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Hoffa Kidnaped or Slain? Mafia Chieftain Is Quizzed

Former Chief Of Teamsters Missing 2 Days

By Joel J. Smith
and Robert E. Roach
Detroit News

DETROIT—A high-ranking figure in the Detroit Mafia is to be questioned today as to whether he is the mysterious "somebody" James R. Hoffa was to meet early Wednesday afternoon about the hour the former Teamster president disappeared "into thin air" from outside a fashionable eating and drinking place.

The organized crime chieftain was identified as Anthony (Tony Jack) Giacalone, a friend for many years with whom the 62-year-old Hoffa may have had a 2 p.m. appointment at the restaurant Wednesday.

Lt. Curt Grennier, heading the investigation by the Bloomfield Township Police Department into Hoffa's disappearance, said Giacalone was on a list "of five or six persons" whose names the union leader's anxious and puzzled family supplied when asked who the mysterious "somebody" might be. Grennier refused to name the other persons.

THE FAMILY WAS ABLE to tell police only that Hoffa had left his Oakland County home at 11 a.m. Wednesday to meet "somebody" at 2 p.m. at the restaurant parking lot and later called home at 2:30 p.m. to say the "party" had not shown up. Hoffa said he would be home by 4 p.m.

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It is possible, Grennier said last night about 12 hours after the investigation was launched, that the identity of the "somebody" was known only by Hoffa.

Grennier declined to speculate whether Hoffa had been kidnaped or killed.

"We found his car but we didn't find him," Grennier said.

The disappearance came three weeks after the latest in a series of incidents reportedly involving rival factions in the 1.7 million-member Teamster's union. On July 10, a bomb destroyed a car owned by the son of the incumbent Teamster's president, Frank E. Fitzsimmons.

THE HUGE UNION is divided between Hoffa loyalists and Fitzsimmons, who became president after Hoffa quit in 1971 while serving a federal prison term.

There was no indication that the incidents were linked to their rivalry, although Hoffa wants to unseat Fitzsimmons and regain the presidency himself.

Fitzsimmons' son, Richard, is vice president of Detroit Teamster's Local 299, Hoffa's old home local.

Hoffa told The Detroit News after the bombing that he knew who did it but refused to tell. Richard Fitzsimmons was in a bar near the local union hall in Detoit when his car, parked across the street, was destroyed by the bomb.

The elder Fitzsimmons was formerly a close associate of Hoffa and in 1971 was instrumental in persuading the Nixon administration to commute Hoffa's 13-year prison sentence for jury tampering and mail fraud.

As a provision of the commutation, however, Hoffa was prevented from seeking unpon office or engaging in any union activity for 10 years. Hoffa has since charged and sought to prove in a court that after the Watergate disclosures it was evident that Fitzsimmons had made a deal with the Nixon administration in return for his release. Hoffa claims Fitzsimmons received from the Nixon administration its pledge to prevent him from seeking the union presidency. Fitzsimmons has denied Hoffa's allegation.

Hoffa was last seen between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the parking lot of Machus' Red Fox restaurant, located next to the large Maple Plaza Shopping Center in Bloomfield Township, seven miles north of the northern Detroit city limits.

GRENNIER SAID two men with no apparent connection with Hoffa recognized him from his picture and casually shook Hoffa's hand. Grennier said the two men, whose identities he withheld, called the police at 5 p.m. yesterday to report the incident.

This occurred shortly after it became known that Hoffa was missing, Grennier said.

According to Grennier, the two men said Hoffa appeared casual and relaxed in a blue sports shirt, dark blue slacks and sunglasses, and it appeared that he was waiting for someone. Grennier said Hoffa apparently had no bodyguard at the time.

Hoffa's dark green two-door 1974 Pontiac Grand Ville was discovered in the restaurant parking lot yesterday morning. It was that discovery that touched off the intensive investigation. But news of the probe was not made public until late yesterday afternoon.

GRENNIER SAID the police found the car unlocked but no clues were found in the car or in the trunk. He said there were no signs of a struggle.

Giacalone, 56, who has a Detroit area criminal record dating back to 1937, was named as a "Big Man" in the Detroit Mafia in 1963 U.S. Senate testimony by the then-Detroit Police Commissioner George Edwards. Giacalone was charged in April in Detroit with income tax evasion — the latest in a long career of court cases.

Giacalone could not be located to comment on the Hoffa matter.

"We don't have any first-hand knowledge of a scheduled meeting between Mr. Hoffa and Mr. Giacalone, Grennier said. "But we have this report to this effect. We're going to contact him today. We're going to ask him, 'Tony, what do you know about this?'"

GRENNIER SAID other persons on the "list" also would be contacted and questioned.

Grennier said late last night that police had already received "about a dozen" tips in the case, some of which were checked out, or ruled out, or would be checked today.

We're going to check out every lead," Grennier said. Some will be crank calls, but we have to check them out," he said.

Livonia police searched an area in the Middle Rouge Parkway for more than two hours last night on a tip that Hoffa's body would be located there.

POLICE SAID some citizens not connected with the case were in the area but there was no sign of Hoffa.

Hoffa's son, James P., a Detroit lawyer, officially reported his father missing at 6 p.m. yesterday. The complaint was filed with Grennier at Hoffa's split-level home on Square Lake, about 15 miles from the Red Fox restaurant.

Hoffa 's family — including the son; Hoffa's wife, Josephine, and their daughter, Mrs. Barbara Crancer — went into seclusion at the Square Lake home late yesterday.

The son flew in from a vacation with his wife and children in Traverse City, Mich., and the daughter, Mrs. Crancer, flew to Detroit from her home in St. Louis, Mo.

AT 5:30 P.M. yesterday, young Hoffa came out of the house and told a reporter:

"The family will have no statement. The family is waiting for some word. We will do whatever we have to do."

Young Hoffa was dressed in casual clothes. His mother is reportedly scheduled for surgery soon for unidentified ailment.

The North American Newspaper Alliance said last night that Hoffa's family fears that he has been murdered.

"If Jimmy hasn't turned up by now, he's dead," NANA quoted a family spokesman as saying. "We're praying for a ransom note, but we have to face facts.

"We've had no indication that he's been kidnaped. No one has called us or anythibng. We have to think the worst."

CAPT. LEWIS G. SMITH, commander of the state police intelligence section, said last night detectives from his organized crime unit have been assigned to assist the Bloomfield police in investigating Hoffa's disappearance.

Smith declined to comment on the investigation.

Organized crime detectives from the Detroit Police Department also were at the Bloomfield police department, which is two miles north of the restaurant. They say they were there only to observe the case.

The FBI has been notified but has not been actively involved in the investigation because, agents said, there is no evidence that a federal law has been broken.

Gov. Milliken told newsmen after a television interview last night in Grand Rapids that he understood Hoffa disappeared after planning a Wednesday night meeting with Giacalone.

But Milliken would not elaborate on where he got that information.

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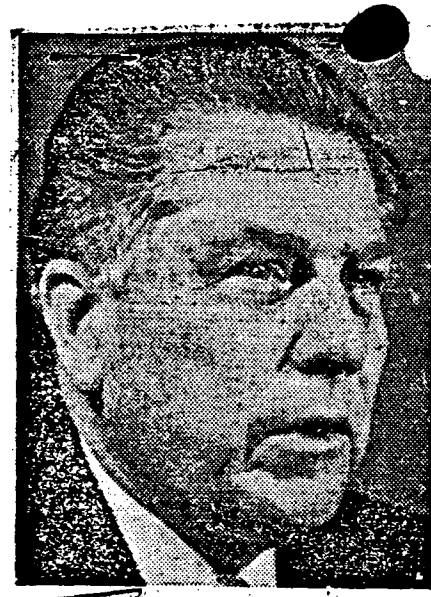
James Hoffa was last seen standing outside this restaurant in Bloomfield Township, Mich.

—Associated Press

Mafia chieftain Anthony (Tony Jack) Giacalone, 62, is shown walking recently on a Detroit street.



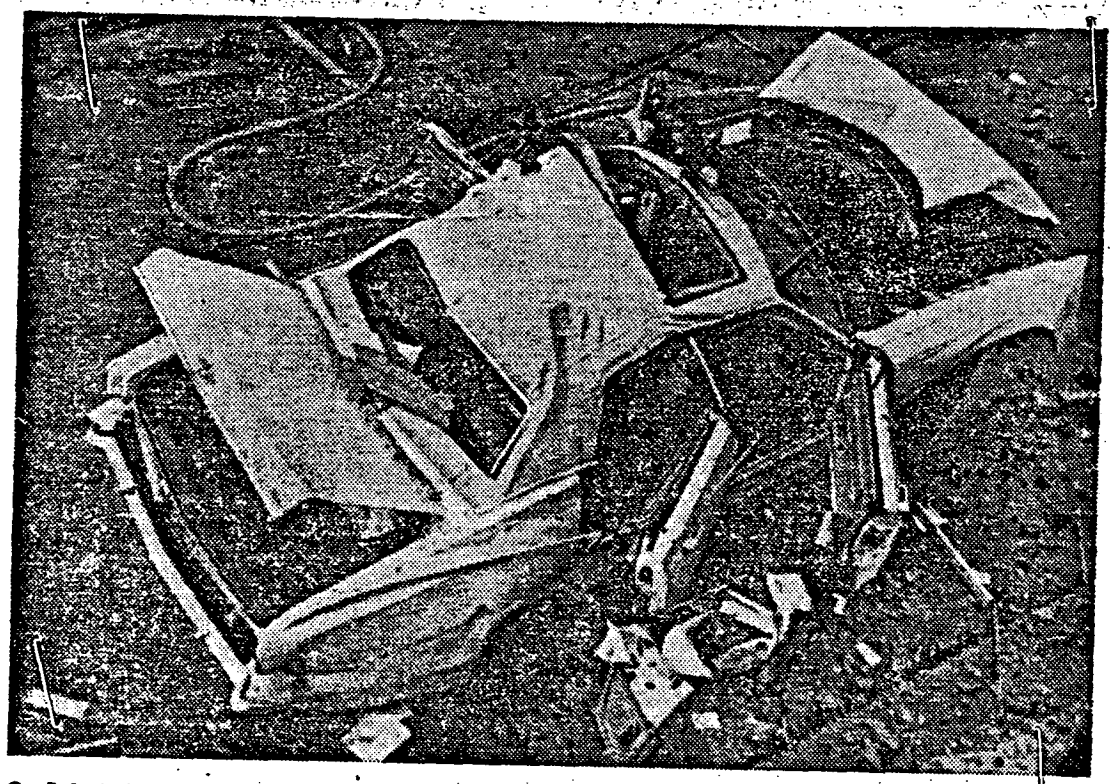
JIMMY HOFFA
Former Teamster boss

JAMES HOFFA JR.
Reports father missing.

—Associated Press

Jimmy Hoffa is shown with his wife, Josephine, in 1972.

FITZSIMMONS' CAR BOMBED



On July 10 in Detroit, a bomb destroyed this car belonging to Richard Fitzsimmons, son of Frank E. Fitzsimmons, Teamsters president. Fitzsimmons and Hoffa represent rival factions.

HOFFA'S CAR FOUND EMPTY

—Associated Press

Police in the Detroit suburb of Bloomfield Township, Mich., search the trunk of Jimmy Hoffa's car for clues. The car was found in a restaurant parking lot and taken to the police garage.

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THE HOFFA FAMILY SAID O'BRIEN WAS BUSY HONEYMOONING WITH A BRIDE, THE FORMER BRENDA BERGER, IN WEST MEMPHIS, ARK.

O'BRIEN, 41, WAS TAKEN INTO HOFFA'S HOME WHEN HE WAS 3 AND SERVED AS HIS BODYGUARD AND A TEAMSTERS ORGANIZER. HE INEXPLICABLY DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT THE DAY AFTER THE HOFFA DISAPPEARED FROM A RESTAURANT PARKING LOT LAST WEEK.

O'BRIEN SURFACED IN DETROIT BRIEFLY YESTERDAY, TALKED TO FBI AGENTS AND OTHER INVESTIGATORS FOR THREE HOURS, REFUSED TO TALK TO ANYONE ELSE, AND THEN, SOURCES SAID, CAUGHT A PLANE BACK TO WHERE HE HAD COME FROM -- A RETREAT IN ARKANSAS.

UPI REPORTER PATRICK HARDEN, REPORTING FROM THE HOFFA LAKE ORION, MICH., HOME, SAID HOFFA'S SON JAMES EMERGED AND TOLD REPORTERS OF THE $1 MILLION REPORT, "I KNOW IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.

"I KNOW MY FATHER'S AFFAIRS AND IT COULD NOT HAPPEN," HE SAID.

SOURCES CLOSE TO THE INVESTIGATION IN BOTH DETROIT AND THE STATE CAPITAL OF LANSING SAID THE STORY HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND DISCOUNTED.

AS FOR THE THEORY THAT HOFFA HAD CONSPIRED WITH O'BRIEN TO ARRANGE HIS OWN DISAPPEARANCE, YOUNG HOFFA ERUPTED, "IT IS SO OUTRAGEOUS AND SO STUPID THAT ANYONE COULD SAY SUCH A THING AFTER WATCHING THE AGONY GOING ON OUT HERE."

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$1 Million Hoffa Withdrawal Told

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From Times Wire Services

DETROIT—State and federal officials are investigating reports that ex-Teamsters president James R. Hoffa withdrew about $1 million from a union pension fund shortly before he disappeared last week, according to informed sources.

A Michigan law enforcement official said the allegation came from unnamed informants in Detroit and Washington and he left the impression that the informants were Teamsters officials and knowledgeable underworld figures.

Another source in Washington, familiar with the Justice Department's investigation of Hoffa's July 30 disappearance, said similar information reached federal investigators. The Washington source said the alleged pension withdrawal was $1.2 million.

Rumors have circulated since Hoffa's disappearance that he had obtained a large sum of Teamsters pension money before he dropped from sight. But family members said they were unaware of any such transaction and James P. Hoffa, son of the missing man, flatly denied the reports.

"I know it didn't happen," the younger Hoffa told newsmen outside the family home in Lake Orion, about 40 miles from Detroit, when asked about the reported withdrawal of funds.

The significance of the alleged pension withdrawal was not clear. If true, it would tend to support a published theory that Hoffa arranged his own disappearance and is still alive. However, U.S. Atty. Ralph B. Guy was quoted Thursday as saying there is "no evidence" to support that theory.

The Michigan law enforcement source said his information was that Hoffa received the money from the pension fund for an unspecified investment. He said he did not know if the withdrawal was a loan or was Hoffa's own pension money.

"Jimmy definitely got the $1 million out of the pension fund two days before he disappeared," the source said.

In another development Thursday, a source familiar with the investigation said that James R. Hoffa's foster son, Charles (Chuckie) O'Brien, had shifted allegiance to Frank E. Fitzsimmons, now president of the Teamsters, in the current struggle for power in the 2.2-million-member union.

O'Brien, however, denied Thursday that his loyalty had undergone any change.

"Fitz and I never had a falling out. He's the general president and I worked for him. I just followed his orders and I've always tried to do my best for him," said O'Brien, who was raised by Hoffa since the age of 3 and served for years as his bodyguard.

O'Brien, reached in West Memphis, Ark., said he had made an agreement with his attorneys and authorities not to discuss anything about the case.

O'Brien and Hoffa had "a series of disappointments in their personal relationship," in recent months, according to Barbara Crancer, Hoffa's daughter.

O'Brien, a 41-year-old union organizer, said he had no knowledge of Hoffa's whereabouts. He talked with Hoffa's son, who demanded O'Brien take a lie-detector test.

"He hemmed and he hawed and he said he would have to consult his attorney," said James P. Hoffa. "I construed that to be a refusal."

A shift in O'Brien's allegiance would be significant because federal officials were still pursuing theories that Hoffa was kidnaped or killed because union foes had learned he might win a court effort to make a comeback bid for Teamsters power.

"It is the most compelling theory," an investigator said.

Hoffa called home July 30 to say Detroit Mafia figure Anthony Giacalone had not shown up for a luncheon date. The 62-year-old former labor leader has not been heard from since. Giacalone denies he had planned to meet Hoffa, a longtime friend.

O'Brien provided corroboration of Giacalone's story that he was at an athletic club at the time of the luncheon meeting.

Friends say Hoffa said the meeting also was to include former Teamsters vice president Anthony (Tony Pro) Provenzano and a Detroit labor figure, Leonard Schultz. Both denied the appointment.

The Hoffa family has received no ransom demands, but believes Hoffa was kidnaped. The FBI said it was operating under the assumption he still was alive.

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Hoffa's attorney, Leonard Boudin of New York, said he thought Hoffa was kidnaped by opponents who feared he would win a court case, opening the way for a challenge of current Teamsters leaders.

It was speculated immediately after it was learned Hoffa was missing that his opponents decided to get rid of him so he could not run against Fitzsimmons for the Teamsters general presidency.

The case involves Hoffa's appeal of a clemency order issued by Richard M. Nixon when he was President releasing Hoffa after he served 4½ years of a 13-year sentence for mail fraud and jury tampering.

The clemency order bars Hoffa from participating in union politics until 1980. Hoffa was unsuccessful in fighting the restriction in U.S. District Court, and the case is pending at the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Hoffa has argued that Mr. Nixon was acting beyond his powers by restricting a clemency order.

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People Hoffa Truste

By CHARLES ASHMAN

Frank Fitzsimmons is a colorless individual. Once he and Jimmy Hoffa were friends. Jimmy trusted Fitz so much, in fact, that it was to him that he handed the reins of Teamster power when he went to the federal penitentiary at Lewisburg. And then, Fitz turned on Hoffa. Consequently Jimmy got ready to challenge Fitz for the Teamsters Union leadership.

Fitz had been told by many that the rank-and-file would vote for Hoffa if given a chance and the Teamsters war would have to reach a climax before the ballots were cast in 1976.

But there was a serious question about Hoffa's standing to be a candidate. Many of Jimmy's high-priced advisers had promised him some action before the election earlier this year in his home Local 299 in Detroit. But it never came. Hoffa had to settle for a compromise slate which kept his man Dave Johnson as president, retained the status quo and frustrated Frank Fitzsimmons's effort to have his son Richard take over the local.

Richard would have the number two position but Jimmy's people were in control. If all else failed, Hoffa believed his lifetime membership would enable Johnson to appoint him to a position so that he could be a delegate and candidate in 1976.

At least a half-dozen heads of other Teamsters locals from the Midwest to the East Coast had offered to step down and let Jimmy move in if necessary to help lay the groundwork for the international presidency.

Next year's election was getting close and Hoffa desperately needed help. The U.S. Court of Appeals seemed to be dragging its feet on a decision involving Hoffa's future and Jimmy wasn't optimistic about the outcome.

He told me he felt he would win in the White House with some help from Congress and an attorney general who realized the Teamsters or anybody else had a right to elect whomever they wanted.

For three weeks before Jimmy's disappearance, there was talk in Washington about the lack of negative response to President Ford's commutation of Dave Beck, another former Teamsters boss.

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Now many observers believed the White House would act on the Hoffa case. Atty. Gen. Edward Levi is a former law professor and constitutional scholar. Hoffa was being told by lawyers close to Levi that he would never go along with the constitutionality of such a bizarre restriction on Jimmy's holding union office.

Everybody talked to Jimmy Hoffa but he listened to only a few. First there was Jimmy Jr., who was totally loyal, sensible and a good labor lawyer, besides.

Hoffa had spent a lifetime boasting about his son even while he pressured a Michigan football coach not to use Jimmy Jr. on his team because "the coach had a lot of players to get banged up but I've only got one son."

Jimmy Jr. was his dad's adviser, lawyer, neighbor and friend, but even he couldn't stop his dad from the occasional impetuous business deal or from loaning money to a friend from the old days who stayed loyal.

One day in his son's law office while I watched, Jimmy picked up the phone and dialed the White House to demand action from the president's adviser on paroles. Needless to say, Jimmy Jr. was again frustrated by his fathers action. But they were close and most of the time father listened to son.

In the union, there were only a few top officials whom Hoffa really trusted. He knew the pressures on those he had brought along now that they had to work with Fitzsimmons and he made it as comfortable as possible for them.

He was close to Ted Daley of New York and trusted Harold Gibbons. Gibbons had stood up all along and as a result Fitzsimmons had stripped him of most of his income and luxuries of his international vice presidency, including the jet that used to carry him to show business parties around the country.

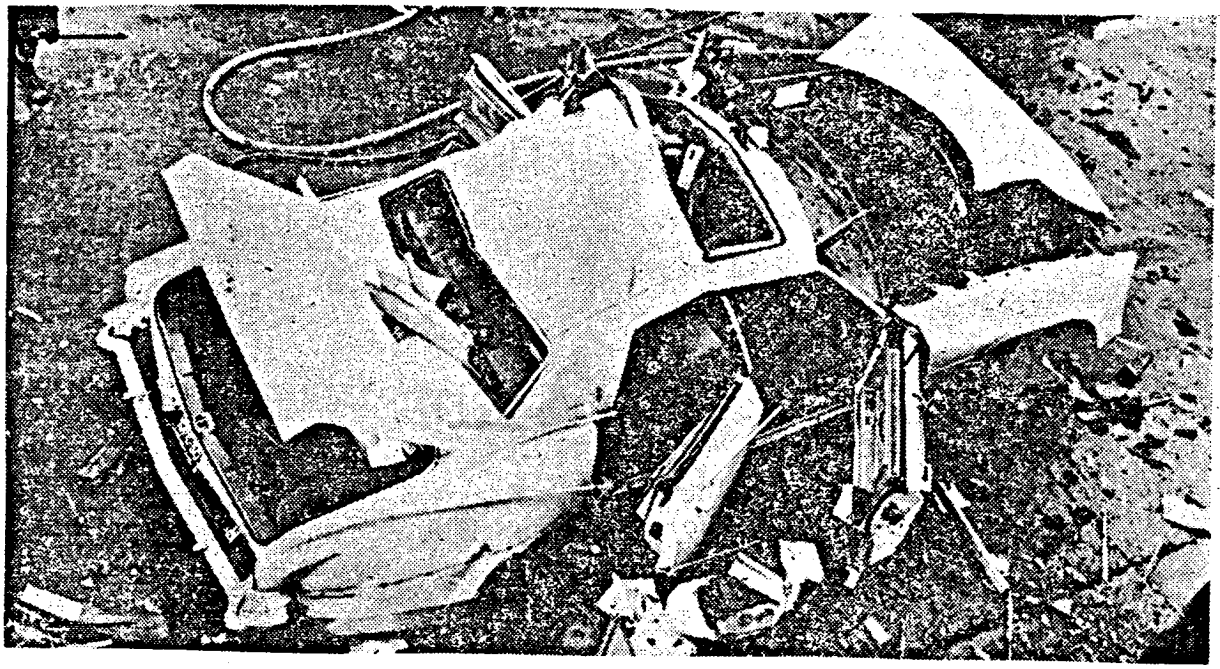
Chucky O'Brien could be counted on. He was like another son to Jimmy. It was O'Brien who jumped Hoffa's would-be assassin after Jimmy was shot and police were digging around in the jury-tampering trial. It was O'Brien who Jimmy trusted to deliver the documents when the late Robert Kennedy finally won a subpoena fight in federal court over Teamsters Papers in Hoffa's possession. And it was O'Brien who drove Jimmy to the U.S. Marshals Office to surrender himself and begin a prison term. Hoffa insisted the family stay at home in Washington.

