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Date: 7/31/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)
 FROM: SAC, DETROIT (92-214) (P)

LA COSA NOSTRA
 AR- CONSPIRACY

Re Milwaukee airtel, 7/17/64; CGairtel, 7/28/64; MI radiogram, 7/31/64.

DE 370-C-TE, DE 862-C-TE, DE 868-C-TE, DE 889-C-TE, DE 906-C*, DE 919-C* and DE 987-C* have furnished no info indicating travel out of Detroit area over week end of 8/2/64 of local hoodlums likely to attend a Chicago meeting. Possibility of a meeting not discussed with informants per previous instructions.

No info received as result of airline stops previously placed.

JOSEPH ZERILLI, head of Detroit "family" and "Commission" member, is now at cottage at Higgins Lake, Mich. DE 889-C-TE advised 7/31/64, that ZERILLI has bad eye infection, and that he has been instructed to call ZERILLI night of 7/31/64, to determine whether ZERILLI wants to be driven back to Detroit on 8/1/64, for further medical attention.

The Bureau and Chicago will be advised of any pertinent developments.

- 3 - Bureau
 2 - Chicago (92-1173)
 1 - Milwaukee (92-262) (Info)
 1 - Detroit

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Date: 7/28/64

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1173)
 SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA
 AR - CONSPIRACY

Re Bureau airtel to Milwaukee dated 6/8/64; Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau dated 6/12/64 and Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 6/29/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four (4) aerial photographs taken by Bureau Agents depicting a panoramic view of SAM "TEETS" BATTAGLIA's Free Meadows Stock Farm, Route 1, Pingree Grove, Illinois.

It is to be noted that MI 623-C-TE has furnished information regarding a proposed meeting in the Chicago vicinity on 8/2/64 of the La Cosa Nostra (LCN). The Bureau has instructed that extreme care is to be exercised in pursuing this matter to insure that MI 623-C-TE is not compromised or placed in jeopardy. The Bureau is to be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

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Milwaukee should maintain particularly close contact with MI 623-C-TE for any additional details regarding this proposed meeting and should immediately advise Chicago concerning same. Milwaukee advise Chicago if MI 623-C-TE contemplates attending meeting.

By way of background, SAM "TEETS" BATTAGLIA is a top hoodlum in the Chicago Division. It has been reported by several informants that BATTAGLIA is one of the Chicago area hoodlums who would replace SAM GIANCANA as head of organized crime in the Chicago area when and if GIANCANA steps down. BATTAGLIA has owned and operated the Free Meadows Stock Farm since 1947 and is the owner of record of this farm. He is well known in the farming community of Pingree Grove, Illinois, and is deemed to be "a respectable citizen" in that area. Chicago informants have advised that over the years Chicago area hoodlums have frequented BATTAGLIA's farm, particularly on weekends, on which occasions BATTAGLIA uses them for painting fences and repairs to some of the farm buildings. This has been verified by ROBERT KOLLWETER, Deputy Sheriff, Kane County, and life-time resident of the Pingree Grove community. KOLLWETER recently advised that, although BATTAGLIA's reputation as a Chicago hoodlum is known in the Pingree Grove community, his activities in that area have been those of a model citizen and he is respected as such in that area.

The physical layout of BATTAGLIA's farm is situated approximately 55 miles northwest of Chicago. The actual location of this farm is approximately one half mile north of Pingree Grove on Damisch Road. The houses and barns are situated on the crest of a hill on the east side of Damisch Road, affording a commanding view of the country side in all directions. It is to be noted that the farm has three separate residences, large modern swimming pool recently installed, a race track for training race horses and several other farm buildings. BATTAGLIA owns or leases many acres adjacent to the farm so that the nearest points of observation, not on BATTAGLIA's property, are far removed. On all of BATTAGLIA's property, either owned or leased, he has signs posted indicating that the land is posted for shooting game and indicates that all trespassers thereon will be arrested.