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Enclosed for Legat, Ottawa, is a copy of New York letter to the Bureau 12/23/64, captioned "NY 4498-C-TE, Top Echelon Criminal Informant Program." Enclosed letter deals with a trip NY 4498-C-TE made to Montreal recently, where he was in touch with individuals either operating as part of, or associated with, members of La Cosa Nostra in Montreal.

Information has been developed from a number of highly confidential sources in positions to report on high level La Cosa Nostra activity that there is a membership group of La Cosa Nostra in Montreal, which over the years operated as part of the New York "family" headed by "Commission" member Joseph Bonanno.

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Background regarding the nature and national make-up of this criminal organization is contained in past copies of the Criminal Intelligence Digest, which have been furnished to you.

The enclosed New York letter is for your information and guidance in dealing with authorities in the Montreal area. A letterhead memorandum is now being prepared by the New York Office summarizing information developed to date regarding the existence of La Cosa Nostra in Montreal. This will be furnished to you for dissemination to the RCMP and for your assistance in developing our intelligence picture of this organization as it operates in Canada, with particular emphasis on the relationships between the members in both countries.

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