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Date: 5/11/62

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: Director, FBI (92-2717)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (92-444) (P)

SUBJECT: ANGELO BRUNO, aka;
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[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Re Philadelphia airtel to the Bureau dated 5/8/62 and Philadelphia airtel to New York dated 5/5/62.

PH 627-PC advised on 5/9/62 that he and JOHN CAVELLI would again go to New York on Saturday night, 5/12/62. While in New York City, informant and CAVELLI will reside at the home of DAN CHERICO (phonetic), 1009 Ogden Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. The purpose of the visit is to deliver money to someone in New York City. Informant does not know to whom the money will be delivered or why the money is being taken to New York. Informant speculated that the money will be delivered to CHERICO. He stated that he had no advance notice on his last two trips to New York that PHILIP TESTA would be in New York and would hold meetings in New York. He does not know if TESTA again plans to visit New York over the week end.

For the information of the Bureau, New York and Boston, the informant obtained employment with BRUNO in his numbers operation upon the suggestion of FBI, Philadelphia. Informant is being groomed by JOHN CAVELLI, TESTA's close confidante. To date, he has served in edge-off houses and numbers relay stations. At present he is TESTA's "bagman," collecting money from various numbers offices and he is furnishing the location of these offices to the Philadelphia Division.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Philadelphia believes that dissemination to the Philadelphia Police Department at this time would abort plans to become thoroughly familiar with the extent of BRUNO's numbers operation. Further, it appears that informant's trip to New York City is indicative of a possible ITAR violation.

Philadelphia believes that open surveillances of informant and TESTA are premature at this time because of the sensitivity of informant's relationship with TESTA, CAVELLI and BRUNO. It is further believed that no further action should be taken until the informant has thoroughly penetrated and digested the extent of BRUNO's numbers operation and advised the FBI of the identities of persons engaged in the illegal activity.

Informant has again been instructed to be most circumspect in noting information such as names, phone numbers and addresses. He has been instructed to telephonically furnish this information to the New York Office while it is fresh in his memory in order that he can minimize note-taking. Informant stated that he did not call the New York Office over the 5/5-7/62 week end, as he was instructed, out of fear of being compromised. Informant thoroughly appreciates the danger of his position, but he continues to be most cooperative. He has requested that a Philadelphia Agent be available in New York to receive his telephone call because of his reluctance to speak with Agents unknown to him. It is believed, however, that this arrangement is at this time unnecessary. In the event it does become necessary, recommendations will be made.

In the event informant contacts the New York Office, he will identify himself as FRANK THOMAS. If he calls, he should be handled with appropriate dispatch. The New York Office should vigorously attempt to develop a highly confidential source in CHERICO's residence and should expedite investigation requested in reference airtel.

Likewise, Boston should expedite investigation requested in reference airtel.