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Informant advised that he has recently gotten in "tight" with NICK DITTA. He described his current relationship with DITTA by stating "we're as close as two thin dimes". Informant revealed that DITTA and PETE DE ANGELO have been selling "close out" suits and coats and "making a pretty good buck" at it. He related that DITTA has been confiding in him of recent "torch jobs" which he has pulled. He said that DITTA just recently was paid \$5,000.00 in brand new bills, still in their bank wrappers, from a guy named (FNU) STEFANI, who owns the Stefani Real Estate Co. at 10281 Gratiot Ave. Informant revealed that (FNU) STEFANI owned the Rainbow Recreation at 10235 Gratiot. He said that DITTA told him that on the night of October 5, 1962 he (DITTA) and PETE DE ANGELO "torched" the Rainbow Recreation, including the bowling alley, bar and restaurant. Informant said that DITTA told him he took DE ANGELO along on this job as DE ANGELO really needed the money.

Informant advised that DITTA bragged about the "job" he did on Rainbow Recreation. He said that DITTA told him that in all of his "burn jobs" he attempts to "cave the joint in" and that he does this by burning from the top and the bottom simultaneously which creates a blast and causes a tremendous inferno in the center of the building. Informant said that DITTA was very pleased with himself on the "burn job" of Rainbow Recreation but that he considers a "torching" a real success if one or more of the walls of the building caves in because of this "blast" of fire at the building's center. Informant stated that the Rainbow Recreation "score" came to him from MIKE RUBINO, and that RUBINO was previously given the "torch score" by SAM BAGNASCO. Informant said that DITTA told him that RUBINO called him in on this "burn job" although RUBINO had it in mind actually to rob (FNU) STEFANI after STEFANI collected his insurance money. He related that the Rainbow Recreation fire was reported to be a \$200,000.00 total loss and that the previous week (FNU) STEFANI collected a \$132,000.00 check from the insurance company. Informant said that RUBINO's hopes to "beat" STEFANI out of some, or all, of his insurance money in a B&E of STEFANI's home was thwarted apparently as (FNU) STEFANI immediately deposited the \$132,000.00 in the bank. Informant advised that DITTA was bragging to him that he and PETE DE ANGELO were given the keys to Rainbow Recreation by (FNU) STEFANI, the owner of the place, and that they spent only eleven minutes inside the building "setting up" the "burn job". Informant said that DITTA uses polyethelene bottles filled with gasoline on top of which he pours gunpowder and that he places these around the inside

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of the building, "fuses" them all together and "blows" the joint "into the middle" of the building. Informant stated that DITTA blew the Rainbow Recreation on the night of October 5, 1962.

Informant advised that DITTA is quite a talker and he enjoys "cutting up jack pots", ie., rehashing his old "scores". He stated that DITTA evidenced his intense dislike for LEO DI FATTA, a deceased hoodlum who was killed in gangland fashion and who was formerly a close friend of Informant's. He advised that DITTA told him of a stick-up of a Newport Kentucky, gambling club a number of years ago which he (DITTA) went on with LEO DI FATTA, "BIFFO" MACCAGNONE, MIKE TRUPIANO, aka MIKE TRIPP, PHILLIPPO MONSEDDA and JOE MOCERI wherein MIKE TRIPP was killed in a gun battle they had with the racketeers who ran the club. Informant said that DITTA, who was the first man to go in the club, claimed that the reason MIKE TRIPP died was because, as soon as the shooting broke out, and all the Detroit mob, including DITTA, was armed, LEO DI FATTA "got yellow" and ran and hid in the men's room. He stated that to this day, DITTA blames LEO DI FATTA for MIKE TRUPIANO's death in the Newport gambling club "heist".

