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SD 1064-C-TE was recontacted on 1/3/68 and furnished the following information on La Cosa Nostra:

SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO DIVISIONS

Informant flew to Reno, Nevada, 12/30/67, checking into Holiday Hotel. He returned to San Diego on 1/2/68. Hotel accommodations were furnished by 7-11 Tours of San Francisco. Informant used alias, FRANK GAVIN. He was joined at the hotel by LCN member, JIMMY "THE WHASEL" FRATIANNNO of Sacramento, who was accompanied by his girl friend, JEAN. He believes FRATIANNNO used alias, RENA (phonetic). At hotel informant and FRATIANNNO were joined by GAIL FARRUP, owner of 7-11 Tours, and his associate, ROBERT TEGAY, and their bookkeeper, GREGORY CARUSO. All accommodations at Holiday Hotel for above group were taken care of by 7-11 Tours and TEGAY made arrangements using alias, ROBERT HILL.

Informant explained that 7-11 Tours of San Francisco is now attempting to promote travel between the San Francisco area and gambling hotels and casinos in Nevada. They offer groups with good credit rating and who like to gamble, free hotel accommodations in Nevada for the purpose of gambling. Informant believes Holiday Hotel has such an arrangement with 7-11 Tours. 7-11 Tours is unable, however, to operate in Las Vegas hotels now owned by HOWARD HUGHES.

Purpose of meeting in Reno was to enlist assistance of informant and FRATIANNNO to make contacts with organized hoodlum members operating in Nevada who have some influence over hotels and casinos. 7-11 Tours is now planning to set up similar deals between Hawaii and Nevada. Informant has agreed to accompany TEGAY and FARRUP to Hawaii on 1/15/68. He will be introduced to Hawaii businessmen as their contact with Italian mob element.

Informant claimed that, as yet, he has not been paid anything nor has he reached a working agreement with 7-11 Tours.

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Informant denied that Cleveland hoodlum FRANK VELOTTA had joined them in Reno. He stated that TEGAY and FARRUP had other business contacts in Reno, but he was not acquainted with them.

He advised that he and his girl friend, MARIA ADAMO, and FRATIANNO left Reno on early morning of 1/2/68 for return to San Diego, where FRATIANNO had to appear in U. S. District Court for arraignment and plea on local Federal charges of Fraud Against the Government.

On 1/2/68, FRATIANNO and his wife, JEWELL, as well as Fratianno Trucking Corporation, entered not guilty pleas to the 28-count indictment.

FRATIANNO returned home to Sacramento on 1/2/68 while JEWELL FRATIANNO remained visiting at the informant's apartment for two days, leaving for Sacramento on the morning of 1/4/68. From comments made by FRATIANNO and JEWELL, it appears they will not plead guilty and will fight the case all the way. At this time FRATIANNO is extremely angry at his former attorney, JAMES CANTILLON of Los Angeles, for refusing to represent him in Federal Court.

San Francisco, refer to your letter to San Diego dated 12/6/67, entitled ANGELO ANTHONY MARINO, aka., AR. Informant identified LCN member MARINO's companion who was observed with him in Oakland, California, on 11/9/67 as VLADIMIR PETROVITCH. He operates Shakey's Pizza Parlor in San Diego and lives at 8357 Blue Lake Drive, San Diego, telephone number 469-8847. Informant explained that MARINO's company, the California Cheese Company, supplies cheese to the Shakey's concessions and in this way MARINO met PETROVITCH. When MARINO operated an Italian restaurant, JoJo's in San Leandro, California, he prevailed upon PETROVITCH to join him as a partner in an attempt to develop the business. They were unsuccessful because of the bad location and the restaurant was recently closed down.

Informant advised PETROVITCH is strictly a businessman and not connected with LCN or hoodlum activities, to his knowledge.

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At this time the informant was questioned about an old friend of his, AUGUST PHILLIP CAPONI, aka., MICKEY CAPONI, MICKEY CAPONE, of El Centro, California, a wealthy produce buyer. According to the informant, he maintains a mailing address of P. O. Box 977, El Centro; an office at Fourth and Broadway in El Centro; and a residence at 1246 Heil Avenue, El Centro. He also has another home in the Point Loma area of San Diego. Informant had three telephone numbers for him: 352-5991, 352-6418, and 352-1051, all in El Centro.

Informant advised that CAPONI originally came to El Centro from the Chicago area and represented the United Produce Company there.

Informant advised that CAPONI is the business contact for Detroit LCN Boss, JOE ZERILLI, for produce buying in the Southern California area and that he is in frequent contact with him.

#### NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

New Orleans, refer to your letter to Portland dated 11/22/67 (NO 92-365). Informant was not acquainted with hoodlum, DAVID MAZZUCCO of Portland, Oregon.

New Orleans, refer to Las Vegas letter to New Orleans dated 12/11/67 on FRANCESCO PAOLO COPPOLA, AR (NO 92-705).

Informant is not acquainted with MARIO BERTOLINO (who has been reported by SD 1111-C-TE as being the godson of COPPOLA and a possible LCN member). Based on information furnished by SD 1111-C-TE, Las Vegas located BERTOLINO, aka., MARIO BERTI, ERCOLA BERTOLINO, as a singer at the New Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

Informant agreed to contact BERTOLINO on his next trip to Las Vegas as he is an old friend of COPPOLA's and will attempt to determine the extent of BERTOLINO's acquaintanceship with LCN hoodlums.