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Re San Diego airtel to the Bureau dated 3/13/67.

SD 1064-C-TE was re-contacted by SA's EDWARD MARI and JOHN D. ARMSTRONG and furnished the following information on La Cosa Nostra (LCN) on 3/28/67.

I. DETROIT LCN FAMILY

Informant has been maintaining contact with Capo JOHN PRIZIOLA of the Detroit Family presently vacationing in the San Diego area. He stated he had lunch that day, 3/28/67, with PRIZIOLA and with LCN member, JOE LIMANDRI, of San Diego.

After lunch he met privately with PRIZIOLA for a few minutes. PRIZIOLA informed him that he was leaving that day with

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his wife and his friend, SALVATORE LO MEDICO, and LO MEDICO's wife. They were going to drive to Las Vegas, Nevada. PRIZIOLA told him that while in Las Vegas he would meet with ANTHONY ZERILLI (son of JOE ZERILLI, LCN boss of the Detroit Family) and with PRIZIOLA's son-in-law, MIKE POLIZZI, also of Detroit. He stated that PRIZIOLA was going to Las Vegas for a vacation, but that there would also be a business conference regarding the Detroit Family's investment in the New Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas. He explained that according to PRIZIOLA there are apparently 15 points in the New Frontier which have not been assigned. The informant believed there was a basic dispute on the assignment of these 15 points between the Detroit and Chicago Families. Because of this dispute, the matter previously was going to be settled by a business meeting in New York City supervised by the Commission. He stated that meeting was called off, probably because of the publicity in the New York area regarding the FBI digging up bodies in nearby New Jersey.

The informant got the impression that the Chicago Family feels it has "first crack" at obtaining the unassigned 15 points, but that the leadership in the Detroit Family apparently would prefer some other group to have the 15 points. The informant stated that in his opinion the Detroit Family owns the major interest in the New Frontier. He was unable to give a dollar value to the 15 points. He further claimed of not knowing what other group the Detroit Family would prefer to have the points.

He stated that JOHN ROSSELLI of Hollywood would represent the Chicago Family at this meeting in Las Vegas to determine the assignment of the 15 points.

The informant advised that he had complained bitterly to PRIZIOLA about all the work he has done for the LCN during his lifetime and that now he is broke, out of work, and feels he should be given a cut in a "good investment". He stated that PRIZIOLA was sympathetic to his request about giving the informant a small interest in the New Frontier. He stated,

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however, that if the Chicago Family is successful in getting the 15 points in the New Frontier, PRIZIOLA would probably then claim it was up to ROSSELLI to give the informant something out of the 15 points.

The informant advised that he has discussed this with ROSSELLI at Los Angeles recently and ROSSELLI will recommend to GIANCANA that he be given a small cut in the 15 points if the Chicago Family obtains them.

The informant advised that he is attempting to get about \$2,000 a month, but that he would be happy to settle for \$1,000 a month.

The informant was specifically questioned regarding the possibility of a commission member attending any such meeting in Las Vegas. He doubted it. He stated that in view of the "heat" in the newspapers regarding organized crime, he doubted a commission member would be in attendance.

He advised, however, that it would be very simple for them to arrive at a conclusion and arrange for a guarded telephone conversation with a commission representative.

He stated that if such a meeting occurs in Las Vegas it will be done wherever and whenever they find it most convenient, such as strolling along the fairway of a golf course or some other suitable place which would be secure for their purposes.

The informant was specifically asked if some other LCN families were attempting to get the 15 points and he again claimed not having any knowledge in this regard. He was specifically asked about the Kansas City Family, and he claimed that in his opinion he doubted it as their investment now was in the Landmark Hotel in Las Vegas. He claimed he did not know the amount of the Kansas City investment in Las Vegas.

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He was employed as an electrician and his wife ran a children's dress shop. He stated that ROCCO VITALE was related somehow and a close friend of the LCN Capo JOHN VITALE in St. Louis. Later ROCCO went to Las Vegas, Nevada, with his son, RICHARD ROCCO VITALE, to operate a pizza restaurant and he has not seen him in a couple of years. The informant stated that ROCCO VITALE, even though a close friend and acquaintance of LCN leaders in St. Louis, is not a member of the LCN. He explained that if he had been a member it would have been brought to his attention as he was the local Capo in San Diego at the time ROCCO came here from St. Louis. He believes that ROCCO at the present time is back living in the St. Louis area. The informant talked in terms indicating that JOE, SAM, and TONY GIARDANO, TONY LOPIPARO, and JOHN VITALE were all LCN members of the St. Louis Family.

### III. LOS ANGELES FAMILY

Informant advised that as a result of the sale of the Desert Inn to HOWARD HUGHES, the Los Angeles Boss, FRANK DESIMONE, is no longer getting his yearly cut of approximately \$10,000 a year income from the Desert Inn.

He stated that DESIMONE is going to be hurt badly by this as he has very little "going for him."

Again the informant indicated a general dissatisfaction with the dormant status of the Los Angeles LCN Family and that he hoped in the near future an effort would be made to depose DESIMONE from leadership in the Los Angeles Family. He indicated that he has had frank discussions on this matter with JOHN ROSSELLI. He also indicated that there would be an attempt to set up a new boss in the Los Angeles Family and that "democratic means" would not be used. Again he indicated it would be a "power play" and that he was going to attempt to get the leadership for himself. He mentioned names like JOHN ROSSELLI, SAM GIANCANA of the Chicago Family, JOE ZERILLI and JOHN PRIZIOLA of the Detroit Family, TONY GIARDANO of the St. Louis Family and SANTO TRAFFICANTE of Tampa and Miami among others as being the type of persons who would back him.

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was going to try to keep three or four trucks in order to make some money on the side. Informant advised that FRANK LA PORTE's trucks have now been repossessed and that LA PORTE is still in Chicago to his knowledge.

He advised that ANGELO MARINO is no longer in Palm Springs and that he is back in San Jose. He is recovering from his heart attack. Informant had no information regarding the status of the forthcoming trial charging ANGELO MARINO with income tax evasion. He stated that ANGELO's father, SALVATORE MARINO, is making a lot of money with his California Cheese Company in San Jose, California.

#### IV. MIAMI - NEW ORLEANS AREA

Informant was specifically questioned regarding JOHN PRIZIOLA's travel while vacationing in the San Diego area. He states he has been in contact with PRIZIOLA once or twice a week and that he has no information to indicate PRIZIOLA has made any trips as far away as Miami or New Orleans.

He claimed he did not have any specific details regarding the Detroit Family's investment in Florida or New Orleans. He stated that several of the members of the Detroit Family owned winter homes in Florida and real estate, but he did not have any information indicating a Detroit investment in racket activity in that area.

Again he stated that his recent meeting with SANTO TRAFFICANTE in Los Angeles was just a friendly meeting of old friends while TRAFFICANTE was enroute from Spain to New York City. Again he indicated the reason for the meeting in New York, after which TRAFFICANTE was arrested, was to settle a serious family dispute in New Orleans. He claimed he did not know the details of the New Orleans Family dispute, but that at one point it looked like "Guns would be used if it was not settled by the Commission."

The informant stated that he would be agreeable