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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>AR - CONSPIRACY</b>	

Reference:

Bureau airtel to New York dated 6/23/64.

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Enclosures:

To Bureau - Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

Informants:

Identity of Informant

AL T-1 is BU 82-C\*

Location of Information

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AL T-2 is BU 280-C*	92-102 92-104 92-132 92-621 162-76

In relation to above, it should be noted no serials are indicated for the files set forth above inasmuch as these files are replete with information furnished by AL T-1 and AL T-2 and, therefore, it is an easy matter to check and verify information furnished by AL T-1 and AL T-2 by reviewing files indicated above.

AL T-3 is AL 3088-C-TE	92-535-125A
AL T-4 is AL 3040-C-TE	92-535-127A 92-102-306 92-102-313A
AL T-5 is AL 3084-PC	92-535-134
AL T-6 is AL 3088-C-TE	92-535-128
AL T-7 is AL 2990-C	92-535-148
AL T-8 is AL 3086-C*	92-102-1-40
AL T-9 is PCI DONALD M. FRANCO	92-102
AL T-10 is AL 2919-PC	92-102-357 92-104-433 92-104-434 92-534-114 92-535-137A

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	92-104-450
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	92-621-59
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	92-102-357
AL T-11 is AL 3005-C	92-102-369
AL T-12 is BS 837-C*	92-102-438
AL T-13 is PCI FRANK PALMISANO	92-104-470
AL T-14 is an HCS at the New York State Police, who was in a position to advise on some of the activities of JOSEPH FALCONE	92-104-471
AL T-15 is AL 3040-C-TE	92-535-127A
	92-102-306
	92-535-128
	92-102-313A
AL T-16 is photographic surveillance maintained by the Buffalo Office on 4/1/64 at Magaddino Memorial Chapel, Buffalo, New York	92-535-137A
AL T-17 is IRVING SCHWARTZ, a Utica, New York, attorney who advised he is a close associate of RUFUS ELEFANTE, who has the reputation of being a political boss in Utica, New York	92-104-467
	92-104-481

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Administrative Data:

The period herein is that during which files were reviewed.

Since investigation herein is primarily conducted in other substantive cases, these periods have not been included.

Leads are not being set out herein, and development of data herein is being carried out in other cases.

In order to better conceal AL 3088-C-TE as source of information which will hereinafter be set forth in this report, more than one T-symbol has been utilized to report information furnished by this informant, namely, AL T-3 and AL T-6.

Likewise, in order to further conceal identity of AL 3040-C-TE as source for information contained in this report, multiple symbols of AL T-4 and AL T-15 are utilized in this report.

Specific attention is directed to information regarding the alleged meeting on 6/14/64, which took place at the residence of EDWARD PERRONE in Albany and which was alleged to be attended by ROSARIO MANCUSO, JOSEPH FALCONE, EDWARD PERRONE, "DOC" FARONE, JOSEPH MOSHER, described as a "trigger man" from New York City, and an unidentified undertaker from Binghamton. It should be noted, EDWARD PERRONE is AL 3088-C-TE and "DOC" FARONE, whose true name is LOUIS FARONE, is AL 2990-C of the Albany Office.

Leads:

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On March 23, 1964, EDWARD PERRONE was interviewed by SAs JOSEPH E. RILEY and EDWARD M. NALLY, Jr., inasmuch as it had previously been determined during the investigation of ROSARIO MANCUSO that MANCUSO had been in touch with PERRONE.

PERRONE advised approximately one week prior to the Apalachin meeting in 1957, ROSARIO MANCUSO and TONY FALANGE of Utica, had visited him at his real estate office in connection with insurance he had written on MANCUSO's automobile. He said after handling this business, MANCUSO invited him to have dinner with him at the Larkin Restaurant. When they arrived at the Larkin, they were joined by JOSEPH FALCONE, SALVATORE FALCONE, SYLVESTER BATTAGLIA of Albany, GUS BATTAGLIA, brother of SYLVESTER, formerly of Albany, now of Tucson, Arizona, and JOSEPH LEONE, who he advised operates a tinsmith shop on Delaware Avenue, Albany. PERRONE said through conversation, he had determined that the FALCONES and MANCUSO had apparently come to Albany to say goodbye to GUS BATTAGLIA, as GUS BATTAGLIA was supposed to be returning to his residence in Tucson, Arizona. PERRONE stated at the time, he was a little disgusted with them, as both the FALCONES embraced the BATTAGLIAS and kissed each of them on each cheek. He further advised during dinner, the FALCONES and BATTAGLIAS conversed in Sicilian, but he could not understand what was said, as he (PERRONE) was a Neopolitan.

