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FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (92-263)

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INFORMATION CONCERNING LABOR
RACKETEERING NOT WITHIN BUREAU'S
JURISDICTION, CRIMINAL RACKETS ACTIVITIES

On August 22, 1958, SL 1130-C advised SAA HOWARD C. KENNEDY that on August 12, 1958 from about 4 o'clock to 5 o'clock, he observed LAWRENCE CAMI former Teamsters Union official, St. Louis in company with JACK JOSEPH, St. Louis hoodlum and one of this Office's Top Ten Hoodlums, and an Italian individual, identity not known, at the Teamsters' Headquarters Building, 6th Floor, 1641 South Kingshighway, St. Louis. It is noted that CAMI, from whom HAROLD JOSEPH GIBBONS reportedly purchased Local 688 several years ago for the sum of \$36,000.00, which has been described as "severance pay," has been subpoenaed to appear and may have appeared before the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee, Washington, D. C. Local St. Louis newspaper recently indicated that CAMI intended to appear before this Committee where he would testify.

The informant was unable to determine the nature of the contact between CAMI, JOSEPH and the unidentified Italian individual but he stated they appeared to be in intimate conversation. They were at the time in a small office located on the 6th floor of the Teamster's Building. Informant advised that to his knowledge JOSEPH has no official connection with any Teamsters local although in the past JOSEPH has appeared at Teamster's meetings where apparently a strong arm element was desired.

The informant has advised that he believes CAMI is scheduled to appear before this Committee on Monday, August 25, 1958.

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SL 1130-C on 8/20/58 advised that AL GIARDANO on the previous day told him about hearing some conversation between several persons, possibly union officers, although he apparently could not recall their identities, within the past two months of how ROBERT BERNARD "BARNEY" BAKER had once returned to St. Louis in a great rush leaving all of his luggage in a hotel room at some unknown place where BAKER had been visiting. GIARDANO indicated to informant that the tenor of the conversation was that BARNEY BAKER had been forced to leave this hotel or motel where BAKER had been staying, possibly to avoid arrest. MIO

GIARDANO further commented that he had heard some comments about a telegram that had been sent to BAKER at Teamsters Headquarters presumably referring to this incident in which the sender had apparently jokingly acquired of BAKER whether he had committed a murder.

Informant advised that GIARDANO was rather vague in talking about this incident, but that BAKER apparently had through some unknown cause been forced to leave clothing in a hotel room or at a motel where he had been staying. The informant was of the opinion that this incident occurred in 1953 or 1954, while the Teamsters were still occupying headquarters at 1127 Pine Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

SL 1130-C has also advised AL GIARDANO has informed him that about the two week-ends during the last part of June, 1958 and/or the first part of July, 1958, he was contacted at his home near Cedar Hill, Missouri by PHIL REICHARDT, International Teamsters Union appointed officer of Local 405. He said that REICHARDT had, according to GIARDANO, offered GIARDANO \$40.00 to "take care" of the informant. He stated that GIARDANO said that REICHARDT had offered him \$40.00, indicating that if the informant was badly beaten up, he possibly would be "taken care of for good" due to stomach ulcers suffered by the informant. The informant, it will be noted, is President of Local 405, taxi cab drivers union, St. Louis. GIARDANO refused to co-operate with REICHARDT. MIO

REICHARDT indicated to GIARDANO on the initial contact that this offer had been made to JOE CANNELLA, close associate of JOSEPH COSTELLO, prime suspect in GRENAPE investigation, but that CANNELLA had refused. MIO

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