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Re San Francisco airtel to the Director dated 1/20/69. San Francisco teletype, 1/28/69.

On 1/24/69, SF 3208-PC was recontacted and advised that he met MIKE TUSCARELLI (Phonetic) while they were both in prison at Atlanta Federal Penitentiary. During their association, they became good friends and after they were released, the source contacted TUSCARELLI in Buffalo, New York, where he was operating a bookmaking organization. TUSCARELLI introduced the source to an LCN "member" of the Genevese Family in Buffalo, whose name the source does not recall, but who lived in a large mansion in the Buffalo suburbs. During this meeting, TUSCARELLI told the source that he, TUSCARELLI, was a "recruit" for the LCN and was being sponsored by the "member" to whom he had just introduced the source. The source said this occurred in 1957 and he assumed TUSCARELLI was subsequently "made." However, the source did not have this knowledge. The source added that he heard TUSCARELLI was arrested in Canada for narcotics in 1959 or 1960.

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During this contact, the source was displayed photographs of the following persons, about whom he made the noted comments:

1). JOHN GAUDIO - The source indicated he knew this person as CHARLIE SCUPETE, with whom he "did time" in Sing Sing Prison. The source said "scupete" is an Italian word meaning "shotgun." The reason GAUDIO had this nickname was his frequent use of the shotgun in gangland wars and when he was assigned "hits." The source said GAUDIO was from Harlem, around 107th and 108th Streets. He is a "member" of the LCN but the source did not know which family. The source advised that he hasn't seen GAUDIO in several years and has heard nothing about him.

2). MARTIN DE SAVERIO - The source advised that he knows this person as BIG JINKS. The source also knows his wife, MARION and his brother, DOLLY DIMPLES, who was killed several years ago. DE SAVERIO is a "member" of the Luchese family and deals in narcotics and armed robbery. The source said he "did time" with DE SAVERIO in Comstock in 1943-44. Afterward, DE SAVERIO and his wife lived next door to the source at 310 E. 112th Street in 1959.

The source said DE SAVERIO is shylocking and receiving hi-jacked merchandise at 117th Street and Pleasant Avenue, New York City. His bankroll behind the shylocking is VINCENT PASELLI, whom the source does not know as an LCN "member." PASELLI has spent time in both Atlanta and Leavenworth Federal Penitentiaries for narcotics and other violations.

SF 3208-PC advised that DE SAVERIO has a brother-in-law named RALPH "BONES" DE MASCO (phonetic), who is a "member" of the LCN and a shylock and numbers operator out of a club on 2nd Avenue, between 104th and 105th Streets, Manhattan.

The source advised that CARMINE TRAMUNTI, present boss of the LUCHESE family, personally controls all the action on 112th Street from Lexington Avenue to 1st Avenue, Harlem, New York. BIG SAM CAVALIERI, who the source said is a candidate for "underboss" under TRAMUNTI, assists CARMINE in the above area.

3). SALVATORE VARIO - The source knows this person as BABE VARIO, whom he described as a partner of his brother, PAUL VARIO, the latter being a capo decina in the LUCHESE family. BABE operates crap games, bookmaking, and shylocking, and maintains his headquarters at the Pontainbleau Flower Shop in Brooklyn.