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CRIMINAL INFORMANT

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Source was interviewed at length on 4/11/63 and
furnished the following topical information:

Re: JACK MC CARTHY NY

Source stated MC CARTHY indicated that he knew the informant had gone to Puerto Rico and was attempting to assist FRANK CHAVEZ. MC CARTHY said that the Teamsters and JIMMY HOFFA, in particular, were crazy to try and help CHAVEZ because CHAVEZ had taken a contract and killed two revolutionists in the Dominican Republic. In doing this, he incurred the wrath of the New York criminal element because CHAVEZ handled this contract at a much cheaper rate than the New York people would have. MC CARTHY further indicated that CHAVEZ was having labor troubles with four hotels in San Juan and that one of the hotel owners hired two killers from New York to murder CHAVEZ, however, this attempt was unsuccessful.

MC CARTHY explained that some people in New York had the contract to kill CHAVEZ because he had been taking contracts in the Dominican Republic to murder individuals and they wanted to do it from here (New York). MC CARTHY explained further that CHAVEZ, in contacting these four hotels, attempted to receive a shakedown from one of the owners, and when he failed he threatened to "break his head". The owner contacted members of the criminal element in New York and gave them a contract to kill CHAVEZ, however, the matter was subsequently straightened out.

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Informant mentioned to MC CARTHY that he had been handling a possible investment for the criminal element in Haiti and he stated that there were a lot of people who would pay money to have DUVALIER, the president of Haiti, murdered. MC CARTHY asked the informant if he were serious and when he replied that he was, MC CARTHY advised that he would speak to some people concerning a contract to kill DUVALIER. Informant advised he fed MC CARTHY this story hoping that MC CARTHY would disclose the individuals in New York who will assassinate for a price.

Re: SAL GRANELLO NY

NY Informant stated he contacted SAL GRANELLO and JIMMY DOYLE and advised them of the results of his trip to the Dominican Republic, and the revolutionary attempt of DE JOIE, the former prime minister of Haiti. He told GRANELLO that DE JOIE requested \$20,000 immediately to purchase arms and food and that when he told them this, both GRANELLO and DOYLE backed off temporarily from the possible establishment of gambling operations in Haiti.

Re: BEN DRANOW and GEORGE BURRIS CALIF CALIF

Source advised that he received the following information from DAVE WENGER concerning the activities of DRANOW and BURRIS in a California corporation: USA

He said that there is a loft in Los Angeles approximately two square blocks in length owned by JAMES HOFFA, BEN DRANOW and GEORGE BURRIS. Each had a one-third interest. DRANOW was scheduled for prison and requested money immediately from BURRIS. BURRIS gave DRANOW \$375,000 from this corporation and DRANOW gave up his interest except for ten per cent. BURRIS is presently frantically attempting to secure a second mortgage on this property since by paying DRANOW he has put the corporation in jeopardy and does not want to antagonize HOFFA.

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Source advised he had no further information on this matter.

Re: ~~X~~ Lence Lanes USA

Source advised that there will be little chance of Lence Lanes securing a mortgage from the Teamsters. He said that no "green" will therefore be paid to ~~JOHNNY~~ ^{USA} ~~DIO~~ or any other individuals. He stated that at present he is negotiating with an individual named PHIL GORDON from Dallas, Texas, who is a legitimate businessman and has obtained financing from MURCHESON and several other big oil men in Texas. GORDON has indicated an interest in Lence Lanes and they are presently attempting to induce EMIL LENCE to allow them to raise enough capital to satisfy the creditors of Lence Lanes, providing LENCE relinquishes control of the Lence Lanes Corporation to GORDON and the source. He advised that this ^{is} a strictly legitimate deal. USA

Re: Club 300 USA

Source advised that he has no further specific information concerning the Teamsters Pension loan to the Club 300 at this time, however, he stated he would review the material in his office and would subsequently discuss this matter.

Re: MORRIS EMANUEL ILL
NY

Source advised that he could not recall the specific dates when DAVID WENGER or HERBERT COHN met with EMANUEL in Chicago nor could he identify the hotels. He stated, however, that from a review of his travel expenses and credit cards, he would be able to furnish specific information in this matter at a later date.