Informant advised further that NICK DITTA, though he is close to many of the Detroit Italian syndicate members, he is actually an outcast of "the outfit". Informant explained that "DITTA does his own thinking". He said that, for example, when DITTA hears something he doesn't feel that he is obliged, like all other syndicate members, to immediately run to the nearest phone and call their superiors in "the outfit". Informant advised that all "workers" in the syndicate have orders to report immediately to their "boss" any bit of information coming to their attention regarding their duties or activities, legal and illegal, engaged in by themselves or individuals in whom their "boss" might be interested. One of their prime "orders" is to report any contact by a police officer, local or Federal, which they might have had, including all details of their interview, immediately following the interview. Informant stated that in this way "the people" keep abreast of the current activities not only of their own "workers" but other hoodlums in Detroit and also, more importantly, keep their "workers" in a state of subservience to the syndicate.

Informant advised that he is "in partners" with NICK DITTA on a real good "horse swindle". He said that the last three days he, DITTA, and a 70 year old guy named ROY (LNU) have been

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operating a past-posting scheme. Informant advised that ROY is an "American guy" ie, not Italian, who is an old-timer from boot-legging days. He said that ROY is of German or Irish descent and has been married 48 years. Informant advised that ROY (LNU) lives at 2935 Chalmers and has telephone number VA 4-7504. (It is noted that this telephone and address are both listed to one ETHEL C. MORROW).

Informant advised that NICK DITTA is able to get "off-and-running service" daily from some guy he telephones in Connecticut. He said that this Connecticut guy charges DITTA \$22.00 for the "off-and-running service" for the first race and \$10.00 per race that day thereafter. He stated that DITTA calls the Connecticut number daily and he must pay the same amount each day for any race he desires. Informant continued that ROY (LNU) is a "sweet-looking old guy" and all they need to complete the past-posting swindle is a bookie who is "not too smart with the horses". Informant said that he had lined up a guy named JOE NAGEL who lives on 31st Street in Detroit between the expressway and W. Warren. He said that JOE NAGEL is "a guy who has his nose open" to "make a quick buck" and that NAGEL "books" horses and numbers and also runs a pretty big "cut" poker game in his basement. Informant said that he recently got real friendly with NAGEL whom he describes as a "stone idiot", and subsequently introduced NAGEL to ROY (LNU). He stated that ROY (LNU) told NAGEL that he has \$250.00 a day "clean" horse action and soon ROY was "turning in" his "action" to NAGEL. Informant remarked that, to show how dumb NAGEL is "with the horses", NAGEL pays ROY (LNU) 10% of his "action" daily, which in this case would be \$25.00. Informant remarked that \$25.00 a day for \$250.00 a day "action" is way out of proportion to the usual "run-out". He emphasized that the combination of DITTA's "off-and-running race wire service", ROY's (LNU) "angelic" appearance and \$250. horse action, and JOE NAGEL's stupidity with the horses make for perfect ingredients to their swindle.

Informant advised that ROY (LNU) "turned in" his "action" to NAGEL for two days and on the third day, yesterday, they "beat" NAGEL for \$2200.00. Informant said that DITTA gets the "off-and-running service" on the first race and ROY and Informant have their appointment to "turn in" to NAGEL at 1:30 p.m. DITTA dresses as a legitimate businessman and as ROY and informant are entering NAGEL's place DITTA walks by ROY and slips the results

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of the first race into ROY's pocket and then keeps walking. ROY "palms" DITTA's "fat ticket" and puts it in with the rest of the daily "action" and in this way they are "beating" NAGEL blind. Informant said that NICK DITTA told him that he has been "going" with this past-posting scheme for twenty years.

Informant disclosed that DITTA has relatives living in Detroit, among them being two brothers, "BUTCH" DITTA and "CHICHI" DITTA.

Informant advised that he heard that "HONEST JOE" MAZZEO made parole at Jackson Prison and that MAZZEO, a trusty who was assigned as chauffeur to former Warden BILL BANNON and BANNON's wife, EMMA BANNAN, is now at the prison parole camp waiting for his job approval prior to his release.

Informant stated that he has recently gotten quite friendly with RONNIE AHEE, a used car salesman at DICK GREEN Chrysler-Plymouth Co., 11240 Gratiot Avenue. He described AHEE as a good-looking young kid, clean-living, who has "a lot of class". Informant advised that RONNIE AHEE is a cousin of MITCHELL RAHHAL and, in a recent conversation about RAHHAL, AHEE remarked "there's only one thing wrong with my cousin, MITCHELL. He's a Syrian". Informant stated that AHEE's implication was that because RAHHAL was not Italian he could get no further in the syndicate than his present position.