Unquestionably, there was another man whom Jimmy fully trusted and liked. Ed Lawrenson hadn't been around in Jimmy's heyday of power but in the past four years Ed had become Hoffa's closest political confidante. They talked a dozen times a week and sometimes more.

Hoffa had nurtured the National Association for Justice (NAJ) headed by Lawrenson and he kept office space in the NAJ suite. The NAJ was making real headway in penal reform and prisoners rights but Lawrenson had another job, too. He was Jimmy Hoffa's eyes and ears in the nation's capital. It was Ed who could be counted on to talk to the congressmen and find out who remembered past favors and would help Hoffa in a fight. It was Ed who could be counted on to recommend or shoot down an idea or a new law firm regardless of what anybody else said. If the NAJ had in its treasury the money spent by Jimmy in legal fees, the organization could survive for a decade.

Josephine Hoffa was not in good health and as always Jimmy felt his wife had to be shielded from as much as possible. They had come a long way since he met her as a teenager in a laundry workers picket line in Detroit. He adored her and she was scheduled to go into a Michigan hospital on Aug. 7. Anyone who knew Jimmy Hoffa immediately discounts any idea that he would voluntarily disappear without Jo knowing why and where, particularly just before her scheduled cataract surgery.

Charles O'Brien, center, foster-son of Hoffa and his lawyer James Burdick are questioned by reporters outside Teamsters headquarters in Detroit. O'Brien was questioned last week by FBI in connection with disappearance of Hoffa, now missing more than a week.



Bomb-destroyed Lincoln assigned by Teamsters Local 299 to Richard Fitzsimmons, vice president, is among latest of violent acts touching those connected with the local once headed by Hoffa.

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The Hoffas

Jimmy's kids: tough, strong-minded, self-confident

By DAVID L. GOOD
News Staff Writer

If there was ever anybody you'd expect to raise two tough kids, it would be James R. Hoffa.

The former Teamsters president, missing since July 30, always was known as an intensely determined man — even to the point of being combative — over his four decades as a public figure.

His two children, James P. and Mrs. Barbara Crancer, appear to be just about as strong-minded and self-confident as their father.

In daily interviews with the press, both have impressed friends and observers with their resiliency in an obviously difficult situation.

Both are regarded [illegible]s of strength" to their mother, who is su[illegible]om a heart ailment.

"They're tough kids," sa[illegible] long-time acquaintance. "Barbara, especially, is tough and self-assured, like her father. Jimmy is cautious in what he says, since he's a lawyer. Barbara is more outspoken."

Young Hoffa, 34, is a partner in the Detroit law firm of Hoffa, Chodak and Robiner. He is married and has two sons.

Mrs. Crancer, 37, of St. Louis, is a former Redford Township school teacher who is married to a steel company salesman. They have one daughter.

Both of them are fiercely devoted to their father and have remained insistent that he still is alive.

At various times over the last week, Mrs. Crancer criticized the late involvement of the FBI in the case, at one time reportedly telephoning FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley and admonishing him:

"You used 2,000 agents to put my father into jail (where he served nearly five years for jury tampering, mail fraud and misuse of a union pension fund), and up to now have used only two agents to try to find him."

Until the current situation, Mrs. Crancer had become involved only once in commenting publicly on her father's controversial career.

In 1971 she released an emotional first-person article written in defense of Hoffa, his conduct and his ethics.

"I have only love and respect for my father, and a great feeling of pride for what he has accomplished, but it is all mixed with a tinge of sadness because of what he has had to endure," she wrote.

"I don't know of any other person who has been so publicly reviled over such a long period of time."

Her brother has been equally devoted to Hoffa, according to Murray J. Chodak, young Hoffa's law partner and an usher at his wedding in 1969.

"The Hoffas — father and son — had an unusually close and very deep relationship," he said.

"I've been deeply impressed with his (the elder Hoffa's) devotion not only to his son and daughter, but to his grandchildren."

Chodak said he saw "a certain similarity" between Hoffa and his son, both physically and in their personalities.

"Jimmy has a professionally determined mind," Chodak said. "He pursues cases in a tough, firm manner and is very thorough. And he happens to be an excellent lawyer, by the way."

He said young Hoffa has been conducting himself in the current situation "as a professional person would, despite his emotional involvement."

In their younger years, both Hoffa children distinguished themselves in school — in marked contrast to their father, who had to drop out at 14 to help support his widowed mother and family.

Mrs. Crancer was president of her senior class at Detroit's Cooley High School and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Albion College.

She married Robert E. Crancer, son of a steel company executive, in 1961 and now is a St. Louis homemaker.

Her brother was an all-state guard-linebacker for Cooley's football team, though he later dropped sports to concentrate on his studies at Michigan State University.

After earning a degree in economics, he graduated in 1966 from the University of Michigan Law School.

The next year, while working as a researcher for the State Senate, he sought — and almost won — a seat as a Democrat in the State House.

Despite endorsements from the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Vice-President Hubert Humphrey and local labor organizations, he lost by 168 votes to Republican Anthony C. Licata.

Young Hoffa married the former Virginia Harris in 1969 and served for several years as Detroit regional attorney for the Teamsters. He was fired by the union last year, along with his mother, who had led the women's auxiliary of the union's political arm.

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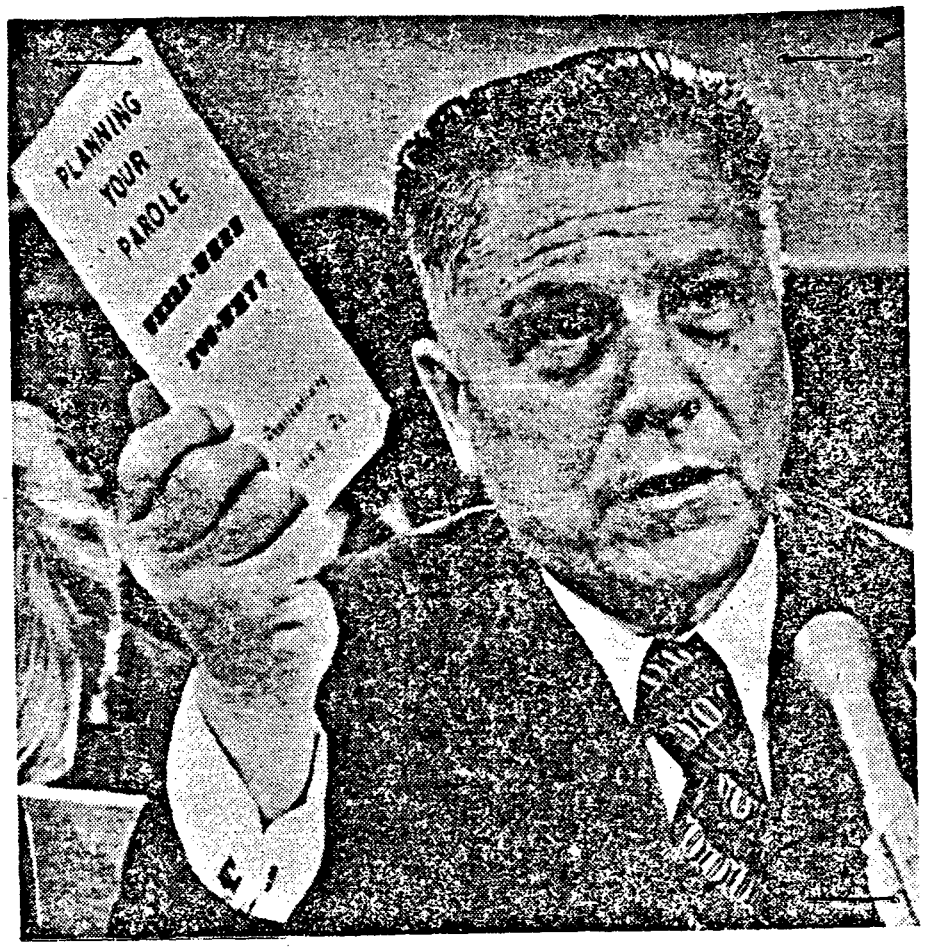

Jimmy Hoffa, former Teamsters Union chief, above, holds book on how to plan a parole during a House Judiciary Committee hearing in 1972. At the time he had recently been paroled from federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa.

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JAMES P. HOFFA

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MRS. BARBARA CRANCER

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FORMER TEAMSTER Union leader Jimmy Hoffa posed for this family portrait shortly after his release from prison in

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BY JEFFERY L. SHELER

DETROIT (UPI) -- FEDERAL AGENTS SATURDAY SEIZED A BLOOD-STAINED CAR BELONGING TO THE SON OF A REPUTED MAFIA FIGURE WHO FORMER TEAMSTER BOSS JAMES R. HOFFA SET OUT TO MEET THE DAY HE DISAPPEARED.

JOE GIACALONE, SON OF ANTHONY "TONY JACK" GIACALONE, REPORTEDLY TOLD FBI AGENTS THAT STAINS FOUND IN THE FRONT SEAT OF HIS CAR WERE FISH BLOOD. ALTHOUGH THE FBI WOULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THE REPORT, IT WAS BELIEVED FBI AGENTS WERE ANALYZING THE STAINS AT A STATE POLICE CRIME LAB.

YOUNG GIACALONE'S NEIGHBORS AT A FASHIONABLE APARTMENT COMPLEX IN SUBURBAN ST. CLAIR SHORES REPORTED FOUR OR FIVE FBI AGENTS TOOK THE CAR FROM THE PARKING LOT EARLY SATURDAY MORNING. INVESTIGATORS HAD ASKED GIACALONE TO GIVE UP THE CAR VOLUNTARILY, BUT WHEN HE FLATLY REFUSED, AGENTS OBTAINED A FEDERAL WARRANT TO IMPOUND IT.

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, IT WAS REPORTED SATURDAY THAT THE FALLEN LABOR CZAR MET WITH "TONY JACK" AND HIS SON AT HOFFA'S LAKE ORION HOME JULY 26 TO ARRANGE THE LUNCHEON MEETING HOFFA WAS HEADED FOR WHEN HE DISAPPEARED FOUR DAYS LATER.

THE NORTH AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE, IN A COPYRIGHTED STORY, QUOTED "SOURCES" AS SAYING THE GIACALONES TOLD HOFFA AT THE MEETING THAT FORMER TEAMSTER OFFICIAL ANTHONY "TONY PRO" PROVENZANO, A REPUTED FIGURE IN THE NEW JERSEY UNDERWORLD, WANTED TO "MAKE PEACE" WITH HOFFA, WHO WAS KNOWN TO BE PLOTTING A RETURN TO CONTROL OF THE MAMMOTH UNION.

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HOFFA'S SON, JAMES P. HOFFA, 3 , WHEN ASKED IF THE LAKE ORION MEETING TOOK PLACE, REFUSED TO COMMENT. IT WAS THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE DAY YOUNG HOFFA REFUSED TO MEET WITH NEWSMEN OUTSIDE THE FAMILY'S PLACID SUMMER COTTAGE 40 MILES FROM DETROIT. HE RELAYED HIS "NO COMMENT" THROUGH JERRY MCDONALD, A BUSINESS AGENT OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 299 AND A HOFFA FAMILY FRIEND.

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"MR. HOFFA SAYS THERE IS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT," MCDONALD TOLD NEWSMEN. "THERE'S NO SENSE DOING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER AGAIN."

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DETROIT (UPI) -- SAMPLES OF BLOOD FOUND INSIDE A CAR BELONGING TO JOE GIACALONE, SON OF REPUTED MAFIA CHIEFTAIN ANTHONY "TONY JACK" GIACALONE, REPORTEDLY WERE TESTED SUNDAY BY FBI AGENTS PROBING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF FORMER TEAMSTERS BOSS JAMES R. HOFFA.

CHARLES "CHUCKIE" O'BRIEN, HOFFA'S FOSTER SON AND A KEY FIGURE IN THE 11-DAY-OLD INVESTIGATION, EARLIER TOLD INVESTIGATORS HE USED THE CAR TO DELIVER A 40-POUND FROZEN SALMON TO THE WIFE OF A DETROIT TEAMSTERS OFFICIAL THE DAY HOFFA DISAPPEARED, AND THAT FISH BLOOD HAD LEAKED FROM THE PACKAGE.

AN FBI SPOKESMAN IN WASHINGTON, THOUGH REFUSING TO CONFIRM THE BLOOD SAMPLES HAD BEEN FLOWN THERE FOR EXAMINATION, SAID IT "NORMALLY TAKES FROM 36 TO 48 HOURS" TO ANALYZE A STAIN TO DETERMINE ITS SOURCE AND CHEMICAL MAKEUP.

FBI OFFICIALS IN DETROIT SCHEDULED THEIR FIRST NEWS CONFERENCE ON THE INVESTIGATIONS FOR 2 P.M. MONDAY.

O'BRIEN, NOW HONEYMOONING IN WEST MEMPHIS, ARK., TOLD UPI THE FBI KNEW ABOUT THE BLOOD STAIN LAST WEDNESDAY WHEN HE SURFACED IN DETROIT FOR FOUR HOURS OF QUESTIONING. HE ACCUSED THE FBI OF "HARRASSING JOE" BY IMPOUNDING YOUNG GIACALONE'S 1975 MAROON MERCURY OVER THE WEEKEND.

"THE KID NEVER HAD A TICKET IN HIS LIFE," O'BRIEN SAID. "ALL THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO IS ASK HIM FOR THE CAR AND HE'D GIVE IT TO 'EM IN A MINUTE. THEY'RE JUST HARASSING JOE."

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GIACALONE'S FATHER, THE REPUTED KINGPIN OF DETROIT'S CRIME SYNDICATE, WAS ONE OF THREE MEN HOFFA REPORTEDLY SET OUT TO MEET AT A SWANK SUBURBAN RESTAURANT THE DAY HE DISAPPEARED.

O'BRIEN SAID "SOMEONE IN THE GOVERNMENT" WAS LEAKING INFORMATION ABOUT ANSWERS HE GAVE TO INVESTIGATORS AND MAKING HIM "LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT" BECAUSE THE FBI NOW IS INSISTING HE KEEP QUIET.

"I WAS SINCERE WITH THEM AND THEY WERE SINCERE WITH ME," O'BRIEN SAID. "THAT'S THE WAY I'VE ALWAYS BEEN. BUT NOW WITH ALL THIS INFORMATION FLYING AROUND IT PUTS ME IN A PAIR OF SCISSORS -- THEY'RE MAKING ME LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT -- BECAUSE I HAVE TO STAND THERE AND SAY 'NO COMMENT.'"

AN FBI SPOKESMAN IN DETROIT SAID THE NEWS CONFERENCE MONDAY WOULD "ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PILING UP" SINCE HOFFA'S DISAPPEARANCE JULY 30. SO FAR, FBI OFFICIALS HAVE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON ANY ASPECT OF THE INVESTIGATION.

MEANWHILE, HOFFA'S AILING WIFE, JOSEPHINE, HIS SON, JAMES P. HOFFA, 31, AND HIS SISTER, MRS. BARBARA CRANCER, OF ST. LOUIS, MO., KEPT A VIGIL AT THE FAILED TEAMSTER CZAR'S SUMMER HOME AT LAKE ORION, 40 MILES NORTHWEST OF DETROIT.

"WE'RE HOLDING UP ALL RIGHT," MRS. CRANCER SAID. "WE'RE A STRONG FAMILY. WE'VE GONE THROUGH A LOT. BUT WE'LL MAKE IT."

REPORTS DURING THE WEEKEND INDICATED "TONY JACK" GIACALONE CALLED THE LUNCHEON MEETING AT THE PLUSH MACHUS RED FOX RESTAURANT TO ALLOW HOFFA TO "MAKE PEACE" WITH REPUTED NEW JERSEY CRIME FIGURE AND FORMER TEAMSTER OFFICIAL ANTHONY "TONY PRO" PROVENZANO.

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Seizure of Car Used by Hoffa's Foster Son Told

BY FRANCIS WARD
Times Staff Writer

DETROIT—The FBI Saturday seized a car that Charles L. (Chuckie) O'Brien, 41, James R. Hoffa's foster son and longtime confidant, had used on July 30, the day the former Teamsters president disappeared, a source close to the federal investigation disclosed.

The 1975 Mercury belonged to Joseph (Joey) Giacalone, son of reputed high-ranking Mafia figure Anthony (Tony Jack) Giacalone, one of three men with whom Hoffa was to have met the afternoon he disappeared. O'Brien has admitted that he borrowed the car that day.

The vehicle was seized about 3 a.m. Saturday at Joseph Giacalone's apartment in suburban St. Clair Shores.

Bloodstains were found on the front seat of the car, the source said, and the FBI is flying a team of specialists to Detroit from its crime lab in Washington to determine if the stains are human blood.

O'Brien has told the FBI that the stains were from a salmon he delivered on July 30 to the home of Robert Holmes Sr., a Teamsters international vice president and highest-ranking Teamster officer in Michigan.

O'Brien said he had removed some of the blood from the car with a paper towel and had driven to Jax Car Wash, where he said he had asked attendants to "clean it up for me before it dried and started to stink."

But the manager of the car wash, Joe Spitz, said, "No way. No way did anybody come out and ask us to get blood off the seat of a car."

Spitz said the FBI had checked his records for that day and "there was no way we recorded a Mercury or anything like that."

Holmes could not be reached for comment, bur investigators have verified that O'Brien did deliver a fish to Holmes' house on July 30.

The FBI, which is using most of its 275 agents in Michigan on the Hoffa case, is investigating at least three major theories about motives that could have led to Hoffa's abduction:

—Fear among Detroit-area Mafia figures that Hoffa might have disclosed damaging information to a federal grand jury in a recent appearance.

—The bitter dispute with his former ally and friend, Frank E. Fitzsimmons, the current Teamsters international president, that has developed because of Hoffa's determined efforts to oust Fitzsimmons and retake the Teamsters' helm.

—The enmity that has developed between Hoffa and another former ally, Anthony (Tony) Provenzano,

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former New Jersey Teamsters boss, who served time with Hoffa in the Lewisburg, Pa., federal prison. Provenzano, it is believed, suspects that Hoffa may have given prison authorities information that either helped extend Provenzano's time in prison or caused him difficulty when there.

Investigators believe Provenzano threatened Hoffa at least once when he got out of prison.

Hoffa's son, James P. Hoffa, has told investigators that Provenzano ranks high among those who might want to do his father harm. However, one source says that Provenzano is not one of three men with whom Hoffa was to have met shortly before he dropped out of sight.

Federal investigators believe that the three men were Anthony Giacalone, his brother, William Vito, and Leonard Schultz, a Detroit labor consultant with long ties to the Teamsters as well as an extensive criminal record.

The Giacalone brothers have reputations as musclemen. Anthony Giacalone has been indicted for income tax evasion and on federal charges in connection with a kickback scheme to defraud a medical plan covering Teamsters members in Michigan.

In a meeting between Hoffa and the Giacalone brothers around the middle of July, one source said, Hoffa was asked—but refused to disclose—what union records federal investigators had subpoenaed in connection with the indictment.

It is not certain that Hoffa actually knew the answer, but his refusal to give the Giacalones the information is believed to have angered his longtime friends.

Investigators theorize that Anthony Giacalone may have suspected that Hoffa was bargaining with the Department of Justice for a favorable recommendation in connection with Hoffa's suit to remove legal restrictions barring him from union activity until March, 1980. The restriction was part of former President Richard M. Nixon's order commuting Hoffa's 13-year sentence in 1971. Hoffa served 4½ years for mail fraud and jury tampering.

Hoffa's appeal is before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., which is expected to rule on the case sometime soon.

However, Hoffa's lawyer, Leonard Boudin of New York, said earlier this week that the court would not rule as long as Hoffa was missing.

It was known to all of Hoffa's close friends and associates that his overriding passion since he got out of prison was to retake the Teamsters presidency. He was said to be optimistic about his chances for a favorable ruling by the appeals court.

However, an old friend, Arthur King, president of Teamsters Local 285 in Detroit, says Hoffa "was always optimistic when expecting a court ruling, regardless of how many adverse rulings had come down before."

Fitzsimmons was Hoffa's handpicked successor when Hoffa went to prison in 1966. Fitzsimmons had been a vice president and business agent of Hoffa's home local, 299 in Detroit, when Hoffa was president of the local. "Fitz," as he is called, later became an international vice president and was expected to be a Hoffa "stand-in" as Teamsters International president until Hoffa got out of prison.

However, once in office, Fitzsimmons grew to like the job and began to solidify his position, opposing any effort by Hoffa to retake the presidency.

King and other Teamsters sources say that Hoffa is still enormously popular with the Teamsters rank and file nationally. King says that if Hoffa got the restrictions on his union activity lifted and if he opposed Fitzsimmons at the Teamsters' 1976 national convention, "it would be a bitter battle, very bitter. I wouldn't predict who would win, but it would be very bitter."

King says he knows of no moves by either pro-Hoffa or pro-Fitzsimmons forces to line up support for either man in anticipation of a presidential contest next year.

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Fitz: I've No Idea Where Hoffa Is

Dallas, Aug. 9 (AP)—Teamsters President Frank Fitzsimmons denied today any knowledge of the whereabouts of former Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa, who has been missing since July 30.

"I have no idea where he is," Fitzsimmons said in an interview at the Canyon Creek Country Club golf course. "I couldn't guess."

Asked if he thought Hoffa was dead, Fitzsimmons said: "I don't want to comment on that. But he's been missing, what, 10 or 11 ddays now?"

Hoffa vanished in Detroit and has not been publicly heard from since.

"No Power Struggle

Fitzsimmons said there is "no power struggle in the union. How could there be? Hoffa isn't eligible to run for office anyway because of the restrictions on him ... You can be goddamned sure I'm going to be a candidate for president of this union."

Fitzsimmons said that he had been here for three day of discussions with regional Teamsters officials regarding relocations of th eunion's southern regional offices from Dallas to Miami, Fla.

Fitzsimmons denied reports of underworld involvement in Hoffa's disappearance.

"What would the underworld have to do with this? " he asked.

No Nixon Collusion

"Jimmy and I have been friends for 40 years. We've had our differences on philosophy, but there'sheennothingperson- b ut

but there's been nothing personal. No falling out. If we had, then, well, it would be different '..' Fitzsimmons said.

"I've been in touch in Jimmy and Barbara (Hoffa's children). No one from the FBI or anybody like that has contacted me. Not one of them has contacted me," he said.

The Teamster leader denied that there had been any collusion between Hoffa and President Nixon when Nixon obtained Hoffa's release from prison. "That's nonsense. Nixon was our best President. Ivoted for him. There was nothing under the table. I don't believe in being down on a guy just because somebody took a swipe at him. He was my friend, still is a good friend," Fitzsimmons said.

Fitzsimmons smiled, shook hands and suddenly broke off the interview, driving away alone in his golf cart. Minutes later he appeared in the club dining room where he loaded luch plate, grabbed a beer and joined several men.

Frank Fitzsimmons
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FBI Seizes Car in Hoffa Mystery

Detroit, Aug. 9 (AP)—FBI agents investigating the James R. Hoffa mystery made a pre-dawn seizure of an auto belonging to the son of a reputed Mafia kingpin today. Sources said the FBI sought to examine bloodstains on the car seat.

The car was driven the day Hoffa dropped from sight by Hoffa's foster son, Charles L. (Chuckie) O'Brien, who is a key figure in federal efforts to find the missing former Teamsters president.

Sources said O'Brien told the FBI he borrowed the car and was delivering fish to the home of a Teamsters official. Westinghouse Broadcasting said O'Brien told the FBI the stains on the car seat were dried fish blood.

