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COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: MEXICAN MAFIA

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE: 1-15-74

by SKS/ITEM

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TO : DIRECTOR FBI

DATE: 12/7/73

FROM : SAC SAN FRANCISCO (157-9754) (P)

SUBJECT: MEXICAN MAFIA aka
El Emé, La Emé, La Mafia, Mafioso, Emé
EXTREMIST MATTERS

157-6-47-1627 Re San Francisco teletype to the Bureau dated 8/31/73, captioned "EXTREMIST ACTIVITIES - PENAL INSTITUTIONS - DISTURBANCE AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON, 8/29-8/30/73," and San Francisco teletype to the Bureau dated 11/13/73, captioned "EXTREMIST ACTIVITIES - PENAL INSTITUTIONS - DISTURBANCE AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON, 11/9-11/10/73".

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of an LHM captioned as above.

Two (2) copies of FD-375 are stapled to two copies of LHM.

Source utilized in the LHM is [redacted] located [redacted]

[redacted] furnished copies of three letters: (1) A letter from deceased former San Quentin inmate RUDY GADENA, #A-56586, former leader of the Mexican Mafia, to the representatives of the Mexican Mafia and the New Family (a Mexican-American militant revolutionary group in the California Prison System); (2) Two letters from [redacted] to GADENA, all of which have been placed in the case file under separate communication.

Copies of the LHM are being disseminated locally to U. S. Secret Service and the U. S. Attorney, San Francisco.

All receiving offices will contact appropriate sources at prisons (1) for any additional information concerning the Mexican Mafia, (2) to make sources aware of the Mexican Mafia, (3) on a continuing basis for up-to-date

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)
- 5 - Los Angeles (Encs. 5) (RM)
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information concerning the Mexican Mafia and forward same to the Bureau and offices covering prisons in California Department of Corrections System.

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES

AT CHINO, CALIFORNIA. 1. Contact sources at California Institute for Men.

2. Contact sources at Southern Conservation Center.

AT CORONA, CALIFORNIA. 1. Contact sources at California Institute for Women.

2. Contact sources at California Rehabilitation Center.

AT SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA. Contact sources at California Men's Colony.

SACRAMENTO

AT JAMESTOWN, CALIFORNIA. Contact sources at Sierra Conservation Center.

AT LASSEN, CALIFORNIA. Contact sources at California Conservation Center.

AT TEHACHAPI, CALIFORNIA. Contact sources at California Correctional Institute.

AT TRACY, CALIFORNIA. Contact sources at Duell Vocational Institute.

AT REPRESSA, CALIFORNIA. Contact sources at Folsom State Prison.

AT VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA. Contact sources at California Medical Facility.

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AT SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA. Contact sources at
California Training Facility.

AT TAMAL, CALIFORNIA. Maintain contact with
sources at San Quentin State Prison.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

December 7, 1973

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: MEXICAN MAFIA

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Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

- 1. Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
- 2. Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
- 3. Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
- 4. Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
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- 6. Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
- 7. Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

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Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available.

Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
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Director

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U. S. Secret Service, San Francisco (RM)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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MEXICAN MAFIA
Also Known As
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This investigation is based on information that the Mexican Mafia's activities may be in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), and Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy). A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has informed that the organization uses force and violence in connection with racial problems, advocates violent attacks and disruptive activities against California Department of Corrections authority, and engages in rebellion, insurrection and destruction at San Quentin Prison.

On November 5, 1973, a reliable source furnished the following:

California penal institutions are violently experiencing the powers of criminally oriented groups now operating both within and outside the correctional system. Individuals have grouped themselves into organizations that reflect their ethnic background and language and are directed at prisoner self-protection and control of illegal activities within prison walls and on the streets. These formal tight-knit organizations are composed of convicts and ex-convicts and are known to be involved in narcotics, extortion, contract killing, robbery, forgery and receiving.

To be effective at self-protection, these groups must acquire positions of power within the prison system. Prison killings, control of narcotic traffic within the system, crimes committed by members on the outside and the building of a strong organization on the street enables these groups to maintain a powerful position within the penal institutions.

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ENCLOSURE

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MEXICAN MAFIA
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While the different groups are warring among themselves in prison they keep building organizations on the streets.

On the outside the gangs are spreading their power to the community, dealing in narcotics but have even enjoyed some success in taking over Federally funded programs and foundations.

Maoists have captured the interest of the gangs, who see themselves as oppressed members of the third world ready to join the revolution. The Venceremos has written the Mexican Mafia Family members urging them to stop their warring and kill "pigs".

Formed in December, 1970, the Venceremos Organization (VO), also known as Venceremos, is a militant Marxist-Leninist-Maoist organization composed of third world and white revolutionaries operating in the San Francisco Peninsula area. The publicly stated goal of the VO is to build a united front against the imperialist United States leading to the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence, armed struggle, and urban guerrilla warfare. The VO has publicly stated that all members must know how to operate and service weapons and have weapons available.

The California Department of Corrections has no idea of the strength of these groups in the streets.

