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JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA  
FRANK J. MATULA, JR.  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)  
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

Reference is made to prior communications from Los Angeles which set out information received from informant referred to as [ ] and particularly to that which relates to Frank J. Matula, Jr., an International Trustee of the Teamsters Union.

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The Bureau has opened a new case, captioned the same as this airtel, and the field should do likewise. A full and complete investigation of the allegations concerning Matula as set out in page 25 of the enclosure to Los Angeles airtel of 9/1/51 captioned "James Riddle Hoffa; S. George Burris; First Berkeley Corporation of New York; Miscellaneous - Information Concerning (Accounting and Fraud Section)" should be conducted.

For the benefit of the Seattle Division, which did not receive a copy of that airtel, the following information was set out on page 25 of the enclosure which was captioned "Frank Matula."

"Frank Matula, Teamster official, Los Angeles, California, and International Trustee of Teamster Union is in about 20 real estate deals with Colonel John Gottlieb of

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RE: JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA  
63-New

Beverly Hills, California. Matula on local probation and used to be runner for Babe Mc Coy and Frank Brewster, former Teamster officials. Matula wants out of Teamsters, is deathly afraid of being arrested and is ripe for intensified interrogation."

"John B. Stevenson, former West Coast attorney for Teamsters Union, is close associate of Brewster and Dave Beck. Stevenson now semi-retired and lives in Honolulu. His office in Los Angeles is run by attorney Charles K. Hackler whom Hoffa does not respect. Hackler pays Stevenson \$400 monthly although Stevenson does not work. Stevenson holds approximately 80% of Matula's cash. Stevenson has a boat in Honolulu where it is suspected that currency may be hidden."

The Bureau has not disseminated any of the information quoted above to the Department. Therefore, it is desired that the informant be reinterviewed immediately to obtain further specifics with respect to this information. Efforts should be made to pin down the informant as to the sources of his information on all of the above-mentioned points.

As soon as this has been done, Los Angeles should incorporate all information given by the informant on these points (both at the time he mentioned them originally and upon subsequent recontacts) into a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the Department. The letterhead memorandum should bear the same caption as this airtel and should be forwarded to the Bureau by cover airtel. The identity of the informant should not be revealed therein nor should he be referred to as [redacted]. The additional information the informant furnishes also should be utilized as the basis for further investigative leads in this case.

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For the information of Los Angeles, the story told by [redacted] concerning Matula as set out in Los Angeles airtels of 9/13/61 and 9/20/61 (LA file 62-4945) is being made available to the Department, in paraphrased form, by the Bureau. Therefore, Los Angeles's letterhead memorandum should not include or make any reference to this information. A copy of the Bureau's communication to the Department in this regard is being forwarded to Los Angeles separately.

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