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FROM: Director, FBI

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ReLAairtel 1/15/65 and Butel 1/18/65.

For information of offices not designated copies of reLAairtel, information has been developed from LA 4448-C-TE, a veteran member of the Los Angeles "family" of La Cosa Nostra, that Frank Desimone, "boss" of that "family," is to be in New York City on 1/25/65 to meet with the "commission."

Informant has been told by Nick Licata, "under-boss" of the Los Angeles "family," that Desimone is representing a number of smaller Western U. S. La Cosa Nostra groups with the "commission," and that after conferring with this top ruling group, Desimone will be conveying results to these Western groups whom he represents. Though informant is not aware specifically of the identities of groups to be contacted by Desimone, it is logical to assume, based on previous information, that Desimone will be representing San Jose and San Francisco, California, groups, in addition to the San Diego group, which is actually part of the Los Angeles "family," and may well be representing groups in Texas, Colorado and Louisiana. Because of the potential for the development of valuable information regarding heretofore unknown La Cosa Nostra groups in this country, an extremely discreet surveillance is being maintained on Desimone to afford coverage of his trip to and from New York City.

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Airtel to Boston, et al.
Re: La Cosa Nostra

ReButel has advised Los Angeles to maintain particularly close contact with LA 4448-C-TE for possible notice of Desimone's date and mode of departure for New York City, and to closely coordinate their activity with other interested offices. Los Angeles, San Diego and other offices have been instructed to handle this matter with great care inasmuch as experience in the past has determined Desimone to be extremely surveillance conscious. Offices have also been instructed that in order to maintain the continuity of our plan, and to maintain security of the surveillance of Desimone, that such surveillance by offices participating should be temporarily discontinued, if continuance would "burn" Desimone.

All offices having sources covering "commission" activity, and particularly those reporting on recent developments pertaining to "commission" action against the Bonanno "family" are to maintain constant contact with key sources in an effort to enlarge on our knowledge of plans the "commission" may have to confer in the New York City area on 1/25/65.

This matter is to receive top priority handling and the Bureau must be kept advised of all significant developments.

NOTE: In order that all offices having coverage of "commission" members and top level La Cosa Nostra activity will be alert for a possible "commission" gathering in the New York City area 1/25/65, additional offices to whom this airtel is sent are being alerted to the information received from the Los Angeles informant and regarding instructions for a discreet surveillance of Los Angeles La Cosa Nostra "Boss" Desimone. It is noted that informant has advised that Desimone is to be in the New York City area 1/25/65 to meet with the "commission" and that he will be representing a number of smaller Western U. S. La Cosa Nostra groups at this meeting.

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