The Mexican Mafia is only one of the many prison groups that are violently demonstrating their powers, both within the penal institutions and on the streets. It appears that their influence over numerous criminal areas will pose a major problem in the future to both the prison correctional officer and the on-the-street law enforcement officer. As the balance of power shifts in the various institutions due to transfers, new arrivals and deaths, violence of various degrees can be expected to continue.

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The Mexican Mafia is comprised primarily of Mexican-American convicts and ex-convicts from the barrios of East Los Angeles and is felt to be the most powerful of the prison groups. In its beginning, the Mexican Mafia was referred to as any group of Mexican prisoners who banded together to prey on loner inmates. In the late 1960's, however, the Mexican Mafia emerged as an organized group and considered as an opponent any prisoner, regardless of his surname, who was not a member. The group now appears to have a formal leadership structure both within the system and on the street; however, it is difficult to pinpoint such individuals as leaders because of the great degree of mobility demonstrated by the members. The Mexican Mafia is aimed at narcotic traffic control within state penal institutions as well as on the streets.

In 1961 the Mexican Mafia began building strength, worked its way to power at San Quentin and extended its reach to every prison in the state system. In 1966 the Mexican Mafia started organizing with the idea of taking over all illegal activities in prison.

Prison officials feel the Mexican Mafia controls the major lines of narcotics into California prisons, although the extent of their influence varies from institution to institution. The group is making attempts to control the narcotic traffic from Mexico to California, but at this time appears incapable of such an endeavor.

The Mexican Mafia is anti-black and at this time heavily populates San Quentin and Folsom Prisons. The Mexican Mafia numbering approximately 750 in the California Department of Corrections System, is allied with the Aryan Brotherhood, an anti-black group in the California Prison System, who support white supremacy.

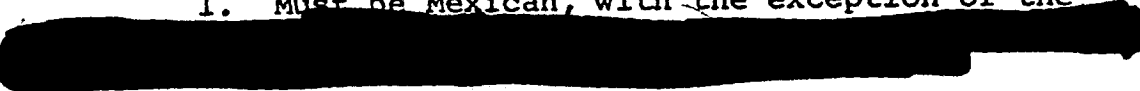
The Mexican Mafia's plans on the street include the takeover of drugs in California. In Los Angeles they move in and slowly take over. When members get out of prison they contact a man in the Mexican Mafia on the street for work.

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The Mexican Mafia has become so sophisticated that it has put together an efficient intelligence organization, pools of sympathetic lawyers, has used revolutionary groups for its own ends, and has taken over respectable Mexican-American social action groups.

The Mexican Mafia has a plan to manipulate the media to convince barrio residents they are being victimized by white society.

There is no known constitution of the Mexican Mafia but membership requirements include the following:

1. Must be Mexican, with the exception of the 
 2. Must have made at least one hit or stabbing.
 3. Status is based on how much time in the group as well as how many hits member has made.
 4. Once in the group a member cannot get out.
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In letters between inmate members of the Mexican Mafia and supporters on the outside, the present main goal discussed is the total destruction of the prison system and the need for it.

The following is a list of members of the Mexican Mafia in the California Department of Corrections:

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Routing Slip
FD-417 (9-12-69)

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Date 6/21/74

RE: MEXICAN MAFIA, aka
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Re Bu O-7 dated 6/11/74. SF letter and
LHM 12/7/73.

REMARKS:

Attached for the Bureau are eight copies
of pages 5 thru 46* of referenced LHM
which were inadvertently omitted from LHM.
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and for Sacramento eight copies of LHM.

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TO: DIRECTOR

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FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (157-5724) (P) 5 PAGES

DISTURBANCES AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON, MAY 15 - 16, 1974, CIVIL UNREST.

ON MAY 17, 1974, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING:

THE VIOLENCES IN SAN QUENTIN PRISON CONTINUES WITH THE BLACK GUERRILLA FAMILY (BGF) (AN ANTI-WHITE GROUP IN THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (CDC) WHO CONSIDER COURTS, ADMINISTRATION AND THE CDC AS THEIR ENEMIES), ALLIED WITH THE NEW FAMILY (A MEXICAN AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY GROUP IN THE CDC) IN WARFARE AGAINST THE MEXICAN MAFIA (MM) (A MEXICAN AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY GROUP IN THE CDC) WHO ARE ALLIED WITH THE ARYAN BROTHERHOOD (AB) (AN ANTI-BLACK GROUP IN THE CDC WHO SUPPORT WHITE SUPREMACY).

