

## OUTLINE FOR RAGANO DEPOSITION

### INTRODUCTION

- Convening at the ARRB for deposition of Mr. Ragano
- Introduce Mr. Ragano, myself and others present
- Ragano appearing pursuant to subpoena for testimony and his records
- Opportunity to have an attorney present
- Opportunity to correct transcript
- Breaks during the deposition
- Clarification of Questions
- You understand that you are appearing pursuant to subpoena?
- You understand that you are testifying under oath and that you are subject to the laws on perjury?

## PRELIMINARY BACKGROUND

--Current residence Tampa, Florida

--Age

--World War II Service

--College

--Law School

--Children

--Law Practice in Florida

## IMMUNITY

--Do you have any information that relates to the assassination of President Kennedy? [Ragano takes the 5th]

--Did you bring with you today any records that relate to the assassination of President Kennedy? [Ragano takes the 5th]

--Apprise Ragano that he is accorded immunity pursuant to federal statute/Department of Justice authorization. (For Kennedy assassination only?)

--Introduce EXHIBIT 1, the subpoena/Dept. Of Justice authorization of immunity.

--In compliance with the subpoena, have you brought with you any records? Go through the categories of records that Ragano has brought--

videotapes

news articles

notes

--Discuss deposition with anyone?

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

--How long have you been practicing law in Florida?

--Type of practice? (Criminal defense)

--In your career as a criminal defense attorney in Florida, did you come to represent Santo Trafficante? Carlos Marcello? Jimmy Hoffa?

--For those who are not familiar with organized crime figures, could you briefly explain who Mr. Trafficante and Mr. Marcello were?

--**When/where/how did Ragano first meet Trafficante?**

Tampa/May/1954/through Pat Whitaker/defended Trafficante associates on gambling charges

--Go over Legal Work/Key Cases for Trafficante and Hoffa

--Getting Trafficante out of Cuba

--1967 Grand Jury ("Little Appalachin" \_

--1986 RICO Case

--**When/Where/How did Ragano First meet Hoffa?**

--Explain the Legal Work that Ragano Performed for Jimmy Hoffa

--Sun Valley Case in Florida

--Jury Tampering Case in Nashville

--Consolidated Fraud Trial in Chicago

--Introduce "Mob Lawyer" as an Exhibit

**--KEY KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ALLEGATIONS**

--July 1963 at DOJ. Hoffa chokes RFK ("I'll break your fucking neck. I'll kill you.")

--July 23, 1963. Lunch. Marble Palace, Teamsters HQ, Washington, D.C. Bill Bufalino, Danny Maher. 1 hour later--"Something has to be done. The time has come for your friend and Carlos to get rid of him, kill that son-of-a-bitch John Kennedy" This has got to be done...No more fucking around."

--That evening, Ragano flies to New Orleans

--The next morning, July 24, 1963.

--Breakfast meeting with Traff. & Marcello.

--"He [Hoffa] wants you to get rid of the President right away."

--No response from Traff./Marcello

**[STANDARD QUESTIONS FOR KENNEDY ASSERTIONS]**

--Did you tell anyone else about these conversations?

--Did you take any notes of those conversations?

--Have you brought the notes with you today?

--How soon after the meeting did you make notes?

--Where did you keep the notes?

--Next Meeting with Hoffa In Washington, D.C. August, 1963 Harvey's Restaurant, Mayflower

Hoffa, Jim Haggerty, Danny Maher.

JH: "Did you talk to your friend and Carlos about that matter?"

--The Day of the Assassination, Nov. 22, 1963

--Hoffa phones Ragano at his office

“Did you hear the good news? They killed the  
son-of-a-bitch bastard..”

--Dinner with Trafficante at the International Inn, Tampa. Trafficante Toast.

--Meeting wit Hoffa three days later (November 25, 1963) in D.C.

--Teamsters Headquarters. Bufalino, Maher, Schiffer

--JH to Ragano: “I told you they could do it.”