

DATE: 3/13/00  
TIME: 7:35 P.M.

ACTIVITY: CONSENSUAL MONITORING

SPEAKERS:

FRANK, JR.: Frank Calabrese, Jr.  
PELUSO: Ralph Peluso

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(NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)

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4 PELUSO: There's nothin'. We're down. I've been  
5 down--yeah, ever since that happened.  
6 There's no way I'm gonna stay open with  
7 that. I--I, I got 'em all over me. I  
8 mean, I went down to, uh, Eddie Gensen's  
9 office, uh, the agents wanted to talk to  
10 me about my affiliation with everybody  
11 and everything. I said I don't know  
12 anybody, I don't know anything. My  
13 lawyer said to quit (UI) so there's  
14 nothin' left.  
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16 FRANK, JR.: That's what you want me to tell him?  
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18 PELUSO: Yeah. There, (UI) it's done, done  
19 and...  
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21 FRANK, JR.: Alright.  
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23 PELUSO: ...over with.  
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25 FRANK, JR.: Alright, great. I mean, yeah. I mean,  
26 you know, I didn't even wanna come.  
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28 PELUSO: Yeah. I know.  
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30 FRANK, JR.: But he's been on me and on me...  
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32 PELUSO: He's...  
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34 FRANK, JR.: ... (UI) ...



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2 PELUSO: ...he's livin' in the fuckin' forties.  
3 Between you and me, I don't mean any...  
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5 FRANK, JR.: No.  
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7 PELUSO: ...disrespect.  
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9 FRANK, JR.: No. I, I understand.  
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11 PELUSO: You know what I'm sayin'? It--it's,  
12 it's, uh...  
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14 FRANK, JR.: That's the smartest thing you could do.  
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16 PELUSO: It's over for everybody. I mean, it  
17 whoever's still around, it's--God bless  
18 'em. I hope they make bazillion  
19 dollars. You know, come on, let's take  
20 a little walk.  
21  
22 FRANK, JR.: Okay.  
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24 PELUSO: I don't want--I--I, heh, I hope you  
25 don't...  
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27 FRANK, JR.: I...  
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29 PELUSO: ... (UI).  
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31 FRANK, JR.: No. No. Uh...  
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33 PELUSO: I can't even imagine that he could be  
34 thinking like that under the  
35 circumstances.  
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37 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. I'm a little shocked, too, Ralph,  
38 okay? And, and he's puttin', he's  
39 tryin' to put me in middle here, but...  
40  
41 PELUSO: Yeah.  
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43 FRANK, JR.: ...I figured I'd do him the favor of  
44 comin' out...

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2 PELUSO: He's (UI) ...  
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4 FRANK, JR.: ... (UI).  
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6 PELUSO: ...I understand.  
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8 FRANK, JR.: He's, he's been on me, you know, and he  
9 just, he won't give up. So, at least  
10 now I can go back...  
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12 PELUSO: Yeah. (UI) ...  
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14 FRANK, JR.: ...and (UI) ...  
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16 PELUSO: ...It's over with. And the only kid  
17 that, you know, if you, (clears throat).  
18 Actually I was gonna get a hold of you  
19 and your brother. In fact, I tried to  
20 get a hold of your brother the week you  
21 came home. I left a message on his car  
22 phone. And I understand your brother's  
23 comin' home and I'd love to sit down and  
24 have coffee with you guys. I... I was  
25 on the way out anyway. Then that  
26 happened that sinks it.  
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28 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.  
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30 PELUSO: I was gonna call your brother you know  
31 I'm done. If you wanna pick up Tony  
32 Palingreen (ph) now 'cause I know he's  
33 gonna stay open, Tony's gonna stay open.  
34 But he's too little to matter. It isn't  
35 gonna--you know, nobody's gonna bother  
36 him and he'll (UI). You know, he can  
37 keep goin' I said, Ton--you can go. I  
38 can't help ya anymore. I'm, I'm  
39 retired...  
40  
41 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.  
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1 PELUSO: ...I'm out. If somebody comes and  
2 scoops your ass, don't come and see me  
3 'cause I'm done. I'm retired.  
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5 FRANK, JR.: Alright.  
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7 PELUSO: So, my, my advise...  
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9 FRANK, JR.: I--you know...  
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11 PELUSO: You know, it's, if...  
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13 FRANK, JR.: Me and my brother, no, no. That's,  
14 Ralph, that's why I went and got a  
15 truck...  
16  
17 PELUSO: Yeah.  
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19 FRANK, JR.: ...drivin' job. I was stayin' away from  
20 everybody...  
21  
22 PELUSO: Good.  
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24 FRANK, JR.: ...I don't want, you know...  
25  
26 PELUSO: As am I. And, you know...  
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28 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. And this, this thing here...  
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30 PELUSO: I can't even imagine that he could be  
31 thinkin' about that with all the fuckin'  
32 heat that's out there. But...  
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34 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.  
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36 PELUSO: ...that's him. And I don't mean any  
37 disrespect to you...  
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39 FRANK, JR.: No. He's, he's--he's not, he's not  
40 thinkin'. He's not thinkin'. He hasn't  
41 thought for a long time. It... It's  
42 aggravating, but...  
43  
44 PELUSO: Yeah.

