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STATEMENT OF JOSEPH BARON, TAKEN ON THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1968, IN THE PRESENCE OF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JACK I. ZALKIND, SGT. FRANK WALSH AND DET. JOHN F. DOYLE.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY JACK ZALKIND - - -

Q. PRIOR TO THE DEEGAN MURDER, WHAT DID THE OFFICE DO FOR YOU?

A. I MET RAYMOND BEFORE THE DEEGAN THING. I HAD GONE TO A BAKER WITH RONNIE CASSESSO AND LOUIE GRECO AND ROMEO, SOMETIME IN DECEMBER OF 1964. IT WAS ABOUT THAT TIME. IT WAS IN LYNN, THERE WAS A DRUGSTORE OWNED BY P. LOMBARDI FROM LYNN. IT WAS IN A COLORED DISTRICT AND ACROSS THE STREET THERE WAS A BIG PACKAGE STORE AND A BAKERY. AT ABOUT THAT TIME, HENRY AND RICHIE CASTUCCI AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LICENSING BOARD IN REVERE WERE DOING SOME BUSINESS. I FORGET THE NAME OF THE CHAIRMAN, HE WAS AN ITALIAN GUY, WHO NOW OWNS THE COLONIAL INN. THE GUY IN THE BAKERY WOULDN'T GO ALONG WITH RICHIE AND THE MAN FROM THE LICENSING BOARD SO WE WENT IN TO SEE HIM. IT WAS IN THE DAYTIME. THE PEOPLE THERE SAID HE WASN'T THERE AND TOLD US THAT HE WORKS NIGHTS. WE WENT BACK AGAIN AT 3:30 IN THE MORNING. HE STILL WASN'T THERE. I HAD A SASH WEIGHT AND I DROPPED IT ON THE FLOOR. TWO OR THREE DAYS LATER, HENRY SAID, "JUST BECAUSE YOU WENT OVER THERE, THINGS ARE ALL STRAIGHTENED OUT."

THEY DID OTHER THINGS FOR ME FOR EXAMPLE, THEY NEVER BOTHERED MY SHYLOCK OPERATIONS. YOU KNOW THE GAS STATION AT THE NORTH STATION THERE WAS A GUY NAMED FRANKIE SHYLOCKING THERE. PETER LAMONE MOVED IN ON HIM.

PETER OFFERED ME A "G" NOTE TO BOTHER THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BAKERS UNION. IT WAS THE A & P BAKERY WAREHOUSE (STOP & SHOP) AT THE NORTH STATION. I REMEMBER THE DAY, IT WAS IN THE AFTERNOON, IT WAS RAINING AND IT WAS JUST AT THE START OF A HURRICANE. WE FINALLY GOT THE GUY AT HIS HOME IN DORCHESTER. HE GOT BEAT UP AND IT WAS IN THE RECORD AMERICAN. I TOLD PETER I WOULD DO IT FOR NOTHING.

• WHAT ABOUT THE BLUE BUNNY IN NANTASKET?

• IN THE SUMMER TIME OF 1965, AFTER THE DEEGAN THING, I DROVE HENRY TAMELEO AND RONNIE DOWN TO THE BLUE BUNNY. I DROVE HENRY'S CAR. AT THAT TIME, HE HAD A 1959 BLACK, CADDY CONVERTIBLE, IT WAS A BEAT UP CAR.



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AT THAT TIME, THEY WERE TAKING CARE OF MY TAX RECORDS. I THINK BAKER IS IN WASHINGTON NOW. GERSHON BLAUSTIN IS SHAKY AND HE HAD A PIECE OF THE PLACE. WHEN I GOT THERE, ROMEO MARIN WAS THERE. HE WAS TRYING TO SHAKE THEM DOWN FOR A PIECE OF THE JOINT. I TOLD ROMEO, THESE PEOPLE ARE FRIENDS OF MINE AND FINALLY ROMEO SAID, "IF HE IS A FRIEND OF RAYMONDS, I WILL BACK OFF." RAYMOND TOLD ME THAT ROMEO HAD PLANNED TO KIDNAP BAKER'S KID. ROMEO DID FIND OUT FROM RAYMOND THAT BAKER WAS O.K. RAYMOND EXTORTED MONEY FROM BAKER. HE TOLD HIM TO GIVE ME \$100 DOLLARS A WEEK AND HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF ALL TROUBLE THERE.

