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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *ab*  
FROM : C. A. Evans *Evans*  
SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA  
ANTIRACKETEERING

DATE: July 31, 1964

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Belmont ☒  
Mohr ☒  
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Callahan ☒  
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*LA COSA NOSTRA case in detail*  
Milwaukee top echelon informant 623-C-TE has furnished information that a meeting of La Cosa Nostra members might be held August 2, 1964, at the farm of Sam (Teets) Battaglia, located at Route 1, Pingree Grove, Illinois. Battaglia is an important lieutenant of Samuel Giancana, underworld leader of Chicago. His farm is known as the Free Meadows Stock Farm and is a very spacious layout situated approximately 55 miles northwest of Chicago. The farm is used for training horses and in addition to spacious barns, three residences, and a swimming pool, also has a track for training race horses.

The informant has not been able to furnish the identity of all of the individuals who supposedly will attend this meeting, but has advised that Frank Balistrieri, Milwaukee hoodlum, is one of those who will reportedly be present. Kansas City has advised that one of its top hoodlums, Thomas Simone, will be in Chicago during the pertinent period.

Chicago and other interested offices have been alerted to this meeting and the Chicago Office has established coverage, which will consist of both photographic and physical surveillance of the Battaglia farm. This surveillance will be designed to identify any individuals who appear at the Battaglia farm in the event a meeting is held.

Chicago has advised that the Battaglia farm setup is in the open posing inherent difficulties in coverage; however, every effort is being made to cover the setup adequately without disclosure of the Bureau's interest. Also, in view of this and in the event of a large attendance, activities may become widespread and cover a considerable territory. If this happens Chicago will consider the advisability, in connection with its efforts to cover this thing, of alerting reliable local law enforcement officers.

ACTION:

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Chicago has been instructed to follow through on appropriate coverage of any meeting to be held and to keep the Bureau and interested offices fully advised.

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Evans  
1 - Mr. Stanley  
1 - Mrs. McAndrews  
1 - Mr. Leggett

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