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Will attempt to develop member source able to furnish reliable information concerning members of the Detroit "family" in the Cosa Nostra.

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I. EXISTENCE

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Source advised on October 21, 1963, that the Detroit Italian syndicate is controlled and dominated by JOSEPH ZERILLI. It is a "one family" syndicate. He has never heard the terms "Cosa Nostra" or "Amici Nostra" applied to the Detroit syndicate. He said that the only thing he has ever heard the syndicate referred to locally is "the outfit", "the people", "the organization", or just simply "the syndicate".

Source: "Detroit Free Press"  
October 10, 1963, Edition

The above edition contained an article about JOSEPH VALACHI's testifying before the Mc Clellan Senate Subcommittee in Washington, D. C. and VALACHI telling the committee that there is a "Cosa Nostra" in Detroit, but he knew nothing about it.

Source: "Detroit Free Press"  
October 11, 1963, Edition

The above edition contained an article which reflected that Detroit Police Commissioner GEORGE EDWARDS had testified on October 10, 1963, before the Mc Clellan Subcommittee at Washington, D. C. EDWARDS testified that the Detroit crime syndicate appears to be part of the same national organization that JOSEPH VALACHI called "Cosa Nostra". EDWARDS testified that he had never heard that name before; however, he had heard the names of "the Mafia", "the syndicate", and "the people" in reference to the crime organization in Detroit.

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DE T-9 recently learned that JOSEPH ZERILLI is in a position to back JOSEPH MAGLIOCCO in his bid for support from the "Commission", inferring that ZERILLI is still a member of the "Commission" and "Boss" of the Detroit "family".

Other sources have indicated that ZERILLI is still a power in "La Cosa Nostra" but that "family" authority is being assumed by the sons of old ZERILLI (ANTHONY), TOCCO (JACK), CORRADO (DOMINIC) and POLIZZI (MIKE).