Car at Crime Lab

The FBI refused to confirm or deny that it had the car, but sources close to the investigation confirmed that the FBI grabbed the auto and took it to a crime laboratory for analysis.

Several residents of an apartment complex told reporters that a group of FBI agents showed up at about 3 a.m. and took possession of a 1975 maroon car belonging to Joe Giacalone. He is the son of Anthony (Tony Jack) Giacalone, the alleged Mafia figure whom Hoffa said he was expecting to meet just before he vanished July 30.

O'Brien reportedly has told the FBI he was in the area where Hoffa was last seen at the time Hoffa vanished. He said he was driving the younger Giacalone's car.

Allegiance Shift Reported

He told reporters he was delivering a frozen salmon to the home of Robert Holmes, a Teamsters vice president who heads Local 337 in Detroit.

O'Brien, 41, reared from boyhood by Hoffa, is an international Teamsters organzer. Sources close to the investigation said recently that O'Brien has undergone a shift of allegiance from Hoffa to Hoffa's arch-rival, Teamsters President Frank Fitzsimmons.

O'Brien was questioned for 3½ hours Wednesday by the FBI.

Subpoenas Weighed

Earlier O'Brien had told reporters he was at the Southfield Athletic Club with Giacalone at the time was Hoffa last seen. O'Brien later said that was incorrect, and that he was driving Joe Giacalone's car.

The Justice Department was considering today whether to subpoena witnesses before a grand jury in a search for clues to Hoffa's disappearance.

Sources said Anthony Giacalone has refused to cooperate with the FBI in its investigation, and that Giacalone told agents to "get a subpoena" if they expected to talk to him.

U.S. Attorney Ralph Guy, who is considering gearing up grand jury proceedings in the Hoffa case, authoirzed the first related subpoina yesterday seeking a record of phone calls made from the Hoffa home.

Several investigators have said privately they believe Hoffa was kidnaped or killed to prevent his expected attempt to regain the Teamsters Union presidency next year. The theory is not backed up by known evidence, the investigators said.

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Blood in Car Not Hoffa's, Tests Reportedly Show

DETROIT (AP)—A possible lead in the James R. Hoffa disappearance evaporated Sunday when FBI tests showed that a stain on a car seat was not human blood, a source close to the investigation said.

The stain was in an automobile that had been driven the day of Hoffa's disappearance by his foster son, Charles (Chuckie) O'Brien, who said it had been caused by blood from a thawing 40-pound salmon he delivered that day to Teamsters Vice President Robert Holmes.

The FBI seized the car early Saturday and later ran a chemical analysis on the car seat. The source did not say whether the stain had been caused by salmon blood.

Authorities continued to work on the theory that Hoffa, president of the 2.2-million-member Teamsters Union from 1957 to 1971, had been kidnaped or killed to prevent him from making a comeback.

According to the theory favored by investigators, those responsible are either Teamsters or Mafia members who were concerned that Hoffa would unseat Frank E. Fitzsimmons from the union's top post.

O'Brien, 41, told FBI agents he had driven a car borrowed from the son of a reputed Mafia figure near where Hoffa was last seen 12 days ago and at about the time that Hoffa disappeared. The owner is Joe Giacalone, son of Anthony (Tony Jack) Giacalone, one of the men Hoffa had told his family he was to meet for lunch on the day he vanished.

The source said O'Brien continued to be a focus of the FBI inquiry. Sources say O'Brien had a falling-out with his foster father some time ago and aligned himself with Fitzsimmons.

The FBI in Detroit would not officially confirm the results of the bloodstain tests. But the FBI scheduled its first news conference in several days for this afternoon.

When told of the FBI's reported findings, O'Brien said, "That's pretty good." But he said he would withhold further comment until the bloodstain analysis had been announced officially.

O'Brien's story got further support when Seattle fish dealer Al Halela said he had shipped a 40-pound frozen salmon to Holmes two weeks ago. The fish arrived the day Hoffa was last seen.

Hoffa's son, James P. Hoffa, talked briefly to reporters at his father's lakeside home Sunday. "We are again running down many more leads which are coming in from all over the country," he said.

"Each piece is part of a puzzle which might lead to a solution of the abduction, or whatever it is. We're encouraged by some of the information. We know a lot more than we did two days ago. We hope something will be breaking soon."

Meanwhile, Fitzsimmons said he had no information regarding Hoffa's disappearance.

"I have no idea where he is," Fitzsimmons said in his first public remarks since Hoffa vanished. "I know nothing about what has happened to him."

Fitzsimmons was in Dallas over the weekend on union business and was found by reporters on the 18th hole of the Canyon Creek Country Club.

"I have talked to Barbara and Jimmy (Hoffa's daughter and son) but I haven't been contacted by anyone else. In the bottom of my heart I have the deepest sympathy for the family," he said.

Hoffa's friendship with Fitzsimmons spanned nearly 35 years but dissolved in bitterness almost overnight several years ago when Hoffa prepared to fight for Fitzsimmons' job.

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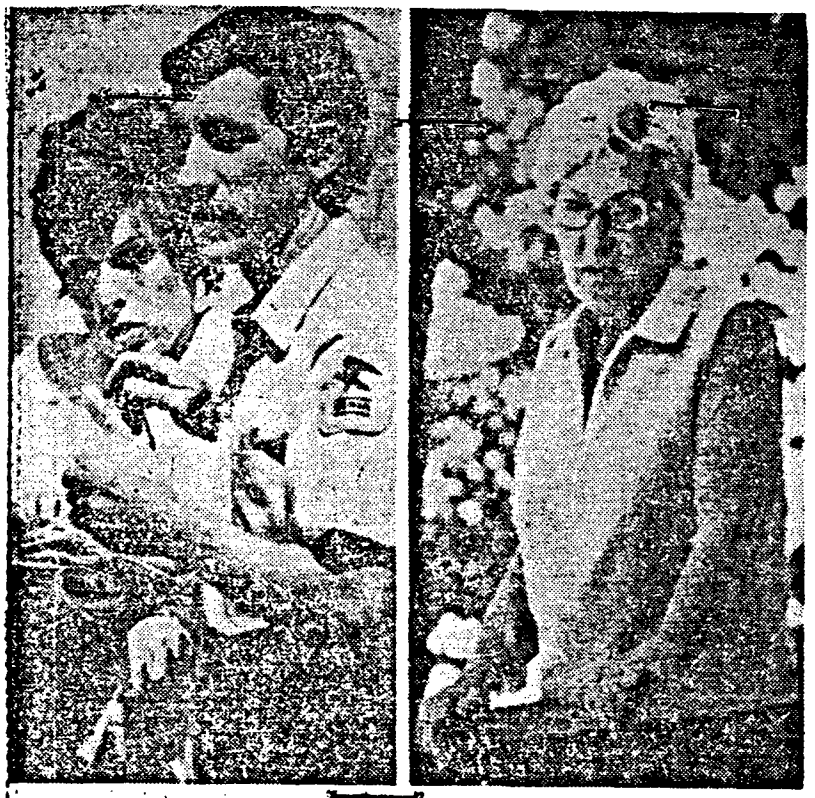

VIGIL—Josephine Hoffa, right, wife of missing man, stands on balcony of the family home in Lake Orion, Mich., as her daughter, Barbara Crancer, 37, signs for mail from postman Clinton Bresett.

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Hoffa Family Admits There's Some Bad News

The Detroit News

The family of James R. Hoffa has confirmed that an intensive nationwide police investigation into the 11-day-old disappearance of the former Teamsters leader has produced some bad news.

"We know an awful lot more than we did even two days ago," said Hoffa's son, Detroit attorney James P. Hoffa. "We're encouraged by some of the information."

Young Hoffa declined to reveal what had been learned but said the FBI is "again running down many more leads which are coming in from around the country, some good, some bad."

HIS REMARKS were made yesterday at a brief meeting with reporters, his first since Thursday at his parent's home in Orion Township.

"There is no definitive answer," young Hoffa said. "We'll have to wait and let the authorities take their course."

A federal source, meanwhile, said officials have ruled out a theory that stains found in a car used by a Hoffa associate on the day Hoffa disappeared, July 30, were human blood.

The source said that conclusion was reached after analyses by FBI chemists in Washington of scrapings taken from the car which belongs to Joseph Giacalone of St. Clair Shores, just north of Detroit.

FBI officials in Detroit late yesterday refused to comment on results of the laboratory test.

FEDERAL AGENTS using a search warrant seized the car from Giacalone's apartment parking lot Saturday morning and sent specimens of materials, fibers and blood flakes to Washington.

Giacalone is the son of Anthony (Tony Jack) Giacalone, who was one of three men Hoffa's family and friends said he believed he was to meet at a Bloomfield Township restaurant on the day he disappeared. The other two were New Jersey Teamster's leader Anthony (Tony Pro) Provenzano, and Detroit labor consultant Leonard Schultz.

All three have denied setting the meeting or seeing Hoffa on that day.

Young Giacalone's car had been driven by Charles (Chuckie) O'Brien the day Hoffa vanished from the parking lot of a restaurant.

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"If this is somehow involved with the mob, would they use someone like O'Brien as a go-between?" a federal source responded to a query.

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The Hoffa family continued to maintain their vigil at the Hoffa Orion Township lakefront home yesterday while a stream of sightseers drove past.

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AL HALELA said he shipped the salmon at the end of July to Holmes. He said the fish was purchased by Arnie Weinmeister, president of Teamsters Joint Council 28 in Seattle.

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But at a less exalted level, Teamster affairs have been marked by the same thuggery, misuse and dubious investment of millions of dollars of the members' money and ubiquitous underworld connections that produced the revelations of almost two decades ago. Recent investigations involve the same Central States pension fund that Hoffa was convicted of looting. Beatings, bombings and shootings have characterized recent union feuding in Detroit and environs.

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The teamsters in Kansas City have a history of violence, and several leaders have been convicted of criminal conduct. Roy Lee Williams, now in his 50's, is an international union vice president and one of the eight union members on the pension fund board of trustees.

He twice has been acquitted of charges of embezzlemen of union funds. Floyd Hayes, Mr. Williams's predecessor as the chief teamster officer in Kansas City, was convicted of such charges in 1964 in a trial in which Mr. Williams was acquitted.

While Mr. Hayes was awaiting sentence he became a Government informer. Fearful for his life, he rigged his car so it could be started from a distance with an electronic signal. As she stood outside the car on the night of June 11, 1964, Mr. Hayes was shot down by a shotgun blast by a masked man who then stood over him and fired again.

Two witnesses, under hypnosis, gave descriptions of Mr. Hayes's killers that fit two known professional gangland killers. No other evidence existed and no attempt was made to bring the men described to trial.

Mr. Williams succeeded to full control of the teamsters in the area. In 1957, when Mr. Hoffa was elected president of the Teamsters, Mr. Williams was chief of the convention credentials committee. The Senate Labor Rackets Committee has estimated that more than half the delegates permitted to vote were elected in violation of union rules.

The government suffered dismissal of its 1974 charge of keeping false union records against Mr. Williams rather than submit to a court order to turn over the grand jury transcript to the defense. In its refusal to comply, the Government cited the murders of Floyd Hayes and Sol Landie, the latter a witness in an investigation of Nicholas Civella, front figure for the Mafia in Kansas City.

"The United States has an inescapable duty to do everything within its power to prevent another Sol Landie or Floyd Hayes tragedy," the Government said in a written plea to the court.

Pension Fund Tainted

In a cryptic interview in Chicago, Matt Lydon, an Assistant United States Attorney, said that the taint of organized crime ran through pension fund transactions involving millions of dollars in cases he had prosecuted.

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The color snapshot showed Hoffa standing behind a man in a wheelchair at the rear of an automobile. The picture arrived at the Detroit bureau of UPI in an envelope mailed Sunday from OOrland, Fla. It contained no message.

In Orlando, attorney Ed Kirkland said today that he believed the second man in the picture was C. Monroe Lerman, an Orlando businessman who is confined to a wheelchair.

Met Before July 30

Kirkland said that Lerman met with Hoffa some time before Hoffa disappeared on July 30 to discuss formation of a national union for hanicapped persons. Florida teamsters officials said that Hoffa was in Orlando on April 12 to make a speech on prison reform.

There was no indication as to the identity of the person who mailed the picture.

Hoffa's son, attorney James P. Hoffa, said that he received the picture today, and that it was mailed in the same way as the photo sent to UPI.

An "Old Picture"

"I think it was strictly an old picture and why anyone would want to do this to our family is beyond me," Hoffa said. "I think they mailed this picture to people all over the country, but I have no idea why they did it."

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Photo showing Jimmy Hoffa pushing man in wheelchair was received by United Press International's office in Detroit.

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Know Your Enemies

Jimmy Hoffa used to say that the mob could make or break you. Jimmy took no chances. He always played with the mob. Theirs was a mutual assistance pact, sealed often in other people's blood and money. Of course, Jimmy was not the only one that operated on that philosophy. Sometimes, directly, as he did, other times through interlocking agents or relationships which brought with them fear, the threat of violent retaliation or friendly accommodation.

But always the key was power. As Aristotle once observed, friendship is possible only among equals. When Jimmy was Teamsters president, he could command the respect of the mob and it could rely on him for multi-million dollar favors out of Teamsters pension funds. When Jimmy finally went to prison and was no longer president of the Teamsters, he became an irksome character who was rocking what had become a perfectly satisfactory friendship between his successor and one-time henchman, Frank Fitzsimmons, and some of the same criminal characters who were Jimmy's pals.

Mr. Herling writes frequently on labor topics for these pages.

Last November, Hoffa explained in an hour-long documentary over the ABC network, in which I participated, that "you develop a relationship with them (hoodlums), to where you don't interfere with them and they don't interfere with your business. We make it our business, and a man who is head of a union is a fool if he doesn't, to know who are your potential enemies." Famous last words.

The plain fact is that Mr. Fitzsimmons is now in a position to implement Hoffa's rule for survival as a Teamsters Union president. Jimmy was trying to claw his way back to replace Fitzsimmons, by legal hook or common crook, and he has now slipped away from us to places, thus far, unknown.

Sometimes unions are lucky to disengage from entanglements, as witness the case of the United Steelworkers, when David McDonald was president until 1965. Starting at least 10 years before that, he had developed a relationship, among others, with Robert A. Maheu, later a top aide to Howard Hughes. Maheu has just testified before Sen. Frank Church's committee that he helped arrange, through his CIA-Mafia connections, for a "contract" to kill Fidel Castro, with the mobsters John Rosselli and Sam Giancana, the latter murdered in gangland style in Chicago a few weeks ago.

But what did not come out, perhaps it was not relevant to this committee's immediate task, was Mr. Maheu's association with Mr. McDonald in a different connection.

In the middle 1950s, feeling politically insecure, Mr. McDonald had set up, under the direction of his then vice president, Howard Hague, a "ministry of fear" directed against the union staff, whose loyalty he doubted. Maheu and his associates would stalk around the union offices, interview the staff, photograph them, ask questions, take notes, and generally scare the hell out of them. Telephones were tapped, including the home phone of I. W. Abel, then the union secretary-treasurer. Maheu was an ex-FBI man, (his CIA connection was not even thought about, but his professional acquaintance with the mobsters was talked about) and he brought with him an aura of authority and a threat of retaliation. He was an unusual phenomenon in the life of this union. For McDonald, he was a security blanket, but a misery for most of the union staff.

Finally Mr. Abel wearied of all this and challenged Mr. McDonald for the presidency in a regular union election. Maheu and his associates were brought in to handle McDonald's "dirty tricks" department. At one time, returning

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unexpectedly to his hotel, Abel judged that his room had been "checked out" by either Maheu himself or a Maheu hand. Apparently leaving in a hurry, the operative had dropped an airplane ticket envelope with "Maheu" marked on it.

During that campaign, the McDonald headquarters piled up thousands of dollars in debts for Maheu's services, for which Maheu began demanding payment forthwith. When that election of 10 years ago was completed, McDonald worked desperately to challenge Abel's victory. Again McDonald got Maheu and his associates to plan a program of investigation in key union locals where Maheu might have had rewarding contacts. This was an expensive project and by that time Mr. McDonald no longer had access to large sums of union cash. So the latest of his Maheu operations had to be dropped.

There is, of course, a difference in the situations involving these two unions. In the case of the Steelworkers Union, a new leadership was emboldened to swerve from a path, not of its making, which might have led to disaster, for the organization and its membership. In the case of the Teamsters Union, ~~it is~~ still deeply enmeshed in its mob relations.

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Jimmy Hoffa testifies before the Senate Labor Rackets Committee in 1959.

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Justice May Probe Teamsters Fund

By Orr Kelly
Washington Star Staff Writer

The federal government is slowly gearing up for a possible major investigation of the scandal-ridden $1 billion Teamsters union pension fund.

But Justice Department sources said that such an investigation — if it comes — will be separate from the current inquiry into the disappearance of former Teamster president James R. Hoffa.

A federal grand jury in Detroit will begin hearings into the Hoffa disappearance on Sept. 2, but Justice sources said the grand jury would center "strictly on Hoffa . . . a narrow look at the Hoffa case."

However, there have been discussions among Justice and Labor Department officials and the Internal Revenue Service about a broad investigation of the Teamsters' Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund — as well as possible investigations of other pension funds.

THE TEAMSTERS fund and persons associated with it have been investigated before, and several persons have been tried and convicted of offenses related to their work with the pension fund. But one major investigation which led to the indictment of seven men for defrauding the fund ended, after a two-month trial, with the acquittal of all of them in Chicago on April 10.

Because of that experience — a trial in which the government was blocked from presenting much of its potentially most damaging evidence — federal officials are cautious about moving in with another major investigation, which would cost millions of dollars and tie up a small army of investigators, auditors and lawyers.

Since the earlier investigation began, however, a new pension reform law has gone into effect. On paper, at least, it gives the government more power to protect members of pension funds.

But a Labor Department office set up to administer the new law under the direction of former Justice Department lawyer James Hutchinson is still in the process of getting organized. It has only a dozen persons in its Washington office and 60 more in offices around the country. Although there are plans to increase the staff of the office, it will be months before there can be any significant increase.

A LABOR Department source said Hutchinson and Labor Secretary John Dunlop had discussed the possibility of a probe of the Teamster fund, but that Hutchinson had then been told not to talk about it publicly.

If such an inquiry is ordered, it was learned, it will rely on investigators from Hutchinson's office, backed up by Internal Revenue Service investigators and lawyers from Justice Department's Criminal Division.

Both Justice and Labor sources said it was unlikely the FBI — which is handling the federal part of the Hoffa investigation — would become involved in the pension fund probe. They said the FBI traditionally avoids teaming up with other federal investigators and that the FBI is still learning how to deal with white collar crime and has relatively few agents trained to handle complicated financial manipulations such as those involved in operations of the Teamster fund.

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Grand Jury Probe of Hoffa Case Being Delayed Until Next Month

New York Times News Service

DETROIT — A federal grand jury investigation, said by investigators to represent the best hope of solving the mystery of the disappearance of James R. Hoffa, former Teamsters' union president, has been delayed unexpectedly until at least after Labor Day.

There was no immediate explanation. Federal prosecutors had hoped to force testimony from witnesses who have refused to give statements to the FBI.

A knowledgeable source said that prosecutors were still wading through thousands of reports already filed on the case, which is being investigated by more than a hundred agents of the FBI and the local and state police in Michigan.

SEVERAL prosecutors said in Detroit more than a week ago that they planned to call major suspects before a sitting grand jury this week in an effort to get them to make statements or to clarify statements already made.

There was speculation that the grand jury investigation had been postponed because the government is still not sure that a crime was committed when Hoffa disappeared on July 30, and therefore has nothing to take to a grand jury.

Prosecutors had planned to grant limited immunity from prosecution if necessary. Witnesses who refuse to testify after being granted immunity can be jailed for contempt.

Most of the agents investigating the case are said to believe that Hoffa was killed on orders from organized crime leaders because he was trying to regain control of the Teamsters, the most powerful and richest labor union in the country.

The U.S. attorney's office in Detroit has not said whom it planned to call before the grand jury if it does take testimony. A source close to the investigation said, however, that Anthony J. Giacalone, an organized crime figure in Detroit and Florida, and Charles L. O'Brien, Hoffa's foster son, were still considered key figures in the inquiry.

THE grand jury investigation, which is being overseen by the Justice Department in Washington, will be made by a panel called originally to investigate organized crime in Michigan.

Justice Department officials had agreed to use that grand jury to help to investigate Giacalone, a 56-year-old reputed leader of the Mafia, after he refused to make a statement to the FBI. Sources said that although Giacalone had made statements to local investigators and to newsmen, he told FBI agents through his attorney "to get a subpoena," if they wanted to talk to him.

The two men described as key figures in the case, Giacalone and O'Brien, have both dropped out of sight.

An FBI spolesman said that Giacalone's whereabouts could be established if necessary.

O'Brien, who was on a belated honeymoon up until the time of Hoffa's disappearance, showed up in Boston last week at a convention of the warehousemen's division of the Teamsters union. He appeared at the side of Frank E. Fitzsimmons, Hoffa's successor as president of the union.

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Jimmy's Bloody Shirt:
Hoffa's Scandals Hang Over '76 Presidential Campaign as He Did During '72

NEW YORK -- Alive and dead the short shadow of Jimmy Hoffa has loomed long over national presidential politics. It will be no different in '76 than it was in '72. Hoffa's bloody wraith will be draped over the coming campaign as was his numbered prison garb in the last two years of Dick Nixon's final full term.

It seems to have been always thus with the teamsters ever since the long forgotten, late, white--maned truckdrivers' chief Dan Tobin kicked off Franklin Delano Roosevelt's fourth-term drive in 1944.

Today, presidential politics is swiveling crazily atop Hoffa's new "autobiography." In its pages and Omerta (silence) smashing jargon could well be the answer to Jimmy's murder. His words are his own epitaph.

Hoffa's manuscript has been available for about a year. Its contents became less and less a secret as it was offered to publisher after publisher. In it he refers to mob-tied Mafia-linked local union officials, and -- to use a word -- squeals on them as labor

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racketeers. There is even a reference to one local leader who for a very long time has run with the boss and underbosses of the "family" of the late Tommy (Three Finger Brown) Luchese.

In this gang were Hoffa's intimate friends, such as Johnny Dio, Carmine Tramunti, et al. Thus Hoffa turned on the Mafia itself. He didn't just lash out at his enemies in the teamster hierarchy.

But today I'm not playing cops and robbers. That's for the FBI. What Hoffa's disappearance and his book's appearance have done is to complicate White House politics the year before the '76 election just as his messages from a Lewisburg (Pa.) penitentiary cell did in the year before the '72 election. Then as now he appeared to make the 2.2-million-member Teamsters Brotherhood political support an embarrassment.

And then as now the White House incumbent needed -- and needs -- the Teamsters as a political labor base. Few appear to recall that during the early months of 1971, Dick Nixon, Charles (Chuck) Colson and others of the inner political attack group believed they would be "running against George Meany." They believed that

AFL-CIO's politically shrewd and organizationally powerful chief would hurl the entire AFL-CIO against Nixon in 1972. And they believed the Democratic presidential candidate would be either Sen. Ted Kennedy or Ed Muskie. That's why the "hide-away" attack group tried to whip up a battle between Kennedy and Muskie.

So the Nixon strategists looked to the big Teamsters union as the labor base needed by any presidential candidate. Incidentally, more than a year later, when George McGovern realized Meany was trying to crunch him, the South Dakotan actually considered auto union chief Leonard Woodcock, until the last hour, as a possible vice presidential running-mate. The union label is vital in politics. Even Gov. George Wallace has gone for it.