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RONNIE WAS SUSPICIOUS OF PETER LAMONE BECAUSE OF A BREAK IN A PLACE CALLED "HALEYS" ON CAMBRIDGE STREET IN THE WEST END, WHEN HE AND RONNIE WERE KIDS. PETER TURNED STATES EVIDENCE.

RONNIE WAS AFFILIATED WITH JOE BURNS.

ABOUT TWO MONTHS BEFORE I WENT TO FLORIDA, I HEARD THAT ROMEO HAD A BEEF WITH RALPHIE CHONG, IN A ROOM DOWN THERE. ROMEO WAS GOING TO KILL RALPHIE AND RONNIE SIDED IN WITH ROMEO.

RONNIE BROUGHT ME TO RHODE ISLAND AND WAS THE ONE THAT INTRODUCED ME TO RAYMOND. RAYMOND TOLD RONNIE TO STAY WITH ME.

ROMEO DROVE RAYMOND TO A WEDDING ONE TIME AND THEN MADE A BIG THING OUT OF IT. ROMEO TOLD PEOPLE LATER THAT HE WENT TO NEW YORK FOR RAYMOND AND KNOCKED OFF TWO PEOPLE THERE. WHEN RAYMOND HEARD THESE LIES, HE WAS ALL UPSET.

THE NIGHT OF THE DEEGAN THING, ROMEO MARTIN WANTED TO BE IN THAT ALLEY. I DON'T KNOW WHY.

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Date 4/5/68

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Attorney JOHN FITZGERALD was contacted at the Massachusetts General Hospital where he is recuperating from injuries sustained in the bombing of his automobile in Everett, Massachusetts, and a check was made on FITZGERALD's physical well being.

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FITZGERALD stated that he has told JACK ZALKIND, Assistant District Attorney, and District Attorney GARETT H. BYRNE, both of Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Boston, that he will testify in the gangland slaying of EDWARD "TEDDY" DEEGAN; that is, if his testimony is the difference between convicting these people or letting them go free, but he did not want to testify against these individuals unless his testimony was critical.

On 3/29/68 at Boston, Massachusetts

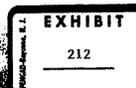
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by SA's DENNIS H. CONDON and H. PAUL RICO Date dictated 4/4/68

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5010-106  
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 29, 1968

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: SA H. PAUL RICO  
RECOMMENDATION FOR QUALITY-SALARY INCREASE

SA H. PAUL RICO has been assigned exclusively to the develop-  
ment of Top Echelon Criminal Informants and related matters in  
the Boston Office since September 16, 1963.

Through his intensive and most skillful efforts, SA RICO developed four Top Echelon informants, namely, [redacted] BS 955 C-TE and [redacted]. The Top Echelon informants have furnished the day-to-day activities of RAYMOND L. S. PATRIARCA, LCN boss from Providence, Rhode Island, and LCN hierarchy in the New England area. More importantly, they also provide the results of decisions made by RAYMOND PATRIARCA in connection with LCN policy. This enabled the Boston Office to exploit and harrass the LCN in the New England area. **B**

Through the careful, selective use of the information derived from these informants, SA RICO was able to exploit same and develop JOSEPH BARON, aka Joseph Barboza, to a point where he testified against RAYMOND L. S. PATRIARCA; his underboss, HENRY TAMELEO; and LCN member, RONALD CASSESSO. This resulted in the conviction of above-named individuals and also, the indictment of LCN members RALPH LAMATTINA and PETER LIMONE in the gangland slaying of EDWARD DEEGAN, which case is awaiting trial in Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

SA RICO has accomplished this great penetration of the LCN with the highest devotion to duty, requiring many personal sacrifices on a continuing basis. His performance has been of the highest caliber; his initiative, drive and desire to fulfill the Bureau's objective of convicting an LCN boss and many LCN members have been rewarded.

The manner in which SA RICO has performed is substantially above normal requirements. His work has been highly effective. His high level of effectiveness has been sustained over a period of time and is expected to continue.

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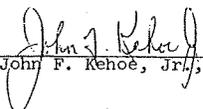
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In view of the above, noting that we have accomplished what at times seemed to be an insurmountable barrier, I am recommending a Quality-Salary Increase be awarded to SA RICO.

