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On 1/31/62, PCI [] advised that the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC), Department of the State of New Jersey, is insisting that all members of the teamsters unions complete a questionnaire which in part pertains to their criminal background if any. In cases where a teamster member has been arrested, he is required to set forth on this questionnaire the date of his arrest, the charge, and the disposition, plus a photograph for the files of the ABC. As a result of the ABC's insistence that this questionnaire be completed in its entirety, ANTHONY PROVENZANO ordered JACOB FRIEDLAND, attorney for Teamsters Joint Council 73, to fight this issue in the courts if necessary in order to prevent the disclosure of any teamster's background.

[] related that as a result of this request by ABC, PROVENZANO had a memo prepared and distributed to all teamsters within the State of New Jersey, which informed the membership that this order by the ABC was illegal and that the membership was not required to complete the portion of the questionnaire which pertained to the criminal background. PCI [] advised further that this memo instructed the membership to immediately report any situation where the management of a particular firm insisted that this be completed. This was to have been immediately reported to PROVENZANO's office but under no circumstances were the members to complete it if they did not desire to.

PCI stated that JACOB FRIEDLAND's son, DAVID, a young attorney, who recently joined his father's practice, was understood to have been responsible for the research into the legal precedence on this matter.

[] stated that the recent arrest of SALVATORE BRIGUGLIO, NUNZIO PROVENZANO, and EUSTICE ROBER by the New York City Police Department has not been discussed by any of the officials of Local 560 to date. PCI stated that the fact that they have not discussed this matter indicates that the lesser known figure of these three; namely, ROBER, will in all probability be ordered to admit the extortion and thereby exonerate PROVENZANO's brother, NUNZIO, and BRIGUGLIO.

At that point, [] made available a 29-page pamphlet entitled, "Your Pension Program, Pension Fund of Trucking Employees of North Jersey Welfare Fund, Inc."

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The provisions of this pamphlet sets forth the following officials responsible for the management of this phase of the teamsters operation in New Jersey.

The administrator of the fund is reflected as MARVIN ZALK; Legal Counselors are JACOB FRIEDLAND and LOUIS P. BRENNER; Consulting Actuaries are Johnson and Higgins, New York, New York; Investment Counselor is listed as Lehman Brothers, New York, New York. The Board of Trustees for the Pension Fund are listed in a two-part breakdown, one being for the union and the other for the employers. The trustees representing the union are listed as: LAWRENCE MC DERMOTT, EDWARD HUGHES, and WILLIAM FARRELL. The trustees representing the employers are PCI [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that MC DERMOTT is business agent for Local 641, IET; HUGHES is business agent for Local 560; and FARRELL is business agent for Local 617.

[redacted] identified SAMUEL PETIX as an official of the Denver Chicago Trucking Company of Secaucus, New Jersey, and CLARENCE FRANKEL as the terminal manager of Cooper-Jarrett, Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey.

The pamphlet goes into the intricacies of the Pension Fund setting forth those who are and who are not eligible for a pension of \$125 upon reaching the age of 65. The pamphlet reflects that there are five types of pensions available to teamster members, the highest in dollar rating being \$125 per month.

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On 3/28/62, PCI [] was recontacted, at which time he advised that approximately one month ago he attended a Local 560 Board of Trustees' meeting in the offices of the local's attorney, Mr. JACOB FRIEDLAND. He stated that during the course of this meeting, FRIEDLAND announced that the loan of \$275,000 of Welfare Fund money, which was to have been made available to the owners of the Pine Brook Auction, Route 46, Pine Brook, New Jersey, had fallen through in that it had been determined by FRIEDLAND that the owner of this establishment had committed suicide.

[] stated that although he has been unable to determine the identities of the individuals who are to receive a \$200,000.00 loan for the renovation of their bowling alley located in the vicinity of New Brunswick, New Jersey, he has received information indicating that this business firm is owned by two brothers of Italian extraction who reside in the North Hudson County area.

[] advised that PROVENZANO has apparently issued orders to his business agents and organizers to be more discreet in their dealings with employers as conversation in the trucking industry indicates that very few employers are at this time having difficulty with the enforcement of the area wide contract. [] stated that this is a result of the adverse publicity which PROVENZANO has received in local newspapers of late and believes this period of relative peace will continue at least through the period in which his own litigation is pending.

[] stated that inquiries by the FBI at trucking terminals through the metropolitan Newark area have also alerted the business agents, stewards, and organizers; and, therefore, they are being very circumspect in their dealings with the employers and teamster members.

[] stated that he will attempt to discreetly obtain the identities of the owners of the bowling alley establishment to whom PROVENZANO is making available \$200,000 of Local 560 Welfare Fund money.

