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GABRIEL MANNARINO, AKA, SAMUEL MANNARINO, AKA, AR. ON AUGUST
FOURTEEN LAST, JOSEPH R. MEROLA WAS INTERVIEWED AT USPO BLDG.,
MIAMI, FLA., IN PRESENCE OF DJ ATTORNEYS WILLIAM KENNEY AND
WILLIAM KENOE AT MEROLA-S INSISTENCE. INTERVIEW COMMENCED
IN LATE AFTERNOON AND MEROLA SET CONDITIONS HE WOULD NOT
TESTIFY TO INFORMATION FURNISHED, WISHED IDENTITY PROTECTED,
AND WOULD NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE VIOLATIONS IN WHICH HE WAS
PARTICIPANT. MEROLA FURNISHED BACKGROUND INFORMATION CON-
CERNING HIMSELF, GABRIEL AND SAMUEL MANNARINO AND THE HISTORY
OF THEIR ASSOCIATION. HE CHARACTERIZED GABRIEL MANNARINO AS
SECOND ONLY TO ACTIVE JOHN LA ROCCA, PITTSBURGH, AND INACTIVE
FRANK AMATO, BRADDOCK, PA., AS TOP MEN IN WESTERN PA. FOR
QUOTE NATIONAL CRIME SYNDICATE UNQUOTE. ALSO REFERRED TO
BY MEROLA AS QUOTE THE OUTFIT UNQUOTE. INFORMATION FURNISHED
REGARDING INTERNAL DISSENSION IN MANNARINO ORGANIZATION IN
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NEW KENSINGTON, PA., WITH FORMER BODYGUARD JOHN FONTANA AND
FORMER QUOTE TRIGGERMAN UNQUOTE AL ROSS AT ODDS WITH KELLY
MANNARINO. MEROLA PREDICTS ANDY MANGINI, LIEUTENANT FOR
KELLY MANNARINO, WILL BE KILLED BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE STEALING
FROM MANNARINO GAMBLING ENTERPRISES. MEROLA FURNISHED IDENTITY
OF ANDY MANGINI AS UNSUB IN LOADING OF STOLEN WEAPONS IN CASE
QUOTE STUART SUTOR, ET AL, ITSP, TGP, FFA, NM, CONSPIRACY UN-
QUOTE AND OF THIEVES GEORGE FLOREA AND RICHARD STEWART. HE
FURNISHED OTHER POSITIVE INFORMATION IN THIS CASE. MEROLA
SAID QUOTE OUTFIT UNQUOTE BEHIND NEW DIXIE SWEEPSTAKES TICKET
OSTENSIBLY FOR BENEFIT OF PAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
AND KELLY MANNARINO COMPELLED TO TAKE TEN THOUSAND BOOKS FOR
DISTRIBUTION IN HIS AREA. BELIEVES TICKETS PRINTED IN NEW
YORK CITY BUT HAS NO POSITIVE INFORMATION PRESENTLY. MEROLA,
AFTER SOME THOUGHT, RELENTED AND ALSO FURNISHED POSITIVE IN-
FORMATION ON SOME BURGLARIES AND ROBBERIES IN WHICH HE
PARTICIPATED OR KNEW

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ABOUT
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0224 INTERVIEW TERMINATED AT MEROLA-S

REQUEST ABOUT TEN P. M. DUE TO MEROLA-S PRIOR COMMITMENT FOR
DAYTIME OF AUGUST FIFTEEN, INTERVIEW TO RESUME SIX P. M. THAT
EVENING. SAS PORTELLA AND FORSYTH ANTICIPATE RETURN PITTSBURGH
AUGUST SIXTEEN NEXT.

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