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RE: JOSEPH COSTELLO (INV)  
JOHN VITALE (INV)  
JACK JOSEPH (INV)

Captain JOHN DOHERTY, SLPD Hoodlum Squad, advised this date that captioned individuals, top hoodlums in SL Division, all returned to SL evening of 8-19-58 after appearing before Senate Rackets Committee.

RE: JOSEPH COSTELLO

SL PCI JOSEPH MC CANN advised SA HOWARD C. KENNEDY this date that he attended a conference at 8:30 a.m. this date in the office of JOSEPH COSTELLO at which time COSTELLO's Manager, WILLIAM LAIRD and Cab Supervisor MAX FELDMAN were present as was COSTELLO. COSTELLO appeared extremely upset as a result of his appearance before the Senate Rackets Committee, particularly so as a result of testimony of MOLLY BAKER, ex-wife of ROBERT BARNEY BAKER, Teamsters official. Twice during this meeting COSTELLO expressed a desire to perpetrate bodily harm on MOLLY BAKER for the testimony given by her. He also commented that he would "hate to be in her shoes." PCI does not know whether COSTELLO is serious in his threats.

COSTELLO commented that the questions and statements made by the committee were all lies and that inasmuch as he was not involved he did not intend to become involved by answering any of their questions. It was PCI's impression, however, that prior to COSTELLO's leaving St. Louis to appear before this committee, he had every intention of pleading the Fifth Amendment. COSTELLO commented that he was not in the least bit interested in the Ace Cab Company which he heads. He was primarily concerned with MOLLY BAKER and her testimony.

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