But back to 1971: In April and May that year, emissaries to Jimmy Hoffa's prison cell told the cocky bantam that he'd have to resign his Teamsters presidency if he wanted his freedom. In the spring of that year Hoffa resigned and named Frank Fitzsimmons his successor. As incumbent, Fitz would have no opposition for reelection at the Teamsters' July '71 convention. And

Hoffa believed that as soon as he was out he'd again run the union.

But he overlooked the political implications. Hoffa not only had been freed to make way for what he thought was a Fitz holding operation: he was released at Christmas time, 1971, because Dick Nixon just could not have accepted the endorsement of a union whose president was in the federal pen. Or whose ex-president, as an ex-con, would actually be the Teamsters president in all but name.

So one day while kicking all this around Dick Nixon decided he would hook a condition on Hoffa's commutation by banning him from "direct or indirect" labor activity or management until March, 1980.

Counsel John Dean and assistant (for covert operations) Chuck Colson thought it was a great idea -- but it was Nixon's originally.

Hoffa agreed to get lost. Some say he accepted the ban in writing. But he didn't get lost. He got killed. And he got published.

Now the White House has a dose of Nixon's dilemma. Jerry Ford needs official teamster endorsement. With it

would come money, manpower and almost 1,000 locals. President Ford knows that Meany is gearing up the machinery for an all-out battle to help the Democrats recoup the White House after these eight long cold years. Where else can Jerry Ford get a labor base and a meaningful labor committee? Where else can he get national labor representation on a body such as the White House Labor-Management Committee, from which miners' president Arnold Miller has just resigned?

Suppose, as Meany did during the Pay Board days, Meany pulls out the AFL-CIO members? This would leave only two labor independents, Woodcock and Fitzsimmons. The auto leader is even more strongly anti-Ford than Meany. He'd likely follow. And if Fitzsimmons also walked, then Jerry Ford would have to go presidential hat in hand seeking labor unknowns.

It would be thus during the political campaign itself. The teamsters still appear to be Mr. Ford's hope for a labor campaign base. But Hoffa has thrown the book at him -- and at his political strategists. It seems like the little man just won't get lost.

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Bigger Than 'Jimmy'?
Federal Probers See Teamsters' Presidency
No Motive in Hoffa's Killing

WASHINGTON -- Truly deep inside the Justice Department, where criminal intelligence is quietly analyzed, the belief is that the solution to Jimmy Hoffa's murder is in the timing of "the hit." Thus virtually no one of consequence in the FBI-Justice Department Criminal Division infrastructure believes that Hoffa's assassination is directly tied to his power-motivated craving for the Teamsters Brotherhood presidency.

"It's all in the timing," I was told. "We solve that, we've got it made. Why was he killed when he was?"

Further, the investigators are searching for another dead body and are expecting another killing. The first would be one of the trio in on the actual slugging and shooting. The other, they say, could be Hoffa's old bodyguard Chuck O'Brien, "who knows too much for somebody's comfort but not enough really to wing us in."

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And if any such violence occurs, my source adds, "We'll break the case since you can wager that one or two of the others will run scared, send a lawyer in secretly to negotiate for a chunk of that big $250,000 reward and get us to change his identity. Happens frequently, but we will break the case."

Now first, the timing: the Teamsters' presidency is a foregone conclusion. Incumbent Frank Fitzsimmons can't be stopped. Hoffa could just not have developed the eligibility to run. There was no such thing as a favorable court of appeals decision "about" to come down which would have produced such eligibility.

Hoffa was in court on the constitutionality of the presidential conditioned commutation of sentence which kept him out of labor affairs "directly or indirectly." The court of appeals has been considering whether to refer his case back to the district court for a hearing or a new trial on the constitutionality issues. Nothing the court of appeals could have decided would have wiped out the presidential ban on Hoffa's labor activity.

And, if Hoffa had lost in the court of appeals as he did quite a while ago in the district court, he

would have had to go to the Supreme Court. If he had won, he would have had to wait for the lower court to get his case on the calendar. Then after a long while there would have been a long trial. He would have won or lost. But then either he or the Justice Department, acting for the President, would have taken the case back to the court of appeals and finally back up to the Supreme Court.

This would have taken several years, as have Hoffa's cases in the past. Further, his little known second commutation appeal, "pending" with the U.S. Pardon Attorney, had not yet been acted on or investigated. The Pardon Office was waiting for a final court decision before it moved on Hoffa's parallel petition for a full unconditioned commutation. Eventually this would have had to go to Atty. Gen. Levi and finally to the President.

And by that time the next round of elections of Teamster convention delegates in February, March or April would have been over, since the national conclave is set for next June in Las Vegas.

Hoffa could not have grabbed for Teamsters'

presidential power through a "nominee" or a "surrogate" because virtually all sections of the brotherhood have officially endorsed Frank Fitzsimmons and Murray "Dusty" Miller for reelection as general president and secretary--treasurer respectively. This includes all four "conferences" (Western, Central, Southern and Eastern), and many of the big union's eight trade divisions such as warehouse, over the road, local cartage etc., and many district councils. And the key regional local leaders.

So, if the Teamsters' presidency wasn't the prize, what was it, the Justice Department people ask. There are, of course, the multi-million-dollar wheeling and dealing and finders' fees swirling around the $1.4 billion Chicago-based Central States, Southeast and Southwest pension fund. Hoffa was brain deep in that. But the fund has been more thoroughly investigated than anything since John Kennedy's assassination (which brought so much satisfaction to Hoffa that he threatened to maul the two officials who shut down the Teamsters Washington national headquarters and put the

flag at half-mast the afternoon of Nov. 22, 1963, when Jimmy was national president but in Florida at the moment).

Actually these probes have produced exciting investigative copy but few convictions, because until recently there just hasn't been any tough pension protection law. There is now under the new Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). But its security staff is still small. Good auditors at federal salaries are hard to recruit.

So it will be quite a while before ERISA agents dig into the mammoth pension fund. Take it for granted that anything Hoffa could have leaked on this would either have gotten him into trouble -- or was information the authorities and many newsmen already knew.

So what was it at the very moment of the "hit" which so desperately disturbed the Mafia that its national commission approved Hoffa's assassination? At this minute no one in the highest government circles -- including the White House, which has been pushing for an answer -- really knows. And in the words of one meditative Justice Department executive: "It could be

even a bigger story than Hoffa's disappearance. After all he's just another of those who lay down with street dogs and get up with fleas. Only he didn't get up."

So, why was he killed when he was?

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Found Gun in Giacalone Car, FBI Discloses

BY BRYCE NELSON
Times Staff Writer

DETROIT—Joseph (Joey) Giacalone, whose automobile the FBI believes was used to facilitate the abduction of James R. Hoffa, failed again Wednesday to force the FBI to return his 1975 maroon Mercury after the disclosure that a shotgun was found in the car.

An FBI affidavit filed this week with the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals states that the agents found a Remington Wingmaster .12 gauge pump-type shotgun and 24 shotgun shells. The shotgun was test-fired by the FBI, according to the affidavit signed by special agent James C. Esposito.

The pellets in the shotgun shells in Giacalone's automobile "should be retained for comparison in the event that Mr. Hoffa's body is recovered and found to contain shotgun pellets," the FBI affidavit stated.

U.S. Dist. Judge Thomas P. Thornton said that he would rule Friday on Giacalone's motions to quash a grand jury subpoena of the automobile, but indicated in court that he was skeptical about arguments put forth by Giacalone's lawyer, N. C. Deday Larene.

Last week, another federal judge had ordered the FBI to return the automobile to Giacalone, saying that its search warrant was insufficient. The federal government then tried a new tactic to keep the automobile, issuing a grand jury subpoena of the car.

Robert C. Ozer, head of the Justice Department's Strike Force investigating Hoffa's disappearance, argued in court Wednesday that it was necessary to keep the car to conduct tests relating to Hoffa's disappearance.

The FBI affidavit stated that agents had taken several fingerprints and palm prints from Giacalone's car and from a soft drink bottle found under the front seat.

One of the fingerprints found by the FBI was that of Charles (Chuckie) O'Brien, Hoffa's foster son, who has said that he borrowed Giacalone's car on July 30, the day Hoffa disappeared, to deliver a 40-pound salmon to a Teamster official here.

The FBI, relying on information from the former Teamster president's son, James P. Hoffa, said that O'Brien had turned against James R. Hoffa in recent months and allied himself with Hoffa's union enemies, but was one of the few people whose automobile Hoffa would voluntarily enter.

The FBI said that three expert scent-tracking dogs had "detected the scent of James Riddle Hoffa" in Giacalone's automobile "specifically in the right rear seat area and in the trunk compartment."

The FBI has shipped the rear seat cushion, backrests and trunk carpeting to the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C., for tests which it says will not be completed until October.

Joseph Giacalone, the owner of the car, is the son of reputed Detroit Mafia figure Anthony J. (Tony Jack) Giacalone and the nephew of another man subpoenaed by the grand jury, Vito (Tony Jack) Giacalone.

Hoffa reportedly told people on July 30, the day of his disappearance, that he was meeting Anthony Giacalone and Anthony (Tony Pro) Provenzano in the early afternoon.

O'Brien, Anthony Giacalone, and Anthony Provenzano are reported to have invoked Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination before the grand jury.

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"This is a very hard case to crack," said one source close to the investigation. "This could be another Yablonski case but it's not like the Yablonski murder in the respect that Yablonski's murder was committed by a bunch of hillbillies with shotguns. Hoffa's killers were true professionals."

(United Mine Workers insurgent Joseph Yablonski was murdered in late 1969. UMW president W. A. (Tony) Boyle was linked with, and other UMW officials were later convicted of, hiring his murderers.)

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Hoffa Jury May Call 3 Others From Mafia

DETROIT — A federal grand jury may subpoena three more reputed mob figures, including the alleged Mafia boss of Detroit, in connection with the disappearance of ex-Teamsters president James R. Hoffa, according to sources close to the investigation.

The three are Joseph Zerilli, Raffaele (Jimmy Q) Quasarano and Peter Vitale. Vitale and Quasarano are acquaintances of Teamsters President Frank Fitzsimmons, according to Michigan law enforcement officials. Fitzimmons has not been subpoenaed.

Quasarano, identified in U.S. Senate testimony as an "administrator" in the Mafia, said he knew Hoffa, but not well. In 1963 Senate testimony, Zerilli was identified as the No. 1 Mafia figure in Detroit, although he has denied the accusation saying: "I've been in the bakery business for 36 years."

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Tales of Hoffa:
Carlo Gambino Did Not
Send the Mafia Courier

WASHINGTON -- For a while, the romanticists had it that Don Carlo Gambino, godfather of godfathers, had dispatched a courier to the Detroit and Chicago combines to get them off their duffs and go find Jimmy Hoffa alive or dead to prove that the syndicate doesn't go in for this sort of thing. The Mafia was getting a bad name what with word getting around that this was an organization hit of such a nice fellow.

Well, Don Carlo, relaxing quietly in his Massapequa, Long Island (N.Y.) shangri-la, did no such thing. To the boss of bosses, Hoffa and some of the latter's friends were upstarts making too many waves, spilling too many leaks and turning author too frequently. This just isn't Don Carlo's thing. Detective stories yes. Autobiographies no.

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And it wasn't the Mafia which was getting a bad name -- it was, and is, the federal government. It isn't the syndicate which is getting the heat. It's the government.

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And the hottest seat in town has been that of Michigan's Republican Senator with a future, 52-year-old Robert Griffin, co-author of the powerful 1959 Landrum--Griffin labor-management reporting and disclosure law. His constituency wants action on the Hoffa disappearance, and on the huge teamster $2.5 billion pension, health and welfare funds centralized in Chicago.

Griffin lunched with Frank (Fitz) Fitzsimmons, Teamsters general president. Nothing new. Fitz also conferred privately with New York Sen. Jack Javits, co-author of the pension reform act, known as "ERISA." Still nothing new.

On Sept. 27 Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, too, lunched with Fitz, who said he'd cooperate with any probe but wouldn't stand for any smear.

Finally Griffin decided that John Dunlop's Labor Department was too timid; that the Justice Department was too busy and time had come to call for a Senate select committee in the image of Arkansas elder statesman Sen. John McClellan's famed probe -- the one which sired two presidential candidates, John Kennedy and Barry Goldwater (both members of the old group).

Well, Dunlop isn't timid. He has a sort of science fiction talent for being opaque and transparent simultaneously. His Labor Department probers quietly are deep into the investigation of the vast Teamsters Central States, Southeast and Southwest Pension fund and interlocked health and welfare monies. These have paid out $2.5 billion in the past 14 years.

But it will take an additional 300 to 400 auditors and investigators. Dunlop doesn't have the money to hire them. Why? He's asked the White House to push it. No report of a further push. Why? If so it's all buried in Congress. Why?

Further, Dunlop has a passion for "due process" and is allergic to the investigative reporter. He's a devotee of the quiet probe. But timid he's not.

Neither is the Justice Department. FBI agents are neck deep in the Hoffa mystery. And in the pension--welfare-health investigation. But there must be some central strategy. How do you hit the fund? How does one determine the role of the 16 trustees who administer the funds?

These are the questions now being studied by the

coordinated "task force" meeting in Detroit, Chicago and here in the capital.

Should it be attempted on a criminal or civil basis? Either way the probe and grand juries treatment and possible trials would take four or five years. Would it be easier to prove criminal conspiracy or to go in for a search of possible civil violations of the trustees' fiduciary relationship?

And after all the howling, where is the manpower? Why, for example, was a crack team of Labor Department probers taken off investigations in the Florida office of the U.S. Labor Department and dispersed into other sections -- as some of them have charged?

How can the Justice Department-IRS-Labor Department task force prove that risky loans, bad loans, shady loans and even loans as huge as a combination of $200 million to one operator (now dead) were criminal violations?

Sure, lots of tough names have gotten their hands on loans. That's easy to trace -- the whole thing: the m bankruptcy, the quick deals, the incestuous Midwest crowd's skimmings which have been reported over the years.

Point is -- why haven't all these mysteries been

cracked before? Why have there been just two or three convictions, one of which was Hoffa himself, involving crooked deals? These stories have been in the public prints for years -- dollar by dollar, scheme by scheme, alleged fraud by alleged fraud.

The questions to be answered are: Why hasn't there been enough investigative manpower? Why hasn't John Dunlop's request for more money been rushed through? Why have the nation's 17 anti-organized crime Justice Department strike forces been held in leash? Why have their appropriations been squeezed?

So Sen. Griffin now wants some answers: Who was sufficiently powerful in the Midwestern combines to give a body movement assent to the hit on Hoffa? What about all the violence in and around Hoffa's home local 299, Detroit? Why hasn't the bureaucracy all the way up, up, up the line been more active?

Once and for all, the nation should know who actually controlled that money before the bookkeeping began adding up fiduciarily. Could be we might learn something politically.

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ADD HOFFA, DETROIT (UP-082)

OZER TOLD THE COURT, "THE FIRST WITNESS WILL IDENTIFY THEM (THE THREE MEN) AS ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER OF JAMES R. HOFFA."

THE OTHER WITNESS, HE SAID, SAW THE ABDUCTION.

OZER DID NOT IDENTIFY THE WITNESSES OR ELABORATE ON THEIR TESTIMONY.

THE THREE MEN, PLUS ANDRETTA'S BROTHER STEPHEN, WHO LIVES IN LITTLE FERRY, N.J., APPEARED BRIEFLY TODAY BEFORE A FEDERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATING THE HOFFA CASE. THEIR LAWYER SAID THEY ALL PLEADED THE FIFTH AMENDMENT.

THE BRIGUGLIO BROTHERS AND THOMAS ANDRETTA WERE ORDERED BY CHURCHILL TO APPEAR FOR AN IDENTIFICATION LINEUP IN OAKLAND COUNTY, WHERE HOFFA LIVED AND WHERE HE VANISHED.

OZER SAID THE SECOND WITNESS WOULD APPEAR AT THE LINEUP.

EARLIER THE FIVE MEN HAD FILED INTO AND OUT OF THE GRAND JURY ROOM. WITHIN 90 MINUTES, OZER APPEARED BEFORE CHURCHILL SEEKING AN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE LINEUP. HE SAID THE THREE MEN REFUSED TO TAKE PART VOLUNTARILY.

OZER DID NOT MENTION THE GOVERNMENT'S TWO WITNESSES UNTIL HE APPEARED IN THE COURTROOM, WHERE HE ALSO DISCLOSED WHY THE GOVERNMENT LINKED THE NEW JERSEY MEN WITH HOFFA.

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BY CHARLES W. BELL
DETROIT (UPI) -- FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAID THURSDAY THAT A WITNESS HAS IDENTIFIED THREE NEW JERSEY TEAMSTERS AS "ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS" IN THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER OF FORMER TEAMSTERS INTERNATIONAL BOSS JAMES R. HOFFA.
A SECOND WITNESS, OFFICIALS SAID, SAW THE ABDUCTION JULY 30 BUT DOES NOT KNOW THE IDENTITIES OF PERSONS INVOLVED.
"THE FIRST WITNESS WILL IDENTIFY THEM (THE THREE MEN) AS ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER OF JAMES R. HOFFA," ROBERT E. OZER, HEAD OF THE U.S. ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE TASK FORCE IN DETROIT, TOLD A FEDERAL COURT JUDGE.
THE JUDGE, JAMES P. CHURCHILL, GRANTED A GOVERNMENT REQUEST TO COMPEL THE NEW JERSEY TRIO TO APPEAR AT AN IDENTIFICATION LINE-UP SO THAT THE SECOND WITNESS CAN DETERMINE IF THEY ARE THE SAME MEN HE WATCHED MAKE THE ABDUCTION.
THE DEVELOPMENTS CAUSED A FUROR AND CAUGHT EVEN THE HOFFA FAMILY BY SURPRISE.
"IT CAME AS A SURPRISE TO ME," SAID HOFFA'S ONLY SON, DETROIT LAWYER JAMES P. HOFFA. "I THINK THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST OF SEVERAL REVELATIONS TO COME. I DON'T THINK THE FULL STORY IS OUT YET."
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FIGHTING
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BY CHARLES W. BELL
DETROIT (UPI) -- FEDERAL OFFICIALS SET THE STAGE TODAY FOR A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN AN UNIDENTIFIED WITNESS AND THREE NEW JERSEY TEAMSTERS HE SAID KIDNAPED AND KILLED FORMER TEAMSTERS INTERNATIONAL BOSS JAMES HOFFA.

THE MEETING WAS SET FOR SATURDAY AT AN IDENTIFICATION LINEUP ORDERED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE.

ROBERT OZER, HEAD OF THE U.S. ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE TASK FORCE IN DETROIT, SAID THURSDAY TWO MEN MAY HOLD THE KEY TO WHAT HAPPENED TO HOFFA.

ONE, HE SAID, WAS A MAN WHO SAID HE SAW THE ABDUCTION.

THE OTHER, OZER SAID, WAS A MAN WHO NAMED THE NEW JERSEY MEN AS PARTICIPANTS IN HOFFA'S ABDUCTION AND MURDER.

THE EXISTENCE OF BOTH WAS DISCLOSED THURSDAY WHEN OZER APPEARED IN A FEDERAL COURT SEEKING AN ORDER TO COMPEL THE NEW JERSEY TRIO TO APPEAR FOR THE LINEUP.

FEDERAL JUDGE JAMES CHURCHILL ORDERED THE LINEUP AFTER OZER TOLD HIM THE THREE MEN REFUSED TO TAKE PART VOLUNTARILY.

OZER SAID HE WOULD TAKE ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT IDENTIFICATION OF THE WITNESS.

HOFFA VANISHED JULY 30 FROM OUTSIDE A SUBURBAN DETROIT RESTAURANT. EVEN HIS FAMILY LONG AGO CONCEDED HE WAS SLAIN.

BUT OZER CREATED A STIR IN FEDERAL COURT WHEN HE DECLARED HOFFA WAS KIDNAPED AND MURDERED AND WHEN HE SAID A SECOND WITNESS HAD FINGERED THREE NEW JERSEY TEAMSTERS AS "ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS" IN HOFFA'S DISAPPEARANCE.

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"IT CAME AS A SURPRISE TO ME," SAID HOFFA'S ONLY SON, DETROIT LAWYER JAMES HOFFA. "I THINK THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST OF SEVERAL REVELATIONS TO COME. I DON'T THINK THE FULL STORY IS OUT YET."

OZER SAID SALVATORE BRIGUGLIO, 47, OF PARAMUS, N.J., BUSINESS AGENT FOR TEAMSTERS LOCAL 560 IN UNION CITY AND A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF ANTHONY "TONY PRO" PROVENZANO, FOR MANY YEARS THE PRESIDENT OF 560, WAS AMONG THE THREE NAMED AS THE ABDUCTORS AND KILLERS OF HOFFA.

THE DAY HOFFA VANISHED, HE TOLD HIS FAMILY, HE WAS MEETING PROVENZANO AND TWO OTHER MEN FOR LUNCH.

ALSO NAMED IN THE ABDUCTION AND KILLING WAS GABRIEL BRIGUGLIO OF EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J., A BROTHER OF SALVATORE AND A REPUTED MEMBER OF LOCAL 560. THE THIRD NAMED WAS THOMAS A. ANDRETTA, 38, HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, N.J., A REPUTED UNION ENFORCER LINKED BY POLICE SOURCES WITH JOSEPH "DAYONNE JOE" ZICARELLI, ALLEGED CRIME BOSS OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.

THE THREE, PLUS ANDRETTA'S BROTHER, STEPHEN, OF LITTLE FERRY, N.J., AND ROLLAND MCMASTER, A FORMER PRESIDENT OF HOFFA'S HOME LOCAL 299 IN DETROIT, APPEARED BRIEFLY BEFORE A FEDERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATING THE HOFFA CASE.

A LAWYER FOR THE FOUR NEW JERSEY WITNESSES SAID THEY ALL PLEADED THE FIFTH AMENDMENT AGAINST SELF-INCRIMINATION. MCMASTER SAID HE COOPERATED, BUT DID NOT DISCLOSE WHAT HE WAS ASKED.

THE NEW JERSEY WITNESSES WERE SUBPOENAED THIS WEEK AFTER FBI AGENTS SEARCHED THREE SITES IN NEW JERSEY. WHAT THE AGENTS FOUND -- IF ANYTHING -- WAS NOT DISCLOSED.

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Informer Names Teamster Aides 'As Active Participants'

By PHILIP WECHSLER

Three New Jersey Teamster Union officials reportedly were named by a government informer in Detroit yesterday as participating in the abduction-murder of James R. Hoffa, the former international Teamsters boss who disappeared without a trace last July 30.

Informed sources also told The News that documents seized by federal agents in New Jersey substantiated the details the informant gave federal prosecutors in Detroit.

The informant's identity was withheld, but the sources said he was from New Jersey.

The three teamster officials allegedly named by the informant were Salvatore Briguglio, 47, of Paramus, his brother, Gabriel, of Union City, and Thomas Andretta, 38, of Hasbrouck Heights.

The three men are affiliated with Teamsters Local 560 in Union City, which formerly was headed by Anthony (Tony Pro) Provenzano, a one-time Hoffa protege who later split with him.

Hoffa's family had said he told them that he planned to meet Provenzano the day he disappeared. Provenzano, of Clifton, who previously appeared before the Detroit grand jury, has denied any connection with Hoffa's disappearance.