  
John F. Kehoe, Jr., Supervisor

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI  
DATE: March 29, 1968  
FROM : SAC, Boston  
SUBJECT: SA DENNIS M. CONDON  
RECOMMENDATION FOR QUALITY-SALARY INCREASE

During the past year SA CONDON has been specifically assigned to fulfill the prime objective of the Bureau in organized crime - penetration of the LCN. His initial success has resulted in both Federal and local prosecutions of LCN figures, which has been previously brought to the attention of the Bureau.

This Agent's achievement in developing an individual competent to testify against the LCN's New England head, RAYMOND L. S. PATRIARCA, and PATRIARCA's associates was finalized with the conviction of PATRIARCA, his underboss, HENRY TAMELEO, and LCN member RONALD CASSESSO in the U. S. District Court, Boston, March, 1968. Said individuals were sentenced to Federal penitentiary.

SA CONDON's ability to develop JOSEPH BARON, aka Joseph Barboza described as the most vicious criminal in New England and one whom law enforcement generally felt could never be compromised, required months of labor, seven days weekly, coupled with intelligence, aggressiveness and foresight. Direction of BARON to the point where he testified for the Federal Government was a momentous blow to the national prestige of the LCN.

I do not feel that there are many individuals in the history of law enforcement who had or would have the necessary background and ability to have so effectively developed and handled BARON.

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This Agent's initiative, drive and desire to fulfill the Bureau's objectives have resulted in convictions, to date, of three LCN members and indictments of four members. Additionally, SA CONDON has been successful in developing another individual, [redacted] whose information not only resulted in indictment of two more LCN members but was instrumental in preventing perjured testimony from being presented in both Federal and State courts.

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TO : Mr. Walsh  
FROM : S. R. Burns  
SUBJECT: SA DENNIS M. CONDON  
Boston Office  
Veteran

DATE: 10-22-75

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PERMANENT BRIEF

Entered on Duty	1-29-51
Reported to Field	3-28-51
Present Grade and Salary	GS-13, \$29,782
Last Salary Change	10-12-75, Basic Increase
Age	51, Born 11-23-1923
Place of Birth	Charlestown, Massachusetts
Marital Status	████████████████████
Education	Bachelor of Arts Degree
Language Ability	None
Office of Preference since 2/74	Boston
1975 Annual Performance Rating	EXCELLENT
Firearms Ability	Qualified
Immediate Relatives in Bureau	None
Offices of Assignment:	
3-28-51	assigned Philadelphia
1-8-52	reported New York
4-11-52	reported Boston

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By letter dated 8/14/67 he was COMMEDED for his excellent performance in connection with the investigation of The Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering case involving Raymond L. S. Patriarca and others.

His daily average overtime for August, 1967, 2 hours 18 minutes; September, 3 hours 12 minutes.

On 10/8/67 he received a Basic Increase to \$15,307 per annum in GS-13.

His daily average overtime for October, 1967, was 2 hours 3 minutes.

On 11/19/67 he received a Within-Grade Increase to \$15,757 per annum in Grade GS-13.

His daily average overtime for November, 1967, 2 hours 5 minutes; December, 3 hours. January, 1968, 3 hours 1 minute; February, 2'56".

By letter dated 3-15-68, he received an INCENTIVE AWARD of \$150 in appreciation for his noteworthy performance in the investigation of the Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering-Gambling case involving Raymond L. S. Patriarca and others. He was cited for his skillful and knowledgeable efforts in handling an important Government witness whose cooperation was obtained which was vital to the success achieved in the conviction of Patriarca and two of his associates.

By letter dated 3-20-68, Attorney General Ramsey Clark expressed appreciation for the Bureau's work in the matter relating to Raymond Patriarca and others and his commendation for SA Condon's ability, initiative, patience and resourcefulness, under most difficult circumstances, in handling the Government's key witness prior to indictment and trial. He stated SA Condon worked long hours and rendered immeasurable assistance to the attorneys who prosecuted this case during the grand jury presentation, the pre-trial preparation and throughout the trial itself. He was an excellent witness. The Attorney General's letter was acknowledged on 3-22-68, with appreciation for his generous remarks.