ON MAY 15, 1974, AT 7:40 AM, [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] WHITE, WAS STABBED TWICE BY AN [REDACTED]

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UNKNOWN ASSAILANT. AT 4:10 PM, [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WHITE, WAS STABBED THREE TIMES WHILE IN THE EAST BLOCK. IT IS FELT BY SAN QUENTIN AUTHORITIES THAT BOTH OF THESE STABBINGS WERE THE RESULT OF RACIAL PROBLEMS. b7c

ON MAY 16, 1974, AT 9:30 AM, INMATE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] WHITE, AN ASSOCIATE OF THE AB, STABBED LOUIS WALTER BROWN, B33740, DOB JUNE 4, 1938, BLACK, TO DEATH IN THE PRISON YARD. [REDACTED] ATTACKED A GUARD WHILE BEING APPREHENDED. IT IS THE OPINION OF SAN QUENTIN OFFICIALS THAT THIS MURDER WAS IN RETALIATION FOR THE TWO STABBINGS ON MAY 15, 1974.

ON MAY 16, 1974, THE INMATES ISOLATED IN THE ADJUSTMENT CENTER WERE EXERCISED TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE APRIL 4, 1974 WHEN THE LAST DISTURBANCE IN THE ADJUSTMENT CENTER EXERCISE YARD OCCURRED.

AT 10:45 AM IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTERING THE EXERCISE YARD, 13 INMATES BECAME INVOLVED IN A DISTURBANCE WHICH RESULTED IN SIX INMATES RECEIVING STAB WOUNDS.

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DOB [REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED]

13. [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED]

IT IS THE OPINION OF SAN QUENTIN OFFICIALS THAT THIS DISTURBANCE IS THE CONTINUANCE OF THE GANG WARFARE EXISTING AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON.

IT TOOK [REDACTED] SUBMACHINE GUN FIRE TO BREAK UP THE DISTURBANCE. THE INMATES REFUSED TO SURRENDER ANY WEAPONS AND A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH TURNED UP SEVEN PRISON MADE KNIVES.

ON MAY 16, 1974, AT 5:45 PM [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED] WAS STABBED AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] WAS THROWN FROM THE FOURTH TIER IN THE EAST BLOCK. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE SAN QUENTIN

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OFFICIALS THAT THIS STABBING AND THROWING WERE THE RESULT OF RACIAL PROBLEMS. ALL INMATES WERE RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL CARE AFTER BEING TREATED FOR STAB WOUNDS.

THE GENERAL POPULATION AT SAN QUENTIN REMAINS LOCKED DOWN.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE UTILIZED IN NITEL IS [REDACTED]

THIS INFORMATION IS BEING DISSEMINATED LOCALLY TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY AND U.S. SECRET SERVICE.

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[redacted]	advised that San Quentin	[redacted]

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[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] not attached to any inmate group, several times in the back and neck with a prison-made weapon. (X)

On [REDACTED] advised that (U) members of the Black Guerrilla Family (BGF) were fighting against members of the MM and the Aryan Brotherhood (AB).

BLACK GUERRILLA GROUP

The Black Guerrilla Family is an anti-white group in the California Department of Corrections who consider courts, administration, and the Department of Corrections as their enemies.

The Aryan Brotherhood is an anti-black group in the California Department of Corrections who support white supremacy.

ARYAN BROTHERHOOD

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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[REDACTED]

CALIF.

On 3/29/74, a review of the San Quentin Prison records concerning MM member [REDACTED] reflected the following evaluation:

CALIF.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Source advised that

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~~CALIF.~~

~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

The New Family is a Mexican-American revolutionary group in the California Department of Corrections.

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~~X NUEVE FAMILIA~~
~~X NUEVA FAMILIA~~

~~CALIF.~~

On 4/17/74,

[REDACTED] San Quentin Prison, advised that no official records are kept at San Quentin separating gang related violence from other violence.

[REDACTED] furnished the following estimates concerning violence at San Quentin:

1973 -

52 assaults including seven murders, of which approximately 65% were prison gang related.

~~POSSIBLE ASSOCIATE OF NEW FAMILY~~

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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1974 -

13 assaults including one
murder, of which the majority
were prison gang related

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(u)

X [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]
13 inmates isolated in the Adjustment Center became involved
in a disturbance which resulted in six inmates receiving
stab wounds.

The following inmates were involved:

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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CALIF.

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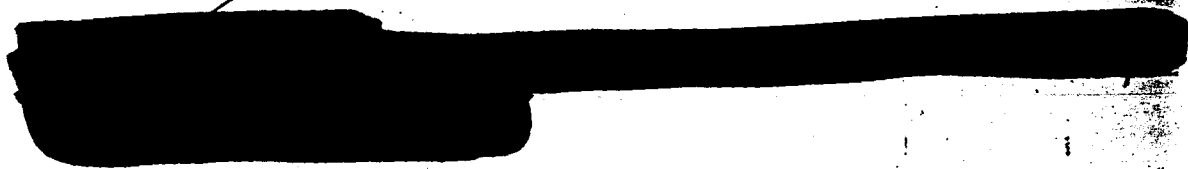
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It is the opinion of San Quentin officials that this disturbance is the continuance of the gang warfare existing at San Quentin Prison.

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It took Thompson submachine gun fire to break up the disturbance. The inmates refused to surrender any weapons, and a subsequent search turned up seven prison-made knives.