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On 2/8/62, PCI [redacted] was contacted, at which time he advised that several matters had been brought to his attention concerning the activities of Local 560 which he thought worthy of mention. He explained that since the inception of 560's Welfare and Pension Programs, the Passaic-Bergen Counties Fund has operated at a profit, whereas the Hudson County Fund has had deficits periodically. PCI explained that even though this fact is easily proven by the annual audits, Local 560's attorney, JACOB FRIEDLAND, attended the last Board of Trustees meeting which was held just prior to Christmas (1961) and demanded that the Passaic-Bergen Board of Trustees [redacted] (is a Board member) raise the employer contribution rate from \$.31 per hour to the Hudson County rate of \$.33 per hour.

[redacted] stated that he was vacationing in Florida at the time of this meeting, however, learned on return that the other two employer trustees, ALBERT SCALETTI and ALBERT MARCHINI, voted against the proposal of FRIEDLAND. [redacted] learned that FRIEDLAND explained to the Board that the \$.02 differential between the Hudson and the Passaic-Bergen Fund had created suspicion among the Hudson County Terminal owners and investigative agencies and felt that both funds should therefore immediately establish the same identical contributory rates.

[redacted] stated that the second problem brought before the Trustees has been FRIEDLAND's insistence that the employers of all 560 members contribute the \$.33 per hour Welfare and Pension rate for all casual help regardless of whether the individuals are members of 560. The PCI explained that in the majority of cases where a terminal requires additional man power, generally in Passaic and Bergen Counties, the union is unable to supply the men needed. When this occurs, he and other terminal operators have an available supply of labor which will work their regular employment and thereafter join the night or early morning shifts at the particular terminal in need of man power. He related that in almost all cases when this type of labor is hired, the men are members of unions other than 560. FRIEDLAND's insistence that the trucking

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operators contribute \$.33 an hour for non-Teamster help which is hired, is not only suspicious but unjustified.

He stated that when the employer members of the Board of Trustees refused to vote in favor of these two proposals by FRIEDLAND, FRIEDLAND demanded that they bring the matters before the New Jersey State Board of Mediation, 1100 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, New Jersey. [redacted] thereafter produced a copy of State Mediator's THOMAS A. KNOWLTON's decision and award in both of the above proposals. Both questions, namely, increasing the Passaic-Bergen truckers contribution to \$.33 per hour and the contribution of \$.33 to 560's Welfare and Pension Fund for non-union men, was adjudicated in favor of the union, both effective as of 2/1/62.

[redacted] stated that he and all other trucking employers with whom he has been in contact since this decision was reached by KNOWLTON, are outraged for several reasons: first, why should the Passaic-Bergen operators be forced to increase their rates from \$.31 to \$.33 per hour when their fund is insolvent and Hudson County's Fund which receives \$.33 per hour is running into deficit; second, why should the employers in Passaic and Bergen Counties contribute Welfare and Pension monies to 560 for men who are not members of that union, particularly, when these men will not be entitled to insurance, medical treatment and pension rights under 560's contract.

PCI stated that he is of the opinion that State Mediator THOMAS A. KNOWLTON has been "bought" by PROVENZANO in order to have rendered a decision in the union's favor.

[redacted] related that the next matter brought to his attention involves the loans of \$200,000.00 and \$275,000.00 by Local 560's Welfare Fund to two separate business firms within the past three months.

PCI explained that one SEYMOUR PASKOW, a Newark realtor, approached the Passaic-Bergen County Board of Trustees and informed them that he had learned that Local 560 was making available funds for mortgages. PASKOW stated that he then had two clients in need of working capital and thereafter presented to the Board a picture of his clients' net worth, including bills, rent, and potential.

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[] stated that on the approval of the trustees of the Passaic and Bergen Counties Fund and PROVENZANO, PASKOW was furnished checks in the amount of \$200,000.00 and \$275,000.00.

[] related that the loan of \$200,000 at 6 per cent interest for an unrecalled number of years went to two brothers, the names of whom he could not recall who own a bowling alley located in New Brunswick, New Jersey. This loan was ostensibly for improvements of their alleys.

The sum of \$275,000 at 6 per cent for fifteen years was furnished the owners of the Pine Brook Auction, Route 46, Pine Brook, New Jersey. [] stated that this group placed their building and 12 acres of land up as collateral for this loan.