PERRONE further advised that he had been introduced to SAM GRIO of Utica, New York, by MANCUSO and from time to time when in Utica, would stop in to see GRIO. He stated during the Spring of 1963, while in Utica, he was at a store then operated by GRIO, located on the corner of Third Avenue and Bleecker Street. PERRONE said while in this store talking to GRIO, FALCONE came in and FALCONE and GRIO went to the rear of the store and conversed in Italian and English. He said he heard FALCONE and GRIO mention the name JOHNNY GEORGE and further indicated he had heard FALCONE tell GRIO to go to Buffalo and straighten "them" out as GEORGE was "okay". PERRONE said he heard GRIO indicate he did not want to go to

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Niagara Falls and then heard FALCONE tell GRIO he would not have to go to Niagara Falls; that he could handle the matter by going to the Peace Bridge Motel. In connection with the Peace Bridge Motel, the New York State Police were conducting an extensive investigation of a state-wide lottery operation during this period of time that involved certain members of the MAGADDINO family, and the Peace Bridge Motel was determined by the New York State Police to have been utilized by some of those involved in the lottery as a place to meet. PERRONE further advised he heard FALCONE tell GRIO to see "SAMMA MAG". When asked whether or not he heard the name MAGADDINO mentioned, PERRONE stated he was not certain as FALCONE had spoken in broken English and it sounded like "SAMMA MAG" to him. PERRONE further advised he heard FALCONE tell GRIO to also contact CARLO.

PERRONE further advised on one occasion when talking to ROSARIO MANCUSO, MANCUSO told him GRIO was the boss in Utica, New York, indicating to him that GRIO was over FALCONE, meaning JOSEPH FALCONE.

On June 16, 1964, information was received reflecting that a going-away party was to be held at Grimaldi's Restaurant, Utica, New York, for SALVATORE FALCONE, who was expected to depart from Utica on June 17, 1964, enroute to Miami, Florida, his home. This party was observed by SAs ANTHONY R. VILLANO and THOMAS H. GEORGE, at which time it was noted the party was attended by the FALCONE family, including wives and children. Other Utica hoodlums were not observed in attendance at this function. SALVATORE and JOSEPH FALCONE were observed in attendance at this party.

On June 16, 1964, Confidential Informant AL T-17 advised that all local bookmakers who desired recognition by JOSEPH FALCONE in their illegal activities were required to pay 30 per cent of their net proceeds to FALCONE.

AL T-17 advised a Cuban Lottery was once again flourishing in Utica and that the source of the lottery tickets was believed to be in Syracuse, New York.

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On March 24, 1964, during interview with EDWARD PERRONE at Albany, New York, PERRONE advised SAs EDWARD M. NALLY, Jr. and JOSEPH E. RILEY that in November, 1963, ROSARIO MANCUSO approached him and asked him if he, PERRONE, could intercede with CHARLIE RYAN and DAN O'CONNELL of Albany in order to have them intercede with Judge FRANCIS BERGAN of the Circuit Court of Appeals, New York State, relative to an appeal of SAM FARRAR on a bookmaking conviction in Syracuse, New York. PERRONE refused to do this.

It should be noted DAN O'CONNELL is well-known and best described as the political boss of Albany County and CHARLIE RYAN is alleged to be one of his chief lieutenants.

From all information to date, it now appears FARRAR is in all probability a button man or soldier in the MAGADDINO family, which is best illustrated by information furnished by AL T-4 on April 22, 1964.

Set forth elsewhere in this report is information furnished by AL T-4 concerning a meeting apparently held with STEVE MAGADDINO, SAM FARRAR and ROSARIO MANCUSO pertaining to the extortion of the Jewish attorney, BURTON LOWITZ, of Syracuse, New York.

As previously indicated, SAM FARRAR was in business with MANCUSO at the A-1 Home Improvement Company, 607 Butternut Street, Syracuse, New York. As indicated elsewhere in this report, this was determined through information previously furnished by AL T-4, ALT-5, AL T-7, AL T-8, AL T-10, AL T-11 and AL T-15.