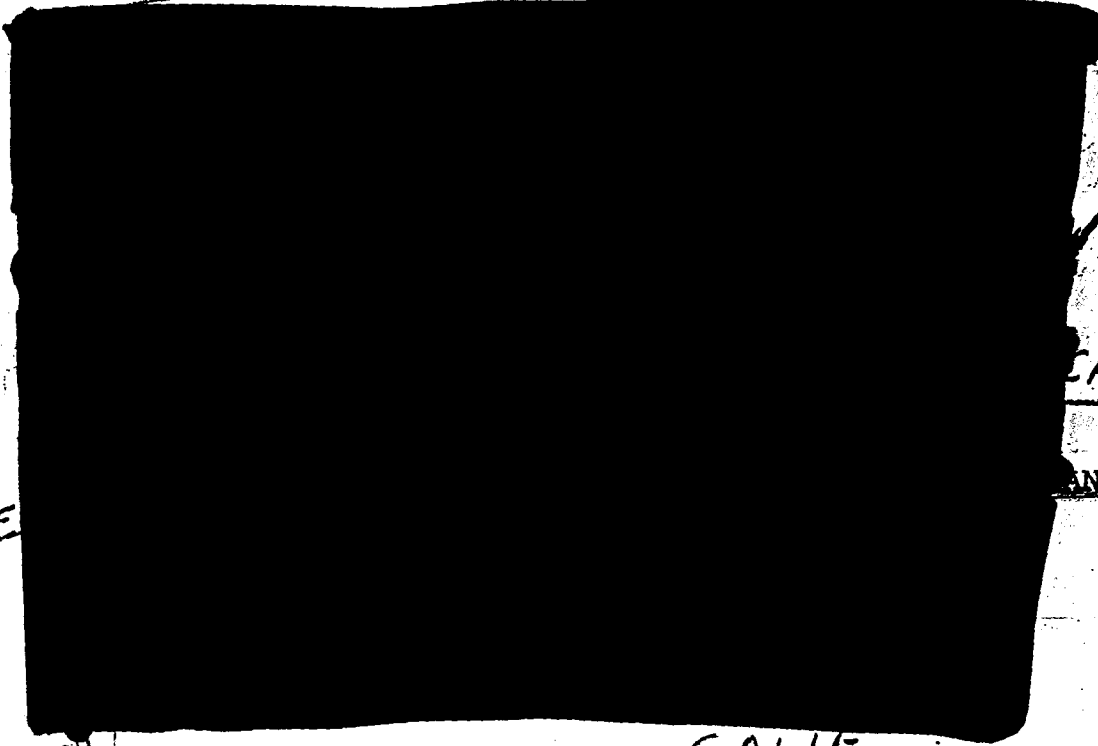
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* [redacted] furnished the following transcript of an interview with San Quentin [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted in the Sacramento Division:

The following investigation was conducted at Represa, California by SA [REDACTED]

On January 3, 1974, [REDACTED] provided the following information regarding the Mexican Mafia at Folsom Prison:

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The following investigation was conducted by
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AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA:

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[REDACTED] California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (CII) provided the following information regarding the Mexican Mafia and New Families to Special Agent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that information developed by his office determined that the Mexican Mafia, although comprised primarily of inmates at California prisons was suspected of being involved in some savings and loan office robberies in the Los Angeles area last year. This suspicion was based on the fact that a series of these robberies was conducted by a gang of Chicanos who seemed to be working in an organization. There were rumors attributing these robberies to the Mexican Mafia although no positive evidence linking the two was ever developed.

[REDACTED] advised that his files showed the Mexican Mafia to be centered in East Los Angeles inasmuch as this is an area largely inhabited by the Chicano Community and is the area to which Chicano inmates return after being paroled from California prisons. The Mexican Mafia is suspected of being involved in specialized type of crime such as that involving violence as in lone sharking, narcotics, etc. There are currently about six unsolved murders in the East Los Angeles area which could be the result of threats let out by inmates in California prisons. To date, no positive identifications have been made of

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Mexican Mafia members outside the California Prisons.

[redacted] advised that the New Family has been similarly investigated by his department with no positive identifications having been made outside the prisons. He advised that Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) investigated the New Family about six months ago as the New Family was suspected of dealing in illegal guns. The results of the ATF investigation identified no New Family members on the street.

[redacted] was of the opinion that the best part of Mexican Mafia and New Family violence will and has occurred within the California prisons and will continue to be contained therein. He advised that the structure of this organization is such that there is little control over the activities of members once they are paroled from the prisons and therefore the organization does not pose a serious criminal threat at this time.

[redacted] finally gave the name of three girls who used to reside in Sacramento who he believed were linked to the Aryan Brotherhood, a third splinter group comprised of radicals who associated themselves with inmates of California prisons. He advised that these girls associated with [redacted]

[redacted] These girls were identified as follows:

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The following investigation was conducted at Jamestown, California by SA [REDACTED]

On 2/7/74, [REDACTED] for extremist groups, Sierra Conservation Center (SCC), Jamestown, California, advised there is no current activity of the Mexican Mafia or the New Family at SCC. He stated that through contact with other institutional investigators at the various State of California prison facilities, information has been developed indicating that SCC is considered a "sanctuary" by the various extremist groups and that the Mexican Mafia and the New Family have agreed that in this facility they will not be active.

