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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: JUDGE ANTONIO DI PIETRO CONFIRMED TO US
THAT THE AUTHORITIES HAD CREDIBLE INFORMATION ON JULY
16 THAT ATTEMPTS WOULD BE MADE ON HIS AND JUDGE
BORSELLINO'S LIVES IN THE PERIOD JULY 16-26.

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BORSELLINO WAS KILLED ON JULY 19. DI PIETRO SAYS HE
WAS INCLUDED AS HE HAD UNKNOWINGLY TOUCHED ON MAFIA
INTERESTS DURING HIS CORRUPTION INVESTIGATIONS. WE
HAVE OUR DOUBTS THAT THE MAFIA WOULD TAKE SUCH A STEP
IN RETALIATION FOR THE ARREST OF A RATHER MINOR
MAFIA-CONTROLLED POLITICIAN HERE. RATHER, WE SEE THE
PLANNED ASSASSINATION OF A MAN WHO HAS BECOME A
SYMBOL OF HOPE FOR MILLIONS OF ITALIANS, AS A
POLITICAL ACT AIMED AT FURTHER DESTABILIZING THE
GOVERNMENT AND A POLITICAL SYSTEM WHICH HAS SHOWN
SIGNS RECENTLY OF GETTING SERIOUS IN THE ANTI-MAFIA
FIGHT. END SUMMARY.-
3. DURING A MEETING WITH JUDGE ANTONIO DE PIETRO ON
JULY 24, HE CONFIRMED TO DPO THE SUBSTANCE OF NEWS
REPORTS THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THREE DAYS
PRIOR TO THE KILLING OF JUDGE BORSELLINO THAT**REVIEW AUTHORITY: Martin McLean, Senior Reviewer**

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS WOULD TAKE PLACE ON BORSELLINO AND DI PIETRO DURING THE PERIOD JULY 16-26. DI PIETRO SAID THE SOURCE WAS VERY CREDIBLE AND HAD PROVIDED ACCURATE INFORMATION IN THE PAST.

4. WHEN ASKED WHY HIS NAME APPEARED WITH THAT OF BORSELLINO, DI PIETRO SAID THAT DURING HIS INVESTIGATION INTO POLITICAL CORRUPTION HE HAD UNKNOWINGLY TOUCHED ON MAFIA INTERESTS WITH THE ARREST OF A MINOR POLITICIAN WHO HE NOW BELIEVES HAD A KEY ROLE IN RECYCLING MAFIA PROFITS IN THE NORTH.

5. DI PIETRO DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT MAJOR POLITICAL FIGURES HAVE DIRECT MAFIA LINKS, THOUGH MOST HAVE
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BEEN INVOLVED IN POLITICAL CORRUPTION. HE EXPLAINED THAT MINOR POLITICIANS - ESPECIALLY THOSE IN SMALL TOWNS OUTSIDE MILAN WHICH ARE MAFIA BASES - ARE THE REAL MAFIA/POLITICAL LINK. IN RETURN FOR FAVORS INCLUDING HELP IN MONEY LAUNDERING, THESE LOCAL POLS ARE ASSURED OF CONTROL OF PACKAGES OF VOTES. THE POLITICIAN IN QUESTION (WHO WE BELIEVE TO BE [REDACTED]) [REDACTED] CONTROLS 7,000 VOTES, ACCORDING TO DI PIETRO. HE CAN TRADE THESE VOTES FOR FAVORS AND SUPPORT FROM THE PARTY. THIS, ACCORDING THE THE JUDGE, IS THE NORMAL MAFIA/POLITICAL LINK IN THE NORTH.

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6. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE INVESTIGATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT TRIALS BEING BLOCKED, DI PIETRO CLAIMED THAT THIS WAS NOW IMPOSSIBLE. INVESTIGATIONS HAD SPREAD FAR BEYOND MILAN AND CITIZENS WOULD NOT STAND FOR INTERFERENCE TO STOP THE PROCESS. HE ALSO SAID THAT ALL FIVE JUDGES INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATIONS SHARED WITH EACH OTHER ALL INFORMATION DEVELOPED THERE ARE FIVE SETS OF ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, HE SAID. THE FIRST TRIAL - THAT OF ENZO PAPPI EX-DIRECTOR OF THE FIAT COMPANY COGEFAR - IS SET TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 16.

7. COMMENT: DI PIETRO APPEARED RELATIVELY CALM FOR A MAN WHOSE NAME IS THE SECOND OF TWO ON A MAFIA HIT LIST. HE BECAME EMOTIONAL ONLY WHEN TALKING ABOUT A CORRIERE DELLA SERA ARTICLE WHICH HAD INFORMATION RELATING TO HIS FAMILY - PARTICULARLY HIS FOUR YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. HE IS OBVIOUSLY VERY CONCERNED FOR
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THEIR SAFETY. HE GAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE THREAT
WOULD SLOW HIM DOWN (THERE WERE MORE ARRESTS OVER THE
WEEKEND), AND HE SPOKE OF THE INVESTIGATION LEADING
TO EVEN MORE PROMINENT POLITICAL FIGURES. AS TO DI
PIETRO'S EXPLANATION FOR HIS NAME APPEARING WITH
BORSELLINO'S AS AN ASSASSINATION TARGET, WE HAVE OUR
DOUBTS THAT THEY WOULD GO TO SUCH LENGTHS OVER THE
ARREST OF A FAIRLY MINOR MINION. THE KILLING OF DI
PIETRO WOULD BE A POLITICAL ACT DEMONSTRATING THE
GOVERNMENT'S INABILITY TO PROTECT SOMEONE WHOSE NAME
HAS BECOME A SYMBOL OF HOPE THROUGHOUT ITALY - WITH
THE GOAL OF FURTHER DESTABILIZING THE GOVERNMENT AND

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THE POLITICAL SYSTEM AS THEY ATTEMPT MORE SERIOUS

ACTIONS TO FIGHT ORGANIZED CRIME. END COMMENT.

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