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FROM CHICAGO (29-1999)

JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA, DOMINICK EDWARD BARTONE, AKA ETAL,

FRAS ETC.

ROBERT MEISSNER APPEARED AT CHICAGO OFFICE AFTER HE MET JOSEPH VERHELLE IN CHICAGO TODAY. VERHELLE DID NOT IDENTIFY POTENTIAL DEFENSE WITNESS IN CHATTANOOGA TRIAL BUT GAVE IMPRESSION SOMEONE WOULD TESTIFY REGARDING PUBLIC BANK OF DETROIT SITUATION TO SHOW THE GOVERNMENT GOING ALL OUT AGAINST HOFFA.

ACCORDING TO VERHELLE, A STATE OF MICHIGAN BANKING COUNSELOR VISITED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ATTORNEY CENERAL POSSIBLY RECENTLY AND LET IT BE KNOWN HE BELIEVES THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WAS CARRYING ON A VENDETTA AGAINST HOFFA WHICH CAUSED THE PERSECUTION OF THE PUBLIC BANK.

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