The following investigation was conducted at Tracy, California by SA [REDACTED]

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On 10/11/73, [REDACTED] Intelligence Division, San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, advised that he had obtained copy of the bylaws of the New Family. He advised these bylaws described the power structure of the New Family and may be relevant to any current investigation being conducted due to the alleged presence of the New Family at Deuel Vocational Institute, Tracy.

The following investigation was conducted at Vacaville, California by SA [REDACTED]

On 12/27/73, [REDACTED] Security and Investigations Unit, California Medical Facility, Vacaville, advised that information concerning above organizations in California Medical Facility as well as other California penal institutions could best be obtained through the Special Services Unit of the California Department of Corrections in Sacramento. [REDACTED] recommended that

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[REDACTED] of this Special Services Unit be contacted since this Unit has conducted extensive investigation into the captioned organizations.

The following investigation was conducted at Susanville, California by SA [REDACTED]

Information contained in referenced communications has been furnished to [REDACTED] of the California Conservation Center, Susanville, California and to his officer in charge of inmate organizations at the facility, [REDACTED]

The New Family has had a few members in confinement at Susanville from time to time, but not active as a group. Currently there are no leaders here.

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[REDACTED] is the first name on Page 16 of LHM accompanying referenced letter dated 12/12/73. He was transported on 1/3/74 to the California Training Facility at Soledad, California.

[REDACTED] was furnished a copy of the list of Nuestra Familia as contained in the LHM. He advised that he will make it a point to review this list regarding any inmates transferred into the institution.

San Francisco may desire to interview [REDACTED] California Prison Number [REDACTED] at California Training Facility, Soledad, California, in view of the fact that he has been considered to be a reliable source of information, according to [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Tehachapi, California:

On 1/18/74, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] California Correctional Institution (CCI), advised that the CCI is a Medium and Minimum Security Unit, which allows inmates free access to the grounds, and all prisoners sleep in dormitories which are opened to other inmates. Therefore, CCI has not experienced any recent problems involving the Mexican Mafia and the New Family, as the authorities of the California Penal System are careful to place individuals that are believed to be deeply involved with these two organizations in facilities where tighter control might be exercised with regards to their freedom of movement.

b7c [REDACTED] advised that the proper authorities at the CCI are definitely aware of the element of trouble which potentially exists regarding these two organizations, and efforts to properly supervise any individuals suspected of belonging to the Mexican Mafia or the Nueva Familia are always manifested.

[REDACTED] described the two organizations as groups which are fighting for supremacy within the penal institutions, and although both are comprised primarily of Mexican-Americans, their basic differences result from the background from which they are derived. For example, [REDACTED] described the majority of those affiliated with the Mexican Mafia as individuals raised in barrios of various metropolitan areas, whereas the individual associated with the Nueva Familia is from the rural, farm-labor environment, and as such, are not held in high esteem by their fellow Mexican-Americans, who feel that their background causes them to be more prestigious.

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[REDACTED] further advised that once an inmate becomes connected with one of the two aforementioned groups, it is practically an impossibility to disassociate himself with that organization, therefore, upon his release from the penal institution, he continues to maintain his former connections with those associates on the outside world.

No outbreak of violence has occurred at CCI as a result of these two organizations, with the exception of an incident which occurred on 10/19/72 [REDACTED] described this incident as a knifing perpetrated by alleged members of the Mexican Mafia, who had somehow been forwarded of the arrival of a prisoner from another institution, and within 24 hours of his arrival from that institution, San Quentin, the inmate was dead. The victim, LEONARD JOSEPH ARIAS, had experienced difficulty with members of the Mexican Mafia at San Quentin, and a contract was placed with others of that organization upon his arrival at Tehachapi, CCI. The following subjects were subsequently arrested, tried and convicted for the murder of ARIAS, and they have since been transferred to more secure facilities:

DOB [REDACTED]
CII# [REDACTED]
Inmate [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED]
Inmate [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED]
Inmate [REDACTED]

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On 2/27/74, [REDACTED] CCI, advised that the identities of several members of the Mexican Mafia are known to the prison authorities, primarily as a result of a photograph of the group that was taken shortly before Christmas, 1973 and intercepted by prison officials as it was being sent to an outside source for duplication purposes. A copy of the photo was obtained and is currently maintained in the 1A Section of the file. The names of those in the photo are as follows: Back Row: (L to R) [REDACTED]

Front Row: (L to R) [REDACTED]

b7c On 2/7/74, [REDACTED] Records Officer III, CCI, provided the following information regarding the aforementioned inmates at CCI:

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Through a review of the files, it was noted that the following individuals featured in the photograph

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of members of the Mexican Mafia, CCI, are no longer at that Institution:

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[REDACTED]

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stated that the majority of those involved in the Mexican Mafia are individuals that are addicted to some form of narcotics, as evidence by the fact that the above named individuals are institutionalized primarily for narcotics violations or some form of crime in order to obtain finance for their addiction. He further advised that some of these individuals have been released from prison in the past, only to revert to their former habits, resulting in a violation of their parole. According to [REDACTED] a great deal of this problem is attributed to their prior membership in the Mexican Mafia or the Nueva Familia, which contributes to their return to past problems as a result of their alleged connections among the general populace.

