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wherein the San Juan Office is following the local prosecution of CHAVEZ at Caguas, Puerto Rico, on a charge of Attempted Murder in connection with union activities. If CHAVEZ is convicted on this charge, he might be in violation of LMRDA Statutes.

GEORGE WEASLER, Teamster Attorney at San Juan, handling labor matters particularly, was the subject of a case in 1953 entitled "GEORGE LEO WEASLER, ETC;" LGE; Bufile 121-42290.

JAIME AMADOR CASANAS, President, Teamsters Local #901, San Juan, was also subject of matter entitled "EL IMPARCIAL"; JAIME AMADOR CASANAS, ETC:" LMRDA - IM, SJ 159-12, Bufile unknown.

A copy of this report is designated for the information of the Detroit Office in view of the fact that FRANK CHAVEZ indicated that WILLIAM BUFALINO, 2741 Trumbull Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, was going to be the Attorney who would handle this current matter involving Local #901, Teamsters.

INFORMANTS:

The records of the Banco Popular de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico, concerning the checking accounts of Teamsters Local #901 and FRANK CHAVEZ, which were made available to SA (A) JOSEPH F. CUNNINGHAM, JR, on 8/17/61, were furnished by Mr. RAUL JIMENEZ, Assistant Auditor, Main Office, Banco Popular de Puerto Rico, who requested that his identity remain confidential.

Information obtained at the Chase Manhattan Bank, Stop 22 Branch, Santurce, Puerto Rico, on 8/23/61, concerning the checking account of Teamsters Local #901 and FRANK CHAVEZ, was furnished to SA (A) CUNNINGHAM by Mr. MARIO SURO, Assistant Manager, who requested that his identity not be revealed. Mr. SURO had previously been contacted on 8/15/61 and he advised at that time he would obtain the information desired from the storage records of the bank.

The confidential source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum accompanying this report is FREDDIE CASTRO, a former

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Organizer for Teamster Local #901, and later an Organizer for the Seafarers International Union, San Juan, who requested that his identity not be revealed. CASTRO presently owns and operates a new Gulf Service Station on the road between Rio Piedras and Guaynabo, Puerto Rico.

The current ledger sheets and cancelled checks for the General Fund and Organizing Fund of Local #901 for August, 1961, were made available to SA (A) CUNNINGHAM for review on 8/28/61 by Mr. ANGEL LUIS RODRIGUEZ, Assistant Supervisor, Current Accounts Central Office, Loiza Street Branch, Banco Popular de Puerto Rico, who also requested that his identity remain confidential.

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LEADS:

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California

Will report information obtained at the Soto-Hospetter Branch, Bank of America, concerning the checks of Local #901, Teamsters Union, cashed by JUNE CHAVEZ at that bank.

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- RELEASE IN PART
- TOTAL DENIAL

NEWARK DIVISION

At Newark, New Jersey

Will report results of interview of T. PATRICK CLARK, former Secretary-Treasurer, Local #178, Teamsters Union, concerning information received from FREDDIE ARROYO that he and CLARK believed that JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA was using FRANK CHAVEZ in Puerto Rico to transfer union funds back to HOFFA.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D.C.

Will recontact Department of Labor and determine if Local #901, Teamsters Union, San Juan, ever filed annual financial reports, forms LM-2, for the year 1960. If same were filed, obtain copy and forward to the San Juan Division.

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