Source advised that HERBERT COHN was in contact with EMANUEL on 4/11/63. EMANUEL advised him that at that time he had FRANK MELI's file on his desk. This matter concerned MELI's USA

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personal use of a union automobile. EMANUEL advised COHN that he would do anything on this file that was requested of him. He said he would handle it in any way he was instructed. Informant advised that he flew to Philadelphia on 4/11/63 to meet with WILLIAM BUFALINO, MELI's son-in-law. Prior to that time, he called HERB COHN who advised him of his conversation with EMANUEL. When he saw BUFALINO, he asked BUFALINO what they desired done about this. BUFALINO told him that he did not want to meet EMANUEL, did not want EMANUEL's file and did not want the informant to get EMANUEL's file for him. He requested the informant to do nothing on this matter. Informant also passed along information to BUFALINO that he had received from EMANUEL through COHN. This information indicated that "Chuckie" O'BRIEN was about to be indicted in Nashville. Informant advised he did not know how EMANUEL received information on this matter. He said that BUFALINO did not comment on it.

Source advised that in order to remove himself from EMANUEL, he contemplates introducing EMANUEL to JACK MC CARTHY. He said that he will tell MC CARTHY that EMANUEL will be in a position to assist MC CARTHY as well as himself and that he is too busy to handle EMANUEL's in-person and telephonic contacts. He feels that MC CARTHY will be agreeable to this matter and he contemplates inviting MC CARTHY to lunch with EMANUEL while EMANUEL is in New York.

Source further advised that EMANUEL indicated to COHN on the phone that when he comes to New York next week he wants \$1,000.

Re: BERNARD SPINDEL NY

Source advised that he is meeting SPINDEL this date and will ask SPINDEL to make for him a transmitter which SPINDEL claims can be hidden in a person's belt. He stated that he will further discuss with SPINDEL the possibilities of obtaining the gold bullion in Puerto Rico.

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Re: Kickbacks or "Green"

Informant advised that within the past two years, he has personally handled approximately \$350,000 in "green" which he has distributed to various individuals. He said that this "green" is all cash and that in addition to the cash payments, he has also distributed "green" by check. Informant advised that he has a personal account of his "green" payments and will make these available in the near future. He stated that the check payments will entail a rather lengthy review, but he will also make the check payments in "green" available.

Re: ~~X~~ Eastern Airlines USA

Source advised that it was possible that he misunderstood the questions originally put to him concerning a possible payoff by Eastern Airlines officials to end a strike. He stated that he did not recall having said that Eastern Airlines officials paid \$150,000 to settle a strike and has no personal knowledge of any payoff in this matter.

Re: Mortgage Companies Dealing
in Foreign Loans

Source advised that the Teamsters Pension Fund, ^{NY} as well as other Pension plans are forbidden by law to make foreign loans. He stated, however, that he feels HAROLD GIBBONS is vitally interested in this matter and should GIBBONS ever bring the Teamsters back into the AFL-CIO and himself be put in a position of control, GIBBONS would set up mortgage companies into which union money would be poured and eventually funnelled into foreign corporations to assist, as the source puts it, "the Communist conspiracy". The informant stated it is his firm belief that HAROLD GIBBONS is an avowed Communist. He gets this impression from his personal conversations with GIBBONS and from the conversations of other individuals concerning GIBBONS.

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Informant advised that GEORGE BARACH, an IBT official in New Jersey, has, on a small scale, ~~done exactly~~ this. BARACH has control over three locals and has set up a mortgage or loan company in Fairlawn, New Jersey. The unions funnel money into this company and this company in turn lends this money to many borrowers not normally allowed under State and Federal regulation. Informant said that since BARACH in addition to controlling the unions also controls the company in Fairlawn, New Jersey, he is in an ideal position to obtain "green" on these loans.

Re: Alleged Corruption of
Internal Revenue Agents
by HERB COHN

Informant advised that he has not yet learned the names of the Internal Revenue agents who are allegedly on HERB COHN's payroll, but stated he will talk to COHN after he files his tax return and will tell COHN he anticipates trouble. He feels that COHN will then put him in touch with someone in Internal Revenue who will help him regarding his tax return.

Re: Alleged Telephone
Tap on the Attorney
General's Office

Source advised that he has learned nothing further on this matter. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, BOLTE has not had a conference with the Attorney General and therefore informant has been unable to press BERNARD SPINDEL on this matter.