In regards to MITCHELL RAHHAL, Informant advised that it was not RAHHAL who bought the Indian Lodge Bar B Q at Field and Jefferson Aves. but MITCHELL MASSU, MOS. IE MASSU's brother. He stated that MITCHELL MASSU obtained a beer and wine license for the restaurant, which Informant calls the Wigwam because the store front is made in the form of a wigwam, and that he understands that there is gambling and liquor sales going on after hours in the back room of the restaurant.

In regards to ROY (LNU)(possibly ROY MORROW), Informant advised that, in fact, many years ago MIKE RUBINO used to work for ROY. He said that ROY had the biggest blind pig in Detroit at the time near Congress and St. Aubin. He stated that ROY had the reputation as one of the best whiskey makers in town.

Informant advised that SAMMY GIORDANO's brother, AUGIE GIORDANO, recently took back the restaurant he had on East

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Jefferson and McClellan. Informant said that SAMMY GIORDANO is the one who actually started the restaurant, which is named FRAN's Restaurant and which is next door to the Riverside Market.

Informant advised that PAUL HUDSON owned the Riverside Market. He said that recently HUDSON was complaining to him about being unable to collect a \$320.00 tab run up at his market by "Big Time Pete" AMORMINO. Informant said that HUDSON should just "get in line" as AMORMINO once owed four years back rent on his apartment at the Chateau-Frontenac. In mentioning about AMORMINO's apartment, informant commented that AMORMINO rarely ever left his place during the day as he was usually in the process of planning a "score" or "sleeping off" a big drunk. He recalled that AMORMINO once got caught prowling some of his neighbors apartment and that AMORMINO actually was only looking for whiskey. Informant, in conversing about "BIG TIME PETE", stated "match wits with a guy like him and you've got to come out first."

Informant advised that FLORENCE "PAT" DI FATTA who ran a numbers office for SAM RUFFINO, Jr. and who was RUFFINO's girl friend was just this week arrested, along with RUFFINO, by the Detroit Police Department for numbers. Informant advised that PAT DI FATTA is the widow of deceased TONY DI FATTA, the brother of NICK DI FATTA. He related that following TONY DI FATTA's death PAT DI FATTA lived with TOM ASERA, who is known as TOM BART, but that TOM BART dropped her as soon as the insurance money PAT got from her husband's death ran out.

Informant advised that on the previous Tuesday night, 2/12/63, he was contacted by JOE "THE WHIP" TRIGLIA and they later met in TRIG's lounge at E. Warren and St. Jean Aves. Informant stated that TRIGLIA wanted him to go out and get RUFFINO's numbers business. Informant said that this could easily be done as all he would need to do is start picking up the numbers business at all of RUFFINO's old "stops". Informant revealed that TRIGLIA now has pretty good numbers "action" which he is "turning in" to MIKE RUBINO's numbers house. He advised that TRIGLIA offered him a job running his number's office but he declined TRIG's offer stating he long ago quit being "a numbers kid". Informant stated that TRIGLIA was all upset about being surveilled by the FBI and TRIG mentioned that every where he turned he ran into an "Agent Montefiore" of the FBI. Informant advised that

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TRIGLIA told him that he had a short "street meet" with TONY CIMINI and TONY GIACALONE recently and while GIACALONE was in TRIG's restaurant at St. Jean and E. Warren making a phone call "Agent Montefiore" "caught him flush" "running the bonuses" with TONY LONG. Informant said also that TRIGLIA related about a "meet" he had planned at Cupid's Restaurant with "SPARKY" CORRADO which "Agent Montefiore" "busted up real good". He stated that TRIGLIA was "raving" about there being five cars filled with FBI guys tailing him that day. Informant added that TRIGLIA seemed very concerned that the FBI might find out that he had numbers "action" or was connected in any way with TONY GIACALONE or TONY LONG.

