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ReBuairtel to NY, dated 12/28/62.

JOSEPH VALACHI (protect) has restated that non-Italians cannot be a member of "Causa Nostra". VALACHI had no knowledge regarding a "Commission" other than "Consuleri" or a Council of Six, previously described. VALACHI specifically stated that MEYER LANSKY was not a member of "Causa Nostra" but was a leader of the Jewish mob and always close to VINCENT ALO.

NY 3461-C-TE has advised in the past that no non-Italian, including MEYER LANSKY, is a member of "La Causa Nostra", or The Criminal "Commission". The informant stated that LANSKY is used by the "Commission" and the members thereof associate with LANSKY in various business connections, but LANSKY has never been, to the informant's knowledge, an actual "Commission" member.

The informant has been advised to remain alert for further specific information regarding the above.

NY 3586-C-TE advised SA LEONARD H. MC COY on 12/29/62 that he could not specifically advise within his personal knowledge whether MEYER LANSKY was a member of the "Commission". The informant stated that he would remain alert for further information concerning LANSKY's actual status with the Italian underworld.

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JOSEPH VALACHI has advised that THOMAS GAGLIANO resided at 168 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY, and died of natural causes about 1953 when he was succeeded as "boss" by THOMAS LUCHESE.

Files of the NYO reflect that in 1949 one HENRY D. MULLER, a CI of the New Orleans (NO) Office, advised that he had received information concerning one JOSEPH GAGLIANO and THOMAS GAGLIANO who had opened a custom jewelry store in New Orleans. The informant stated that it was his opinion that the store was a front for some illegitimate enterprise. He advised that the GAGLIANOS were allegedly connected with CARLOS MARCELLO and one HENRY ERNST, who was considered to be an accomplished safe burglar in the southern part of the country. The records of the NOPD reflect that THOMAS GAGLIANO, FBI #67129, NOPD #3196, and JOSEPH GAGLIANO, FBI #786311, NOPD #3195, were identical with the individuals operating this store.

Investigation is currently being conducted by the NYO in the THOMAS LUCHESE matter to corroborate information furnished by JOSEPH VALACHI. The Bureau will be immediately advised upon receipt of corroborating information resolving whether VINCENT ALO or THOMAS GAGLIANO was the actual predecessor of THOMAS LUCHESE.