In Detroit yesterday, Robert Ozer, head of the federal Organized Crime Strike Force there, said in open court that the informant "will identify them (the three New Jersey Teamsters) as active participants in the abduction and murder of James R. Hoffa."

Ozer also said the government has an eyewitness to the abduction of Hoffa.

The Briguglio brothers and Andretta were ordered by Federal Judge James Churchill to appear tomorrow in a lineup in suburban Oakland County, Mich.

The government also asked the judge to grant immunity from prosecution for Andretta's brother, Stephen of Fort Lee. But this motion was delayed until Stephen could obtain another lawyer.

Both pairs of brothers appeared before the grand jury in Detroit yesterday morning but, according to their attorney there, pleaded the Fifth Amendment.

Grabs Safe Deposit Box

On Tuesday night, FBI agents in Newark obtained search warrants and seized a file cabinet used by Salvatore Briguglio at the Local 560 office in Union City. The search warrant said agents were looking for two .38 caliber pistols equipped with silencers and various documents.

The FBI also was granted search warrants to seize contents of a safe dposit box in Union City that allegedly contained cash and papers connected to loansharking activities.

A third warrant was issued to the FBI in its search for the body of Armand Faugno, a longtime New Jersey racketeer, in a Jersey City garbage dump. However, the agents apparently have yet to execute that search.

The fast-breaking developments in New Jersey and Detroit this week apparently were sparked by the government informant's knowledge of Faugno who technically is listed as a fugitive from justice after he failed to appear in a counterfeiting trial more than two years ago. Two of his co-defendants in that case were Salvatore Briguglio and Thomas Andretta, both of whom subsequently pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge and served time in a federal prison.

Stephen Andretta reportedly was a one-time executive in Faugno's trucking firm in Hudson County.

Many Subpenaed

Meanwhile, the federal Organized Crime Strike Force in Newark issued a score of subpenas to New Jersey teamster officials who were hauled before a federal grand jury late yesterday afternoon. That grand jury reportedly is investigating the alleged misuse of Teamster pension funds.

Provenzano had once controlled those pension funds but his official connections with Local 560 were severed when he was convicted of extortion and served time in a federal prison with Hoffa, who had been convicted of jury tampering.

In addition to the Briguglios and the Andrettas, a fifth witness was called before the grand jury in Detroit yesterday. He was identified as Rolland McMaster, a former president of Hoffa's old Local 299 in Detroit and now a Teamsters International organizer who lives in Wilson, Mich.

McMaster said he did not know why he was subpenaed but that he cooperated fully.

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Jersey Teamsters official Salvatore Briguglio leaves Detroit grand jury hearing yesterday. He has been linked to Hoffa disappearance. —*Story on page 3*

Thomas (l.) and Stephen Andretta leave Federal Court in Detroit.

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DETROIT (UPI) -- FEDERAL SOURCES SAID TODAY THAT EARLY INDICTMENTS IN THE JAMES R. HOFFA DISAPPEARANCE CASE DEPEND LARGELY ON WHETHER A MYSTERY WITNESS RECOGNIZES THREE NEW JERSEY MEN AT A COURT-ORDERED IDENTIFICATION LINEUP.

"IF HE CAN IDENTIFY THEM," A FEDERAL INVESTIGATOR SAID, "WE MAY ASK THE GRAND JURY TO RETURN INDICTMENTS NEXT WEEK."

THE MYSTERY MAN, FEDERAL AUTHORITIES SAID, WITNESSED THE ABDUCTION OF THE FORMER TEAMSTERS BOSS ON JULY 30. THE LINEUP WAS SET UP, OFFICIALS SAID, TO SEE IF THE WITNESS CAN IDENTIFY THE THREE MEN AS HOFFA'S ABDUCTORS.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SOURCES IN JERSEY CITY, N.J., SAID TODAY THE FBI HAS BEEN SEARCHING A 47-ACRE LANDFILL AREA UNDER A HIGHWAY OVERPASS AS PART OF THE HOFFA INVESTIGATION.

THE FBI OBTAINED A SEARCH WARRANT TUESDAY TO CHECK THE DUMP FOR THE BODY OF ARMAND FAUGNO, A NEW JERSEY RACKETEER WHO VANISHED THREE YEARS AGO. THE LONG ISLAND, N.Y., NEWSPAPER NEWSDAY SAID FRIDAY FEDERAL SOURCES TOLD IT THE SEARCH FOR FAUGNO WAS A "SMOKESCREEN" IN THE FBI'S HUNT FOR HOFFA'S BODY.

THE LINEUP WAS ORDERED YESTERDAY BY U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE JAMES CHURCHILL. IT WAS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW IN OAKLAND COUNTY, WHERE HOFFA LIVED AND WHERE HE VANISHED.

ROBERT E. OZER, HEAD OF THE U.S. ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE TASK FORCE IN DETROIT, TOLD CHURCHILL A SECOND MYSTERY MAN NAMED THE THREE NEW JERSEY MEN AS "ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS" IN THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER OF THE FORMER TEAMSTER CHIEF.

THE TRIO WAS IDENTIFIED AS SALVATORE BRIGUGLIO, 47, OF PARAMUS, HIS BROTHER GABRIEL, 36; AND THOMAS ANDRETTA, 38, OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS.

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BY JUDI HASSON

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (UPI) -- THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF FORMER TEAMSTERS UNION BOSS JAMES HOFFA HAS LED THE FBI TO A SPRAWLING LANDFILL IN THE MARSHES NEAR THE HACKENSACK RIVER.

AN FBI SPOKESMAN SAID FRIDAY THE AGENCY HAS NOT BEGUN TO DIG AT THE SPRAWLING SITE UNDER THE PULASKI SKYWAY WHICH GOVERNMENT PROBERS BELIEVE COULD HAVE BEEN USED AS AN UNDERWORLD BURIAL GROUND.

HOWEVER, SOURCES CLOSE TO THE INVESTIGATION SAID THE FBI HAD BEEN OUT TO "LOOK AROUND" THE 47-ACRE MOSCATO'S DUMP. THEY OBTAINED A SEARCH WARRANT TUESDAY TO DIG FOR THE BODY OF ARMAND FAUGNO, A TEAMSTERS ASSOCIATE.

"YOU CAN BE SURE THEY (FBI AGENTS) HAVE BEEN OUT THERE," A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL SAID. "THE PROBLEM IS THEY COULD BE DIGGING FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS UNLESS THEY KNOW WHERE TO LOOK."

JAMES PAGANO, AN ENGINEER WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, SAID THE LANDFILL IS FOUR TO 12 FEET DEEP AND FILLED ALTERNATELY WITH ONE LAYER OF SOLID WASTE AND ONE FOOT OF DIRT.

THE ENTIRE AREA IS COVERED WITH TWO FEET OF CLEAN DIRT.

"THE LANDFILL HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SEVERAL YEARS SO THERE SHOULD BE SOME GROWTH ON THE TOP," SAID PAGANO. "IN MOST CASES, YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE IF THE AREA HAD BEEN DISTURBED BECAUSE THE VEGETATION IS DUG UP."

"THE FBI HAS BEEN SWARMING AROUND HERE FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS," SAID FRANK VIOLA, WHO WORKS AT THE A&T AUTO WRECKER CO. ADJACENT TO THE DUMP. "BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE DIGGING."

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JERSEY CITY, N.J. (UPI) -- A SEARCH FOR THE BODY OF FORMER TEAMSTERS UNION PRESIDENT JAMES R. HOFFA IS UNDER WAY HERE, ALTHOUGH FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT BEGUN DIGGING AT A SPRAWLING MARSHY LANDFILL ALONG THE HACKENSACK RIVER.

AN FBI SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AGENTS ASSIGNED TO KEEP WATCH OVER THE LANDFILL WERE CALLED OFF LATE SATURDAY. THE SPOKESMAN DID NOT KNOW IF AGENTS WOULD RETURN TO THE SITE AT A LATER DATE OR IF PLANS TO DIG UP THE SITE HAD BEEN ABANDONED ENTIRELY.

THE TERMINATION OF THE STAKEOUT CAME AFTER THREE NEW JERSEY TEAMSTERS WERE VIEWED IN A LINEUP IN PONTIAC, MICH., SATURDAY BY A GOVERNMENT WITNESS, WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN HOFFA'S ABDUCTION. FEDERAL OFFICIALS DECLINED TO DISCLOSE THE RESULTS OF THE LINEUP, BUT THE TRIO WAS NOT HELD ON ANY CHARGES.

THE LANDFILL HAD BEEN OPERATED BY PHILIP BERNARD MOSCATO OF JERSEY CITY BEFORE IT WAS CLOSED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. MOSCATO IS REPUTED TO HAVE UNDERWORLD CONNECTIONS.

THE AGENTS SEALED OFF THE AREA FRIDAY NIGHT AND WERE REPORTED INVESTIGATING REPORTS THAT HOFFA'S BODY HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED HERE IN A 55-GALLON DRUM FOLLOWING HIS DISAPPEARANCE IN MICHIGAN LAST JULY 30.

THE FBI IN NEWARK REMAINED TIGHT-LIPPED SATURDAY ABOUT ITS ACTIVITIES CONCERNING THE HOFFA DISAPPEARANCE AND SAID IN A TERSE STATEMENT ONLY THAT DIGGING HAD NOT BEGUN. IT SAID, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, THAT IT HAD NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO START DIGGING AT THE DUMP. IT REFUSED TO ANSWER ALL OTHER QUESTIONS.

A WARRANT WAS ISSUED BY U.S. MAGISTRATE WILLIAM HUNT IN NEWARK LAST TUESDAY FOR A SEARCH FOR THE BODY OF ALLEGED JERSEY CITY LOANSHARK ARMAND FAUGNO, WHO HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE DECEMBER 1972.

BUT SOURCES CLOSE TO THE HOFFA INVESTIGATION SAID THE AGENTS WERE ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR HOFFA'S BODY AT THE ABANDONED 37-ACRE LANDFILL WHICH STRETCHES FROM RTE. 1 TO THE EDGES OF THE HACKENSACK RIVER UNDER THE PULASKI SKYWAY.

"THE FAUGNO ANGLE WAS A SMOKESCREEN. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS THINK THERE'S A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT HOFFA IS THERE IN THE DUMP. IT'S LOGICAL. IT MAKES SENSE," ONE OFFICIAL WAS REPORTED AS SAYING.

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IN A COPYRIGHTED STORY TODAY, THE DETROIT NEWS QUOTED EAST COAST AUTHORITIES AS SAYING HOFFA AND PROVENZANO "PUNCHED IT OUT" IN A MIAMI HOTEL 19 MONTHS BEFORE HOFFA DISAPPEARED.
THE OFFICIALS SAID, ACCORDING TO THE NEWS, THAT THE FIGHT OCCURRED DURING "A BITTER ARGUMENT OVER TEAMSTERS POLITICS" AND ENDED WITH HOFFA HITTING PROVENZANO ON THE HEAD WITH A BEER BOTTLE.
THE NEWS SAID NEW JERSEY AUTHORITIES LEARNED OF THE NOVEMBER, 1973, FIGHT AT THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HOTEL WHILE INVESTIGATING AN INFORMANT'S TIP THAT PROVENZANO ONCE "HAD A CONTRACT" FOR HOFFA'S MURDER. HOWEVER, FBI AGENTS IN NEW JERSEY SAID THE ALLEGED CONTRACT "WAS CANCELED."
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DETROIT (UPI) --THE SEARCH FOR JAMES HOFFA, WITHOUT ANY SOLID LEADS SINCE THE FORMER TEAMSTERS BOSS DISAPPEARED NEARLY FOUR MONTHS AGO, SUDDENLY HAS BLOSSOMED ON TWO FRONTS.

AT PONTIAC, MICH., A MYSTERY WITNESS AGREED TO SURVEY A POLICE LINEUP TO SEE IF HE COULD IDENTIFY THREE MEN HE SAID HE SAW ABDUCT HOFFA.

FEDERAL SOURCES ALSO SAID THE FBI IS TRYING TO DETERMINE WHETHER HOFFA WAS SLAIN, PACKED INTO AN EMPTY BARREL AND TRUCKED TO NEW JERSEY FOR DISPOSAL IN A GANGLAND BURIAL GROUND.

HOFFA VANISHED JULY 30 AFTER TELLING HIS FAMILY HE PLANNED TO MEET THREE MEN FOR LUNCH AT A SUBURBAN DETROIT RESTAURANT.

AUTHORITIES SAID A MAN TOLD THEM HE SAW THREE MEN KIDNAP HOFFA WHILE A SECOND MAN, THEY SAID, TOLD THEM HE KNOWS THE NAMES OF THREE MEN WHO ABDUCTED AND MURDERED HOFFA.

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DETROIT (UPI) --THE SEARCH FOR JAMES R. HOFFA, WITHOUT ANY SOLID LEADS SINCE THE FORMER TEAMSTERS BOSS DISAPPEARED NEARLY FOUR MONTHS AGO, SUDDENLY HAS BLOSSOMED ON TWO FRONTS.

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DETROIT (UPI) -- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TODAY DROPPED CHARGES STEMMING FROM A FIASCO THAT DELAYED A WEEKEND IDENTIFICATION LINEUP AGAINST THREE NEW JERSEY SUSPECTS IN THE JAMES R. HOFFA DISAPPEARANCE CASE.

U.S. ATTORNEY RALPH B. GUY JR. SAID EARLIER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT DROP THE CHARGES--REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH A COURT ORDER--BECAUSE THE THREE MEN LATER COOPERATED IN THE LINEUP.

THE LINEUP WAS CONDUCTED TO ALLOW A MYSTERY WITNESS TO DETERMINE IF THE MEN WERE THE SAME ONES HE TOLD AUTHORITIES HE SAW KIDNAP THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE TEAMSTERS INTERNATIONAL WHICH LAST JULY.

RESULTS OF THE LINEUP WERE NOT DISCLOSED, BUT GUY SAID HE WOULD TAKE THEM TO A FEDERAL GRAND JURY SOMETIME THIS WEEK.

THE THREE MEN, SALVATORE BRIGNGLIO, 47, HIS BROTHER GABRIEL, 39, AND THOMAS A. ANDRETTA, 38, WERE INVOLVED IN SCUFFLES WITH FEDERAL MARSHALS SATURDAY DURING THE COURT-ORDERED LINEUP AT THE OAKLAND COUNTY JAIL.

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Hoffa Search Plan Scrapped

By William Claiborne
Washington Post Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 8—Federal investigators scrapped plans to excavate a 40-acre garbage dump in Jersey City, N.J., today while they looked for further leads on a possible burial site of former Teamsters union President James R. Hoffa.

The official reason given for the postponement of the search was that FBI agents were fearful that bulldozers would touch off combustible methane gas in the dump, which lies along the Hackensack River in Hudson County.

The real reason, according to a source in the U.S. Organized Crime Task Force in Newark, is that the FBI is taking a closer look at an informant's secondhand report that Hoffa may be buried in the dump.

The garbage dump came under scrutiny after an unidentified witness told a federal grand jury in Detroit that Hoffa may have been murdered near his suburban Detroit home July 30, stuffed in a 55-gallon drum and trucked elsewhere, possibly to New Jersey, for burial. The witness, who was in prison at the time of Hoffa's disappearance, said he heard the execution story from another man, federal investigators said.

As a result of the witness' testimony, a U.S. magistrate in Newark last week issued search warrants for the dump and for the filing cabinents of Salvatore (Sally Bugs) Briguglio, 47, of Paramus, N.J., business agent of Teamsters Local 560 in Union City, N.J.

Last week, Briguglio, described by New Jersey authorities as a "right-hand man" for former Teamsters' local Prssident Anthony (Tony Pro) Provenzano, was summoned to Pontiac, Mich., for a lineup appearance before a witness who allegedly saw the Hoffa abduction.

Provenzano, who authorities describe as a "capo" in the Vito Genevese family of the Mafia, appeared briefly before the Detroit grand jury investigating Hoffa's disappearance, and reportedly took the Fifth Amendment.

Briguglio served 14 months on a federal conviction of counterfeiting $250,000 in currency and postage stamps.

Also appearing in the Pontiac lineup were Briguglio's brother, Gabriel, described by federal authorities as a lower-echelon "muscleman" for Local 560, and Thomas Andretta, 38, a reputed mob enforcer for Joseph (Bayonne Joe) Zicarelli.

William Bufalino Sr., a Teamster lawyer in Detroit, described all three of the New Jersey men as being "associated" with Local 560 in Union City, although a government source said their connections with the union were informal.

The three New Jersey men were released in Detroit immediately after their lineup appearance Saturday, and U.S. Attorney Ralph Guy Jr. said he would present the results of the lineup to the grand jury this week.

None of the three could be reached Sunday or today, either at the Teamsters local or at their homes.

Provenzano, who was imprisoned with Hoffa in Lewisburg federal penitentiary in Pennsylvania while serving a term for extortion, lives in Hallendale, Fla. Last month, at a testimonial dinner at the Americana Hotel here, 1,500 Teamsters and friends turned out to celebrate the end of Provenzano's parole and his eligibility to re-enter the union as an official.

Teamsters officials in Detroit have said that Provenzano was one of three men Hoffa planned to meet the day he disappeared. They also have said that Provenzano and Hoffa argued bitterly in the Lewisburg prison over the use of Teamster pension funds, and that Provenzano vowed to thwart Hoffa's planned comeback in the union's leadership.

The other men reportedly scheduled to meet with Hoffa July 30 were Detroit Mafia capo Anthony (Tony Jack) Giacolone, a friend of Hoffa, and Hoffa's foster son, Charles O'Brien.

Strike force officials in Newark refused to say why attention centered on the Jersey City garbage dump, one of many along the Hackensack River. However, they noted that the search warrant bears the name of the dump's former operator, Philip (Brother) Muscato, 41, of Lauderhill, Fla., a reputed associate of Provenzano and Salvatore Briguglio.

The FBI and officials of the strike force acknowledged today they have had the dump under surveillance.

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Dump to Be Searched for Hoffa

Keeping a high-ranking Mafia captain who has turned government informer under tight security, the Justice Department said yesterday it would soon begin digging up a Jersey City garbage dump in search of James R. Hoffa's body.

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Meanwhile an official of Union City's Teamsters Union Local 560, Stephan Andretta of Little Ferry, was ordered jailed by a federal judge for refusing to tell a federal grand jury in Detroit where he was on July 30, the day Hoffa disappeared.

Three Local 560 officials including Andretta's brother, Thomas, of Hasbrouck Heights, and the local's secretary-treasurer and former President, Anthony 'Tony Pro' Provenzano, have come under intensive investigation in the Hoffa kidnapping.

Two days ago, a mystery man walked into the federal courthouse in Newark and told Justice Department officials he had information that could lead them to the body of Hoffa.

The FBI had previously obtained a search warrant for the dump after another government informer in Detroit told a grand jury there that Hoffa's body was shipped in a barrell of pickles and buried at Brother Moscato's dump in Jersey City, located at Route 440 under the Pulaski Skyway.

Faugno Named

The search warrant was originally drawn up authorizing the FBI to look for the body of Armand Faugno, a Hudson County loanshark who disappeared three years ago.

Yesterday, after listening to the Mafia figure, Robert Stewart, a member of the Justice Department's Organized Crime Strike Force in Newark, asked a federal judge for an extension of the search warrant and in an affidavit stated within the past 24 hours, it has received information from a person whose information has proved reliable in the past.

Previously an FBI spokesman had said that a search had not started because of the size of the jump area. "The dump encompasses some 60 acres. The government has surveyed the area and has undertaken to obtain the equipment necessary to conduct the search."

The FBI refused to say when the digging would begin, but it's expected that they will use equipment borrowed from the Jersey City Department of Public Works.

Informed sources have reportedly said that the mystery man in Newark has stated that Hoffa's body may be in the dump encased in a pickle barrel filled with brine. That information matched information given to the Detroit federal grand jury earlier this month by an informer there.

The informer was taken before a federal judge where an attorney, Stephan Greenberg of Newark, was appointed for him. He was later whisked out of the building by a squad of U.S. marshals, but plans to fly him to Detroit were cancelled for security reasons.

Extension Sought

At the same time the government was seeking an extension for search warrant in Newark, a federal judge in Detroit ordered Stephen Andretta jailed until he decides to tell all to a grand jury.

Despite his protests, a judge ruled two days ago that Andretta had to accept the government's offer of immunity for prosecution in exchange for his testimony.

Yesterday, when hauled before the grand jury, Robert Ozer, head of the federal Strike Force in Detroit, led off the questioning by asking Andretta his whereabouts on the day Hoffa disappeared.

He responded by reading a short statement saying that he wanted to consult with his Detroit Attorney William Buffalino. Buffalino, who is a Detroit Teamsters official, was taken to the hospital several days ago suffering from a possible heart attack.

Andretta repeated the statement over and over to each of Ozer's questions during the 10-minute session before he was brought to court and jailed.

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Andretta's brother, Thomas, and two other Local 560 officials, Salvatore Briguglio of Paramus, and his brother Gabriel of East Rutherford, were supposedly named by the government informer in Detroit as the men who abducted Hoffa and later killed him.

All three are friends of Provenzano, whose latest bout with the law came three days ago when a federal grand jury in New York City indicted him and two other men on charge of conspiring to arrange a $2 million Teamster pension fund loan for a 13 per cent kickback.

Provenzano and Hoffa reportedly had a falling out when both men were serving jail sentences in a federal prison. Provenzano reportedly wanted to derail Hoffa's attempt to once again take over as president of the Teamsters Union while he made his own comeback for union power.

Thomas Andretta and the Briguglio brothers were ordered before a police lineup this past Saturday by a federal judge.

Reliable sources in Detroit said that an independent eyewitness to the Hoffa kidnaping had identified one of the men, but U.S. Attorney Ralph Guy countered by saying he saw no indictments in the immediate future.

Justice Department officials in Washington, meanwhile, said they were strongly considering a wide-ranging probe of the entire Teamsters Union, its pension fund, and its supposed connection with organized crime.