Informant related that he has heard of "Agent Montefiore" before. He said that recently he and "SHARKY" GOODRICH were in Maloof's Snack Bar when "STIFF" (LNU) came in. Informant said that "STIFF" is a partner of "BIG TIME PETE" AMORMINO and they were both members of the old "Model T Gang". He said that apparently "STIFF" had met with AMORMINO earlier that very day and AMORMINO had told him about being questioned by "Agent MONTEFIORE" about a lot of Dago guys, one of them being "STIFF" himself. Informant advised that "STIFF" had a lot of nasty things to say, the upshot of it being that "STIFF" considered "Agent MONTEFIORE" a "traitor" for being both a dago guy himself and being in the FBI. Informant remarked that "BIG TIME PETE" must have been doing a lot of talking after being interviewed by the FBI as PATSY CUVELLO, who owns the barber shop in the Glen Gables apartment house on Selden Avenue which is patronized by many of the lesser Italian hoodlums, had also mentioned to him (Informant) of AMORMINO's interview with "Agent MONTEFIORE".

Informant advised that "BIFFO" MACCAGNONE and TOMMY EMONS presently own the coffee house at E. Congress and St. Aubin Aves. Informant advised that "BIFFO" MACCAGNONE presently resides in a downstairs flat at 3975 Bedford, telephone number TU 5-8991. He said that BIFFO's girl friend, a young blonde named CAROL, lives with him and "BIFFO" has been claiming recently that he is going to get married. Informant advised that an associate of his, "SHARKY" GOODRICH, was telling him about some strange "goings-on" at a place near the coffee house. Informant said that each day around noon there is a steady parade of policemen sneaking into the Turner Equipment Co. at 432 St. Aubin near the coffee house. Informant added that he can draw no conclusion between this operation, "BIFF" or the coffee house, though "SHARKY"

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insists there is some connection. Informant stated further that he had heard from "SHARKY" that LANEY COBB and DUCKY DIETZ made probation on the counterfeiting charge in Los Angeles and that both are presently hanging out nights at the Club Raven, 13140 Mack Ave. Informant mentioned, in conversation, that RONNIE MORELLI is still peddling coffee for The Gold Cup Coffee Co., which is managed by MITCHELL RAHHAL. Informant described MORELLI as a "bust-out artist", a thief and pimp who affects a "beatnik" manner. Informant stated that RAY BUCCELLATO. He commented that "BONES" once hijacked a load of Camel cigarettes for MIKE THOMAS in about 1954 and that he is usually contacted at some time following a cigarette theft by individuals who are attempting to "fence" all or part of a hijacked load.

Informant advised that PETE LICAVOLI still handles the "green sheets" in Detroit. Informant stated that SAM BUFFA's nephew, DOMINIC "CRIPPLED DOMINIC" BUFFA, is presently handling the "green sheets" for PETE LICAVOLI in place of PETE LOCICCHIO who is awaiting trial in Federal court on the "green sheet" deal. Informant said that "CRIPPLED DOMINIC" BUFFA lives in Grosse Pointe where he owns three homes. He remarked that the family home of the deceased SAM BUFFA on Renaud Drive is up for sale for \$85,000.00 and the John Carroll Realty has the listing for this home.

Informant advised that he was formerly "in the numbers" with TONY MUNACO. He described MUNACO as being white, male, Italian, about 33 years old, 5'5" tall and 160 lbs. He said that MUNACO wears glasses and sometimes a moustache and informant described him as a "sharp shooter". Informant stated that MUNACO owns the third largest liquor store in the State of Michigan, which is located at E. Lafayette and Chene Streets, Detroit. He recalled that MUNACO is married to a VIVIANO girl, who is of the Viviano spaghetti and macaroni people. He said that MUNACO also owns a tool and die shop on Groesbeck Highway next door to the Viviano Spaghetti Factory. Informant advised that MUNACO has four sons and lives in Grosse Pointe. He remarked that MUNACO "keeps" a girl friend and is a guy who will buy stolen merchandise.