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2 FRANK, JR.: ...I says, okay. I'll go, 'cause I  
3 figured that, you know...  
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5 PELUSO: Yeah. And you tell him that it, so far  
6 it cost me twenty-five thousand in  
7 lawyers' fees. And I didn't even get  
8 indicted. That just goin' for the  
9 fuckin' hearings. Ah, I've had two  
10 interviews now with them. Now, I  
11 (UI)...  
12  
13 FRANK, JR.: Oh, really?  
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15 PELUSO: ...Now (UI)...  
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17 FRANK, JR.: Oh. So their...  
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19 PELUSO: ...They're all over me, well, ever since  
20 that day. They came the next--they came  
21 six o'clock in the morning after hi--his  
22 accident. They came fuckin' four  
23 strong. You want to talk to us, I said.  
24 Uh, talk to me about what? What's your,  
25 uh--I says, sorry guys. I know you got  
26 a job to do. I don't know anything. I  
27 don't know anybody. If you want, leave  
28 me your card, I'll have my attorney call  
29 ya. Otherwise, if you wanna take me in,  
30 take me in and let me have my attorney,  
31 con... You know, come down. They said,  
32 no, we'll get a hold of ya. Who's your  
33 attorney? I said, I gave 'em the name.  
34 They said, we'll get a hold of you  
35 within a few days. They got a hold of  
36 the attorney. First they come down and,  
37 and I saw 'em with Terry Gillespie (ph).  
38 And the second time I saw 'em with  
39 Eddie. And, uh, their line of  
40 questioning was directed towards Ronnie,  
41 which I knew there was nothin'; I mean,  
42 I mean, I can tell you this...  
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44 FRANK, JR.: Let's keep waking.

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2 PELUSO: I never, (LAUGHS), you know Ronnie was a  
3 friend, an associate. I never wanted to  
4 do business with Ronnie. He put me in  
5 that fuckin' spot. Okay?  
6  
7 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, I know.  
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9 PELUSO: So you understand. The bottom line is,  
10 you know, it was all over. The last  
11 question that, that, they hit me with  
12 was we have information that you're a  
13 head of an organized crime family. I  
14 says, listen, look. The lawyer said,  
15 the conversation's over. Any further  
16 questions, subpoena him. Because for...  
17 we agreed to talk with them as long as  
18 their, as long as the conversation  
19 pertained to Ronnie Jarrett, Ronnie  
20 Jarrett only.  
21  
22 FRANK, JR.: Okay.  
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24 PELUSO: And no further than that. Then they  
25 tried to--(UI) do their little fuckin'  
26 games and as soon as that happened it  
27 stopped. But, you know, and I put the  
28 word out to everybody. It's done, over,  
29 finished, and evidently he didn't get  
30 the message. But, I can't even imagine,  
31 because when he went away.  
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33 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.  
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35 PELUSO: I ain't seein' anybody. And you know  
36 how persistent he can be.  
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38 FRANK, JR.: Well, well, you know, from what I  
39 understood, you were tryin' to just back  
40 out period for the longest time.  
41  
42 PELUSO: Yeah, well.  
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1 FRANK, JR.: From what I understood he was puttin'  
2 the pressure on you. That's what I  
3 understood, you know. So...  
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5 PELUSO: I--I wanted no part of it any longer and  
6 he kept findin', tryin' to find a way to  
7 keep...  
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9 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.  
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11 PELUSO: ...the thing go--alive. And I said, you  
12 don't understand, you're livin' in the  
13 past. Uh, it's...  
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15 FRANK, JR.: (UI)...  
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17 PELUSO: ...over, you can't get fuckin' paid from  
18 these guys. Who--who wants to, do the  
19 math. If, if you win, you can't get  
20 paid. If you lose, everybody's on your  
21 doorstep, looking to get paid. That's  
22 what I told him. It's done with, it was  
23 a nice ride.  
24  
25 FRANK, JR.: (UI)...  
26  
27 PELUSO: ...but them days are over with.  
28  
29 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. Well, uh, you're right.  
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31 PELUSO: You know, and he said, no, no, no.  
32 It'll keep goin' and this is the guy  
33 you'll see and this and that. Well, I'd  
34 only gone over a couple of times, and...  
35 I was only concerned, I had to go down  
36 to the person and find out if he was  
37 flipping, period. You know what I mean?  
38 I had to know...  
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40 FRANK, JR.: Right.  
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42 PELUSO: ...how long, if there was somethin'  
43 goin' on with us. When I, I found out  
44 before I went to the interview to the