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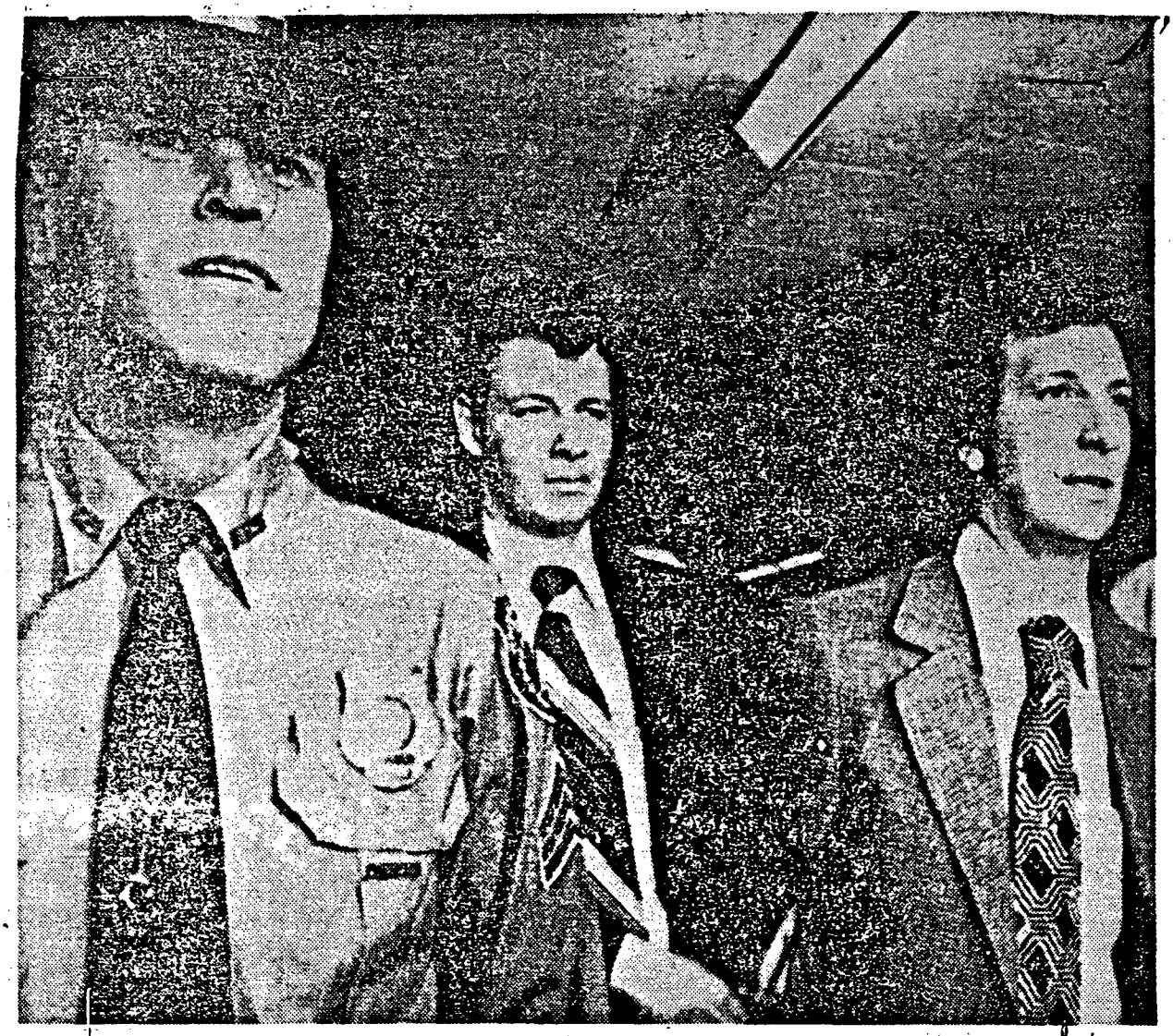

HELD IN CONTEMPT — New Jersey Teamster Stephen Andretta (right) is led to a federal holding cell in the U.S. Courthouse in Detroit yesterday morning after he was found in contempt of court after he refused to answer questions posed by a federal grand jury investigating the disappearance of James R. Hoffa.

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DETROIT (UPI) -- FEDERAL AUTHORITIES REFUSED COMMENT TODAY ON A REPORT A WITNESS SAW MISSING FORMER TEAMSTERS UNION BOSS JAMES HOFFA IN THE BACK SEAT OF A CAR -- HIS HANDS BEHIND HIM AND APPARENTLY SHOUTING -- ON THE DAY HE VANISHED.

THE REPORT, BY A DETROIT RADIO STATION, SAID ONE OF THE THREE MEN WITH HOFFA WAS HIS SELF-DESCRIBED FOSTER SON, CHARLES "CHUCKIE" O'BRIEN, A TEAMSTERS UNION OFFICIAL IN FLORIDA AND A KEY FIGURE IN THE CASE.

FEDERAL SOURCES SAID FBI AGENTS WERE INVESTIGATING THE REPORT BUT REFUSED TO ELABORATE.

WJR RADIO QUOTED FEDERAL SOURCES AS SAYING THE WITNESS WAS ONE OF TWO MEN WHO VIEWED THREE NEW JERSEY SUSPECTS DURING AN 85-MINUTE IDENTIFICATION LINEUP DEC. 6.

THE RESULTS OF THE LINEUP HAVE NOT BEEN DISCLOSED.

THE WITNESS REPORTEDLY TOLD AUTHORITIES HE WATCHED HOFFA, WHO VANISHED JULY 30 FROM OUTSIDE A SUBURBAN DETROIT RESTAURANT, GET INTO THE REAR SEAT OF A CAR. HE REPORTEDLY SAID O'BRIEN WAS SEATED IN THE FRONT SEAT AND THAT HOFFA APPARENTLY WAS SHOUTING AT HIM.

THE WITNESS, WHO SAID HE KNEW HOFFA AND O'BRIEN FROM "PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE," ALSO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE OTHER TWO MEN IN THE CAR, BUT THAT THEY WERE WEARING "UNUSUAL GLASSES."

EARLIER, FEDERAL SOURCES SAID THEY WERE INVESTIGATING O'BRIEN'S ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY HOFFA DISAPPEARED. O'BRIEN ALREADY HAS SAID HE WAS DRIVING A BORROWED CAR IN THE AREA AT THE TIME.

HOFFA'S SON, ATTORNEY JAMES P. HOFFA, ACCUSED O'BRIEN OF PLAYING A ROLE IN THE DISAPPEARANCE. THE FBI HAS CONFISCATED THE CAR O'BRIEN WAS DRIVING THAT DAY.

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FEDERAL SOURCES SAID TRAINED DOGS DETECTED HOFFA'S SCENT IN THE BACK SEAT AND TRUNK OF THE CAR.

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A FEDERAL GRAND JURY PROBING THE CASE IS IN RECESS UNTIL NEXT WEEK, BUT A NEW JERSEY MAN FOUND GUILTY OF CONTEMPT FOR REFUSING TO TESTIFY UNDER IMMUNITY LAST WEEK WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR TODAY IN COURT.

STEPHEN ANDRETTA, 40, OF LITTLE FERRY, N.J., WAS JAILED LAST THURSDAY. HE WAS ASKED A FEDERAL COURT TO REVIEW THE CONTEMPT CITATION. DISTRICT JUDGE RALPH FREEMAN, WHO CITED HIM FOR CONTEMPT, AGREED TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST TODAY.

HIS BROTHER, THOMAS ANDRETTA, AND SALVATORE BRIGUGLIO, 47, AND HIS BROTHER, ANTHONY, DESCRIBED AS NEW JERSEY TEAMSTERS WITH CLOSE TIES TO ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES, WERE NAMED IN FEDERAL COURT EARLIER AS SUSPECTS IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF HOFFA.

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NEW YORK (UPI) -- CLARENCE "CHUCK" MEDLIN, THE ESCAPED CONVICT WHO ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED $$,000 FROM CBS NEWS FOR INFORMATION HE SAID HE HAD ABOUT JAMES R. HOFFA'S BODY, IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN FLOWN TO NEW YORK TO TESTIFY BEFORE A FEDERAL GRAND JURY.

SOURCES SAID MEDLIN'S TESTIMONY WILL NOT CONCERN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE FORMER TEAMSTERS UNION PRESIDENT IN A DETROIT SUBURB LAST JULY.

MEDLIN, WHO DISAPPEARED FROM TAMPA, FLA., DEC. 5, WAS ARRESTED FIVE DAYS LATER BY FBI AGENTS IN NEW ORLEANS. AGENTS SAID THEY FOUND $3,100 IN HIS HOTEL ROOM.

SOURCES SAID MEDLIN WAS FLOWN HERE FROM NEW ORLEANS IN THE CUSTODY OF FEDERAL MARSHALS AND IS BEING HELD FOR HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

MEDLIN ALLEGEDLY WAS PAID BY CBS NEWS FOR INFORMATION HE SAID HE HAD ON THE LOCATION OF HOFFA'S BODY AT AN OFFSHORE SITE NEAR KEY WEST, FLA. THE PAYMENT WAS IN THE FORM OF AN ADVANCE TO A FREELANCE WRITER IN RETURN FOR A PROMISE THAT MEDLIN WOULD LEAD A FILM CREW TO THE LOCATION.

CBS HAS SINCE REPORTED THAT IT CALLED OFF THE SEARCH AFTER CONCLUDING THAT MEDLIN'S INFORMATION WAS FALSE. MEDLIN, 49, WAS ARRESTED AFTER A SMALL WEEKLY NEWSPAPER TIPPED THE FBI HE HAD APPROACHED EDITORS WITH A "BIG STORY" ON THE TEAMSTERS.

A WARRANT FOR MEDLIN'S ARREST WAS ISSUED IN RALEIGH, N.C., AFTER HE DISAPPEARED FROM A FEDERAL WORK RELIEF PROGRAM IN GREENSBORO, N.C. HE WAS CONVICTED IN LOUISVILLE, KY., OF TRANSPORTING A STOLEN VEHICLE ACROSS STATE LINES.

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5 to testify in Hoffa probe

By JIM GRAHAM
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Tomorrow will be the first anniversary of the fateful day former Teamster boss James R. "Jimmy" Hoffa disappeared and probably was killed.

The special federal grand jury that has been in session since last September is still calling witnesses in an effort to unravel the baffling Hoffa mystery.

Five persons were called before the jury yesterday to testify about their knowledge of the whereabouts on July 30 of three men who may have been involved in the Hoffa disappearance.

All of the witnesses were forced to find new attorneys to accompany them to their grand jury visit, since all had originally been represented by Detroit Teamsters attorney William Bufalino and his son, William II.

The Bufalinos were disqualified from representing the witnesses because of a conflict of interest.

The father-son attorney team has represented 12 other grand jury witnesses — most of them called to investigate any New Jersey Teamster connection with the Hoffa disappearance.

The elder Bufalino represents Teamsters Local 560 in New Jersey. The government claimed it was a conflict of interest for him to represent people under suspicion and witnesses being called before the Detroit grand jury to testify about the suspects.

The witnesses called yesterday were:

- Karen Schnabel, personal secretary to Sammy Provenzano, vice-president of New Jersey Local 560 of the Teamsters Union. Sammy Provenzano is a brother of Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano, who is one of the persons it is believed Hoffa was scheduled to meet in suburban Detroit the day he disappeared.
- Armand Emanuel Castellito, Local 560 business agent and brother of Anthony Castellito, a former Local 560 official who disappeared in 1961. Anthony Provenzano and Salvatore Briguglio, another suspect in the Hoffa case, were indicted on murder, kidnaping and conspiracy charges in New York last month in connection with that case.
- Paul "Chuck" Ciampi, also a Local 560 business agent.
- Frederick Salvatore Furino, a Local 560 member and an employe of Canny Trucking Co. in Danbury, Conn.
- The fifth witness, a dark, heavy-set man from New York, was not identified and refused to talk with reporters.

Miss Schnabel, Castellito, Ciampi and Furino have been granted immunity by the grand jury in return for information on the July 30 whereabouts of Anthony Provenzano, Briguglio and Steven Andretta.

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Briguglio and his brother, Gabriel, along with Andretta's brother, Thomas, appeared in a court-ordered FBI lineup in Pontiac last Dec. 6. Steven Andretta was jailed 63 days for contempt of court after refusing to answer grand jury questions. He was represented by the Bufalinos.

U.S. Strike Force Attorney Frederick J. Dana spent the day yesterday questioning Miss Schnabel.

During a break in the questioning, Miss Schnabel called the grand jury questioning "ridiculous" and said she did not believe she had any information that would be helpful to the jury's investigation.

She refused to reveal what questions she was asked. She was accompanied to the grand jury hearing by Detroit attorney Ivan Barris.

Castellito, Ciampi and Furino were represented by Detroit attorney Charles Brown, who yesterday sought to have the men's grand jury subpenas quashed until it was learned whether the questions they would be asked were based on information gathered from illegal wiretaps.

In a hearing before Judge Fred W. Kaess, Dana declared that wiretaps were not used as the basis for any questions the men will be asked.

None of the men were questioned by the grand jury yesterday and were ordered to appear for questioning today.

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Jack Anderson and Les Whitten

Hoffa 'Anniversary'

It was a year ago today that James R. Hoffa, the tempestuous Teamster, disappeared without a trace from the Detroit environs. Federal investigators have told us that Hoffa was murdered. They claim to know who did it and why. All they lack is the evidence.

But part of the story can now be told. It's a story of violence that began after Hoffa's release from prison in 1971. His sentence for mail fraud and jury tampering was commuted by President Nixon.

Under the terms of his release, Hoffa was supposed to stay out of Teamsters politics until 1980. But the moment he hit the streets, he began maneuvering to return to power.

His power base was Detroit's notorious Teamsters Local 299. Hoffa slugged his way to the top of the local which he used as a base for taking over Teamsters International.

He brought two henchmen, Frank E. Fitzsimmons and Dave Johnson, to power with him. When Hoffa was locked in the slammer, he left Fitzsimmons as caretaker of the international and Johnson in charge of Local 299.

Fitzsimmons double-crossed Hoffa and took over as president of the Teamsters. Johnson remained loyal to Hoffa. Another figure in the backstage drama, Roland McMaster, joined the Fitzsimmons forces.

McMaster is a strong-arm specialist who operates on both sides of the law. Ten years ago, he served a prison stretch for accepting a protection payoff. He has been indicted twice for violating labor laws.

These former associates became bitter rivals after Hoffa got out of prison. His return to Detroit was followed by a series of violent incidents — bomb explosions, shotgun blasts, brutal beatings — which investigators say were intended to discourage him from resuming his Teamsters activities.

Johnson, as president of Local 299, was hit by a round of violence. His office windows were shattered by shotgun blasts. His cabin cruiser was bombed in a Michigan harbor. His union meetings frequently were disrupted.

We have established that at least four of McMaster's goons were present at these meetings. We got admissions from three of them that they were on hand at the time of the disruptions. The same men also are under investigation by a Pittsburgh grand jury. Indictments are expected against some.

McMaster denied to our reporters that he was trying to keep Hoffa out of the union but admitted attending meetings that were disrupted. The plot, according to our sources, was to knock Johnson out of power in Local 299 and thereby, to block Hoffa's comeback.

Johnson had pledged to appoint Hoffa to a high position in Local 299 if the courts would permit it. Significantly, Attorney General Edward H. Levi had advised President Ford that the clause restricting Hoffa's union activities appeared illegal.

Hoffa seemed to be close to resuming full control of Local 299 when he disappeared. At one point, he had said he would accept the nomination for president of the local. If he won, Hoffa said he would let Johnson serve in his place until he legally could take office.

This move was blocked by the government and a compromise was struck last year. Johnson ran for the presidency but accepted Fitzsimmons' son, Richard, as his vice president.

McMaster challenged Johnson for the presidency, but Frank Fitzsimmons ordered McMaster to stay out of the race.

But the compromise — teaming Hoffa's man Johnson and Fitzsimmons' son Richard, didn't last. The violence continued on both sides. On July 10, 1975, Richard Fitzsimmons' union car was blown up outside a Detroit bar. Frank Fitzsimmons was reported to be beside himself with fury.

Twenty days later, Hoffa disappeared. Today, Johnson is no longer president of Local 299. With his friend gone, it no longer matters to Johnson. But he had a final word about the violence he had been through.

"McMaster has been harassing me for years," said Johnson. The violence in Local 299 abruptly ended after Hoffa's disappearance.

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Report: Probers Know Hoffa Was Strangled

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal investigators have information that former Teamsters Union boss James Hoffa was strangled and they soon will have enough evidence for indictments, according to a national magazine.

Investigators believe Hoffa was murdered July 30, 1974, the day he disappeared after leaving a suburban Detroit restaurant, Newsweek said.

The murder was meticulously planned and executed by killers from outside Michigan, Newsweek said.

It said federal investigators are satisfied that Anthony (Tony Jack) Giacolone, a reputed Detroit mobster, and Anthony (Tony Pro) Provenzano, a New Jersey Teamsters official, were not present.

Newsweek said Charles L. (Chuckie) O'Brien, 42, regarded as Hoffa's foster son, had unwittingly set Hoffa up and was outraged with himself for having done so.

According to the magazine, Hoffa was garroted in the basement of a private residence only four minutes from the restaurant where he was last seen.

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PROBE ENTERS SECOND YEAR

Young Hoffa Waits and Hopes

JAMES P. HOFFA: "The family has resolved to go on. But we miss my father very much."

BY JO THOMAS
Free Press Staff Writer

It was an ordinary July day, hot and sunny, much like the day a year earlier when the father, James R. Hoffa, vanished. In the cool gloom of a downtown restaurant, the son, James P. Hoffa, watched the perfunctory midday movements of diners and waitresses.

"To this day," he said slowly, "I don't believe it happened."

YOUNG HOFFA IS fair-haired and pink-cheeked, and on this day his face was composed, much as it was when he was the relatively unknown attorney son of the fire-breathing labor leader — before the events of last July 30 wrenched him into the daily scrutiny of the press, from whom he would not hide his fear, his agony, and finally once his tears.

It is months now since young Hoffa, 33, held daily press briefings outside the Hoffas' Lake Orion home, where the family kept watch, hour after hour, hoping for word.

He has returned to the private practice of law, mostly labor law, representing local unions, including Teamster locals.

The elder Hoffa's wife, Josephine, has completed the second of the cataract operations she was scheduled to have before her husband vanished, and "she's in better spirits," her son reported.

"The family has resolved to go on," young Hoffa said. "But we miss my father very much."

Then quietly, like a man discussing someone else's father, young Hoffa talked about the disappearance of the former Teamsters president. He used the word "abduction" but could not seem to bring himself to use the word "murder." He has said it in public: He believes his father is dead. That, apparently, suffices.

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"I still believe it was related — directly or indirectly — to his role in the union," young Hoffa said.

Beyond this, he would not go, as close-mouthed as a man on a tightrope, balanced between a dangerous past and an uncertain future.

Like Hoffa's friends, the son had watched his father struggling like a caged hawk against the parole restrictions that barred him from a comeback in the Teamsters Union he built and ran.

At the time Hoffa vanished, en route to what he thought was a peace meeting with his old enemy Anthony Provenzano, he believed the cage door was about to open.

The old man had made it clear that, once free, he intended to do battle with those who were still his enemies. And dark rumors were circulating in the union and in the underworld that Hoffa would stop at nothing.

It was Hoffa who was stopped, but at this year's Teamsters convention, his boldness was not forgiven. His photograph was absent. His family was consigned to the visitors gallery.

Only one resolution even spoke his name. The king was dead — but no one mentioned it. The spotlight stayed on his successor, Frank Fitzsimmons. Long live the king.

There are many who have not forgotten, who still call the Hoffa family and send letters containing information they hope will help find Hoffa's slayers.

"The police and the FBI are still trying very hard to solve the crime," young Hoffa said. "I'm very satisfied with the investigation, and I hope they persist until the people are put in jail."

The $300,000 reward offered by the family still awaits anyone who supplies information leading to the conviction of those responsible for Hoffa's disappearance.

AND TIPS continue to flow in, as they have all during the investigation; tips from well-meaning psychics as well as "legitimate tips from people who felt they'd seen something and were sincerely trying to help," young Hoffa said.

And he keeps hoping.

But the Hoffa crime has been surrounded by a wall of silence and fear; as tangible as it is invisible.

Everyone close to the case has felt it. A federal grand jury has called scores of witnesses, searching relentlessly for cracks in that wall, but has been unable to bash it down.

"I think they're going to solve the case. I really do," young Hoffa said. During the conversation, he had ordered a light lunch, but he seemed to have little appetite.

"They're really making progress. The tempo seems good. But I think it's going to take a long time."

THE RESTAURANT started to empty. It was an ordinary workday, and the afternoon lay ahead. And out there, somewhere, the men who killed Jimmy Hoffa were still walking around, their power and their cunning evidenced by a crime so improbable and bizarre it was still difficult to believe it happened anyplace but in a nightmare.

James R. Hoffa, one of the nation's most powerful labor leaders, with one of the best-known faces, disappeared without a trace, taken in broad daylight from a crowded parking lot in front of the Machus Red Fox restaurant, where there were undoubtedly dozens of eyes, yet pitifully few witnesses.

It is a chain of events that haunts his son, who searches the dog-eared facts for some new meaning.

"Why the Red Fox? Why the parking lot?" young Hoffa asked, walking out the door of the restaurant.

"Why? Why? Why?"

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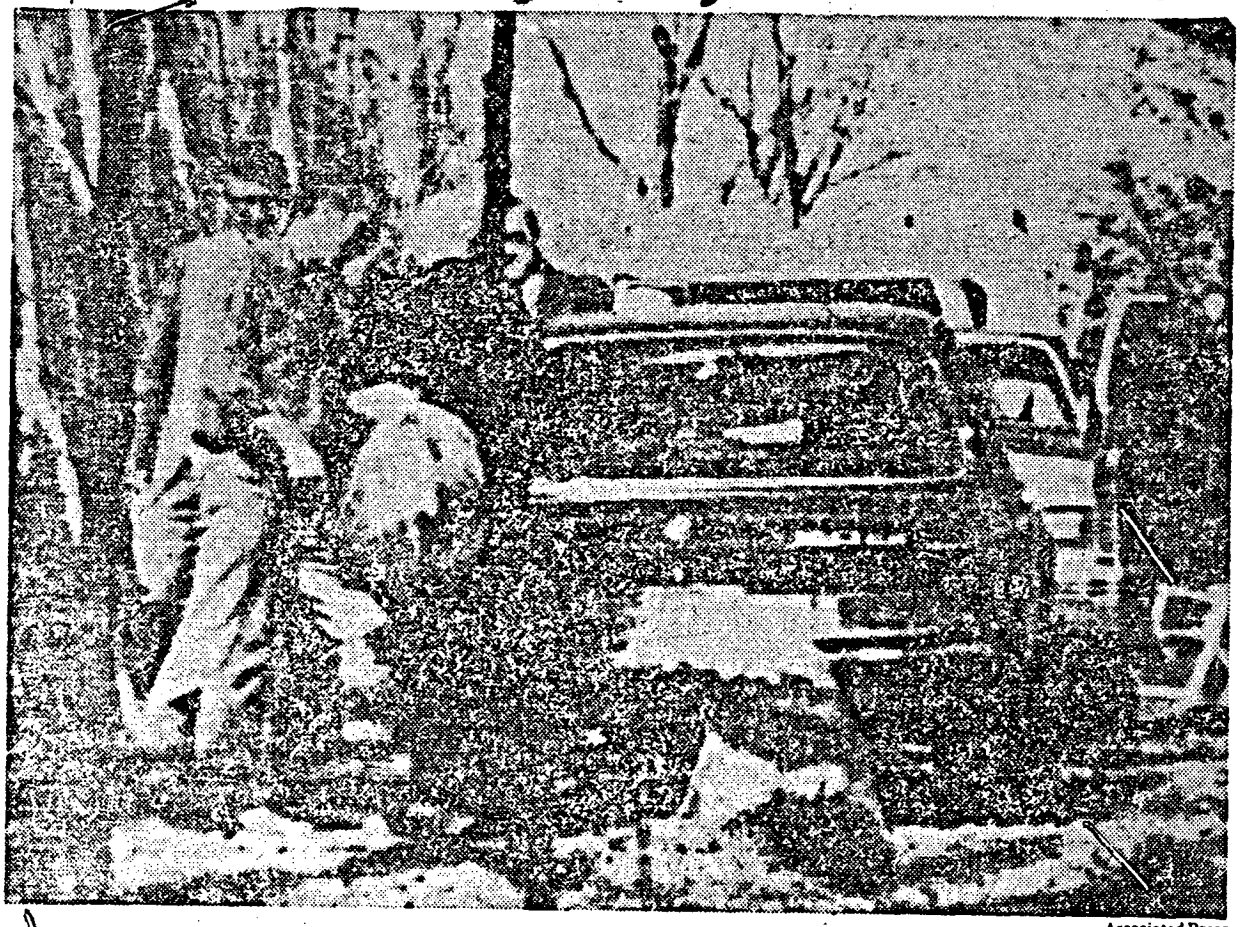

—Associated Press

Police in Wayne County, Pa., use a plastic bag to remove skeletal remains of a body discovered in a wooded area near the town of Bethany early this week which some authorities say may be that of former Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa. Bethany is northeast of Scranton. Word of the find leaked out early today after officials contacted members of the Hoffa family. At far left is Wayne County Coroner Robert F. Jennings, who said the remains have been taken to New York for examination and dental comparisons. (Story on A-5).

