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Permission is being requested from the Bureau for an interview of JOHN J. O'ROURKE, President, Teamsters Joint Council 16, NYC. N.Y.

Contacts in the past with O'ROURKE have been negative. It is felt that as a result of current information which is being set forth, this may be an opportune time for an interview of O'ROURKE.

U.S. O'ROURKE's position in relation to his association with JAMES R. HOFFA, International President of the Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT), is not clearly defined. Some information has reflected a possible hostile relationship between O'ROURKE and HOFFA, with only a surface friendship, for the benefit of a smooth running Teamsters organization. 7

N.Y. Other information has indicated a strong dislike between O'ROURKE and ANTHONY PROVENZANO, International Vice President of Local 560, IBT, N.Y. Sources advise there is a desire on the part of PROVENZANO to influence the affairs of the Teamsters in the NYC area, through control in NY locals. PROVENZANO is alleged to have assisted financially the present officers of Local 707, IBT, NYC. Present information reflects that PROVENZANO is interested in obtaining control of Local 807, IBT, NYC. Local 807 is the largest Teamster union in NYC and is presently operated by JOHN STRONG, a PCI of this office.

TEAMSTERS UNION
It is strongly felt that an interview of O'ROURKE could prove productive. The interview will be discreetly conducted by mature Agents, who are well versed in labor matters, particularly those relating to the IBT. NYO files contain no information which would preclude an interview at this time.

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