On 3-31-68, he was rated EXCELLENT, with comments he continued in assignment to the Criminal-Intelligence Squad. He was considered outstanding in his knowledge of the hoodlum element and La Cosa Nostra activities in the Boston area. He was particularly adept in the development of informants and during the rating period was instrumental in obtaining a conviction of La Cosa Nostra boss Raymond L. S. Patriarca and several members. He presently had 5 informants assigned. He was considered an outstanding probative-type investigator, he handled the most complicated matters as exhibited in his handling the Government witness in the Patriarca case, in an able and most capable fashion with an absolute minimum of supervision. He was considered outstanding in dependability.

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resourcefulness and ingenuity, was most accurate and paid attention to pertinent detail. He testified in U. S. District Court 3 times, before a U. S. Grand Jury 3 times, in state court 3 times and was considered an experienced and outstanding witness. He was completely available and continued to be listed as being not interested in administrative advancement.

His daily average overtime for March, 1968 was 2'14"; April, 2'53". EFFECTIVE 5-5-68, he receives a QUALITY WITHIN-GRADE SALARY INCREASE in GS-13 to \$16,207 per annum. By letter dated 4-10-68, he was advised he was receiving this award in recognition of his having discharged his duties in splended fashion for the period 4-1-67, to 3-31-68.

He attended Top Eschelon Informant In-Service Training from 4-29-68 to 5-10-68.

On 4-29-68 while attendind In-Service Training the Director saw him and commented that he seemed interested in his work and would rate him above average.

His daily average overtime for May, 1968, 2'27"; June, 3'13"; July, 2'02".

On 7-14-68 he received a Basic Increase to \$17,289 in GS-13.

By letter dated 8-15-68 he was COMMENDED for the excellent fashion in which he performed in the investigation of a local murder case involving Roy French and others.

His daily average overtime for August, 1968, 2'51"; September, 2'15"; October, 2'56"; November, 2'20"; December, 2'54"; January, 1969, 2'12"; February, 2'56".

On 3-31-69 he was rated EXCELLENT and comments reflected that he was considered outstanding in dependability, loyalty and enthusiasm and was capable of handling the most complicated investigative matters with a minimum degree of supervision. He was not interested in administrative advancement.

His daily average overtime for March, 1969, 2'13"; April, 2'38"; May, 2'41"; June, 2'25".

On 7-13-69 he received a Basic Increase to \$18,974 in GS-13.

His daily average overtime for July, 1969, 2'57"; August, 2'24"; September, 2'47"; October, 2'26"; November, 2'44".

12-28-69 he received a Basic Increase to \$20,114 in GS-13.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/681

JOSEPH BARON was contacted at the location where he is in the protective custody of the United States Marshal. A check was made on his physical well being at this time.

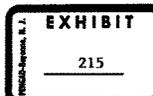
BARON said that his wife's health had improved somewhat but he was still disturbed and disappointed that the government would not allow a female Marshal or matron to help his wife during her period of illness where he is in custody. He said that United States Attorney PAUL MARKHAM and United States Marshal ROBERT MOREY for the District of Massachusetts had spoken to him of another possibility of having his wife and child on a military reservation where doctors would be available to her and he (BARON) could be kept in separate custody elsewhere, under the protection of the United States Marshal.

BARON said that he was most unhappy with the proposed arrangement and, for the time being, would go along taking care of his wife and child as best he could.

On 4/2/68 at Gloucester, Massachusetts File # Boston 92-1132

by SA's DENNIS M. CONDON and H. PAUL RICO  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/681

JOSEPH BARON was contacted at a location where he is in the custody of the United States Marshal.

Detective FRANK WALSH and Assistant District Attorney JACK ZALKIND, both of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Boston, Massachusetts, reviewed with him some aspects of the gangland murder of EDWARD "TEDDY" DEEGAN in preparation for trial in Suffolk County Superior Court.

On 4/4/68 at Gloicester, Massachusetts File # Boston 92-1132  
 by SA H. PAUL RICO;  
Det. FRANK WALSH and Assistant District Attorney JACK ZALKIND, both  
of Suffolk County District Attorney's Office Date dictated 4/5/68  
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Notes taken by Sergt. Walsh at visit with Joseph Baron at Gl. in presence of Jack Zalkind, and Paul Rico, on Thursday April 4, 1968.