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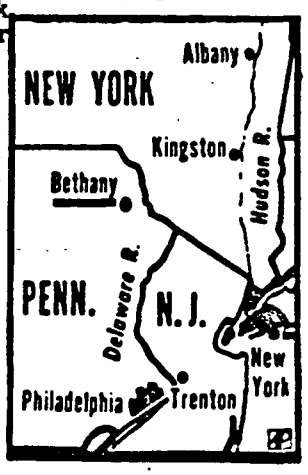
IS PENNSYLVANIA BODY HOFFA'S?

New York Times News Service

The coroner of a rural Pennsylvania county says he is asking the FBI for the dental charts of James R. Hoffa, missing former president of the Teamsters union, in hopes of identifying a skeleton found Monday in thick underbrush near Bethany, Pa.



Robert F. Jennings, Wayne County coroner, said he spoke with Hoffa's son, James, last night and compared the skeleton's height, hair, and expensive gold dental work with what James P. Hoffa could tell him.

An FBI spokesman in Detroit said the agency would send the dental charts and cooperate in every way but that it had not opened a formal inquiry on this.

Jennings said the skeleton was discovered by a hunter pursuing a wounded wild turkey through underbrush. The skeleton, wrapped in plastic, had been partly dismembered and was not clothed, he said.

Jennings said that because of the extensive gold dental work, "we felt right from the beginning it had to be a well-to-do person."

He called for assistance Tuesday from Dr. Dominick J. DiMaio, chief medical examiner in New York City. The body was taken there, Jennings said, and the examination and dental charts were completed yesterday.

Jennings said the examination had shown that the skeleton was of a white male between 55 and 60, from 5 feet 5 to 5 feet 7 inches tall. Hoffa was 62 when he disappeared in 1975. He was 5 feet, 5½ inches tall. Hoffa also had extensive gold dental work.

Jennings said he had not thought immediately that the skeleton might be that of Hoffa, but the dismemberment led him to believe it might be that of the victim of a gangland slaying.

He said he had called Hoffa's son after inquiries from reporters about the identity of the skeleton.

The FBI has conducted a nationwide investigation into Hoffa's disappearance that has brought dozens of witnesses before a federal grand jury in Detroit and prompted thousands of tips about his whereabouts. FBI agents have verified other identities for a number of bodies initially thought to be that of Hoffa.

Hoffa disappeared July 30, 1975, from the parking lot of a Bloomfield Hills, Mich., restaurant.

Bethany is in northeastern Pennsylvania near Scranton.

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HOFFA CASE FIGURE SLAIN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK (UPI) — A New Jersey Teamsters official once suspected of involvement in the 1975 disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa was gunned down gangland-style in Manhattan's Little Italy section last night, police said.

Witnesses told police two unidentified men shot Salvatore Briguglio six times in the face and chest around 11:30 p.m. as he stood in the rain in front of a restaurant.

Briguglio, 48, of Westwood, N.J., business agent for Teamsters Local 560, died instantly, police said, and the two gunmen sped off in a car.

In 1975 Briguglio, his brother, Gabriel, and seven associates were called before a Newark, N.J., federal grand jury investigating Hoffa's disappearance earlier that year.

At the time, authorities considered the Briguglio brothers suspects in Hoffa's apparent kidnapping and murder. The two brothers later refused to testify before the panel. Hoffa has not been found.

Briguglio's local was once headed by Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano, now on trial in U.S. District Court in Manhattan on conspiracy charges involving kickbacks stemming from a $2.3 million mortgage loan.

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N.J. Teamster Official Killed by Two Gunmen

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NEW YORK—Salvatore Briguglio, a mob-connected New Jersey Teamster official and a central figure in the disappearance of former Teamster boss, Jimmy Hoffa, was executed by two gunmen late Tuesday outside a Little Italy restaurant.

Detectives said they were studying several possible motives for the shooting. "In a case like this, you just don't jump in to solve the case in two minutes," one detective said. "We have to determine which of the things Briguglio did in his life came back to haunt him."

Briguglio, 48, of Westwood, N.J., a business agent of Teamster Local 560 in Union City, N.J., was killed at 11:30 p.m. by two unidentified men who knocked him down outside Benito's II Restaurant and shot him five times in the head and once in the chest. The two gunmen walked briskly to their car, which was parked one block away, and drove off. Police said they questioned several witnesses to the shooting, but none got a good look at the gunmen.

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Suspects in Hoffa's Disappearance Are Really Feeling the Heat

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By Jonathan Kwitny

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Ever since Jimmy Hoffa disappeared and presumably was murdered in 1975, there have been periodic reports of breakthroughs in the investigation.

Still, the case is no closer to official resolution now than it was back in 1975. That assessment, at least, comes from interviews with law enforcement officers in Detroit, New York, New Jersey and Washington.

The government has focused on eight prime suspects in the case. The evidence against them is all circumstantial and hearsay — clearly insufficient to bring murder convictions.

Nevertheless, the Justice Department is determined to show the Mafia and its friends that they can't murder public figures with impunity, sources say. The eight suspects therefore have all received tough treatment from law enforcers, and many illicit businesses are suffering.

SINCE HOFFA'S disappearance, four of the eight suspects have been convicted of felonies unrelated to the former Teamster leader's disappearance. Three others have come under such intensive investigation for various crimes that their daily routines have been upset. And the eighth, who was under heavy pressure to talk to federal agents, was murdered March 21, apparently by gangsters.

"I'll bet they're sorry now they ever decided to kill Hoffa," a veteran FBI man says, echoing the sentiments of other officials.

Indeed, the recent criminal-prosecution problems of the suspects all apparently grew out of the Hoffa investigation or were influenced by it. The Hoffa crime, ironically, seems to have brought about just what the mob no doubt hoped the murder would prevent — the disruption of its rackets.

The heat from investigators seems likely to continue until someone provides testimony that can weave the existing evidence of Hoffa's disappearance into a hard case. That could happen any time, sources say, but it hasn't happened yet.

JIMMY HOFFA disappeared in Detroit on July 30, 1975. He had left word with several people that he was on his way to a meeting with two Teamster associates, both considered members of the Mafia. It is believed that he went to the meeting to seek the pair's support for his return to the union presidency in 1976.

The mob opposed Hoffa's return because he believed in central control; after he left office, union power was regionalized, giving regional crime families direct access to it. Hoffa also threatened to campaign for office by exposing criminal activity in the union. He was last seen alive near the Red Fox restaurant in suburban Birmingham.

Published reports have speculated that Hoffa's meeting was to be in the restaurant, but this is belied by his casual attire (it's a dressy place) and by his failure to go inside. The government theory — and it is only that — is that he knew he was to be picked up at the restaurant and taken to a spot nearby, and that he would have entered a car only with someone he knew intimately.

As to a murder scene, investigators have speculated about one possible location: the secluded home of an industrialist not far from the restaurant. The industrialist, himself not a suspect, was a longtime friend of the Hoffas. The industrialist and his wife were out dining that afternoon in the very restaurant where Hoffa was picked up, sources say.

The investigation that followed Hoffa's disappearance turned up the eight suspects:

Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano. Provenzano is a high-ranking figure in the old Genovese Mafia family and also one of the most powerful Teamster officals in the country. With his two brothers, he has headed Teamster Local 560 in Union City, N.J., since 1961.

He presides over vast labor rackets. Perhaps no other Mafia member has ever risen so high in a large, legitimate institution. Provenzano is one of the two men Hoffa said he was meeting on the day he disappeared. The other man named by Hoffa was Anthony Giacalone.

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Anthony "Tony Jack" Giacalone. A Detroit friend of Provenzano, Giacalone is close to the Teamsters but has no official position with the union. Investigators of Hoffa's disappearance searched telephone toll records and found an extraordinary surge in calls between Local 560 and Giacalone's telephones shortly before the Teamster leader dropped out of sight.

Both Giacalone and Provenzano have denied having had an appointment with Hoffa. Both have alibis for the time of the presumed murder.

Russell Bufalino. Bufalino, 74, is a leading Mafia godfather, running a crime family in upstate New York and Pennsylvania. He is believed by some to have been caretaker of Provenzano's Mafia family, or parts of it, when death (natural) and illness caused a leadership vacuum a few years ago.

A Mafia execution of Hoffa probably would have required Bufalino's knowledge, some lawmen say, especially as he had long connections to Hoffa, Provenzano and the Teamsters. Moreover, he was in Detroit about the time of Hoffa's disappearance.

Charles "Chucky" O'Brien. O'Brien lived with the Hoffa family much of his life. The holder of various Teamster jobs, O'Brien disappeared from public view for nearly a week after Hoffa vanished. It was subsequently disclosed that during that period he showed up briefly at the Hoffa home and had a confrontation with Hoffa's son, James P. Hoffa.

Frank Sheeran. A Wilmington, Del., Teamster leader, Sheeran has a long record of arrests for charges from gambling to murder, but only one conviction — in 1974 for carrying a concealed weapon. Investigators learned that he had driven Russell Bufalino to Detroit. Questioned before the grand jury, he invoked his constitutional privilege not to answer.

Salvatore "Sally Bugs" Briguglio, Gabriel Briguglio and Thomas Andretta. These three men became suspects a few weeks after the Hoffa disappearance when Ralph "Little Ralphie" Picardo, a prisoner being held at a New Jersey state hospital after being sentenced to 20 years for murder, was persuaded to become a government informant. Picardo had been part of the close-knit criminal group that operated out of Local 560.

Picardo told authorities that Stephen Andretta, a Local 560 employee, had visited him a few days after Hoffa vanished. According to Picardo, Stephen Andretta bragged that his brother, Thomas, and the two Briguglio brothers, all part of the Local 560 crowd, had gone to Detroit and killed Hoffa. Picardo said he hadn't been given any details about the murder.

SALVATORE BRIGUGLIO was murdered March 21, and the case remains unsolved.

Although the evidence against the surviving suspects in the Hoffa case is considered insufficent for indictments, a Justice Department official says, "You can't let it pass. You focus in on them, and if legitimate cases can be made, they should be made. That's the only way you can crack that goddamn thing." And many cases are being made.

Among the seven suspects, Anthony Provenzano is getting the most attention from law enforcers. Considered the prime suspect by many sources, he has run into a prosecutorial blitzkrieg. Largely as a result of the Hoffa investigation, Provenzano was indicted in December 1975 with a businessman friend in an 18-month-old kickback case that had been considered rather weak. But prosecutors persisted, and Provenzano and his friend were convicted March 25, with Ralph Picardo providing testimony.

Still unsentenced in that case, Provenzano is currently on trial for the 1961 murder of Anthony Castellito, whom he succeeded as leader of Local 560. Salvatore Briguglio had been a co-defendant in the case. Until Briguglio was murdered, FBI agents thought he was the Hoffa suspect most likely to break down and talk: With two prior felony convictions, he faced long prison terms in the many cases in which he was being investigated.

THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN easy for the other Hoffa suspects. The two Briguglios and Thomas Andretta, all implicated by Ralph Picardo, were called before a grand jury, and they invoked the Fifth Amendment. Stephen Andretta, who allegedly bragged to Picardo of the trio's involvement, was given immunity from prosecution but still wouldn't talk. Finally, after 63 days in jail, he testified. But he apparently didn't incriminate anyone.

The other three suspects, Anthony Giacalone, Russell Bufalino and Charles O'Brien, are all free on appeal bonds, having been sentenced to prison for other crimes. Only the Giacalone case was in the works before the Hoffa affair.

Sheeran hasn't been charged with anything criminal since the Hoffa disappearance, but he is in Tax Court contesting the $2,532 that the Internal Revenue Service wants to charge him for allegedly using a union car for personal business.

BUT FOR THE MAFIA, the implications of the Hoffa case go beyond the individual indictments and legal pressures against the suspects. Perhaps the most severe blow is the pinch the government has put on looting from the Teamsters' huge pension funds. The nearly $1.5 billion Chicago-based Central States fund has clearly stayed under Mafia control despite Labor Department attempts to change its leadership. Nevertheless, the fund's lending policies have come under such scrutiny that hundreds of millions of dollars in prospective income from misuse of the fund's assets have been cut off at least until the heat dies down.

Moreover, a government task force is preparing indictments designed to break up a racket involving New York and New Jersey Teamster pension funds containing hundreds of millions of dollars. The racket had gone largely unnoticed, overshadowed by the well-publicized thefts from the Chicago fund, until the Hoffa inquiry turned investigators toward New Jersey.

ON APRIL 24, Robert C. Stewart, head of the federal strike forces in Buffalo and Newark, gave Congress a 36-page account of current Mafia activity based on control of labor unions. Besides pension-fund looting and sweetheart contracts, he described loan sharking, gambling, fencing stolen goods, passing counterfeit securities, bank fraud, extortion and the control by intimidation of various industries. He indicated that "*most of the information*" had come from the Hoffa investigation, and he forecast many successful prosecutions.

Though Stewart avoided individual names in his report, referring to "Suspect A," "Suspect B" and so on, his use of specific dates and other facts made the people he was talking about easy to identify.

Provenzano, for example, was clearly "Suspect A."

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TRENTON, N.J. (AP) -- A FEDERAL GRAND JURY IS INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY THAT FORMER TEAMSTERS BOSS JAMES R. HOFFA WAS MURDERED BECAUSE HE STOOD IN THE WAY OF A LOAN FROM THE TEAMSTERS PENSION FUND WORTH $900,000 IN KICKBACKS TO UNION AND ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES, TWO NEWSPAPERS REPORTED TODAY.

FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE HOFFA MAY HAVE BEEN SLAIN BECAUSE HE REFUSED TO GO ALONG WITH A PROPOSED $9 MILLION LOAN TO FAIRFIELD, N.J., REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER SALVATORE ''SAM'' MALFITANO, THE TRENTON TIMES AND THE WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTED.

THE LOAN AND ITS POSSIBLE LINK TO HOFFA'S DISAPPEARANCE JULY 30, 1975, ARE THE SUBJECT OF AN ONGOING FEDERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION IN NEWARK, THE NEWSPAPERS SAID.

IN WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SOURCE WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE HOFFA INQUIRY SINCE ITS INCEPTION SAID HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE LOAN REPORTED BY THE NEWSPAPERS.

THE TRENTON TIMES SAID THAT 10 DAYS BEFORE HIS DISAPPEARANCE HOFFA DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED LOAN WITH ANTHONY ''TONY PRO'' PROVENZANO, A NORTHERN NEW JERSEY TEAMSTERS LEADER WHO IS NOW SERVING A 20-YEAR PRISON TERM ON AN UNRELATED MURDER CHARGE.

THE JOURNAL SAID TELEPHONE RECORDS OBTAINED BY FBI AGENTS SHOWED THAT PROVENZANO CALLED HOFFA ON JULY 20, AND THAT INVESTIGATORS HAD LEARNED THAT ONE OF THE SUBJECTS OF THE CONVERSATION WAS THE MALFITANO LOAN PROPOSAL.

IN WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SOURCE SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW, THERE WERE NO DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN HOFFA AND PROVENZANO ABOUT 10 DAYS BEFORE HOFFA VANISHED.

THE NEWSPAPERS SAID THAT PROVENZANO WANTED TO GRANT THE LOAN FROM THE CENTRAL STATES PENSION FUND BECAUSE MALFITANO ALLEGEDLY PROMISED TO GIVE HIM, OTHER TEAMSTERS OFFICIALS AND ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES A TOTAL OF $900,000 IN KICKBACKS.

THE ACCOUNTS DID NOT SAY WHY HOFFA TURNED DOWN THE PROPOSAL, AND ADDED THE LOAN DID NOT GO THROUGH AFTER HOFFA'S DEATH APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF FEDERAL PRESSURE.

HOFFA WAS NO LONGER A TEAMSTERS OFFICER BECAUSE OF CONDITIONS OF HIS PAROLE FROM PRISON, BUT HE STILL WIELDED INFLUENCE WITHIN THE UNION.

MALFITANO'S LAWYER, J. BARRY COCOZIELLO, DECLINED COMMENT AND ADVISED HIS CLIENT NOT TO COMMENT ON THE REPORTS.

PROVENZANO, INFURIATED AT HOFFA'S POSITION ON THE LOAN AND FUMING OVER A HISTORY OF PREVIOUS ARGUMENTS WITH HIM, ALLEGEDLY DECIDED TO HAVE HOFFA MURDERED SO THE LOAN WOULD GO THROUGH, THE TRENTON TIMES SAID.

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FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley has just announced that the FBI has actively entered into the investigation of the disappearance of former Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa.

Mr. Kelley stated that the FBI has followed developments in this matter very closely since Hoffa's disappearance on Wednesday, July 30, 1975. During the past 24 hours, extortionate communications have been received in connection with the disappearance of Hoffa and, accordingly, the FBI is assuming investigative jurisdiction under the Federal Extortion Statutes.

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ON AUGUST 19, 1975 UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL (UPI) RELEASED A PHOTO IN WHICH A PERSON WHO APPEARS TO BE HOFFA IS PUSHING AN APPARENTLY CRIPPLED WHITE MALE IN A WHEEL CHAIR. THIS PHOTOGRAPH RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY WITHIN THE CLEVELAND AREA AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

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RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES HAVE BEEN QUOTING CHARLES "CHUCKIE" O'BRIEN AS SAYING HE IS WILLING TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION. ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT ARTICLE, O'BRIEN HAS CONTACTED F. LEE BAILEY, PROMINENT CRIMINAL ATTORNEY, AND O'BRIEN STATES HE IS NOW WILLING TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AFTER THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY (FGJ) COMPLETES ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE HOFFA DISAPPEARANCE. IT IS NOTED THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION THAT A FGJ WILL BE ASKED TO LOOK INTO THE DISAPPEARANCE, HOWEVER, NO SPECIFIC DATES HAVE YET BEEN SET.

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Form A. O. 93 (Rev. Apr. 1973) Search Warrant

United States District Court

FOR THE

EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA vs. One 1975 Mercury 4-door automobile, maroon in color, bearing license plate number TMS ~~624~~ 416 gcc (KH)	Docket No. Case No. SEARCH WARRANT

To Any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and any authorized assistant

Affidavit(s) having been made before me by JAMES C. ESPOSITO

that he has reason to believe that { ~~on the person of~~ / on the premises known as } 24000 East Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, or wherever it may be found upon the public roads or parking lots, all within

~~xix~~the Eastern District of Michigan

there is now being concealed certain property, namely

here describe property

a 1975 Mercury 4-door automobile, maroon in color bearing license tag number TMS ~~624~~ 416 gcc containing fingerprints and microscopic particles of blood, hair, clothing fibers, or flesh which can be identified as that of a human being or specifically as that of JAMES R. HOFFA, and also containing any physical evidence which indicates where the automobile has been

and as I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the property so described is being concealed on the person or premises above described and that grounds for application for issuance of the search warrant exist as stated in the supporting affidavit(s).

You are hereby commanded to search within a period of ten days (not to exceed 10 days) the person or place named for the property specified, serving this warrant and making the search { ~~in the daytime (6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.)~~ / at any time in the day or night* } and if the property be found there to seize it, leaving a copy of this warrant and receipt for the property taken, and prepare a written inventory of the property seized and promptly return this warrant and bring the property before Barbara K. Hackett as required by law.

Federal judge or magistrate

Dated this 8th day of august, 19 75

Barbara K. Hackett

Judge (Federal or State Court of Record) or Federal Magistrate.

9:15 P.M.

*The Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure provide: "The warrant shall be served in the daytime, unless the issuing authority, by appropriate provision in the warrant, and for reasonable cause shown, authorizes its execution at times other than daytime." (Rule 41(c)). A statement of grounds for reasonable cause should be made in the affidavit(s) if a search is to be authorized "at any time day or night" pursuant to Rule 41(c).

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JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
MISSING PERSON

Washington Star-News
8/4/75, Page A-8

Mob-Union Dealings Eyed in Hoffa Case

Detroit News

Former Teamsters President James R. Hoffa, who has been missing for five days and is feared to be either kidnaped or dead may have been the target of a crossfire between high-level union bosses and organized crime federal and local investigators said today.

The FBI entered the five-day old case yesterday but there were reports that political pressure, "not a sudden discovery of federal jurisdiction" brought the bureau officially into the investigation.

Authorities theorize that Hoffa, readying his return to the tangled political life of the 2.2 million member union, hoped to use revelations about alleged insurance kickbacks and shady pension fund loan schemes to unseat Frank Fitzsimmons from control of the powerful union.

ALTHOUGH HOFFA, while in a federal penitentiary, had hand picked Fitzsimmons to be his successor as International president, they are said to have had a falling-out over Hoffa's plan to regain ascendancy in the union now that he is out of prison.

In recent months, Hoffa was called before a federal grand jury in Detroit looking into possible wrongdoing in his home union, Teamsters Local 299. And sources close to Hoffa said he was seeking any information that could hurt Fitzsimmons and was particularly interested in data which might lead to criminal prosecution of the Teamsters president.

Some federal sources now believe that mobsters or union officials, threatened by Hoffa's plan, may have moved to get the 62-year-old [illegible] union boss out of the way.

Hoffa disappeared Wednesday afternoon from the parking lot of a Bloomfield Township restaurant where he was scheduled to meet with Detroit Mafia kingpin Anthony (Tony Jack) Giacalone, a long-time friend, according to the Hoffa family.

Also, two other business associates Hoffa saw in Pontiac on his way to the restaurant said Hoffa mentioned the names "T.J." "Tony Pro", and Lenny Schultz.

AUTHORITIES SAID those names refer to Giacalone; Anthony Provenzano of New Jersey, a former Teamsters International vice president with whom Hoffa reportedly had a falling-out while the two were in federal prison; and Leonard Schultz, a labor negotiator with strong ties to the Teamsters and an old friend of Giacolone.

Giacalone was indicted May 14 by a federal grand jury in Detroit on charges of defrauding a medical insurance plan covering Teamster members.

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Giacalone is charged with swindling the medical program out of $12,682.40 in connection with a contract which reportedly gave him "something less than $1," of the $95 a day benefit paid for each Teamster patient.

Giacalone is charged with making this agreement with attorney Kenneth Bernard, then president of Integrated Medical Services (IMF), in exchange for helping IMF sell its plan to the Michigan Conference of Teamsters.

According to a federal source, Hoffa was showing increasing interest of late in the activities of various insurance companies dealing with the Teamsters and any financial arrangements they may have had with current union officials.

THE SOURCE pointed to recent disclosure of wrongdoings in Teamsters pension fund — particularly the Central, Southeast and Southwest areas pension fund with assets estimated at $1.34 billion. Much of what has been revealed in recent weeks has come from present and former Teamster officials who have gone to federal authorities with information. And Hoffa has been behind the witnesses coming forward, the source said.

Hoffa — barred from union activity until 1988 by terms of a pardon under which former President Richard M. Nixon had him released from prison after Hoffa served nearly 4 years of a 13-year term — apparently believed that he would soon be allowed to reenter union politics.

Hoffa reportedly was told that U.S. Atty. Gen. Edward Levi believed the restriction on his Teamsters activities was unconstitutional and that Levi had so advised President Ford.

