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Memorandum to Mr.Rosen RE: ISADORE IRVING DAVIDSON

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Washington, D. C.; and Banyan Cafeterias, Inc., a Florida corporation. Our investigations have not disclosed any evidence of payoffs or kickbacks being made to Hoffa or other Teamsters or Pension Fund officials in connection with these loans and Davidson has denied any such kickbacks or payoffs.

A current investigation under the White Slave Traffic Act (WSTA) involving prostitution in Washington, D. C., indicated that Davidson upon interview admitted he had used prostitutes made available to him by a steward in the Variety Club in the Willard Hotel. Davidson also arranged for a prostitute to fill a date with Leonard Bursten, a former Assistant United States Attorney in Milwaukee now practicing law in Miami, Florida. Bursten is a friend of Davidson's and has also been involved in several transactions relating to loans from the Teamsters Pension Fund. In connection with this investigation, Departmental attorneys have expressed a keen interest in our investigation and all copies of reports have been furnished to the Department. It is anticipated that the facts concerning the WSTA investigation will be presented to a Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D.C., during December, 1961. It is likely that Davidson and Bursten will be called to testify.

In October, 1961, a confidential informant advised that Davidson was in contact with a Mr. Shapek (phonetic) apparently connected with or visiting the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. (5) Davidson advised Shapek that the Israelis received a "bum deal" in regard to the plane maintenance deal in France and did not know whether it was desirable to go further regarding this matter, but felt that it was best to carry it no further as it might embarrass the Kennedy Administration. Davidson said that he had in mind some plan whereby he could get the material together regarding this matter and furnish it to Shapek through "Jack" (possibly Jack Anderson, syndicated columnist associated with Drew Pearson). Davidson indicated "Jack" would take him to see the Attorney General and perhaps a discussion of the matter would result in some business for the Israelis. Davidson indicated in this conversation that he was going to go with James Hoffa on 10-31-61 to San Francisco. This information was furnished the Attorney General on 10-30-61. (62-5-7720; 31-88542; 2-1423-82)

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