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Re San Diego airtel to the Bureau dated 4/6/67.

SD 1064-C-TE was recontacted by SA'S EDWARD MARI and JOHN D. ARMSTRONG and furnished the following information on La Cosa Nostra (LCN) on 4/27/67.

I. DETROIT LCN FAMILY

1. Informant has maintained contact with "Capo" PAPA JOHN PRIZIOLA about twice a week since he has come to the San Diego area from Detroit to visit his two daughters, married to local San Diego hoodlums, JOSEPH ERNESTO MATRANGA and FRANK ISADORE MATRANGA. Informant confirmed that PRIZIOLA has had a recent recurrence of his heart trouble and is now staying at

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was originally from Cleveland, has been observed meeting in the Los Angeles area with former Cleveland hoodlums, JULIUS ANTHONY PETRO, FRANK JOHN VELOTTA, NICHOLAS VALENTI, NICHOLAS J. TIRABASSI, MICHAEL ANTHONY PETRO.

Informant at this meeting admitted having recently been introduced to the above ex-Cleveland hoodlums by JIMMY FRATIANNI who has known them for many years. He confirmed that JULIUS PETRO was recently paroled from Federal Prison after serving a long term on a bank robbery charge and that he was paroled to his brother, MIKE PETRO. He further admitted that FRANK VELOTTA is an expert safe burglar. He further admitted that FRATIANNI introduced these hoodlums to the informant because VELOTTA is trying to get some criminal felony charge, outstanding against him in the State of Florida, dropped or "fixed". Apparently, FRATIANNI has told these hoodlums that the informant is an old friend of SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR., boss of the Florida LCN Family. VELOTTA wants the informant to try to get TRAFFICANTE to "fix" a state charge in Florida so he will not be forced to return there.

VELOTTA, according to the informant, has every intention of raising enough money to take care of this fix. Informant indicated that VELOTTA would do so by pulling some safe jobs. Informant stressed, however, that he did not know where VELOTTA would pull the safe jobs, but that it would not be anywhere around the San Diego area in order to protect the informant. If VELOTTA is successful in raising enough money, he will try to get the informant to arrange things with TRAFFICANTE.

(The informant confidentially advised that in his opinion it takes a great deal of money at this time to arrange a fix in Florida as the crooked politicians

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Informant advised that in his day LOCOCO was deeply involved in bookmaking, but states that he no longer believes he is actively engaged in bookmaking. Claims that LOCOCO now has turned into a "big businessman and even a Shriner." Indicated, however, that LOCOCO still loves to gamble, but thinks it is more likely he is nothing more than a better at this time.

Informant was questioned about ANDY LOCOCO's brother, Dr. THOMAS LOCOCO of National City, California. Stated that to his knowledge Dr. LOCOCO has always been "straight" and not engaged in any racket activity or gambling activity involving his brother.

Advised that to his knowledge the LOCOCOs are not LCN members.

3. At this meeting, the informant again stressed his desire to overthrow the present leadership of the Los Angeles Family. He stated that he gave word to his local "Capo", JOE ADAMO, that he was going to "cut back into" the gambling operation of NICK SIMPONIS on the outskirts of Palm Springs, California. He told JOE ADAMO to report this to FRANK DESIMONE, Boss of the Los Angeles LCN Family. On rechecking with JOE ADAMO, he stated that ADAMO told him that he tried three times to contact DESIMONE, finally making the contact on the third time.

He advised that ADAMO gave the word to DESIMONE and now he is waiting for DESIMONE to reply. He stated that he expects DESIMONE to forbid him to cut back into SIMPONIS and claimed that SIMPONIS is already giving a share of his earnings to the Family. He stated that he knows for a fact SIMPONIS is not giving any of his earnings at the Desert Sands and when DESIMONE makes such a claim,

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the informant will use it as a vehicle in making a serious complaint against DESIMONE to the LCN leadership and will attempt to use it as an example in an effort to force DESIMONE out of LCN leadership in the Los Angeles LCN Family.

Again the informant was highly critical of DESIMONE, Underboss NICK LICATA, and his San Diego Capo JOE ADAMO for lack of aggressive leadership in providing opportunities for hoodlum income.

IX. NEW ORLEANS FAMILY

From comments made by the informant, it is apparent he is not at all acquainted with the New Orleans Family leadership in the persons of CARLOS and JOE MARCELLO or leader JIMMY CAMPO.

X. NEW YORK FAMILY

Informant advised that he had no further information regarding any change in the physical condition of Boss TOM LUCHESE.

XI. MIAMI and TAMPA

Stated he has not been in contact with SANTO TRAFFICANTE, JR. since he last saw him in Los Angeles a few months ago, but that if he does visit TRAFFICANTE at VELOTTA's request, he will stop off enroute and visit LCN hoodlum leaders he knows in St. Louis and Chicago. Informant still stressed the fact that he cannot travel at this time to Florida as he has claimed too vigorously of being broke to make such an expensive trip at this time without arousing curiosity and possibly suspicion. He still indicated, however, that he would be agreeable to making such a trip if he finds the right cover.