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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-2940
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SEBASTIAN JOHN LA ROCCA, AKA., AR. RE PITTSBURGH TELETYPE,
AUG. SIXTEEN LAST. JOSEPH MEROLA, DURING INTERVIEW AT
MIAMI, FLA., AUG. FOURTEEN LAST, AFTER ADVISING HE WISHED HIS
IDENTITY PROTECTED AND THAT HE WOULD NOT TESTIFY, FURNISHED
INFORMATION CONCERNING GABRIEL AND SAM MANNARINO AND ASSOCIATES,
MEROLA CHARACTERIZED GABRIEL MANNARINO AS SECOND ONLY TO
ACTIVE JOHN LA ROCCA, PITTSBURGH, AND INACTIVE ~~FRANK AMATO,~~
BRADDOCK, PA., AS TOP ^{MAN} MEN IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA OF NATIONAL
CRIME SYNDICATE, REFERRED TO BY MEROLA AS QUOTE THE OUTFIT
UNQUOTE. INASMUCH AS AMATO IS RETIRED OR INACTIVE, MEROLA
HAS IN ESSENCE IDENTIFIED LA ROCCA AS TOP NATIONAL CRIME
SYNDICATE MAN IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

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