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The following investigation was conducted at Los Angeles, California:

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On 1/28/74 and 1/29/74, a discussion was held with authorities at the California Institute for Men (CIM) at Chino, California, with [redacted] and his [redacted] (PROTECT), California Department of Corrections (CDC). Both are knowledgeable of captioned groups as well as the Black Guerrilla Group, the Arven Brotherhood, the Venceremos Brigade, and other splinter groups, but relate that they are not currently a threat to the institution at Chino, for the reason that CIM is divided into three separate divisions. Namely, Reception Guidance Center (RGC), the Special Diagnostic Processing Unit (SDP), and the Short Term Release Unit (STR).

The RGC houses inmates who have been sentenced in the California Prison System; and after three to six weeks of vocational, academic, and psychological testing this unit recommends the type of facility to which the inmate should be sent, and he is then transferred to such a facility. Maximum duration at this unit is about six weeks.

The SDP unit houses inmates for a 90-day observation period when so ordered by the courts and inmates are, thereafter, returned to the courts for disposal. Maximum length of time at this unit is around 90 days.

The STR unit houses inmates who are short termers and their release dates are known to them. This is a minimum security area where inmates do not usually jeopardize their forthcoming release. The average duration of sentence in this unit is less than one year with a maximum of about one year.

Concerning identification of members of captioned groups, there are maybe six to eight members of the MM housed in this institution. Their leader has been identified [redacted]

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[redacted] There are no known representatives of the "NF", the Arven Brotherhood, or other groups at the institution with the exception of the Black Guerrilla movement whose leaders

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LEADERS OF BLACK GUERRILLA FAMILY

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have been identified as [redacted] and [redacted]. Both of these individuals share leadership in the Black Guerrilla movement. [redacted] advised that these known members of the groups who are at CIM are not "heavy" (dangerous) individuals, that if any inmates are identified as being "heavy" they are transferred to other facilities such as Folsom or San Quentin, which are described as maximum security where inmates can be controlled under the supervision of CDC.

Authorities in the Investigation Unit at CIM do not feel that there is a problem with these in-prison groups and further have no information that any of them pose a threat to the internal security of the United States.

On [redacted]

[redacted] this group has caused no trouble at the institution and officials for the past year have been aware of the group at this institution. The NF does not represent a threat to the internal security of the United States because of anarchistic or revolutionary beliefs.

On 1/11/74, [redacted]

[redacted] San Bernardino Sheriff's Office, advised that he knows of no organized NF activities in the San Bernardino County Jail. He stated on a regular basis he receives information from the Special Services Unit, Department of Corrections, El Monte, California, telephone (213) 372-6983, regarding the NF. He said this unit keeps up-to-date records on all members of the NF currently in custody in California Penal Systems.

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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On 2/14/74, [REDACTED] California Institute for Men (CIM), Chino, California, advised that he conducts investigations concerning California Institute for Women in Frontera, California.

He stated, however, the best source of information concerning the NF and other organizations involving California penal institutions is the Special Services Unit, Department of Corrections, El Monte, California.

[REDACTED] stated he had no knowledge of activities of [REDACTED]

On 3/29/74, SAs [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] at the Chino, California Police Department, at which time he advised that he is updating the documents which he prepared during the early part of 1973. This document contains further information which he obtained during investigations, interviews and from informants and will be ready for distribution to interested law enforcement personnel sometime around June, 1974.

b7c [REDACTED] is extremely knowledgeable about any aspects of captioned organizations as a result of his investigations. His department has allowed him unique opportunity to pursue and collect information with this regard even though his primary duties are crimes at the California Institute for Men (the State Prison) at Chino, California. [REDACTED] believes he could be of assistance if he were called upon by a grand jury investigating extremist matters or groups within the California Prison System. He is willing to testify if called upon, and the [REDACTED] has consented to allowing [REDACTED] to testify if called upon as long as expenses do not have to be paid by the Chino Police Department. It was pointed out that [REDACTED] is extremely interested in exchanging the information which he has gathered to other officers who have similar information.

He is of the opinion that information such as he has gathered is not being exchanged; and, therefore, "he only has certain pieces of the puzzle". He feels that by exchanging

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information with other law enforcement agencies with regards to the MM and similar groups that the overall picture could be explained more clearly to a Federal Grand Jury.

Los Angeles and Sacramento are requested to furnish any future information directly to the Bureau with a copy to San Francisco.

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Will contact SA [REDACTED] Drug Enforcement Agency, Los Angeles, California for further information concerning the MM.

