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INFORMANTS

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CG T-1, CG 6884-PC	August 16, 18, 24, and 26, 1965	SA PAUL B. FRANKFORT
CG T-2, CG 6443-C-TE	August 26, 1965	SA JOSEPH G. SHEA
CG T-3, CG PCI [redacted] [redacted]	September 2, 6, 8, 24, 1965	SA ROBERT L. MALONE
CG T-4, CG 6769-C	September 15, 28, 1965	SA RALPH E. WILLIAMS
CG T-5, PCI RUDY DROZD	September 27, 1965	SA SAM T. GALOVICH
CG T-6, MM1003-C-TE	October 18, 1965	SA RALPH R. HILL
CG T-7, PCI [redacted] [redacted]	On numerous occasions during the month of September, 1965	SA MICHAEL G. SIMON
CG T-8, CG 6670-C	November 4, 1965	SA PAUL B. FRANKFURT

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On September 2, 1965, CG T-3 advised SA ROBERT L. MALONE he received a telephone call at his home in Toledo, Ohio, on August 31, 1965, from CHARLES YORK, former Mascoutah, Illinois, banker currently connected with JOSEPH STEIN, First National Mortgage Company, 645 North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois. YORK told informant he and ROBERT FERRELL, also connected with First National Mortgage Company, that they would fly to Toledo to discuss a business proposition. On September 1, 1965, YORK and FERRELL arrived in Toledo and both told informant they represented some people who have a lot of money to invest and that their principals are putting some of their money into the construction of a condominium high-rise apartment building they plan to build on Sheridan Road near Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois. They asked informant if he would be willing to participate in this project to the extent of doing the preliminary engineering work and to help secure a contractor to build the condominium. They asked him to come to Chicago with them in order to meet their principals, which he agreed to do. On the same date informant flew into Chicago with YORK and FERRELL. They took him to the Sahara North Motel and while en route they told him their principals were highly placed members of the Chicago crime "syndicate" and he was going to be introduced to "TEETS" BATTAGLIA's right hand man, an individual more powerful in the "outfit" than FELIX ALDERISIO. Upon arrival at the Sahara North informant was introduced to one JOE ZAY (PH) and a TONY ROCCO. ZAY told informant he and three unnamed associates planned to finance the erection of the aforementioned condominium as well as a building complex and shopping center to be built at a proposed interchange where Milwaukee Avenue meets the Tri-State Tollway. ZAY asked informant to do the preliminary engineering and to get RAY HARRINGTON, Shamrock Construction Company, Gary, Indiana, to agree to construct these projects. Informant told ZAY about the problems he had had in the past with people like GUIDO FIDANZI, HARVEY POWERS, GUS RUBINO, and others. ZAY told informant not to worry about these people as he would get them off informant's back. Informant agreed to meet with ZAY again on September 3, 1965.

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On September 6, 1965, informant advised as follows:

On Friday, September 3, 1965, he took UAL flight number 727 from Toledo, Ohio, to Chicago, arriving O'Hare Field 7:12 PM, CDT. He was met by CHARLES YORK at 7:45 PM and driven in his 1961 four door Pontiac to the Sahara North Motel, where they were met by Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT FERRELL. At about 8:20 PM they were joined by a man introduced as JOEY FERRARO (PH), said to be the manager of the Sahara North and a partner of JOE ZAY for 30 years.

At about 8:25 PM the above were joined by ZAY and his associate, LOU VERIVE (PH). At this time ZAY told informant that his three associates in the building projects above are JOEY FERRARO, TONY RICCO, and LOU VERIVE.

In about an hour ZAY, who has been identified as JOE ROCCO, invited informant to meet with him privately in Room number 217, where it was evident to informant by the clothing, photographs, and other personal effects there, ROCCO permanently resides or frequently stays. At this meeting ROCCO quizzed informant intently as to his past associations with GUIDO FIDANZI, HARVEY POWER, BOB FERRELL and YORK. He further wanted to know about the progress made to date on the Denver Towerland project. ROCCO then told informant that informant would be his partner if he made money on the Denver project first. He further advised that this would afford informant protection from then on from anyone "especially from nobodies like GUIDO." He further confided that he and his associates had an "in" with the George W. Fuller Company, a very large New York construction firm and he was going to participate in a \$300,000 commission to be paid by George W. Fuller Company for having received the general contract to build the Denver Towerland project. Informant told ROCCO this was strange inasmuch as ROBERT OSTRANDER, who works with JOE STEIN at the First National Mortgage Company, had previously told informant that the \$300,000 commission was to be paid to his office. ROCCO became upset when he learned this, went downstairs to the

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coffee shop, got FERRELL and YORK, and confronted them with OSTRANDER's claim concerning the \$300,000. FERRELL and YORK explained to ROCCO the circumstances under which the commission was to be paid. OSTRANDER originally introduced YORK to one BUCKLEY, who is in the insurance business in Chicago and whose son is the God-son of the chairman of the board of George W. Fuller Company. BUCKLEY prevailed upon his son's Godfather to agree to construct the Denver project and to pay the commission. YORK felt the commission should be split three ways. BUCKLEY was to receive \$100,000, OSTRANDER to receive \$100,000; and the remaining \$100,000 to be split three ways between YORK, FERRELL, and ROCCO. When ROCCO heard this he became incensed and said OSTRANDER would not receive one cent of the commission because he had failed to pay informant his heretofore agreed to engineering fees. He said he would talk "to the man" (ALDERISIO) in STEIN's office and take them all out of it. ROCCO's cut of the commission then became \$100,000 and informant became a "partner" with ROCCO.

On September 6, 1965, JOE STEIN and OSTRANDER insisted that informant meet with them and he did so, at the Water Tower Inn. STEIN asked informant what ROCCO had said about the \$300,000 commission. STEIN became very upset and called ROCCO on the telephone in front of the informant. STEIN told ROCCO he and "PHILLY" (ALDERISIO) were coming right out to see him. STEIN departed presumably to see ROCCO with ALDERISIO at the Sahara North.

On September 8, 1965, OSTRANDER told informant, ALDERISIO and STEIN did go to see ROCCO on September 9, 1965, and when they returned from this meeting ALDERISIO said STEIN's office was not going to participate in the \$300,000 commission.

In addition to the foregoing, ROCCO on his first meeting with informant said he "would get a hold of JIMMY CATUARA and have him handle that SOB GUIDO FIDANZI once and for all."