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to pay them for several weeks, thus incurring their wrath in the form of a near-rebellion in approximately 1965. The drivers refused to work and gathered at the office of the firm to protest this failure to pay them.

The informant continued that NATARO, who was a member of the GAMBINO "family" of the LCN in New York, called upon several other LCN members who were friends of his to assist him in this problem and to protect the firm. BILL BONANNO was hanging around NATARO at this time, his father having been kidnapped earlier, and BILL was expected to assist NATARO in this difficulty. The informant advised that he, the informant, became accidentally involved in NATARO's defense also. He explained that he had arrived at the firm for the purpose of contacting HANK (LNU), an employee of NATARO and a hi-jacker, concerning a hi-jacking that had been planned. HANK was to provide a driver for the stolen truck in this planned hi-jacking. When the informant arrived, HANK told him about the situation, explaining there was about to be an explosion between NATARO and the drivers, and he asked the informant to help NATARO. HANK gave the informant a gun which he placed in his waistband and the informant joined HANK and several others in the parking lot in front of the firm, where the crowd of dissident drivers had gathered. JOE NATARO came out and addressed the rebellious drivers, speaking softly and promising a partial payment to be made that same day and full payment within a few days. Due partly to NATARO's persuasion and partly to the presence of his gunmen, the drivers agreed to the settlement and went back to work. The informant stressed that during this very ticklish situation, BILL BONANNO remained in the firm's offices and would not go out onto the lot with NATARO and the others. The informant said this left a bad taste in the mouths of many who were there or who subsequently heard about the incident.

In referring to HANK, the informant said he was not known at that time to be a member of the LCN, but was very close to NATARO. He handled hi-jacking for NATARO and, in fact, was sentenced to a prison term in the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary for hi-jacking a truck full of Vitalis hair oil.

While speaking of treachery on GENEVESE's part, the informant was reminded of an incident involving the murder of FRANK "CHEECH" SCALISE and his brother by ALBERT ANASTASIA just before the latter's own demise by murder. He said "CHEECH" was selling membership to

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The informant advised that GIAGGIO was the hidden owner of a bar located on Second Avenue between 109th and 110th Streets in Manhattan. It is located one door off of 109th, on the west side of the street, next to a bakery shop.

A couple of years ago, according to the informant, there was a rash of kidnappings in New York City of some LCN figures for ransom. One night during this period, the informant was sitting in GIAGGIO's bar when GIAGGIO came running in "scared stiff." He claimed that two men in a car had tried to kidnap him and were outside. The informant said he took out a knife and told GIAGGIO to get one and follow him. As the informant emerged from the bar, he saw two men standing by a parked car which fit the description GIAGGIO had provided. He asked GIAGGIO whether they were the ones and GIAGGIO, who was visibly nervous, replied in the negative and hurried back into his bar. The informant said he learned later that night from a witness to the attempted kidnapping that the two men he had seen earlier actually had been the would-be kidnappers after all. He surmised that GIAGGIO had failed to identify them because he was afraid of a "beef." The informant said that the GAMBINO "family," of which GIAGGIO is a member, and the old BONANNO "family" are referred to by members of the LUCHESE and GENEVESE "families" as the "Pepsi Cola mobs." He said it was actions such as the above on GIAGGIO's part that gave the GAMBINO and BONANNO "families" a reputation of this nature.

The informant advised that HANK (LNU), the employee of NATARO, is responsible for many hi-jackings in and around New York. He almost never gets directly involved, but makes the necessary arrangements. On one occasion a few years ago, HANK arranged the hi-jacking of a truck allegedly full of bolts of material. He paid a Negro truck driver \$300.00 to allow them to have his truck for four or five hours. The Negro turned the truck over to "Pepi," an Italian associate of HANK (not to be confused with an LCN member of the same nickname previously identified by the informant), who took it to a lot in Brooklyn used by the hi-jackers for exchanging the stolen goods into a "safe" truck. They discovered at this point that instead of the expected cargo, the truck contained Halloween costumes and decorations and some second-quality material. "Pepi" took the truck to one of JOHNNY ANG's "drops" located in a garage in a small town just north of New York City where ANG paid him \$2,700.00 for the entire truckload, an amount considerably less than expected. "Pepi" is from the 12th Street area in New