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Re Legat Rome letters August 13 and 19, 1963.

Enclosed are one copy of "Saturday Evening Post" issue August 10-17, 1963, and one copy of report of SA James P. Flynn dated July 1, 1963, at New York and captioned as above.

The Bureau is not in possession of specific detailed information on connections between La Cosa Nostra in the United States and Italy which would be of a type appropriate to be furnished by Italian police to the Italian Parliamentary Anti-Mafia Commission.

With regard to information in a category for the sole use of Italian police in connection with their official investigation of this organization, in line with Doctor Manopulo's request, it is believed that data developed regarding Italian national, Calogero Sinatra will be of interest to them. This pertains to the travel of Sinatra, of Vallelunga, Caltanissetta, Italy, to the United States during the Summer of 1962. It is noted that you have had previous correspondence in connection with Sinatra's travel to visit Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, racket leader, Angelo Bruno.

Investigation by Bureau Agents determined that Sinatra arrived from Italy by air at New York International Airport on June 16, 1962. He was met by Angelo Bruno, Pasquale Massi and Paul Gambino. Bruno is the "boss" of the Philadelphia "family" of La Cosa Nostra and is that area's representative on the "commission," the top ruling body in this organization. Pasquale Massi is a veteran member of La Cosa Nostra and operates under Bruno in Camden, New Jersey. Massi in the past has been known to travel to Italy and on at least one of these trips was in contact with Salvatore Lucania, aka Charles "Lucky" Luciano. Paul Gambino, also a member of this organization, is the brother of Carlo Gambino, the "boss" of one of New York's five "families" in La Cosa Nostra. Carlo Gambino also is a member of the "commission." Investigation at that time determined that Sinatra was traveling under Italian passport number 8709167.

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During the next few months Sinatra spent the majority of his time with Bruno in the Philadelphia area and met with a number of members of Philadelphia's La Cosa Nostra "family." A highly confidential source furnished information during that time that Sinatra was a member of La Cosa Nostra in Italy and very probably a "boss" of a group within this organization in Sicily.

It will be permissible for you to furnish Doctor Manopulo data with regard to Sinatra's travel to the U. S. and the fact that he was met by leaders of La Cosa Nostra at the time of his arrival at International Airport, and in the regular company of Bruno during the next few months. It will also be permissible for you to advise Doctor Manopulo, exclusively for his confidential information, that we have received information from a confidential source that Sinatra is a member of captioned organization in Italy and very probably holds the position of "boss," or "representando," heading a group within La Cosa Nostra in Sicily. It should be made clear to Doctor Manopulo that this latter information is uncorroborated by any other source; we are not in a position to substantiate this data with any form of testimony, and, therefore, it is not of a type which should be furnished to the Italian Parliamentary Anti-Mafia Commission.

The enclosed copy of "Saturday Evening Post" contains the article previously referred to in Bureau cablegram to all Legats on August 8, 1963. For your confidential information and not to be disseminated to anyone, this article was prepared by "Saturday Evening Post" on the basis of their review of reports and other data in the Department of Justice which had been submitted by this Bureau. Joseph Valachi, who is identified as the exclusive source of this Post article, has been a member of La Cosa Nostra since 1930 and during the past year has been furnishing New York Agents with extensive data regarding this organization.

The enclosed report by SA James P. Flynn is being furnished for your exclusive information and material from this report is not to be disseminated to Italian police. You will note that a substantial portion of this report deals with data received indirectly from Nicolo Gentile, expatriate U. S. racketeer and member of La Cosa Nostra, who returned to Italy in approximately 1938. It is noted that this material was developed from a manuscript prepared by Gentile in Italy and forwarded to a personal friend in New York City, who is a

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Central Intelligence Agency source. This material was made available by this source on a confidential basis and we have been cautioned not to divulge this information outside the Bureau at this time for the safety of this CIA source and Gentile.

You should keep the Bureau informed of significant developments in the Italian Government's official probe of this organization and specifically with regard to legislative reform recommended by the Italian Parliamentary Anti-Mafia Commission to more effectively combat this organization.

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