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AR - CONSPIRACYReNYlet 1/20/64, captioned NY 3461-C-TE, Top Echelon
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In referenced letter, NY 3461-C-TE reported a discussion he had with fellow La Cosa Nostra member, Benny LoCicero, in which LoCicero told informant that there is a sixth La Cosa Nostra "family" operating in New Jersey. According to LoCicero, this "family," operating entirely in New Jersey, numbers only about 30 members and the membership is composed exclusively of old-timers. LoCicero indicated that this "family" will not propose, or "make," any new members and is a very closely knit and tight organization. According to the above informant, it was LoCicero's understanding that the "boss" of this "family" has a name something comparable to Leone (phonetic).

The New York and Newark Offices are to exercise extreme caution in conducting any inquiry to develop facts regarding the possible existence of a sixth "family" in that area, and during New York's regular contacts with NY 3461-C-TE, the informant should also be cautioned regarding his own attempts to further develop this matter, it being noted that during the same period he reported this data, he also reported a discussion with another member of the Magliocco "family," in which this member told him that the leadership in that particular group was sure that one member of the "family" was talking to the FBI. This suspicion was based on the membership's realization of our intimate knowledge of the make-up and activities of this "family," apparently by comparing notes on a number of FBI interviews of members of this particular group.

It is realized that there is a distinct possibility that LoCicero's information may be accurate, particularly considering the fact that the alignment of a leader of the

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Re: La Cosa Nostra

importance of Nick Delmore has never been conclusively determined. However, if the informant in question, NY 3461-C-TE, was being tested by furnishing him planted information, this type data concerning a sixth "family" would be ideal for such a purpose.

Appreciating that we must use unusual safeguards to avoid any possible compromise of a source of this value, it is emphasized that every precaution be exercised in further checking out information about the existence of an additional "family" in La Cosa Nostra operating in New Jersey.