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Hillcrest Golf and Country Club

On 5/2/63, Informant stated that on each Wednesday most of the important Italians play golf at the Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. Informant advised that the first group tees off at about 8:00 - 8:30 AM and other continue teeing off until noon. He stated after they play golf, they then go into the Grill Room and play cards and normally there is action until about midnight. Informant advised that on 5/1/63, the following all played golf:

JACK TOCCO  
TONY TOCCO  
DANNY COSENTINO  
"SPARKY" CORRADO  
GEORGE GEORGE  
EDWARD HOLLEY

Informant stated there were about 25 who played golf and the only ones who did not play were TONY ZERILLI, MIKE POLIZZI, "FAT DOMINIC" CORRADO, "BLACK BILL" TOCCO, and TONY GIACALONE. Informant advised that DOMINIC CORRADO just got back from Miami and his three cars were driven back by JIMMY CORRADO, his cousin, and two other unknown persons. Informant stated that BILLY GIACALONE and ODUS TINCHER were at the Hillcrest Golf and Country Club, but they did not play golf. Informant stated MIKE POLIZZI was supposed to play golf, but took off unexpectedly to some unknown place. Informant assumed that ANTHONY ZERILLI probably took off with MIKE POLIZZI. Informant advised that after playing golf, JACK TOCCO spent a great deal of time with DANNY COSENTINO. Informant advised that the Detroit Police only got part of DANNY COSENTINO's operation when it was raided about two weeks ago. He stated they got the headquarters, which was located at the Maple Lanes Golf and Country Club.

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JOE MASSEI  
DANNY COSENTINO  
JOE COSENTINO

Informant stated on 5/2/63, that JOE MASSEI from Miami, Fla., is still big man in Detroit and is a partner of DOMINIC CORRADO in many enterprises. Informant stated that JOE MASSEI gave JOE COSENTINO more than \$100,000 for his business venture, 3 - 4 years ago. JOE COSENTINO went through this money and this included an automobile business of some type. COSENTINO operated his business in such a manner that warrants for his arrest were issued about two years ago. JOE COSENTINO is not well liked by the Italian hoodlums, and about two years ago at a party, JOE COSENTINO picked on TONY TOCCO's brother-in-law (PROFACI from New York). DOMINIC CORRADO threw JOE COSENTINO down a long stairway. He and TONY TOCCO then proceeded to kick him, stomp on him and nearly killed him. JOE COSENTINO kept murmuring JOE MASSEI would not like this, but DOMINIC stated, "The hell with Joe Massei". JOE COSENTINO left town immediately after this and did not come back until one month or so ago. JOE COSENTINO is presently associated with his brother, DANNY COSENTINO, as a bookie.

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HAZEL PARK RACING ASSOCIATION

On 5/2/63, Informant stated that the Hazel Park Race Track will eventually be the biggest racket that the Italian hoodlums own and control. He stated that at the present time they have at least five on the Board of Directors, and the only three members of the Board who are not in the syndicate are completely controlled, by them, or will not dispute anything that they say. Informant stated that last summer, several of the jockeys were brought out to the Hillcrest Golf and Country Club, including SAMMIE WILLIAMS and PLEASA. Informant stated that he heard several of them talking to WILLIAMS and on one occasion told him that if the horse he was going to ride did not win, he had not better bother coming back.

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PETE LICAVOLI  
WHITEY BESASE

Informant advised on 5/2/63, that he has been well acquainted with the operation of YONNIE LICAVOLI, who is presently in the State Prison in Columbus, Ohio, and with PETE LICAVOLI, his brother, who lives in Detroit. Informant stated that in order to understand the operations of the LICAVOLIs in Ohio, one has to remember that when they left Detroit in the early 1930's, they went to Ohio, knowing they were going to have to take over by force and kill everyone who got in their way. Informant stated ever since they went into Toledo and then took over Northern Ohio, they have not tolerated any interference or competition. He advised that as a result of this, they control or have contacts with every police department in the major cities and at the present time if a person wants to be in the rackets, you are their partner or you don't operate.

Informant continued that in Ohio there is one numbers house. He stated in Detroit there are several numbers houses and at the present time the Negroes control about 60% of the business. Several years ago, the Italians in Detroit debated whether or not it would be worthwhile killing off the leaders of the Negro numbers operations. This was vetoed by the old Italians because they realize that while they could kill off the Negro leaders, the Negroes would in turn kill off several of the Italians. The older Italians decided that the person who might be killed would be them, so it was decided that the extra money that would be made would not be worth the effort. Informant stated in Ohio this has not been true and killings mean little to the LICAVOLI group.

Informant stated that if one would analyze or follow the actions of the Italians who came with YONNIE LICAVOLI to Ohio in the early 1930's, one would find that each of these is in a controlling position in a major city in Northern Ohio.

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Informant stated that the LICAVOLIs are ruthless and will not tolerate interference.

Informant stated that WHITEY BESASE is their top lieutenant in the State of Ohio. BESASE considers Youngstown to be part of his operation. Informant stated he has no specific information, but it has always been their way, that is, if you stand in their way, they will kill you. Informant advised that most of the killings would be handled by outsiders who would be brought to Ohio for this particular purpose.

Informant stated that the Detroit Italians are not as tough as the group that went to Ohio years ago. To illustrate this, the informant advised that about two years ago an Italian known only as "Housejack" or "Blackjack" had an argument with MIKE POLIZZI. The argument grew heated and resulted in "Blackjack" knocking MIKE POLIZZI down. The following day "Blackjack" got a call from JACK TOCCO who requested him to come over to JACK TOCCO's house so this could be talked over. "Blackjack" took his two boys with him and gave each of them a gun. He told them to stay in the car and if he was going to another car, they were to come out shooting. "Blackjack" went to JACK TOCCO's home, and when he got there, JACK TOCCO, TONY TOCCO, TONY ZERILLI, MIKE POLIZZI, "FAT DOMINIC" CORRADO and TONY GIACALONE were present. "Blackjack" was told that this was a warning, that he was never to hit anyone who was present, and if he did, he would be killed. "Blackjack" was asked who was outside and he mentioned his two boys were there. Later, "Blackjack" stated that he was not particularly afraid, of these fellows, but was afraid that they would ask JIMMY QUASARANO to take care of him. "Blackjack" moved to California one week later. He came back to Detroit two - three months ago.

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Informant advised that it is his understanding that JIMMY QUASARANO and MAX STERN are both employed as musclemen for these Italians and normally leave this area to handle particular jobs.

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DOMINIC CORRADO  
"PAPA JOHN" PRIZIOLA  
PETER VITALE

On 5/2/63, in talking about the various properties owned by these people, the real estate development on Moravian Road was mentioned. Informant stated on that date that in addition to the developed property, DOMINIC CORRADO, "PAPA JOHN" PRIZIOLA and PETER VITALE own 300 - 400 acres of land just off Moravian Road between Mt. Clemens, Mich., and Detroit, Mich. This property was obtained from bookmakers, numbers people who could not pay off their indebtedness, and that this property is handled for the above-mentioned persons by an attorney named JOE CIARAMITARO, who lives on Horseshoe Drive in Moravian Acres. Informant stated that this has been a way used by politicians and the hoodlums to acquire assets for many years. The person will decide what property he wants and will then arrange for its purchase. The property will be paid for by people who want to pay off any money they might owe. This is normally handled by a trusted attorney.

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VITO GIACALONE

Informant advised that BILLY GIACALONE apparently has got a great deal of money. He advised he purchased a very expensive home on Weber Drive near MIKE POLIZZI, and then spent \$10,000.00 for carpeting and between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in finishing off the basement.