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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (137-8185)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (137-2861)

SUBJECT: LA 4410-C-TE  
TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL  
INFORMANT PROGRAM

DATE: MAR 23 1964

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Enclosed herewith for Miami are ten copies of an FD 302 reflecting interview of MORRIS LITBERG, aka, Lee Tuttle, in the case captioned CHARLES WILLIAM BRAY; FELIX ANTHONY ALDERISIO, aka.; ET AL. ITAR - EXTORTION; ITSP; MF (Accounting and Fraud Section). OO: Miami. This FD 302 sets forth LITBERG's advising that he declined to discuss ALDERISIO or testify in any case involving ALDERISIO for fear of his life as well as that of his family. This FD 302 is being furnished Miami for inclusion in a report in order that Departmental Attorney PELOQUIN will be so advised. Since PELOQUIN has indicated a desire to subpoena LITBERG for Miami prosecution of ALDERISIO, it is hoped this will satisfy PELOQUIN and he will not subpoena LITBERG.

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- 5-Bureau (RM)
  - (1 - 92-3171) (SAM GIANCANA)
  - (1 - 92-6140) (MANDEL SKAR)
  - (1 - 87-66742) (FELIX ALDERISIO)
- 5-Chicago (137-4551) (RM)
  - (1 - 92-349) (SAM GIANCANA)
  - (1 - 92-1185) (MANDEL SKAR)
  - (1 - 87-19740) (FELIX ALDERISIO)
- 3-Miami (RM) (Enc. 10)
  - (1 - 87-16480) (FELIX ALDERISIO)
- 8-Los Angeles
  - (1 - 92-135) (SAM GIANCANA)
  - (1 - 92-172) (FELIX ALDERISIO)
  - (1 - 92-1381) (MANDEL SKAR)
  - (1 - 92-476) [REDACTED]
  - (1 - 92-1170) (RIVIERA HOTEL)
  - (1 - 92-1173) (DON JO MEDLEVINE)
  - (1 - 87-19484) (CHARLES WILLIAM BRAY) RUC

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LA 4410-C-TE was interviewed on 3/11/64 by SAs GEORGE E. BLAND and JAMES F. BRENT, and advised as follows:

He left Los Angeles with his wife on 1/7/64, and drove straight through to Chicago, which departure was caused by information he received concerning a judgement about to be rendered against his brother for \$3,300.00 which actually was the responsibility of the informant.

When he arrived at Chicago, he contacted his attorney MIKE KACHIGIAN in regard to this matter. In conversation with his attorney he was told by him as well as another attorney in the same office, MIKE LEVIN, that a contract was out for informant and neither attorney expected to see him alive when he appeared in their office. According to LEVIN, he heard from an someone at a party that a contract was out to kill informant.

During informant's stay in Chicago, from shortly after 1/7/64, to shortly before his arrival back in Los Angeles on 3/5/64, he learned the following:

From several sources he considers knowledgeable, he was told that the victim (CHARLES WILLIAM BRAY) in the Miami prosecution of ALDERISIO has been straightened out and that they have got to him and he will not stand up for the government and testify.

Also that SAM GIANCANA is no longer the boss in Chicago but has stepped aside and "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO has taken over from GIANCANA as the boss. Informant considers the sources of the above information to be knowledgeable.

In order to handle his brother's case, informant found it necessary to be in the Cook County Clerk's Office as well as the State Attorney's Office and commented that no one will check a record or do anything for you without \$2.00 being paid to them. In this instance, informant said he was handing out five and ten dollars and sometimes more to numerous people in order to get the necessary records. In this regard, he talked to a Deputy Sheriff named SAMUEL PEVIN who serves subpoenas and who recently had a heart attack. PEVIN was one of the people who said that "they" had gotten to BRAY in Miami. PEVIN was selling Papermate or Scripto,

but believed to be Papermate, ball point pens that retail for \$1.98 for 40¢ a piece and he had hundreds of them. PEVIN explained that there were 350,000 such pens stolen from a trailer and they are being sold all over Chicago for 30¢ and 40¢ a piece. PEVIN also advised informant that he had stolen Admiral portable television sets for \$40.00 a piece as well as stolen Norelco electric shavers for a very good price.

In regard to MANNY SKAR, informant said that ROCKY DE STEFANO is behind SKAR and they got \$300,000 net from the sale of Sahara Inn North, Chicago. Also that they want to buy back the Sahara Inn that they sold to GENE AUTRY and, according to informant, this may possibly explain the bombings of the Sahara.

Also, DON JO MEDLEVINE is close to SKAR and is also believed by informant to be fronting for DE STEFANO. MEDLEVINE claims to have lost \$60,000 of his own money in the Chez Paris that recently closed in Chicago; however, informant does not believe MEDLEVINE lost anything since they probably were stealing off the top. Informant understands that MEDLEVINE is coming back to Los Angeles to get into another operation.

Informant was asked if he knew DENNIS STEIN, who is known to have been recently closely associated with SKAR in Los Angeles. Informant recalled a DANNY STEIN, who was an auctioneer from New York who may be identical since his description is similar.

In regard to the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, it is informant's understanding that the Chicago outfit owns this hotel. Informant produced a card reflecting the name of FRED FRIEDMAN whom he described as former manager at the Riviera Hotel and was kicked out broke some time ago, and came to him about a year ago looking for a job in the vending machine business. At that time, FRIEDMAN's Los Angeles phone number was WE 1-9090. Informant believes that FRIEDMAN, who he knows deeply resents his treatment by the hotel owners, might talk about the operation of the Riviera Hotel.

Informant also mentioned that he has seen [redacted] (PCI) and he is real sick. [redacted] BILLY, informant understands, is tied up with [redacted]

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Informant also showed a card of the Basin Street West in Scottsdale, Arizona, with the name of H. B. ROTHBARD, phone 947-4221, and on the reverse side the name written in ink LAWRENCE ROTHBARD, PO 1-6024. Informant explained that H. B. ROTHBARD is fronting for HARRY WEISS from Chicago, who is a MURRAY HUMPHREYS man.

The above information is set out for the information of the Bureau, Chicago, and Miami captioned with the informant's symbol number in the interest of brevity since it relates to various matters concerning his recent visit to Chicago. Additional information concerning this trip will be reported as received from the informant.

Los Angeles is considering the Miami ALDERISIO case RUC.