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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 27, 1969

FROM : J. H. Gale

SUBJECT: "WALL STREET JOURNAL" ARTICLE
OF MAY 27, 1969, REGARDING SMALL
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LOANS TO
ORGANIZED CRIME RECIPIENTS

TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - GENERAL

The "Wall Street Journal" of May 27, 1969, carries an article indicating that four additional Small Business Administration (SBA) loans to organized crime connected recipients have been identified through that agency's loaning procedures. This article describes the general circumstances of each loan but does not identify the recipients.

Through liaison contact with SBA on May 27, 1969, it was learned from Mr. William Bowling of that agency that the loans referred to in the captioned article are as follows:

(1) Loan of \$125,000 in 1967 to Jasper Joseph Mirabile, operator of Jasper's Italian Restaurant, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri. SBA records indicate that an FBI name-check request was answered on July 6, 1966, and that SBA was advised that Mirabile had been arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department on February 24, 1953, for disturbing the peace and was fined \$25.

Our files show that pursuant to a name-check request received from SBA during December, 1967, SBA was furnished with a letterhead memorandum on January 9, 1968, setting forth detailed information regarding Mirabile's background, including his association with a number of leading Kansas City hoodlums and information indicating that he had served as a "front" for the Kansas City racket element in operating restaurants and lounges. This memorandum also included data regarding a number of arrests of Mirabile in Kansas City.

Enc.

ENCLOSURE

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Rose
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Gale
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Re: "Wall Street Journal" Article
of May 27, 1969, Regarding Small
Business Administration Loans to
Organized Crime Recipients

(2) ^{LA} Loan of \$98,000 in 1965 to Anthony Paul Marullo, Sr.,
operator of the Sea Shell Motel and Lounge, Grand Isle, Louisiana.
According to SBA, this was a disaster loan and no name-check request
was made.

The only reference in our files to Marullo pertains to an inquiry
conducted by the New Orleans office in their continuing investigation of
La Cosa Nostra "boss" Carlos Marcello in connection with Marullo's
ownership of a number of parcels of land in Grand Isle, Louisiana, including
one parcel on which the Sea Shell Motel is located.

(3) Loan of \$210,000 in 1967 to Nofie Pecoraro (wife - Frances
Pecoraro) of New Orleans, Louisiana. According to SBA, this was a
disaster loan and no name-check request was made. Pecoraro has lived in
New Orleans, Louisiana, most of his life where he has been variously
employed as a bartender, used car dealer, and part owner of a restaurant
in the New Orleans area. He has been associated with hoodlum figures
including Carlos Marcello.

(4) The loan of \$24,000 to John F. LaBruzzo, operator of
Oster Vandalarm Systems, Inc., 4600 Rosalia Drive, New Orleans,
Louisiana, during 1966. This also was a disaster loan and SBA made
no request for a name check. By letter dated March 15, 1968, SBA ^{LA}
referred this matter to our New Orleans office for a Fraud Against the
Government investigation inasmuch as their inquiries in connection with
LaBruzzo's loan indicated fraud in connection with his application for the
loan. The results of investigation by our New Orleans office have been
referred to the U. S. Attorney, New Orleans, and awaiting a prosecutive
opinion.* LaBruzzo has been reported to be an errand boy for Carlos
Marcello, New Orleans La Cosa Nostra "boss."

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*Information just received from New Orleans indicates LaBruzzo
indicted under Title 15, Section 645, U.S. Code, for making false
statement to SBA.

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OBSERVATIONS:

Of the four loans in question, the SBA made no name-check request with regard to three of these transactions. The fourth loan to Mirabile involved an FBI name-check request in which SBA was furnished detailed data regarding Mirabile's criminal background, associates, and arrest record.

ACTION:

For your information. A copy of the captioned "Wall Street Journal" article is attached.

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