Informant revealed that AL VARGA's girl friend continues to operate VARGA's numbers office from her home in the downstairs flat at 1421 Harding St., Detroit. Informant said that MARY GARIS gets a lot of phone "action" each day from Ypsilanti, Michigan, and every Friday night she drives to

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Ypsilanti to a "meet" with her numbers "stop" there to "balance the tapes". Informant revealed that MARY GARIS makes a long telephone call to Ypsilanti each day in order to get the "numbers phone action" and later she makes a very short telephone call to Ypsilanti not only to furnish the winning numbers for the day but also to furnish the "ins-and-outs", the tabulations, for the day.

In regards to the numbers, Informant advised that "numbers kids" have to be at work in an office at 2:30 p.m. six days a week. He said that their work day runs till about 7:00 p.m. each night or later, at least until the number is official for the day. Informant said that a "numbers kid is kind of a strange breed in that he has kidded himself into believing that he gets prestige from his job - he is "in the rackets" yet "he's clean". The "numbers kid" is "blinded by a \$50.00 bill." If he works for a good house he gets \$100.00 a week plus a monthly bonus which can range between \$250 and \$500. depending upon the month's "take". At Christmas time he usually gets a present from his numbers house which may be an amount equal to a bonus plus a pay. This is all in addition to his weekly salary and may bring his monthly pay to around \$700.00 or more. Informant stated that this is pretty good money for a "numbers kid", ie, the "workers" on the street and in the numbers offices, and, when put with the money he can make "hustling" on the street, the "numbers kid" can get by fairly well. Informant emphasized that one of the big features in this type of job is that the numbers guy doesn't pay any income tax on this numbers money.

Informant advised that TONY MOCERI owns the Peppermint Lounge at 235 Bagley Ave., which was formerly known as the Motor City Bar. He revealed that MOCERI runs a taxi-dance hall upstairs over the bar. Informant advised that MOCERI owned two used-car lots, the Star Bright Auto Sales at 9146 Woodward and 12877 Woodward in partnership with a guy named SAM TOCCO, who is a member of the TOCCO produce family in the Eastern Market, but that he is planning to consolidate the two car lots and open one big lot on Livernois Ave. Informant stated that MOCERI lives on London Ave. just off Livernois and near Curtis Ave. He claimed that MOCERI is either a cousin or nephew of PETE LICAVOLI. He said too that MOCERI and PETE LOCICCHIO used to be very close friends but that several years ago they had a "falling out" and now do not speak to each other.

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Informant advised that two Detroit guys burglarized a jewelry store some years ago and TONY MOCERI and PETE LOCRICCHIO bought the load of jewelry for \$1800.00. Informant said that the stuff was worth about \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 and that there was an old man involved in setting up the "score". He said that at the time MOCERI and LOCRICCHIO were "in partners" buying "hot stuff" together. Informant stated that the Detroit police grabbed a guy named ROCCO (LNU) who now works at the Better Made Potato Chip Co. and ROCCO "sung like a bird" on MOCERI and LOCRICCHIO. Informant said that when the police "pinched" "MOCERI, TONY turned around and put the finger on LOCRICCHIO. He claimed that this naturally "queered" their friendship.

Informant recalled that at the time PETE LOCRICCHIO had a "contact" in the Detroit Police Department and he got actual possession of the statement that TONY MOCERI made to the police implicating him (LOCRICCHIO). Informant advised that LOCRICCHIO showed this same statement to him and to SAMMY GIORDANO one day and LOCRICCHIO did his best to "put the bad mouth" on MOCERI around town. Informant stated that MOCERI and LOCRICCHIO re-made most of the diamonds they purchased in this "hot" load into men's rings. Informant said that SAM LENTINE and FRANKIE GERLANDO still wear diamond rings they got from this "score". He believed that in fact most of the Dago guys in town who wear diamond rings got them from MOCERI and LOCRICCHIO's "score". Informant displayed a man's diamond ring which he revealed he had just gotten that day from RONNIE AHEE. He stated that this ring was from the above described "score". Informant recalled that TONY MOCERI used to live on Springle St. in Detroit in a two family flat. He said that TONY DI FATTA and his wife, FLORENCE "PAT" DI FATTA used to live upstairs over TONY MOCERI. Informant added that "STIFF" (LNU) used to live right next door to MOCERI at his Springle address, which was between Vernor and Charlevoix.