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Memorandum of Interview

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2009

Person interviewed: Marty Vuksanaj

Reporting agent: Bill Clutter

Re: *USA v Angelo DiPietro*

Reporting agent interviewed Marty Vuksanaj at his residence in Putnam Valley, New York. Marty stated that he grew up in the Bronx, after his father had immigrated to the United States from Albania. He had met Baskim Mustafaj, while attending Columbus High School. Mustafaj was a star high school basketball player, who went on to play college basketball at Iona College. At the time, Din Celaj was like a little brother to Mustafaj. Marty would see Bash and Din hanging out together, even though Din was about 11 years old at that time and Bash was much older (14 years older).

Marty said that his brother had previously gotten into trouble and pled guilty to federal charges. During a prison visit to see his brother, Marty came to know Anthony DiPietro. During one visit, Anthony had taken the train up to visit his father and Marty offered to drive him home. Marty stated that he also offered Anthony work at his construction company, which was more successful before the economy had recently crashed.

Marty stated that Anthony had showed him the statements Din had made against his father. Anthony explained that Din claimed that his father sent him to Europe to smuggle drugs when Din was a teenager. Marty stated that he knew from growing up in the neighborhood with Din that he was involved in smuggling drugs with individuals who were Albanians. Marty stated that Din Celaj lied and inserted the name of Angelo DiPietro in place of Albanians whom Celaj was protecting.

In the summer of either 2006 or 2007, Marty stopped in at a McDonalds near his home, with his nephew George and his cousin Danny. Marty was startled to see that "Jerry," Din Celaj's brother, was also there. In the presence of his relatives, Marty told "Jerry," Xhavit Celaj, that he heard that his brother Din had been making statements against

people that were untrue. "Jerry" replied, "He's not talking about any Albanians. He's leaving everything on the Italian." Marty stated that "Jerry" was also at the McDonald's with another young man, whom Jerry identified as his first cousin, using an Albanian term that meant he was his first cousin.

Sometime later, while working on a job near 42nd Street, Marty saw Ded Nicaj, whom they call "Toothless Dave" at Grand Central Station. Marty asked Nicaj about Celaj's testimony against Angelo DiPietro. Nicaj told Marty that Celaj had lied in court about Angelo DiPietro being involved in the Eastchester burglary. "He told me he didn't know Angelo DiPietro." Nicaj also stated to Marty that he had been visited by the FBI when he was in prison. Nicaj told them that he did not know Angelo DiPietro.