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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2918)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (92-155)

RE: ✓ GABRIEL MANNARINO, aka
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✓ SAMUEL MANNARINO, aka
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(OO: Pittsburgh)

ReButel to Pittsburgh 8/17/61, with reference to Pittsburgh estimating the value and recommendation of MEROLA as to whether or not he should be included in the top echelon criminal informant program.

MEROLA was formerly a CI of the Miami Office. It was necessary to discontinue him as such for reasons previously furnished the Bureau and no change has come about whereby Miami recommends consideration be given to him as a CI. It is recommended that any information he may desire to furnish be obtained from him, however, the same not sought inasmuch as it is believed MEROLA would use this to his own advantage and to the embarrassment of the Bureau at a subsequent time.

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On the night of 8/17/61, MM 722-C, who is a close associate of MEROLA and who is a close associate of one MEL ADLER, who is an associate of MEROLA, advised he had been informed by MEROLA and by ADLER that MEROLA has been stating that he will not have to serve any time in the case entitled "STUART SUTOR, Et Al; ITSP; TGT; FFA; NM; CONSPIRACY." MEROLA has stated that the matter has been taken care of in Philadelphia and it has cost him a "tremendous bundle" to have his pending five year sentence suspended and have him placed on probation. He has indicated this will transpire next Thursday or Friday, on the 24th or 25th of August, when he was supposed to start serving his sentence. He allegedly is to appear before the Federal Judge in Pittsburgh at that time to be placed on probation.

MEROLA is presently a top jewel thief of the Miami Office, and is known to be, and has admitted to the Pittsburgh Agents, that he pulled the major theft this last winter at the Hofbrau Haus in Hallandale, Fla.

Miami requests the Bureau give authority to Pittsburgh to inform the Federal Judge at Pittsburgh concerning statements made by MEROLA. These are namely, that he has spent a "tremendous bundle" to have his case fixed in Pittsburgh to where he will be placed on probation rather than serve his pending five year sentence.

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