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# Memorandum

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FROM : SAC, Buffalo (92-337) (P)

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ReBulet 8/13/68.

During the night 7/2-3/68, the residence of DAVID M. STRASENBURGH, 3501 Elmwood Avenue, Brighton, New York, was burglarized and a safe containing securities, among other items, taken.

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On 7/29/68, BU 332-C-TE, advised SA PAUL A. JOENSEN that he had been contacted by two well known burglars whom he identified as LEONARD BUSCEMI and FRANK MURIELLO.

These men indicated their reason for contacting the CI was to develop sources for the disposal of loot obtained in a series of recent house burglaries, which they had perpetrated. They also mentioned that when JOHN SACCO (LCN member) was arrested in Buffalo, New York, recently, they lost the fence they had counted on in connection with this theft. BUSCEMI and MURIELLO mentioned having furs, jewelry, some of which they displayed to CI, and considerable antique silver items. These men told informant they had been referred to him because of his LCN connections and his ability to dispose of loot. Informant noted he was aware of SACCO's arrest and SACCO's role as a fence for many big items stolen locally. CI explained that SACCO was representing LCN interests in handling stolen loot.

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When contacted later by BUSCEMI and MURIELLO, CI inquired whether they had robbed the STRASENBURGH residence and obtained the securities. They admitted to CI that they did commit the burglary and, although not having ready access to the securities, could get them. Informant indicated he could help them in finding a buyer for the securities.

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Informant, under FBI instructions, continued to show interest in the securities to the extent BUSCEMI and MURIELLO told informant they had taken the safe to Irondequoit Bay, Lake Ontario, and MURIELLO put the safe in the water for safe keeping. Informant then accompanied BUSCEMI and MURIELLO to the Bay where the approximate location of the safe in the water of the Bay was pointed out to the CI.

At approximately 1:00 a.m., on 7/30/68, BU 332-C-TE, accompanied SAs PAUL A. JOENSEN and DONALD CHESWORTH, Jr. to Irondequoit Bay where he pointed out the approximate location of the safe in the waters, as furnished him.

On 7/31/68, the safe taken in the burglary of the STRASENBURGH residence was found in the water of Irondequoit Bay by SA RAYMOND B. JOHNSON, using scuba diving equipment, assisted by SAs PAUL A. JOENSEN and DONALD CHESWORTH, Jr. The contents of the safe consisted of the securities originally reported stolen by the victim. The recovered securities had a value of \$2,428,986.09, based upon the Open Market value of these securities as of 7/3/68.

Information furnished by BU 332-C-TE concerning the involvement of BUSCEMI and MURIELLO in other house burglaries was furnished to local authorities. As a result of the dissemination of this information and subsequent information furnished by the informant on a daily basis, BUSCEMI, MURIELLO, and an associate, JOHN R. QUINN, were arrested on 8/8/68, by local authorities, following the burglary of the residence of MARTIN E. NASH, 690 Maniton Road, Greece, New York, on 8/8/68. In this burglary a safe containing \$3,000 in cash and \$20,000 in U. S. Savings Bonds was stolen. The \$3,000 cash was recovered in the possession of these three men when arrested. In addition, police recovered two men's gold watches valued at \$500 each (total \$1,000); three men's shirts taken in the STRASENBURGH burglary; one stock certificate stolen in another burglary, as well as an expensive shotgun, not yet traced to owner.

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Based upon the foregoing, this office requests credit for recoveries totaling \$2,432,986.09. When the value of the other items enumerated above is determined this information will be furnished to the Bureau. No local authorities were involved in this recovery which resulted solely from FBI efforts and reflects a major blow against the LCN operation in this area.