shape he and, uh, I wasn't concerned  
anymore.

(NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)

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1 (NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)

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3 PELUSO: ...(COUGHS) I didn't want no part of  
4 Ronnie. Not because of this fucking  
5 murder, murder or whatever. He was not,  
6 he was never, my guy, Furio was my guy.  
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8 FRANK, JR.: Right.

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10 PELUSO: Your father was my guy.

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12 FRANK, JR.: Right.

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14 PELUSO: ...Ronnie was on the outside. I never  
15 wanted to do business with Ronnie.  
16 'Cause I didn't have respect for him,  
17 but, I, not that I thought he was  
18 stupid. Don't misunderstand me...  
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20 FRANK, JR.: No. I understand what you're...

21  
22 PELUSO: But he was not, he wasn't somebody that,  
23 that I grew up with...  
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25 FRANK, JR.: Right.

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27 PELUSO: ...I inherited him.  
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29 (NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)

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3 PELUSO: ...But, I'm tellin' ya, I'm done. And  
4 if some other jagoff comes (UI) I can't  
5 do nothing because I don't belong  
6 anywhere. I'm done. I'm retired.  
7  
8 FRANK, JR.: Nobody else has bothered you or  
9 anything.  
10  
11 PELUSO: No.  
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13 FRANK, JR.: Okay. Good.  
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15 PELUSO: Nah.  
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17 FRANK, JR.: Good.  
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19 PELUSO: No. I wouldn't go talk to anyone.  
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21 FRANK, JR.: (UI).  
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23 PELUSO: Frankie, I wouldn't, in all the years, I  
24 only talked to three people. Frankie  
25 Furio, your father and your uncle, okay?  
26 Nobody else.  
27  
28 FRANK, JR.: Right.  
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30 PELUSO: He put me in that fuckin' spot, with  
31 Ronnie, okay?  
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33 FRANK, JR.: I know.  
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35 PELUSO: So far he cost me two (UI) by having me  
36 see the guy.  
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38 FRANK, JR.: I understand. I...  
39  
40 PELUSO: You know what I mean?  
41  
42 FRANK, JR.: ...understand. I understand what you're  
43 sayin'. Yeah.  
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1 PELUSO: But you can if you, if you elect to tell  
2 him the entire situation that you heard,  
3 I'm tellin' you the entire situation...  
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5 FRANK, JR.: No. I'm just gonna tell him that  
6 you're, that, I'm just gonna tell him  
7 what you told me, that that's it. It's  
8 over with. You, you're not, you know,  
9 you're a hundred percent retired.  
10 That's the message I'm gonna give him.  
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12 PELUSO: If I were you and you do what you want,  
13 ah, I won't even tell ya. I was gonna  
14 say, did he tell 'em about the other  
15 fuckin' situation with the G and that  
16 'cause the wheels are gonna start  
17 turnin' and he...  
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19 FRANK, JR.: No...  
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21 PELUSO: ...You know what I mean.  
22  
23 FRANK, JR.: ...No. Uh, I won't tell him that.  
24  
25 PELUSO: That's just for you.  
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27 FRANK, JR.: No.  
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29 PELUSO: I tell you everything 'cause I want you  
30 to know why.  
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(NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)

1 (NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)

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3 PELUSO:

4 I can't tell you how, uh, and--and this,  
5 heh, probably outta school, but I can't  
6 tell you how hard I feel for you and  
7 your brother, because I worked with the  
8 man for over twenty years. You lived  
9 with him for, for your whole lifetime.  
He's a hard man to deal with.

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11 (NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)

12 (END OF CONSENSUAL)

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