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Information has previously been furnished to the Bureau regarding the 10/24/68 arrest by the Milwaukee Police Department of SAM DI MAGGIO (Bufile 92-7731), LCN member of the Milwaukee Family, and TONY PEPITO, local Italian hoodlum and burglar, on local armed robbery charges.

Milwaukee informants have furnished information that the \$10,000 bonds for DI MAGGIO and PEPITO were arranged by FRANK BALISTRIERI, boss of the Milwaukee LCN Family. The money allegedly came out of Chicago and was handled locally by a Bondsman, HARRY MEIROFF.

On 12/4/68, MI 686-C advised HARRY MEIROFF was first contacted for bond arrangements by JOHN TRILIEGI, local hoodlum, and later by AUGIE MANIACI, Milwaukee LCN member. MEIROFF refused to write the bonds as JERRY DI MAGGIO, brother of SAM DI MAGGIO, owed him \$1,000 for a previous bond he had skipped out on.

FRANK BALISTRIERI then contacted IRV WEINER, Chicago Bondsman, and close associate of FELIX "Milwaukee Phil" ALDERISIO, known top Chicago hoodlum. WEINER called MATTHEW SILVERMAN, Atlas Bonding Agency, Newark, N.J., a known New Jersey hoodlum bondsman. SILVERMAN called

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MEIROFF requesting he sign for the bonds, but MEIROFF declined to do so unless he received authority from his parent company. SILVERMAN called the United Bonding Insurance Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, who in turn called MEIROFF authorizing him to sign for the bonds.

According to MI 686-C, MEIROFF received no payment for signing for the two \$10,000 bonds, but was paid \$1,000 in cash by ANTHONY "SHERIFF" CEFALU, known Milwaukee hoodlum bookmaker, to cover the previous amount owed to him by DI MAGGIO's brother.

CAUTION SHOULD BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING THE ABOVE INFORMATION, AND IT SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE OF THE BUREAU UNLESS PARAPHRASED IN A MANNER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A VALUABLE INFORMANT.