Re: Alleged NYC Police
Inspector Who is a
"Friend" of the Criminal
Element

Source advised that he has discussed the need for a

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contact in the Police Department with "Eddie Buff" (true name EDWARD LANZARA), a close associate of PETE DE FEO. BUFF indicated that if the need arose, he could help the informant with officials of the Police Department ^{NY}

RE: BILL BORMAN

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Source advised that BILL BORMAN is a jury clerk in the Federal Court, SDNY. BORMAN allegedly is able to manipulate the trial calendar ^{SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF N.Y.} so that a case will be brought before a favorable judge. Informant advised that he had a minor matter in a Federal Court and requested BORMAN for a specific judge whom he felt would be friendly to his case. He said that he paid BORMAN \$100.00 for this favor and he has heard among discussions with fellow attorneys that BORMAN will perform this service for certain attorneys. It is to be noted that BILL BORMAN is not in a position to manipulate the trial calendar and most likely is getting this money under false pretenses. The USA or his assistances are the only ones in a position along with the head Federal Judge of the District Court that set up the trial calendar.

Re: Gambling in Boundries
Outside the United States

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Source advised that he has discussed gambling in Mexico with RUSSELL BUFALINO, PETE DE FEO and JIMMY DOYLE. He stated that he told DOYLE that he would be extremely interested in being a participant in the ownership of a gambling establishment in Acapulco, Mexico. He was told by DOYLE that there are three factions who handle gambling activities; one is in Las Vegas, one possibly in Chicago and the other belonging to MOE DALITZ in Cleveland. He was told by DE FEO that there was a possibility that he, the informant, could form a fourth faction and all four factions could become partners in a gambling establishment in Acapulco, Mexico. DE FEO told him that he would have to make some contacts before any deal could be made firm. DE FEO also indicated that the Mexican Government is "shakey" in regard to allowing further gambling operations in Acapulco.

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Re: JAMES PLUMERI Tax Case

Source advised that he has not discussed this matter with PLUMERI. He said that PLUMERI is returning to New York on Monday, 4/15/63, at which time he will discuss this particular matter with him.

Re: WILLIAM E. RABIN *ILL*

Source advised that he does not know RABIN personally, but has spoken to him three times on the phone. Each time RABIN contacted him in an attempt to locate NICK TORZESKI. *ILL* TORZESKI owes RABIN money on a few deals and the informant heard that RABIN was indicted in Chicago. He said that when RABIN was indicted, NICK TORZESKI tried to break all his ties with him.

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Re: EVERETT DIRKSEN *ILL*

4201 MASS. AVE., WASHINGTON, D.C.
Informant advised that he has no further pertinent information concerning a possible political contribution to DIRKSEN from the Teamsters.

Re: Teamsters Pension Fund

Informant was questioned concerning a Teamsters Pension loan to the father of JIMMY HOFFA's son-in-law. He said he had received only a smattering of information on this matter from DAVE WENGER. WENGER told him that HOFFA's son-in-law went to HOFFA and asked for a loan for his father's factories in St. Louis. The loan was approved and paid. DAVE PROVINE, Teamsters attorney, told HOFFA that this was a possible conflict of interest and could lead to serious trouble. Informant advised that he knew nothing further on this matter.

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Informant was questioned concerning property in Florida owned by BURRIS and KOVIN which was allegedly pledged twice for separate loans. He stated he had no further information on this matter other than that which was previously furnished.

Re: SAUL GELTMAN NY

Informant advised that he has only a slight acquaintanceship with GELTMAN and could not verify GELTMAN's claim that he was a former Assistant United States Attorney in New York. He stated that he was not involved in the Sheraton-Tenney loan at La Guardia Airport, and consequently could give no further information concerning this matter. NY

Re: FRANK TORTORICI

Informant was ^{USA}questioned concerning a statement ^{TEAMSTERS}allegedly made by FRANK TORTORICI that Local 222 union officials ^{USA}receive a fifteen per cent kickback from contractors for building medical centers for the union. He stated he had no further information on this matter other than the above statement by TORTORICI.

Re: JAMES HOFFA

Informant was questioned concerning statements allegedly made by HOFFA to DAVE WENGER that he wanted WENGER to bring in more "green". He stated that WENGER is presently pushing for "green" but he does not know if WENGER's attempts to get more money are connected with the comments made by HOFFA.

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Re: ~~PHIL WEISS~~

Informant advised that while speaking to JACK MC CARTHY, MC CARTHY told him that since the Bakersfield, California deal would not go through, he would like to get a new mortgage for WEISS to be put through at the June meeting of the Board of the Teamsters Pension Fund.

