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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT : Possible Questionable Activity

1. Summary: In 1963 a CIA agent was used in support of an FBI investigation of Jimmy Hoffa. Paragraph 4 requests your advice.

2. Background: On 27 June Jim Angleton telephoned Walt Elder. Dave Aaron of the SSC staff had uncovered a staff agent in New York who had been an Agency Mafia penetration which Angleton said was made on the authorization of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in 1963. The agent had tried to contact his case officer but was unsuccessful and so had instead contacted Angleton. Angleton had advised John Greaney, Office of General Counsel. Neither of them had thought to notify Chief, CI or Review Staff (Greaney later indicated that he thought the agent had retired). Elder then called Bill Miller to alert him to the sensitivity of the issue, and especially to the possibility of Mafia retribution against the agent. Miller noted this and said that Pat Shea would be doing the questioning. Pat Shea then called Elder and pointed out that he had talked to the agent and had not learned about his current employment with CIA until the end of their conversation. Shea placed his contact in the "non-abuse" category. Shea said he was summarizing his talk in an Eyes Only memo for Bill Miller. Shea planned to talk further with the agent.

3. I discussed the matter with John Greaney. In summary, he told me that the agent, ⁰⁴ [Mario Brod] in Feb-₀₅ ruary 1963 had come into contact with [Herbert Itkin,] who had information about links between the Chicago Teamster Union and the Mafia. ⁰⁴ [Brod] reported this to his case officer, and in a few days the DDP (Helms) discussed the matter with Robert F. Kennedy because of Kennedy's requirements for information on Hoffa and with Sam Papich of the FBI. The FBI was enamored of [Itkin's] contacts

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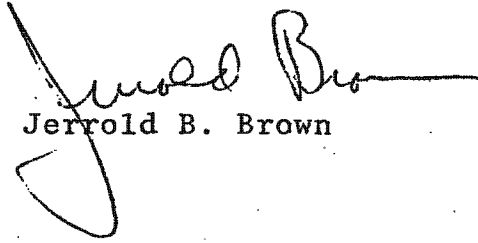
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with labor and the Mafia. [Brod]⁰⁴ was to develop [Itkin]⁰⁵ as an FBI source, and turn him over to them. CIA could not turn over [Brod] to the FBI because he was a long time agent (recruited in Italy in 1944 by Jim Angleton) who had operational involvements⁰⁴ for us in Haiti and other places. In March 1963 [Brod] turned [Itkin]⁰⁵ over to the FBI but unfortunately kept a string on him. [Itkin] was a handling problem and from time to time would return to [Brod] for advice and so forth.⁰⁴ Rocca (CI) had prepared a full book on the [Itkin/Brod] case but they only are mentioned in pseudo. This book was brought to the attention of the IG after a 9 June 1975 Time article named certain Mafioso in connection with the CIA. Scott Breckinridge⁰⁴ said that he had not seen the black book or known of the [Brod-Mafia] link prior to June 1975 even though there had been several Agency inquiries about questionable activities and one specifically for all Agency links with organized crime.

4. I request your advice as to whether this is a questionable activity and whether we should alert the DCI, the White House, and the SSC.


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