2) Will contact intelligence sources in the Los Angeles PD and Los Angeles SO for further information concerning the MM.

3) Will advise local Police Department in Monterrey Park, California of the upcoming Morrissey Hearing involving [REDACTED]

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA. Will maintain contact with San Quentin authorities for information on the MM.

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6. Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available.

Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
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Director

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THE MEXICAN MAFIA
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The Mexican Mafia is a Mexican-American revolutionary group organized within some of the California state prisons.

On June 12, 1974, [redacted] advised that [redacted] furnished him with the following background information concerning the Mexican Mafia:

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Intelligence information received from now incarcerated prisoners, who were former members of the Mexican Mafia, report that Rudolfo Cadena was, during the initial stages of Special Project for Alcoholics and Narcotics (SPAN) and until his death, the Mafia's most respected member. These informants stated that Cadena's long range plan for the organization was to first gain the confidence and support of the Mexican community of East Los Angeles, by assisting in the "Chicano" movements. After support of these groups was achieved, then the Mafia would move into the criminal activity, using the total community as a "front".

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In late 1971, the first Mexican Mafia execution known to law enforcement on the "streets" occurred in Monterey Park, California, on an inactive Mafia member, Alton Alvarez, also known as "Pachie". Alvarez was the founder and director of Los Pintos Por La Raza (The Convicts for the People). This organization was reportedly a front for the Mexican Mafia, as part of the plans put forward by Cadena

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Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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(who was still incarcerated) to gain support of the community. Informant sources stated that Alvarez began to "muscle" narcotic traffickers in the name of the Mafia and was collecting extortion monies without returning profits to members inside the prison. Cadena, according to sources, from prison ordered the execution of Alvarez. Alvarez was found shot twice in the head in a secluded city park.

Another target of the Mexican Mafia, involving a Federally funded program, was League of United Citizens to Help Addicts (LUCHA), later renamed Community Concern Corporation (CCC), a Model Cities funded organization. The Executive Director of this organization was [REDACTED]

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CALIF. [REDACTED] a member of the Mexican Mafia and currently a fugitive for two murders committed in Los Angeles County, was a self-styled "intellectual" member of the organization. It was he and Cadena that kept the idea alive among other members, that the "Chicano Movement" was a good mask to conceal the operations of the Mexican Mafia; and it was, according to intelligence sources, that LUCHA be infiltrated by the Mafia, and at the right moment, remove [REDACTED] from the position of power. Intelligence sources indicated that [REDACTED] Therefore, a perfect "nest" for the Mexican Mafia's plans to be effected.

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On December 28, 1973 a source provided this Task Force information that [REDACTED] was in Los Angeles visiting a relative. This information was given to the LAPD Patrol Division and subsequently [REDACTED] was arrested.

Although the incident involving [REDACTED] came after the Mexican Mafia's plans to infiltrate this Federally funded program was aborted, it demonstrates their knowledge of resources available and a point of weakness, (i.e., corruption in a community project) to move in with whatever force is necessary and take over. Since corrupt personnel in the organization would not report, or ask, assistance from the police.

On December 17, 1972 the Mexican Mafia temporarily postponed the idea of infiltrating the Community Movement. This was the day that the Nuestra Familia executed Rudolfo Cadena, the original promoter of this idea. At approximately 1:05 p.m., December 17, 1972, the alarm signal was sounded in Palm Hall Adjustment Center, California Institution for Men. An altercation was taking place on the second tier and MEMBER-NEW [REDACTED] inmates [REDACTED] both members of the [REDACTED] were observed stabbing inmate Cadena. Inmate

[REDACTED] tried to assist Cadena, and [REDACTED] both Cadena [REDACTED] were then thrown on the second tier to the first tier. While the two victims were lying on the floor, inmate [REDACTED] continued to stab Cadena numerous times. Cadena received fifty stab wounds in his chest and back area. Inmate [REDACTED]

MEMBER-NEW FAMILY
A few Mafia members, who were considered leaders in their respective institutions, refused to kill Nuestra Familia members for various reasons. Some had parole dates, others admitted later they were tired of all the killings.

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However, because of their refusal to follow the will of the "Brotherhood," "contracts" on their lives were issued by other Mafia members. Because of the firm grip the Mafia has on prisoners, the only escape was to have Correctional authorities lock him up in protective custody.

In the latter part of 1971, the first steps were taken by the Mexican Mafia to appoint a leader to organize and coordinate criminal enterprises in free society. The Mafia had come to the realization that if the fear of the prison inmate is controlled, it must be necessarily so that the criminal operating in free society, who is in constant fear of returning to the prison system, must also be aware of this power. The next step for the Mexican Mafia was to place members in free society and "reap the harvest it had sown in prison". The choice of a leader of the Mafia on the "outside" marked the first time that Mafia organizational ability had become completely amalgamated with discipline and goals toward the syndication of narcotic trafficking in California. This was now truly organized crime in its embryonic stages.