Concerning MC CARTHY's discussion with informant as set out heretofor attempts will be made to ascertain the identity of long distance telephone calls made from JACK MC CARTHY's office at 400 Madison Avenue, on 4/11/63.

Informant made available two attache cases containing voluminous correspondence concerning mortgages he has put through or attempted to put through the Teamsters Pension Fund. Photostats of this material are currently being made in the NYO and upon completion of this work, the files will be returned to the informant. Examination of these documents will be commenced and a series of logical questions developed for the informant. He stated that at the time further discussion is held on these loans, he will furnish details of "green" involved in these loans."

Source was interviewed at great length concerning the ~~LaGuardia Motel~~. Details concerning the source's involvement in this transaction will be furnished the Bureau by separate communication. However, for information of the Bureau, source did furnish the following concerning Congressman ~~St. GERMAINE~~: 4600 CONN. AVE RI NY
WASHINGTON, DC

Source advised he first met Congressman ST. GERMAINE in the source's office. He said that ST. GERMAINE came up there one afternoon and spent the whole day with him. While he was there, ST. GERMAINE attempted to make a pass at the informant's girl friend "SCOTTY" who is employed in the office. He stated that the congressman drank very heavily and that evening the informant arranged to get a girl for the night for ST. GERMAINE. During the course of their conversation, ST. GERMAINE told the informant that he considered the informant an innocent kid. He told him he should go around to various unions and ask them if it is necessary to pay "green" to get a mortgage. ST. GERMAINE said that many unions do not

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deal in "green" so they could, therefore, get the mortgage money and still charge the borrowers "green." Concerning himself, Congressman ST. GERMAINE said, "They think I'm dumb, but I'm smart. I have a perfect in because I fly with BOBBY KENNEDY every other weekend to Rhode Island." Informant advised that subsequently he used the congressman's office in Washington to make telephone calls and meet with people like ~~DAN MAHER~~ concerning pension loans. Informant advised that sometime in November, 1962, he received a call from ST. GERMAINE who complained about ANGELO. He said the congressman shouted on the phone, "I need some dough." Informant told him to get in touch with his law partner, ANGELO DISPIRITO.

During the discussion of the LaGuardia Motel deal, informant advised that JACK RASSNER was one of the prime movers in this deal. He stated that recently he met with RASSNER and AL MINTZER. RASSNER asked the informant if they could still get the money for the LaGuardia Motel from the Teamsters. RASSNER said, "We can make a deal with Judge SUGARMAN (Federal Judge, USDC, SDNY) if we can get the mortgage. I have it all arranged with Judge SUGARMAN." Informant said he stated, "What do you mean it's all arranged? If we get the mortgage, will MINTZER go back in." Informant said RASSNER replied, "We do not know, but if we can get the mortgage, SUGARMAN will play ball with us and give us back the deal. He'll take it out of trusteeship to protect the investors' supposedly." Informant wanted to know what RASSNER would have to do on a deal like that. He replied, "We can only pay you eight points instead of eleven." Informant asked RASSNER what happens to the rest of the money. RASSNER replied, "Don't ask. This is what we need." Informant advised he did not know anything further concerning this matter and since the loan has not gone through, there seems to be no possibility of obtaining further information along these lines at this time.

Re: JACK PEARLMAN (ph)

Informant described PEARLMAN as an individual who is constantly calling on him attempting to secure second mortgages. He said PEARLMAN is an ex-fighter who claims to have connections with the "Mafia", JIMMY HOFFA, and Judge SCHWEITZER, a criminal court justice in NY. Through PEARLMAN, Informant arranged an introduction between Judge SCHWEITZER and LESTER YODENFRIEND, his law associate. YODENFRIEND, SCHWEITZER, and PEARLMAN went to Chicago to witness a

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heavyweight fight. YODENFRIEND subsequently told him that Judge SCHWEITZER had indicated to YODENFRIEND that through him deals could be made on cases in the NY criminal courts. Informant advised that last week, PEARLMAN came to his office and told him that the case involving the Sire Plan operated by ALBERT MINTZER is being heard by Judge SCHWEITZER. PEARLMAN said he can fix this case with the judge. Informant advised PEARLMAN that he did not want to get involved in a deal like this and he suggested that PEARLMAN contact MINTZER directly.

It is anticipated that source will be available for interview for a short time on 4/15/63.

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