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Chicago, Illinois
February 19, 1964

JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA;
DOMINICK EDWARD BARTONE;
ET AL.

[redacted] 312 Princeton, Hinsdale,
Illinois, appeared at the Chicago Office of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation on February 18, 1964 shortly
after he had a brief meeting with Joseph Verhelle, in
Chicago, and furnished the following information:

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He has been talking to Verhelle by telephone
on an average of two or three times a week for the past
month or so. During these conversations, Verhelle
mentioned that four people would probably testify for the
defense at the Chattanooga trial of Hoffa and if these
people testified he, Verhelle, would also probably
have to testify. The testimony was believed to introduce
in the Hoffa trial that the Justice Department would
stop at nothing to get Hoffa, and as an example, would
refer to the situation at the Public Bank of Detroit
which was ruined by the fact that a horde of examiners
came into the bank which caused Verhelle to leave the
bank with the result that the inefficient new management
caused the bank's downfall. Verhelle blames the Justice
Department for ruining the Public Bank.

Verhelle mentioned today that a State of Michigan
Banking Commissioner went to Washington, possibly recently,
and visited the Justice Department and talked to the
Attorney General and let it be known that he believed the
Justice Department was carrying on a vendetta against
Hoffa which, in turn, caused the persecution of the
Public Bank of Detroit.

No identities of new potential defense witnesses
were mentioned by Verhelle, however, Verhelle stated that
it was decided that he now would not testify in Chattanooga.

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[] got the impression, however, that someone will probably testify as to the Public Bank of Detroit situation to show that the government is going all out against Hoffa and it could be possible the above mentioned Banking Commissioner will be the person to testify.

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He and Verhelle met with ~~Robert Cole~~, of the Chicago realty firm of Hogan and Farwell, in Cole's office, today, regarding the possible purchase of the Sinclair Building in Chicago. Cole told them that the New York Life Insurance Company could not take a parellel mortgage on this building, therefore, it appears there will be no further action on the purchase of the building by Verhelle or himself. Cole also mentioned a New York City building which he did not identify in which Verhelle expressed an interest and Verhelle is to recontact Cole in the next week or two. Verhelle also mentioned to Cole that if other properties having a good yield were located, that he, Verhelle, would buy them.

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