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Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

FROM A. ROBER

THEFT OF \$2,034,631,25
STOCK CERTIFICATES, 7/20/65
GOODBODY AND COMPANY
NEW YORK CITY - VICTIM
MAJOR THEFT

DATE December 22, 1965

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I talked with Assistant Director Malone at New York concerning current developments. He advised me plans were made for the subject Gray, who is acting as our informant, to proceed to Miami with the Agents this afternoon. Tentative plans, if all develops, are for the delivery of the securities tonight at Miami. This is subject to change depending upon developments.

In view of the reference to the District Attorney's office of New York, clarification was needed concerning this relationship. Malone advised me that resterday after he had been informed that the insurance company had alerted the District Attorney's office to the possible solution of the case, he called District Attorney Frank Hogan. Hogan stated that he had not been fully informed by his men of the developments and that he was appreciative of Malone's call. Malone told Hogan that this was a matter which we planned to handle and that we did not want any interference from the District Attorney's office. He stated it was to be clearly understood at the outset either Hogan's office or the FBI would handle the matter and that one or the other would be completely out of the picture. Malone states there was complete understanding that the FBI would handle the matter and that there would be no interference from the New York District Attorney's office.

Malone states the understanding with the insurance company is to pay Gray \$100,000, contingent upon the subject or subjects being arrested and the securities delivered. The insurance company feels that an arrest and return of the securities is tantamount to a conviction and would be willing to pay the \$100,000 after the contingencies are resolved.

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In view of the importance of this case it was indicated that a national press release would be made from Washington and that the efforts of the New York and Miami Offices should be closely coordinated.

With reference to the two detectives going to Miami, this is a matter solely to be determined by the District Attorney's office, which clearly understands that we do not plan to advise these. I detectives of any developments, that they are not to be in on the arrest, nor are they to be allowed to interview any subject or subjects until we decide to allow them to do so. Insofar as Hogan's office is concerned and any other agency, there is to be a complete blackout until the deal is completed. After we make our news release we will then determine who will be given access to the subjects. It is noted that after the subjects are arraigned they will be placed in custody of the Marshal and if New York asks for authority to allow the representatives of the New York Police Department to talk to the subjects, this should be done providing we have fully and thoroughly gotten all facts developed in possession of the subjects. Miami and New York should clearly understand this and Mr. Malone has this understanding.

Agent Nehroass, who is the front man for the FBI, and Agent Casey, who is the case Agent, are proceeding to Miami with Gray this afternoon. Nehrbass, in addition to being given expense money, will also have a roll of bills for front money, which he will use in case good faith is to be displayed. No money, of course, is to be given by the Agent to anyone in return for the securities at this time. The roll of money is merely for show purposes.

A current development lends additional color to the case. A large cache of narcotics was picked up by narcotics agents in Miami yesterday. Involved in this was one Frankie Dio. His arrest got considerable publicity. He was to be released on payment of \$100,000 bond, which bond was subsequently reduced to \$25,000, and Malone advised me this morning that it is just a forma'; before Dio is released today. This is significant hasmuch as Gray last evening talked to Miami and stated that he had been in touch with his contacts and the principals involved are Frankie Dio and Norman Rothman.

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Gray said that if Dio does not get out he is sure that Rothman will go through with the deal. The news items indicate that Frankie Dio is the brother of Johnny Dio, a notorious racketeer in the New York area, whose name was frequently mentioned in connection with Hoffa investigations and with the investigation of rackets in the New York area.

Malone also said there is a possibility that the delivery of the securities m by take place in New York. This could occur if the contact in Miami is made and at this time Malone does not know whether there will be a delivery in Miami or New York. I inquired of Malone as to whether there would be a violation if there is a payoff in New York City. He said that the New York Office was going on the presumption that the information available indicated the securities were in Miami and this is the basis for their proceeding. Under the above set of circumstances the interstate transportation of the securities, which is a necessary element of the offense, does exist.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

New York and Miami Offices will need to closely coordinate all activities. Bureau will be kept advised of all developments. Malone has been instructed to go forward with the arrangements.

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