PCI advised that he possesses no derogatory information concerning PASKOW of the firms he represented in these negotiations; however, he thought this information worthy of mention. [] did state, however, that a possibility exists that PROVENZANO and others in the Teamsters Union who would finally authorize these loans could be receiving a percentage of the mortgage money for having placed their stamp of approval on these matters. It should be noted that in the other case where the PCI made available information concerning a \$400,000 loan by 560 to the United States Glass and Chemical Company of Pittsburgh and New York, an investigation revealed that this firm was, at the time of the loan, under investigation by the Securities Exchange Commission. It was determined that this firm had changed its name to United States Diversified Industries as a result of this pending investigation.

At the conclusion of the contact with [], he made available the following documents, which were photostated and returned:

1. A memorandum submitted to the New Jersey State Board of Mediation, 1100 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, by GEORGE M. EICHLER, Attorney for the employer trustees of the trucking employers of Passaic and Bergen Counties Welfare Fund, whose offices are located at 921 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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GEORGE M. EICHLER:

COUNSELLOR AT LAW

921 BERGEN AVENUE

JERSEY CITY 6, NEW JERSEY

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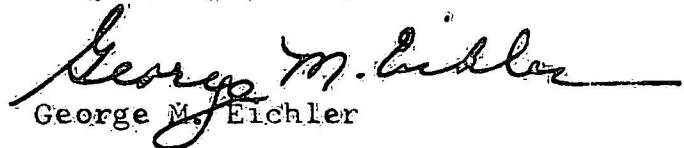
Clifford B. Finkle Jr., President
Passaic Terminal and Transportation Co. Inc.
Bloomfield Avenue
Allwood Section
Clifton, N.J.

Re: Employer Trustees
and
Union Trustees of the Trucking
Employees of Passaic and Bergen
County Welfare Fund.

Dear Mr. Finkle:

Enclosed herewith please find copy of Memo-
randum on behalf of Employer Trustees in the above en-
titled matter.

Very truly yours,


George M. Eichler

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New Haven and New York will note that the Administrative pages do not include the photostat copies of the information made available by PCI [redacted] on 2/8/62 as this information is not pertinent to those divisions. The Bureau is being furnished a complete set of the photostats in each of the three reports. Newark is retaining one set and Detroit is being furnished a set for information.

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PCI [REDACTED]

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PCI JOSEPH SINNO
(brother of missing 560
organizer SALVATORE SINNO)

NK T-4
NK 2182-C

NK T-5
Mrs. [REDACTED] Landlady
SALVATORE SINNO's former residence
1615 Hudson Boulevard
North Bergen, New Jersey

NK T-6
PCI JOSEPH SINNO

NK T-7

PCI [REDACTED]

NK T-8
Special Agent PAUL G. MAHON
Intelligence Unit
Internal Revenue Service
250 Livingston Street
Brooklyn, New York
(By request)

NK T-9
NY 3452-C*

NK T-10 Former PCI [REDACTED]
O'CONNOR

NK T-11
Mrs. WINIFRED SINNO, Estranged wife
of SALVATORE SINNO, former organizer
of Local 560

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Mr.
Eastern Regional Manager
Super Service Motor Freight Company
South Kearny, New Jersey

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NK T-4 made available a mimeographed letter which he advised was sent to him through the mail during mid January of 1960. This letter was prepared by an insurgent group in Local 560, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS (IBT), Union City, New Jersey. This letter was made available by NK T-4 and is headed as follows: "560 Teamster Voice of the Rank and File, written and distributed by Local 560 Members, Labor Donated, P.O. Box 1016, Secaucus, New Jersey" and bears the caption "Special Issue".

The letter reads as follows:

"The next regular meeting of Local 560 which should be held this month, will give us the opportunity to vote on important amendments to our local by-laws, which were proposed by Rank & Filers at the November meeting. Some of these amendments are reprinted here in this paper. There are real important ones, such as our right to elect our own Shop Steward, one that gives every member the opportunity to vote in elections of officers without taking time off, standing in long lines or traveling many miles to the polling place.

"The support of every Rank & Filer possible is needed to pass these amendments. The VOICE is sending out this SPECIAL EDITION to alert all members for this next meeting, and the importance of attending. We cannot give you the date or place of this meeting at this time, but if you are a good union member, you will check with your Steward, and the Union Hall to find out. You should make this next meeting a MUST, and VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THESE AMENDMENTS.

"Article XXVI

Section 26.01 of Constitution and By-Laws of Local 560
To Read:

"This Constitution may not be amended except by majority secret ballot vote of all members present at any meeting specially called for such purpose for a period of one year from its adoption. Thereafter proposals for the amendment of this Constitution may only be submitted at a regular meeting of the Union to be held in November of each year. The proposed amendments, unless otherwise provided for herein, shall be submitted to the Union and read at one regular meeting and voted upon at the next regular meeting.