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Memorandum

TO

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 15, 1966

FROM:

J. H. Gale

SUBJECT:

SAMUEL M. GIANCANA ANTI-RACKETEERING

The Chicago Office has learned from a potential criminal informant, James Patmore, that Patmore was visited at his home on the evening of August 10, 1966, by Giancana and Fiore Buccieri, another notorious Chicago hoodlum. According to the informant, they solicited his assistance in killing another unidentified Chicago hoodlum, who was then reportedly in New York. Patmore agreed to undertake this assignment, which was to take place at an unspecified time in the future. (4)

On the night of August 11, 1966, Patmore met with Buccieri and another unknown individual introduced as Tony "The Bull." At that meeting, Patmore was told by Buccieri that Tony "The Bull" would accompany him to New York for the killing, which was to take place within two weeks, and for which Patmore would be paid \$2,600.///

On the morning of August 15, 1966, SAC Marlin Johnson of Chicago called to advise that Patmore had again been contacted by Buccieri and Tony "The Bull" on the night of August 14, 1966, at which time they told him the person to be killed was Butch Blasi, a notorious Chicago hoodlum and heretofore a close associate of Giancana. According to the informant, Blasi has been stealing funds from the Chicago organization while Giancana was in jail and, therefore, his execution has been ordered. At the same time, the informat was told that the killing of Blasi is to take place tonight in Chicago. (U)

Dissemination of the foregoing through ordinary channels would in all probability expose the informant with the result that he would undoubtedly become the victim

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of a gangland slaying. Nevertheless, we have a responsibility to alert local authorities to an impending gangland murder. (ψ)

The informant, Patmore, has advised our Chicago Office that he has no intention of going through with any gangland slaying and he intends to become "ill" so as to avoid any involvement in this slaying. An illness on the part of the informant could delay the plans to kill Blasi, but would not eliminate him entirely from any future planned slaying of Blasi. Accordingly, it is believed that if Patmore's parole board called him in and questioned him concerning his activities and associates with the idea of revocation of parole, if necessary, that his involvement in this matter would be voluntarily terminated by Giancana and Buccieri. (0)

SAC Johnson believes that he can disseminate this information concerning the planned murder to State's Attorney Danward on a confidential basis, thus accomplishing notification to authorities and at the same time arranging for parole board action against Patmore which should serve to eliminate him from involvement in this planned killing.

ACTION:

SAC Marlin Johnson is being instructed to furnish the foregoing to the State's Attorney Dan Ward, Cook County, on a confidential basis and arrange, if possible, for Patmore to be called in by his parole board with the idea of revocation of parole today. Patmore, the informant, is presently on parole on local bad check charges. He has previously been involved in a killing while incarcerated in Tennessee.

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