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Dear Wayne:

Enclosed you will find copies of the indictments of Salvatore Bonanno; Joseph Bonanno, Jr.; Anthony Bressi; and Raymond Tedesco, as well as several newspaper articles describing the case. These organized crime figures and associates stand accused of defrauding customers in a home improvement scheme in San Jose during 1977-78. For your information, what is not included in these materials is the contribution made by one of your sources, Gerald Denono.

During September 1979, Denono contacted me at the California Department of Justice, where I was employed until January of this year. I had become acquainted with Denono through you and through our mutual efforts in the Las Vegas ledger case. Denono, at that time a federal prisoner in San Diego, told me that he had a fellow inmate who could provide evidence against the two sons of Mafia leader Joseph Bonanno. This witness was Anthony Insana, with whom the Bonanno sons had been in partnership in the Los Gatos Construction Company. Insana had been testifying against Bonanno, Sr. in an obstruction of justice case, while Insana served a federal sentence for fire-arms violations. He was also serving a concurrent California sentence for defrauding customers in his construction business. According to Insana, the same evidence that convicted him in the fraud case could be used to prosecute the Bonanno brothers.

As a result of Denono's introduction, I spoke with Insana several times and collected essential information. After verifying this information and Insana's connection to the Bonanno brothers, I wrote up a recommendation for a full pre-prosecution investigation and provided it to the Special Prosecutions Unit of the California Attorney General's Office, which ultimately took the case to the Alameda County Grand Jury. Insana's testimony is, of course, the key evidence in this case, which is the Special Prosecution Unit's most notable effort against organized crime in California to date.

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For the record, none of this would have occurred  
except for Gerald Denono and our association with him.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures