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was recontacted by SAs ALBERT A. On 9/13/61, HUSTEDT (A) and LOGAN J. LANE, at which time he advised that the following information under no circumstances should be disseminated outside the Bureau as it would put his life in critical danger. Source said that he did not contact the Agents at the time of the event discussed because he felt he was in the position that could have jeopardized his wife. Source said that he is confident that similar circumstances will take place in the future and perhaps he will be able to obtain more complete details and relay the information to the Los Angeles Office at the time it takes place. indicated that he will be talking to SAs LANE and HUSTEDT on many occasions in the future and stated flatly that he will are not discuss any HOFFA matters with any other representatives of the government, including the FBI. He commented that his statements made to date are sufficient to "get me killed."

Source advised that on Friday, 9/8/61, at 1:15 p.m., he entered Lennie's Restaurant on Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California with PHIL MATTHEW. He immediately spotted FRANK MATULA, sitting at a table with an unknown woman. Upon seeing source, MATULA got up and walked over to source and talked to him. He acted like he wanted to tell source

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something, so source left MATTHEW and went over in the corner and talked to MATULA. MATULA wanted to go outside; however, source told him he could not inasmuch as he was with MATTHEW.

MATULA told source that he had just arrived at Lennie's Restaurant a few minutes before the meeting, after a trip from San Francisco. MATULA pointed to his right breast coat pocket and stated, "The bundle here is for the old man." MATULA indicated he was going to deliver to HOFFA that evening. Source estimates that MATULA had a million dollars in cash in his pocket. When questioned as to how he arrived at the million dollar figure, source stated that he has carried as much as \$500,000, and he knows how much money you can carry, in your pocket. Source stated that the money was probably in \$100 bills and he estimated that MATULA had a bulge in his pocket of approximately six inches.

Source was asked why MATULA would tell him that he was carrying a "bundle" for HOFFA, and _____ stated that when he was active in the Teamsters Union, he and MATULA often competed for the favor of HOFFA and source believes that MATULA was trying to "show off" to source. Source stated that there is no question in his mind that MATULA was carrying money to deliver to HOFFA and that the amount being carried was around a million dollars. Source did not actually see money.

Source did not know the significance of the unknown woman being with MATULA. He noted that MATULA takes great pride in traveling with extremely good-looking women and that the woman who was with MATULA at the restaurant did not meet the standards of MATULA's usual female companions. As a result, source concluded that the woman was somehow involved in business being transacted by MATULA. Source had never seen this woman before and had no idea who she might be. He furnished the following physical description of this unknown woman:

Race Age Height Weight Hair White 28-32 5'2-4" 100 lbs.

Long, black, hung to the shoulders

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