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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-5111)

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JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
EARL SCHEIB; EARL SCHEIB AUTO
PAINT SHOPS; ANTHONY DORIA
FRANK A. HATFIELD; DICK KAVNER
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)
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The letterhead memorandum prepared by your office under date of 9/20/61, setting forth information furnished by [redacted] is not being disseminated. A considerable portion of the information furnished by [redacted] in the cover airtel forwarding the letterhead memorandum is pertinent and should have been included in the memorandum.

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Accordingly, the letterhead memorandum should be re-written to include all the pertinent information furnished by [redacted]. Care and caution should be exercised in the preparation of this memorandum so as not to disclose the identity of [redacted]. The Bureau appreciates the fact that [redacted] feels his life would be in danger if his identity were disclosed; however, pertinent information furnished by him must be disseminated to the Department, with his identity appropriately concealed.

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RE: JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA; EARL SCHEIB;
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FRANK A. HATFIELD; DICK KAVNER
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)
OO: Los Angeles

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 9/15/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to this matter.

The source was recontacted on 9/19/61, and furnished the following information regarding captioned matter:

For the last nine months HOFFA has been extremely interested in obtaining a contact with SCHEIB for the Teamsters Union. HOFFA assigned RICHARD KAVNER, an international organizer from St. Louis, to handle this matter. During this period KAVNER has been negotiating with ANTHONY DORIA for the transfer of the SCHEIB contract from DORIA's independent union to the Teamsters Union.

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Informant advised that he was always close to KAVNER, and even though the Teamsters did not get the SCHEIB contract until after informant left the Teamsters, KAVNER got in touch with him and discussed the situation. Informant knows that at the time of the transfer KAVNER was spending a lot of time with SCHEIB, and after KAVNER and SCHEIB returned from San Francisco KAVNER had several meetings with DORIA.

Informant stated that he knows for a fact that at about the time of the transfer KAVNER came up with some money as at that time KAVNER paid off a loan KAVNER had at the Erie Bank, Erie, Colorado. Informant related that in about December, 1960, KAVNER came to him and said he needed \$10,000. in a hurry and asked the informant's assistance in helping him obtain a loan. KAVNER was introduced to PHIL MATTHEW, who was then Executive Vice President of Empire Financial Corporation, Van Nuys, California. MATTHEW told KAVNER that if KAVNER had collateral he could arrange a loan for KAVNER at the Erie Bank, Erie, Colorado, which is owned by Empire. KAVNER wanted to obtain a loan just on the strength of his signature and the signature of the informant as co-signer, but MATTHEW would not make a loan on that basis. KAVNER then said he could put up stock as collateral, which MATTHEW accepted, and the loan was made. Informant noted that at the time he asked KAVNER if he had the stock why he did not sell the stock and obtain the money instead of getting the loan, to which KAVNER replied that the stock actually belonged to a truck operator who was just signing the stock over to KAVNER as a favor to assist KAVNER in obtaining the loan.

Informant noted that this was a six months loan, and at about the time KAVNER closed the SCHEIB deal KAVNER had the money to pay off the loan.

Informant noted that KAVNER is shrewd and probably got the money to pay off this loan through a mortgage on his house or another loan and is probably paying off the indebtedness incurred in this latter financing with the money he obtained out of the SCHEIB deal. He noted that this point should be borne in mind if KAVNER's payment of the Erie Bank loan is checked out.