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Rerep SA Grant C. Earl dated 6/12/62 at Los Angeles.

The Bureau does not agree with the observations of the Los Angeles Office set forth on the cover pages of rerep concerning the interviews with Dave Pick, Joseph Sternbach, John B. Stevenson and Charles K. Hackler.

It is noted that the original source of information in this case is LA 4350-C. This source indicated that Joseph Sternbach, a CPA, has been Matula's accountant and that the source knew for a fact Sternbach dislikes Matula very much and would possibly be of assistance in an investigation of Matula. Source described Sternbach as a "big crook."

With reference to Stevenson, LA 4350-C described him as a former West Coast attorney for the Teamsters Union who is presently semi-retired. The source further indicated that Stevenson's office in Los Angeles is run by attorney Charles K. Hackler, whom Hoffa does not respect. Among other things, the source reported that Stevenson holds approximately 80 per cent of Matula's cash and that Stevenson has a boat in Honolulu, where it is suspected that currency may be hidden.

Rerep reflects that Stevenson may presently reside in Playa del Rey.

Concerning Dave Pick, this same source stated that Matula has been "shaking down" the rubbish dealers in Los Angeles

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for years and that a number of years ago Pick, a Beverly Hills attorney, was involved with Matula in these shakedowns. The source added that a great deal of money Matula received went through the hands of Pick. The source indicated that Pick and Matula are no longer associated with each other and Pick is an individual who would have a great deal of information concerning Matula's activities.

In order that this investigation will completely resolve all of the information received from LA 4350-C, the Bureau feels that Pick, Sternbach, Stevenson and Hackler must be interviewed. It may well be that these individuals will claim attorney-client privilege; however, until actual contact is made with these individuals, this appears to be merely an assumption. In view of this the Bureau desires that these individuals be immediately interviewed in detail for all information they may be able to furnish concerning Matula's activities and the information furnished by LA 4350-C. Extreme caution should be used in these interviews in order that the original source will not be disclosed. These interviews should be handled by two mature, experienced Special Agents.

In connection with the information developed in this investigation concerning possible income tax violation, the Los Angeles Office is instructed to immediately incorporate this information into a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the Criminal Division and Internal Revenue Service. (IRS) The identity of all confidential sources should be protected; however, T symbols should not be utilized in the letterhead memorandum. Five copies of this letterhead memorandum should be forwarded to the Bureau in order that dissemination can be made to the Criminal Division and IRS headquarters in Washington, D. C. A copy of the letterhead memorandum should also be furnished IRS in Los Angeles.

During your next contact with Department attorney Charles Z. Smith, you should inform him that the Bureau is also disseminating information concerning possible violation of income tax laws to IRS in Los Angeles and Washington, D. C.

The investigation outlined herein is to be handled immediately and report submitted reflecting completion of this investigation within 10 days of receipt of this communication.