Rel to observations made by Joe McCain MDC. at the Ebb Tide on March 2, 1965, Baron remembers getting together with several people that night at the Ebb Tide, including George Katter, Peter Katter, Joe Mádico, over a loan of his that the Katters wanted to buy or take over. Romeo and Henry Tameleo were present.

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Baron bought his home at 79 Morton Rd. Swampscott about August 1966, and borrowed \$3,000 from Jerry Anguilo at that time. He already owed Jerry a sum of money. He got the mortgage from a bank in Lynn.

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Baron states that shortly before Romeo Martin got killed, he (Joe) and Ronnie went to the owner of Louis Room or Lounge at Revere Beach, and demanded a piece of the place. The owner gave them a "C" note a week during the season and when the customers dropped off in the slow season he cut it down to \$50 a week. Henry <sup>Tameleo</sup> gave them the O.K. to move in on this guy.

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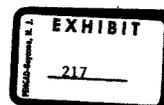
GENO COGNATO dob. 4-25-27

about 5.00P.M. Friday April 5, 1968, Sergt. Walsh with Det. Edward Walsh interviewed Geno Cognato, dob. 4-25-27, of 16 Liberty St. Medford, a bartender employed at Stella's Restaurant, Fleet St. The officers talked to Cognato on the sidewalk in front of Stella's.

He stated that he did not know Greco, Roy French, Anthony Stathopoulos, or Teddy Degan. He said that he has seen Henry Tameleo, and Peter Limone a few times but was not really acquainted with them. He knew Ronnie Cassesso and Joe the Horse, and stated that he did not know Joseph Barboza but had seen him on a few occasions. He answered the list of questions in the following manner.

- (1) answered above.
- (2) Ronnie Cassesso and Joe the Horse were frequent customers of Stella's but he never saw Peter Limone or any of the others in the place.
- (3) No
- (4) No.
- (5) No
- (6) Yes I must have worked because I work every Friday night.
- (7) Yes the Boss of Stella's would have them.
- (8) I have no recollection of having seen any of them in the restaurant that night.
- (9) .....
- (10) No
- (11) No. How would I know ?

Cognato appeared to be quite cooperative and answered the questions without hesitation.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/19/68

JOSEPH BARON was contacted at the location where he is in the protective custody of the United States Marshal and a check was made on his physical well being.

During the course of this contact, BARON was introduced to Special Agent JAMES D. MC KENZIE.

On 4/9/68 at Gloucester, Massachusetts File # Boston 92-1132  
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JOSEPH BARON was contacted at the location where he is in the custody of the United States Marshal and a check was made of his physical well being.

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Date of Filing	Description of Proceedings
Apr. 15, 1968	<p>Cassesso's motion for access to witnesses, after hearing, denied as to Stathopoulos, no action as to Claire Baron.</p> <p>Cassesso's motion to interview Robert C. Glavin, after hearing, denied.</p> <p>Grieco's motion for opportunity to interview Joseph Baron and Anthony J. Stathopoulos, after hearing, denied.</p> <p>Salvati's, Grieco's, Cassesso's and Tameleo's motions to be furnished with criminal records and probation records, after hearing, each denied.</p> <p>Cassesso's motion to inspect filed, after hearing, denied. (Pap. No. 28 in 32366)</p> <p>Tameleo's, Cassesso's and Salvati's motions for Police Department reports, and Grieco's motion for the production of Police Department records, after hearing, each denied.</p> <p>Cassesso's files motion to dismiss. (Paper No. 29 in case No. 32366)</p> <p>Court orders exhibits (1 - 4 inclusive) impounded.. Forte, J. Anderson, stenographer.</p>
Apr. 22, 1968	<p>Cassesso's motions: for Lawful Jury; to interview Anthony J. Stathopoulos; for access to witnesses; to interview Robert C. Glavin; to be furnished with copies of the autopsy report; to inspect personal effects; to be furnished with criminal records and probation records; after rehearing, each denied.</p> <p>Cassesso's motion for Bill of Particulars filed, after hearing, denied.</p> <p>Tameleo's, Cassesso's, Salvati's, Grieco's motions to dismiss and Grieco's motion to dismiss because Grand Jurors improperly drawn, after hearing, each denied.</p>

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