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BS 919-PC
TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL INFORMANT PROGRAM

Rebulet to Boston dated 6/4/65.

The following are the efforts to effect the development of the above-captioned target:

On 4/5/65, BS 919-PC was contacted on "CRIME CONDITIONS IN GREATER BOSTON, AR," Bosfile 92-563.

Informant advised that JIMMY O'TOOLE and [REDACTED] tried to kill EDWARD "WIMPY" BENNETT over the week end, but they missed.

Informant further advised that O'TOOLE actually fired at BENNETT as he came out of his house, from the bushes, and when BENNETT returned his fire he ran. [REDACTED] who was parked in the car, pulled up when he heard the shooting to pick up O'TOOLE. When he saw BENNETT shoot, he left O'TOOLE on his own.

Informant was asked "Why did this shooting take place," and he stated that GEORGE and EDWARD MC LAUGHLIN allegedly have come to the conclusion that BENNETT and his friends are the cause of their troubles; that now they are even blaming BENNETT for having EDDIE MC LAUGHLIN set up for the attempted assassination on EDDIE.

On 5/10/65, BS 919-PC was contacted on "JAMES S. O'TOOLE, HARBORING," Bosfile 88-3448.

Informant advised that on the evening of 5/3/65 he left his home at approximately 10:30 p.m. He was going to meet with JOSEPH BARBOZA. As he approached his car two individuals stepped out of the bushes and fired at him with a shotgun. Informant said that he turned around as he fell and both of them were running with handkerchiefs to their faces.

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Informant said that he fired back at them and one of them hollered, and they both ran towards the back of the building and drove away in a late model, light brown Chevrolet.

Informant said that even though these individuals were masked, he recognized JIMMY O'TOOLE as one of the assailants, and he believes that the other person was STEVIE HUGHES, although he is not sure.

Informant said that he believes that the car was driven by EDWARD "PUNCHY" MC LAUGHLIN, but, again, he does not know this to be a fact - he is just assuming this.

Informant advised that he had been warned earlier in the day by TOMMY CALLAHAN that O'TOOLE was going to move on someone that night with the MC LAUGHLINS, and he is very disturbed that he was not more careful when he came out of his house.

Informant advised that he will probably be in the hospital for another 10 days; that no bones were broken, and he should be recovered in 30 days.

On 6/4/65, BS 919-PC was contacted on "JAMES S. O'TOOLE, HARBORING," Bosfile 88-3448.

Informant was contacted at the Boston City Hospital where he is currently confined due to gunshot wounds. Informant advised that they had told him he would be released in approximately 10 days, but that he will have to wear a bag for six weeks, and that he probably will not be in any sort of condition until September.

Informant advised there is still some lead in him that cannot be removed. Informant advised that he heard that JIMMY O'TOOLE plans to take a vacation when he (informant) gets out of jail.

It is believed that this informant, through motives of revenge on the MC LAUGHLIN group, will provide information on this group as of this time. It is also felt that, in contacts with him, eventually he may be brought around to provide information on other matters of interest to the Bureau and this office.

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It is known through other informants and sources of this office that this individual has been in contact with RAYMOND L. S. PATRIARCA and other members of La Cosa Nostra in this area, and potentially could be an excellent informant.

Concerning the informant's emotional stability, the Agent handling the informant believes, from information obtained from other informants and sources, that BS 919-PC has murdered FRANK BENJAMIN, JOHN MURRAY, GEORGE ASHE, JOSEPH FRANCIONE, EDWARD "TEDDY" DEEGAN, and "IGGY" LOWRY, as well as a fellow inmate at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Walpole, Mass., and, from all indications, he is going to continue to commit murder.

Some of the information provided by the informant has been corroborated by other sources and informants of this office. Although the informant will be difficult to contact once he is released from the hospital because he feels that the MC LAUGHLIN group will try to kill him, the informant's potential outweighs the risk involved.