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According to informed sources, [REDACTED] in the latter part of 1971, while in Folsom was appointed the leader of the Mexican Mafia. Several of the above informants gave the following reasons for choosing [REDACTED] has been a long time hardcore inmate of the California prisons and one of the most feared and respected men in the system.

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[REDACTED] was due to be released on parole.

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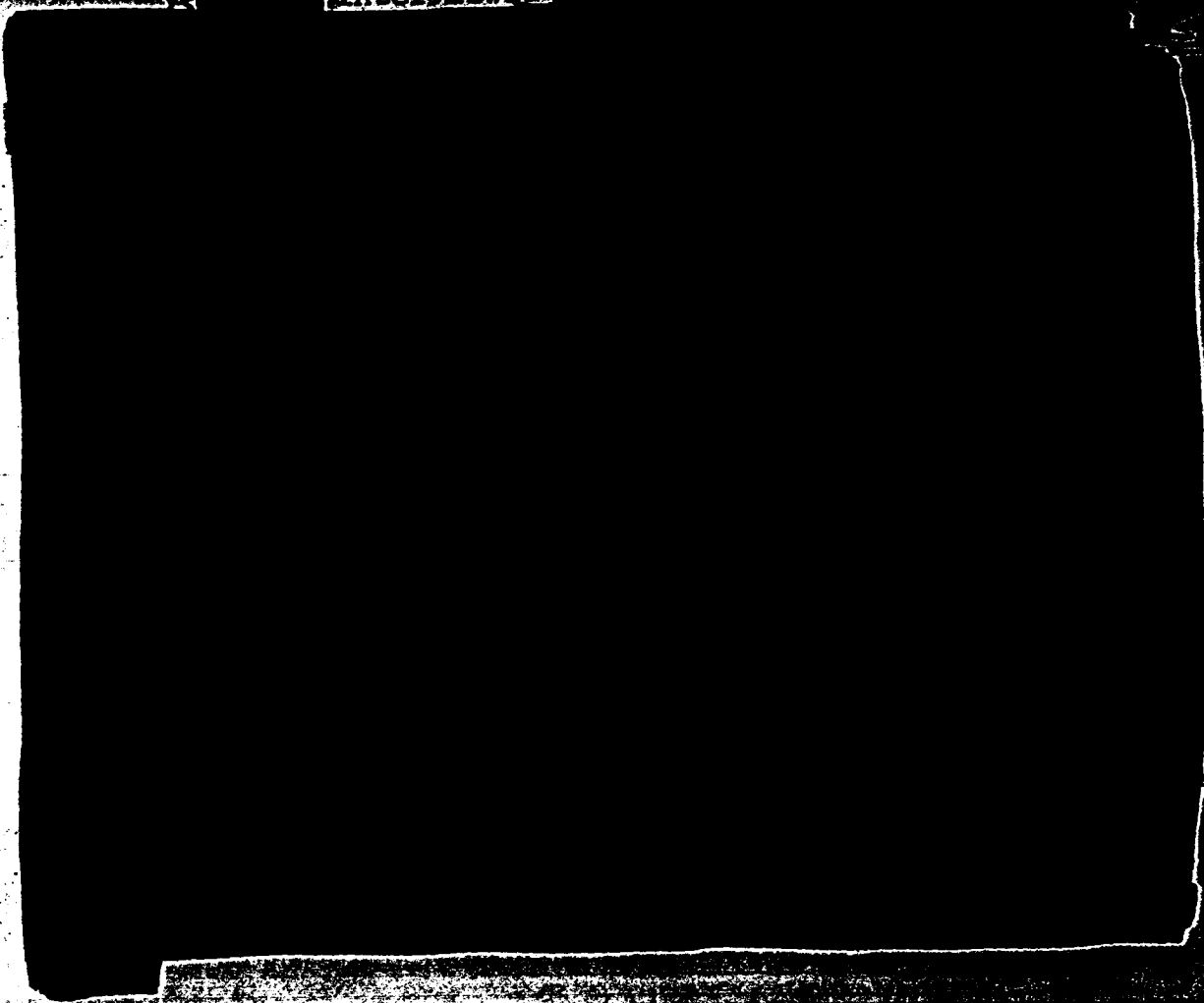
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In November and December of 1971, two executions were committed in the Los Angeles area. The victims were Alfonso Alvarez and James St. Clair. Investigations conducted by California Department of Corrections officers and other law enforcement agencies revealed that these murders were ordered by Mexican Mafia leaders at Chino Prison. Both homicides remain unsolved. Subsequent investigation revealed, as a result of these executions, that an organized gang inside the prison system, was not projecting its power on the "streets". Also, at the time of the murders, Project SPAN was being taken over by the Mexican Mafia. Agents of the Department of Corrections came in contact with law enforcement agencies on the outside, and saw a need for cooperation for intelligence gathering to learn more about this prison gang.

During the next several months, an intelligence gathering Task Force, actively investigating the Mexican Mafia, was able to accurately identify the members, leaders and goals of this group. Because the main objective of the Mexican Mafia was the control of heroin trafficking Drug Enforcement Administration became actively involved in the investigation.

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