PC, was paraphrased in this report to protect the identity of the informant. The information reported is contained in FD-302s on file in the San Francisco Office, but the FD-302s were not included in this report because to do so would disclose the informant.

It is noted that SF T-30 in his FD-302 declared that he was motivated to furnish information because of a need of financial assistance and because he had been instructed by JOSEPH CERRITO, head of the organization at San Jose, Calif., to kill HAROLD SMITH, SR., part owner of Harold's Club, Reno, Nev. The activities of the subject reported in the details of this report in reference to the collection of a large sum of money from a Reno casino operator refer to this attempt to collect the sum of \$100,000 from HAROLD SMITH, SR., on an alleged contract made with a member of the San Jose group in 1954. ○

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INFORMANTS:

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SF T-1,- SF 2354-C

SF T-3 - NY 3361-C*

SF T-4 - Mrs. PAT REESE, Western California
Telephone and Telegraph Co., Los Gatos, Calif.

SF T-5 - NY 3462-C*

SF T-19 - SF 2547-C*

SF T-20 - SF 2405-C*

SF T-21 - Former NO-CI [REDACTED]
(NO 137-952-16)

SF T-22 - PCI [REDACTED]
(NO 137-1060-3)

SF T-30 - SF 2550-PC

Contemplated Informant Coverage

- (1) SF 2354-C will be contacted regularly concerning subject.
- (2) SF 2550-PC will be contacted regularly concerning subject.
- (3) The records of the Western States Telephone Co., 15 Montebello Way, Los Gatos, Calif., will be reviewed on a monthly basis through MARY Y. TOPHAM.

LEADS:

For the benefit of offices to whom copies of this report are furnished, the following is a brief background description of the subject:

JOSEPH CERRITO was born in Sicily in 1911. He came to the U.S. in 1920. He operates an automobile sales agency in Los Gatos, Calif., and has no reported criminal record. His indicated associates include such figures as JOSEPH PROFACI, JOSEPH MAGLIOCCO,

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LEADS CONT'D:

RUSSELL BUFALINO, JOE CIVELTO, and FRANK DI SIMONE, all of whom attended the Apalachin meeting. He is reported to be the leader of the Sicilian group in the San Jose, Calif. area.

SEATTLE

AT PASCO, WASH. Will attempt to identify discreetly the subscriber to LI 7-8484.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

(1) Will obtain additional information concerning the subject's activities through SF 2354-C and SF 2550-PC.

(2) Will determine the identity of associates of the subject as reflected through calls to Garfield 1-8453, Garfield 1-1948, MI 7-7750, EX 2-6193, and DO 2-2252.

AT SAN MATEO, CALIF. Will identify the subscriber to DI 4-3713 and DI 4-2581.

AT MONTEREY, CALIF. Will identify the subscriber to FR 5-2602.

AT CARMEL, CALIF. Will identify subscriber to MA 4-3517.

AT WATSONVILLE, CALIF. Will identify the subscriber to PA 4-3841.

AT RICHMOND, CALIF. Will identify the subscriber to BE 3-5851.

AT LOS GATOS, CALIF.

(1) Will monitor subject's bank account at Wells Fargo Bank-American Trust Co., 150 North Santa Cruz Dr.

(2) Will review subject's toll calls at Western States Telephone Co., 15 Montebello Ave.

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