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FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 171852

MIKE HARABEDIAN; FRANK MATULA, JR., ET AL. LMRA-IM. RE BUREAU RADIOGRAM JANUARY 16, LAST. ALLEGATION PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED INDICATES THAT MATULA, WHO IS SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF LOCAL 396 TEAMSTERS UNION, LOS ANGELES. HAS BEEN RECEIVING DUES OF EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE EMPLOYER AND UNION DUES NOT CREDITED THE MEMBER WITH PAYING HIS DUES. ALLEGATION THAT MATULA THROUGH THIS MEANS IS EMBEZZELING FUNDS FROM LOCAL 396. FRANK J. MATULA, JR., RESIDES AT 890 GRANVIA VAL MONTE, PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, AND IS .. SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF LOCAL 396 AS WELL AS TRUSTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL OF THE TEAMSTERS UNION. LOS ANGELES FILES CONTAIN VOLUMINOUS INFORMATION REGARDING MATULA AND MATULA'S ACTIVITIES. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONVICTED OF PERJURY IN STATE COURT FOR FURN'ISHING FALSE INFORMATION UNDER OATH. MUTULA IS REPORTED TO BE ONE OF JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA'S, CLOSEST CONTACTS ON THE WEST COAST. FROM PREVIOUS SURVEILLANCES CONDUCTED IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT MATULA MEETS HOFFA WHEN HE IS IN LOS ANGELES. INFORMATION HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN RECEIVED FROM PETE PETERMAN, FORMER BUSINESS AGENT OF MATULA, THAT MATULA WAS EMBEZZELING UNION FUNDS UP UNTIL 1956 AT WHICH TIME PETERMAN QUIT AND HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION. , A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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