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When New York's latest national summary report was received at the Bureau and careful review commenced during mid-July, 1963, we were aware that the Department had released voluminous data to the "Saturday Evening Post" for preparation of a feature article on captioned organization. Utmost caution was, therefore, necessary in reviewing this material to guard against compromising our top sources in the criminal intelligence field. When an advanced draft of the "Saturday Evening Post" article was received shortly thereafter, it became increasingly apparent that the Department was making full disclosure of our information on this organization and that special precautions would be necessary to protect our most sensitive sources from being pinpointed by Department release.

We had only to reflect on the fact that one of our top member-sources, Alfredo Sanantonio, had been murdered in gang style in New York on July 11, 1963, a week or so before, to realize the necessity of utmost caution.

Inasmuch as New York's report contained specific data which we had received in the immediate past from a newly developed member-source in Los Angeles, Salvatore Piscopo, who is our most valuable source in southern California, it was necessary to delete certain of his information and to reword other data furnished by him which, if released, would tend to pinpoint him as the source.

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Additionally, this report contained considerable specific detail regarding the Las Vegas skimming operation which, if released by the Department, would seriously endanger our key sources covering this operation. On this point we, of course, had to take into consideration that sensitive data on the skimming operation had previously been leaked to the underworld shortly following dissemination of such material to the Department. Therefore, it was necessary that considerable material in this report concerning skimming be amended and expressed in more general terms to avoid pinpointing our key sources.

The necessary changes have now been received from New York and amended pages have been inserted in our copies of this report.

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