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At the time of contact with DE 370-C on 6/10/63, the informant made the comments set forth in the LHM and made the additional comment, "This is for your personal information and not for your files," informant indicating that he was making these comments for the personal information of SA PALMER M. WEE. SA WEE attempted to determine from the informant whether he had personal knowledge of this decision, whether it was speculation on his part or whether he had obtained the information from another source. Informant answered that SA WEE should mark his words and he will see that the information is correct. Informant refused to be any more specific. SA WEE has not been instructed to recontact DE 370-C as it is not considered prudent to do so at the present time in view of the informant's comments at the time he furnished this information on 6/10/63.

In regard to the probable reliability of this information, DE 370-C is considered to have personal knowledge concerning some activities of HOFFA and the Teamsters Union.

The following is furnished for the additional information of the Bureau; however, due to the sensitive nature of the below-listed informant, care should be utilized in the dissemination of the information:

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DE 925-C\*advised on 6/13/63, that SYLVIA PARIS and CHARLES "CHUCK" O'BRIEN were discussing FITZSIMMONS, presumably FRANK FITZSIMMONS, and CHUCK made the comment, "They don't care about Hoffa. They don't care if Hoffa lives or dies." PARIS commented that it was too bad what O'BRIEN did as she imagined that floored "him" (presumably HOFFA) as O'BRIEN was "all set up to have his job." She also stated, "Whoever takes Jimmy Hoffa's place should fire them all."

In the past DE 919-C\* has indicated that O'BRIEN was in line for the presidency of the Teamsters Union, Local 299, Detroit, and that if he was convicted in the customs case presently pending against him in Detroit, along with SAM FINAZZO and TOM PARISI, O'BRIEN's chances at the presidency would be void as the charges of felony and he could then no longer be a union officer.

In view of the above, it appears that the comments of DE 370-C, as set forth in the LHM enclosed with Detroit airtel of 6/20/63, may relate only to HOFFA not being a candidate for re-election to the presidency of Teamsters Union Local 299, rather than to the presidency of the International.

Detroit recommends that, UACB, efforts be made to discreetly clarify this matter during the next regular contact with DE 370-C and the LHM resubmitted if more specific information is obtained.