As indicated under MANCUSO's caption, this business is no longer being run by FARRAR and MANCUSO due to a falling out which they had with the Manager, NORMAN JOHNSON. As a result of this trouble with JOHNSON, MANCUSO and FARRAR are now operating a new siding company called Aluminum Specialties of America, which is located on North Main Street, Syracuse, New York.

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information from the NYSP, a check of the Albany Telephone Directories reflected that there is a Seaman Real Estate Agency in Albany which is operated by a MAURICE SEAMAN.

On June 19, 1964, AL T-6 was contacted under cover of a routine contact. It should be noted that at no time during this contact with him was any mention made to him of the information heretofore set forth concerning the alleged meeting of June 14, 1964. During this contact with him, as on every contact with him, he was asked if FALCONE, MANCUSO or SAM GRIO had been in contact with him or if he had seen them. He stated that they have not been in contact with him and that he had not seen them for at least two months. At this time, informant was queried about any gambling interests that FALCONE, MANCUSO and GRIO might have in the Saratoga Springs, New York, area. He stated that back in the 1940's, when he operated the Brook Club in Saratoga, MANCUSO, FALCONE and several others whom informant could not recall had attempted to "muscle in" on DOC FARONE's gambling interests in Saratoga Springs and had been literally thrown out of Saratoga by FARONE. Informant further volunteered that FARONE detests MANCUSO and probably would have nothing to do with MANCUSO, therefore, would not become involved with him in gambling. It should be noted that informant advised that DOC FARONE was a very good friend of his, stating that FARONE backed him financially when informant operated a restaurant and bar equipment supply business in Albany, New York.

During the contact with informant, he was also asked what the feeling around town was as a result of the IRS gambling raids. He said it was common knowledge around Albany that an elderly man driving an old car was believed responsible by local gamblers for furnishing information to IRS that led to their arrest. He said he had learned this from JOSEPH MOSHER, an employee at the State Campus Site, who resides at 35 Holmes Court and is employed by the Basic Construction Company as a truck driver, that "SCOTCHY" MORRISON was the source of this information, and it was indicated by MORRISON that the local gamblers are out to "rough up" this elderly man. He knows nothing about this elderly man and could furnish no information concerning his identity. The above information was volunteered and at no time had Agents mentioned MOSHER's name nor the alleged



MORRISON, several other gamblers, and with JOSEPH MOSHER. HARTNETT said the IRS Agent had used the alias of BILL SEAMAN and became acquainted with MOSHER as a fellow bettor. HARTNETT advised that SEAMAN had utilized an old car, participated in the raids, was observed by several of the arrested gamblers at IRS Headquarters during booking and arraignment procedures, and could very possibly have been recognized as the undercover Agent at this time.

On June 22, 1964, Chief of Police JOHN TUFFEY, Albany, advised JOSEPH MOSHER had been known to him for years as a long-time resident of the Greater Albany area, except for a short period when he resided in New York City. Chief TUFFEY described MOSHER as a "punk". He stated he did not believe MOSHER had the courage to commit a murder. Chief TUFFEY described PERRONE as a "blow-hard with political connections in Albany". TUFFEY said PERRONE "could not even fix a parking ticket". Chief TUFFEY further advised no information was brought to his attention concerning the Club 21 being up for sale, indicating that this is most unlikely, as if such was the case, he would have heard of it.

On June 23, 1964, Lieutenant ROBERT CRYAN advised the NYSP informant had been recontacted and advised definitely the meeting had taken place, and same had taken place at the residence of EDWARD PERRONE in Albany, New York.

Relative to JOSEPH MOSHER, it should be noted that according to Lieutenant CRYAN, MOSHER has an extensive criminal record, including arrests at New York City.

Records of the New York State Department of Criminal Identification reflect an arrest record for one JOSEPH MOSHER, born May 19, 1911 at Albany, New York, DCI # 124045X, FBI # 955256, reflecting New York City arrests for violation of the Sullivan Law in 1933; robbery second in 1935; vagrancy in 1937; petty larceny in 1945; and grand larceny in 1953. His New York City Police Department number, according to THOMAS WELCH, Director, NYS DCI, is 326658. This individual's Albany Police Department number is 6131A.