THE PRESIDENT, according to Hoffa sources, told Levi, "if we did something that was unfair, then we will have to make it fair."

FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley announced late yesterday that the FBI had taken over jurisdiction of the probe because of "extortionate" demands in connection with Hoffa's disappearance. A close friend of the Hoffa family said they knew of no such threat or ransom demands being taken seriously by law enforcement agencies.

Instead, indications are that intense political pressure brought by Hoffa's family, friends and union officials around the country forced the FBI to move openly into the case.

The FBI actually began working unofficially on the case Thursday morning, one federal agent admitted.

"THERE HAVE BEEN about 12 agents working on this from Thursday through Sunda," he said, "and the Justice Department threw in a man for intelligence early Friday."

"Two of the (FBI) agents were from Detroit but the rest were from anti-rackets divisions around the country and several were from St. Louis. The initial duty was to assist state and township police but they interrogated several people, too."

Another federal source said the FBI intervention in the Hoffa case was "strictly political," and that "numerous legislators" had contacted FBI headquarters about the probe.

The source said both Hoffa's son, James P., a Detroit attorney, and his daughter, Mrs. Barbara Crancer of St. Louis, called both Levi and Kelley in Washington "several times" over the weekend about the case.

In one of her calls, Mrs. Crancer said to Kelley:

"YOU USED 2,000 agents to put my father into jail and up to now have used only two agents to try to find him."

Several hours before the announcement of the FBI's entry into the case, three men identified by Mrs. Crancer as federal agents visited the Hoffa home in Orion township and spent an hour questioning the family.

Although the FBI entered the case based on the "extortionate" threat, federal agents do not believe Hoffa was kidnaped for ransom, federal source said.

FBI agents said Bloomfield Township police told them they had received a call from an unidentified person saying he "had Hoffa" and wanted $500 ransom. They said another anonymous caller had demanded $50,000.

Kelley said that "because extortionist communication" has been received by authorities since the disappearance, the FBI "is assuming investigative jurisdiction" under a federal statute on extortion. But Bloomfield Township Lt. Curt Grennier, who was in charge of a two man local investigation for four days, said:

"BLOOMSFIELD Township police will maintain jurisdiction in the Hoffa case. We will be working together with the FBI and the state police to solve the disappearance of Hoffa."

Grennier said he met for half an hour late yesterday with "federal" FBI agents to review notes in the case and "find out where each of us stands."

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THE BUREAU IS REFERRED TO TWO ARTICLES, COPIES OF WHICH HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU, WHICH APPEARED IN "THE DETROIT NEWS"

ISSUES OF AUGUST 7 AND 11, 1975, WRITTEN BY CHARLES ASHMAN, AUTHOR AND BROADCASTER FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHO PLANNED TO HAVE HOFFA ON A TELEVISION SHOW IN LOS ANGELES ON AUGUST 11, 1975. THESE ARTICLES CONTAIN SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESTRICTION ON HOFFA'S UNION ACTIVITIES AND REFER TO AN ALLEGED PAYOFF DEAL BETWEEN FITZSIMMONS, JOHN DEAN, AND CHARLES COLSON, FORMER WHITE HOUSE COUNSELLORS, TO KEEP HOFFA OUT OF UNION POLITICS. JOHN N. MITCHELL AND ALEXANDER BUTTERFIELD ARE ALSO MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE PERSONS INVOLVED WITH THE RESTRICTION. ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVI'S NAME IS MENTIONED AS POSSIBLY DISCUSSING THE LEGALITY OF THE RESTRICTION WITH THE WHITE HOUSE. THESE ITEMS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE DISCUSSED WITH HOFFA DURING HIS TELEVISION APPEARANCE IN LOS ANGELES.

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DETROIT (AP) -- THE FBI IS INVESTIGATING REPORTS THAT TEAMSTERS PRESIDENT FRANK FITZSIMMONS MET WITH TWO REPUTED MAFIA FIGURES AT A DETROIT RESTAURANT LESS THAN A WEEK BEFORE JIMMY HOFFA DISAPPEARED, SOURCES CLOSE TO THE HOFFA PROBE SAID TODAY.

FITZSIMMONS, THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY ROBERT BAPTISTE OF WASHINGTON, D.C., DENIED ON THURSDAY THAT SUCH A MEETING TOOK PLACE.

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, THE FBI INTERVIEWED MIKE LARCO, A CO-OWNER OF LARCO'S INN ON DETROIT'S NORTHWEST SIDE, ABOUT REPORTS OF A MEETING BETWEEN FITZSIMMONS AND REPUTED MAFIA FIGURES RAFFAELE ''JIMMY Q'' QUASARANO AND PETER VITALE. THE SOURCES SAID.

THE MEETING REPORTEDLY OCCURRED FOUR OR FIVE DAYS BEFORE HOFFA, FITZSIMMONS' ARCHRIVAL AND PREDECESSOR AS TEAMSTERS CHIEF, DROPPED FROM SIGHT JULY 30. LARCO SAID THE RESTAURANT OWNERS TOLD THE FBI THERE HAD BEEN NO SUCH MEETING.

''IT'S JUST NOT TRUE,'' SAID LARCO, WHO EXPLAINED HE WOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED THE THREE MEN.

A MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL SAID FITZSIMMONS HAS KNOWN QUASARANO AND VITALE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND THAT INFORMANTS HAVE SEEN THE THREE IN LARCO'S TOGETHER AT LEAST ONCE IN THE PAST.

BUT THE OFFICIAL SAID THERE WAS NO CONFIRMATION THAT A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO REPUTED MOBSTERS AND FITZSIMMONS OCCURRED ON JULY 25 OR 26.

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The real FBI stands up

PATRICIA HEARST and her sick army have been apprehended and immobilized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It is the end of 19 months around-the-clock investigation that took curious and violent turns: the end of the most celebrated fugitive hunt in FBI history.

Now it is one down and one to go—solution to the James Hoffa disappearance case.

The historical patience and investigative skills of the FBI once again prevailed in the bizarre Patty Hearst hunt. It always does, if you look down the record from the terrorists of the 30's to Friday's apprehension of the Symbionese Liberation Army remnants.

And it probably will in the knotty, gangster-tainted disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa.

IT HAS COME in the midst of critical pursuit from a strangely antagonistic band of liberal Congressmen and news media folk who have ferreted out questionable tactics of the J. Edgar Hoover era for their target practice.

Meanwhile, hundreds upon hundreds of FBI agents worked in their traditional silence—and under occasional highly unusual restraints—to splinter a dangerous group of radical revolutionists.

Now, where does this pursuit of the FBI end? In a blind alley where we bog down in our rubbish?

Hopefully, not.

The currently popular game of discrediting the intelligence agency because of alleged past violations of its prescribed ground rules is not over—not even with this latest example of their police skills.

In painful reluctance the critics recognize the police work that concluded the most widespread and costly of FBI efforts since the Dallas assassination of President Kennedy. Ironically, it came even while some elements are going back those 12 years to question FBI work on the Kennedy tragedy.

BUT THE HEARST climax, plus the recent capture of the Samuel Bronfman kidnapers under similarly rough pressures, has bouyed and at least partially restored the flagging FBI image.

Recent reports in eastern newspapers, quickly denied, have had FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley in the depths of frustration and leaning towards resignation. But he didn't sound like a man about to quit under fire when he received the telephoned news of the Hearst capture from his San Francisco agents:

"I knew we could do it!"

Nor did he sound like a man giving up on his Bureau's unbending attack on crime when, just a few days ago, he exhorted his staff and the nation to keep plugging in the FBI's monthly Law Enforcement Bulletin.

"Crime has continued to grow beyond our worst expectations because, in my opinion and that of many other lawmen with whom I talk, the rewards from criminal offenses have become larger than the risks.

"One sober projection of the chances of a burglar going to jail for his crime has placed the risks substantially below those which any citizen encounters in becoming a victim of a serious crime!"

AND THEN, in almost prophetic

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reference to Hearst-type cases days before it was solved, he added:

"There has been a preoccupation with viewing too many offenders sympathetically as themselves innocent victims of sociological injustices which have led or forced them irresistibly into criminal pursuits. This admirably humanistic perspective of the crime problem has, as many authorities are increasingly inclined to acknowledge, seriously discounted the possibility that criminal offenders are mainly rational—albeit unprincipled—individuals who see crime as an easier means than lawful industry of gaining what they want . . ."

In these next few weeks when three Congressional committees hold public hearings on alleged FBI deficiencies in its domestic surveillance, a few of the Congressmen might ask Kelley to expand on the real purposes of the FBI.

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THE 9/28/75 "DFP" CARRIED A LENGTHY ARTICLE CONCERNING THE SEARCH. THE FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE ARTICLE:

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE "JACKSON" INVESTIGATORS SAID THAT UNDERWORLD BOSSES SUPPLIED THE INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION BECAUSE THEY CONTEND ORGANIZED CRIME IS BEING FALSELY ACCUSED IN HOFFA DISAPPEARANCE AND WERE FEELING INTENSE HEAT FROM "INVESTIGATION SPEARHEADED BY THE FBI." HOFFA WAS REPORTEDLY MURDERED BECAUSE OF TEAMSTER UNION POLITICS AND THE UNDERWORLD CONTACT MADE A DEAL WITH SENATE INVESTIGATORS TO HELP FIND BODY IF FBI KEPT OUT OF ARRANGEMENTS. THE ARTICLE ELABORATED ON THE FACT THAT THE FBI WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY APPRISED OF THE INFORMATION.

THE DFP ARTICLE FURTHER REPORTED THAT SEARCH WAS INITIATED AS A RESULT OF A SERIES OF "CLOAK-AND-DAGGER" MEETINGS BEGINNING A MONTH AGO AFTER WILLIAM B. GALLINARO WAS CONTACTED ON AUGUST 28, 1975 BY AN UNDERWORLD "REPRESENTATIVE." SOURCE INDICATED HOFFA MURDERED BY SUPPORTER OF FRANK FITZSIMMONS WITHOUT FITZSIMMONS' KNOWLEDGE.

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AN ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE "DETROIT FREE PRESS" (DFP), A MORNING DAILY NEWSPAPER IN DETROIT, DATED SEPT. 29, 1975, WITH THE HEADLINE "DETAILS SOUGHT FROM MAN WHO SAYS HE BURIED HOFFA". THE FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF THAT ARTICLE:

THE DFP ARTICLE QUOTED WILLIAM B. GALLINARO, AN INVESTIGATOR FOR A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRED BY SENATOR HENRY JACKSON, D-WASHINGTON, AS SAYING THAT THE INFORMATION WHICH LED STATE AUTHORITIES TO DIG FOR HOFFA'S BODY IN AN OAKLAND COUNTY FIELD CAME FROM ONE OF THE MEN WHO BURIED HIM. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE INFORMANT WAS TRACKED DOWN DURING THE PAST MONTH AND IS BEING HELD BY AN UNDERWORLD CHIEFTAIN.

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ACCORDING TO GALLINARO, THE MAN IS ONE OF THREE MEN WHO ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES SAY WERE INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF HOFFA AND THE DISPOSAL OF THE BODY. GALLINARO ALSO ADVISED HE HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT WHETHER THE INFORMANT PARTICIPATED IN THE KILLING OR ONLY ASSISTED IN THE BURIAL; HOWEVER, THE UNDERWORLD IS HOLDING THE MAN UNTIL HE PROVIDES EXACT DIRECTIONS TO THE BURIAL SITE.

THE ARTICLE MAINTAINS THAT THE DIGGING IN THE SEARCH AREA HAS BEEN SUSPENDED WHILE GALLINARO AND HIS ASSOCIATE, F. KEITH ADKINSON, AWAIT MORE INFORMATION FROM THEIR UNDERWORLD SOURCES.

VINCE PIERSANTE, DIRECTOR OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ORGANIZED CRIME TASK FORCE, IS QUOTED AS SUGGESTING "GET THE INFORMANT HERE AND PUT A CROSS AT THE SPOT." PIERSANTE ADVISED THAT HE PLACES SOME CREDENCE ON THE INFORMATION BECAUSE IT APPARENTLY FITS THE DESCRIPTION OF WHAT IS KNOWN ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DISAPPEARANCE. PIERSANTE ALSO STATED THAT "WE DO NOT KNOW THE MENTAL CONDITION OF THE PERSON WHO MADE THE ESTIMATES

(OF DIRECTIONS TO THE BURIAL SITE)". PIERSANTE CONCLUDED THAT "IF YOU HAD HOFFA'S BODY IN THE BACK OF YOUR CAR, EVERY TEN SECONDS WOULD SEEM LIKE AN HOUR AND EVERY 100 YARDS WOULD SEEM LIKE THREE MILES."

THE ARTICLE FURTHER STATED THAT "SYNDICATED CHIEFTAINS" CONTEND THAT MOBSTERS WERE BEING FALSELY ACCUSED OF MURDERING HOFFA. GALLINARO INSISTED THAT THE CONTACT STATED THAT HOFFA WAS KILLED BY TEAMSTER SUPPORTERS OF UNION PRESIDENT FRANK FITZSIMMONS WITHOUT FITZSIMMON'S KNOWLEDGE, AND IN ORDER TO TAKE THE PRESSURE OFF THE UNDERWORLD, THE CONTACT TOLD HIM THAT ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES WOULD HUNT DOWN HOFFA'S SLAYERS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION THAT WOULD LEAD THE SENATE INVESTIGATORS TO THE BODY.

BOTH GALLINARO AND ADKINSON ADMITTED THAT THEY STARTED THE SEARCH UNDER THE FALSE IMPRESSION THAT THE INFORMANT HAD BEEN BROUGHT BACK TO THE GRAVE SITE AND THAT THE DIRECTIONS THEY RECEIVED WERE EXACT.

GALLINARO ADVISED THAT HE HAS ASKED HIS UNDERWORLD CONTACT FOR ANSWERS TO 28 QUESTIONS THAT COULD NARROW THE SEARCH AREA. AS OF SUNDAY AFTERNOON, SEPT. 28, 1975, GALLINARO WAS STILL WAITING FOR THE ANSWERS; HOWEVER, INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT CONCERNED AND THAT HIS SOURCES MUST BE "WORKING ON IT".

THE ARTICLE INDICATED THAT THE FBI WAS NOT NOTIFIED OF THE SEARCH UNTIL IT WAS UNDERWAY SATURDAY, SEPT. 27, 1975, AND THAT THIS DECISION HAS RESULTED IN CHARGES THAT THE DRAMATIC SEARCH HAD POLITICAL OVERTONES SINCE SENATOR JACKSON IS A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND HIS MICHIGAN CAMPAIGN MANAGER IS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MICHIGAN, FRANK J. KELLEY. KELLEY TERMED SUCH TALK "RIDICULOUS". GALLINARO AND ADKINSON BOTH ADVISED THAT IT WAS THE SOURCE'S DECISION NOT TO INVOLVE THE FBI AND DENIED THAT THE INVESTIGATION HAD POLITICAL OVERTONES. GALLINARO STATED THAT "SENATOR JACKSON DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON UNTIL VERY LATE IN THIS MATTER. NOBODY KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING BUT ADKINSON AND I AND OUR SOURCE".

ADKINSON STATED IN THE ARTICLE THAT WHEN THE SOURCES FIRST CAME TO THE SENATE INVESTIGATORS, THE VERY FIRST THING THEY TOLD THEM TO DO WAS TO TAKE THEIR INFORMATION TO THE FBI; HOWEVER, THEY SAID "THEY COULDN'T DO THAT; THEY HAD TO WORK ONLY WITH US". GALLINARO ADDED, "IT WAS THEIR DECISION, NOT OURS AND CERTAINLY NOT THE SENATOR'S".

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DETROIT (UPI) -- THE REPUTED UNDERWORLD TIPSTER WHO TOUCHED OFF DAYS OF DIGGING FOR THE BODY OF JAMES R. HOFFA LAST WEEK MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF PLOT TO BILK AUTHORITIES OUT OF $100,000, THE DETROIT NEWS REPORTED SUNDAY.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID FBI AND MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT SOURCES HAVE INFORMATION INDICATING THE INFORMANT TEAMED UP WITH A MINOR WEST SIDE DETROIT MOB FIGURE TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE THE MAFIA WAS HELPING INVESTIGATORS FIND HOFFA'S GRAVE.

TWO SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS, WHO BROUGHT THE TIP TO MICHIGAN OFFICIALS, INSISTED THEIR INFORMATION WAS SOLID AND SCOFFED AT THE HOAX THEORY.

INVESTIGATORS WILLIAM GALLINARO AND F. KEITH ADKINSON, HOWEVER, ABANDONED THEIR VIGIL IN A SUBURBAN HOTEL AND QUIETLY RETURNED TO WASHINGTON SATURDAY NIGHT. THE SEARCH FOR THE FORMER TEAMSTERS UNION BOSS, WHO DISAPPEARED JULY 30, REMAINED AT A STANDSTILL.

ACCORDING TO THE DETROIT NEWS REPORT, THE DETROIT MOBSTER "PUT THE WORD OUT ON THE STREET" THAT THE MOB WAS HELPING AUTHORITIES FIND HOFFA WHILE THE SUBCOMMITTEE INFORMANT GAVE GALLINARO AND ADKINSON A MAP CRUDELY SHOWING THE GRAVESITE.

WITH THE WORD OUT, UNDERWORLD SOURCES CONFIRMED THE INFORMANT'S TALE OF MOB COOPERATION, THE NEWS SAID.

THE REPORT SAID FEDERAL LAWMEN WERE UNSURE IF MONEY HAD BEEN PAID TO THE INFORMANT, BUT THEY WERE CERTAIN AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT HAD BEEN MADE.

GALLINARO AND ADKINSON REMAINED IN DETROIT AFTER THE ORIGINAL TIP FAILED TO PRODUCE HOFFA'S BODY, HOPING THEIR INFORMANT COULD PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE GRAVESITE.

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HOFFA DISAPPEARED JULY 30 FROM THE PARKING LOT OF A SUBURBAN RESTAURANT. HUNDREDS OF TIPS, SOME OF THEM LAUNCHING FULL-SCALE INVESTIGTIVE EFFORTS, HAVE PROVED FRUITLESS.

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DETROIT (UPI) -- THE FBI IS QUESTIONING EMPLOYES OF A SUBURBAN RESTAURANT ON A TIP THAT EX-TEAMSTERS BOSS JAMES R. HOFFA WAS KILLED THERE AND HIS BODY DUMPED IN A TRASH COMPACTOR SERVICED BY REPUTED MAFIA MEMBERS.
FEDERAL OFFICIALS FRIDAY CONFIRMED AGENTS WERE INTERVIEWING EMPLOYES AT THE RALEIGH HOUSE IN SOUTHFIELD ON INFORMATION THAT HOFFA ATTENDED A SECRET MEETING THERE JULY 30, THE DAY HE DISAPPEARED.
ROBERT OZER, HEAD OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE FORCE IN DETROIT, COULD NOT SAY THAT AGENTS HAVE DISCOVERED IN THEIR QUEST FOR CLUES TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE 62-YEAR-OLD LABOR LEADER.
HE COULD SAY ONLY THE TIP CAME IN A "SOUND MANNER."
FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAID THE LARGE TRASH COMPACTOR AT THE RALEIGH HOUSE IS SERVICED BY TWO REPUTED MAFIA MEMBERS -- RAFAELE "JIMMY Q" QUASARANO AND DOMINIC F. "FATS" CORRADO. QUASARANO AND CORRADO WERE IDENTIFIED IN U.S. SENATE TESTIMONY IN 1963 AS TOP-LEVEL ADMINISTRATORS OF THE DETROIT MAFIA.
JAMES JOSEPH, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE RESTAURANT, SAID FBI AGENTS INSPECTED THE 8-BY-23-FOOT COMPACTOR LAST MONTH.
TWO U.S. SENATE INVESTIGATORS WHO CAME TO DETROIT MORE THAN A WEEK AGO WITH WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF HOFFA'S GRAVE IN A WOODED, SWAMPY AREA IN OAKLAND COUNTY PLAN TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND.
INVESTIGATORS WILLIAM GALLINARO AND F. KEITH ADKINSON HAVE WAITED SINCE SUNDAY IN A SOUTHFIELD HOTEL ROOM FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE REPORTED GRAVE SITE FROM THE TIPSTER, DESCRIBED AS A RELIABLE UNDERWORLD CONTACT.
SO FAR, THE INFORMATION GIVEN THE INVESTIGATORS HAS PRODUCED NOTHING MORE THAN THE DIGGING OF SEVERAL LARGE HOLES IN A FIELD IN WATERFORD TOWNSHIP ABOUT 35 MILES NORTHWEST OF DETROIT.
THE DETROIT NEWS, IN A COPYRIGHTED STORY, IDENTIFIED THE MAN WHO GAVE THE TIP TO SEN. HENRY JACKSON'S CRIME SUBCOMMITTEE AS HARRY HALL, 56, DESCRIBED AS A VETERAN UNDERWORLD INFORMER WITH CONNECTIONS WITH BOTH THE TEAMSTERS AND THE MAFIA. B. APPROX. 1919
HALL, WHO ALSO GOES BY THE NAME HARRY MALLER, DENIED THE REPORT IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH THE DETROIT FREE PRESS FROM HIS HOME IN BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF. HOWEVER, A HIGH-RANKING FBI SOURCE ON THE WEST COAST TOLD THE FREE PRESS THAT HALL IS "UNDOUBTEDLY" THE SOURCE PASSING INFORMATION TO THE SENATE INVESTIGATORS.
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RE HOFFA FAMILY:

AN ARTICLE IN THE NOV. 10, 1975, ISSUE OF THE "DETROIT FREE PRESS" NOTES THAT JAMES P. HOFFA (JPH) APPEARED BEFORE A RANK AND FILE MEETING OF TEAMSTER LOCAL 299 ON NOV. 9, 1975 TO DISCUSS THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF ORGANIZING. INSTEAD HE MADE AN IMPASSIONED SPEACH ABOUT MEMORIES OF HIS FATHER. AFTER THE SPEECH A UNION REPRESENTATIVE MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT HOFFA AS A BUSINESS AGENT FOR LOCAL 299 TO WHICH HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY NAMED AFTER ABOUT 600 DELEGATES GAVE HIM AN ALMOST UNANYMOUS STANDING VOTE. THIS WILL CLEAR THE WAY FOR HOFFA TO LATER RUN FOR A TEAMSTER POSITION. EX-115 REC-65 9-60052-1006

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ON DEC. 30, 1975, WILLIAM E. BUFALINO, SR. APPEARED BEFORE USDJ JAMES P. CHURCHILL AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN, ON A MOTION TO SET BAIL IN THE PENDING APPEAL OF STEPHEN ANDRETTA. THE COURT DIRECTED THE HEARING BE ADJOURNED TO DEC. 31, 1975, BEFORE USDJ RALPH FREEMAN BECAUSE OF HIS PRIOR RULINGS IN THIS MATTER. USDJ CHURCHILL CALLED BUFALINO'S ARGUMENTS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE COURT ON HIS REQUEST "A LOT OF GARBAGE".

ON DEC. 31, 1975, BUFALINO APPEARED BEFORE USDJ FREEMAN. FOLLOWING ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS OF RAMBLING ARGUMENT, FREEMAN SAID HE HAD HEARD ENOUGH. AFTER A BRIEF ADJOURNMENT, FREEMAN FOUND BUFALINO'S APPEAL "FRIVOLOUS AND TAKEN FOR DELAY" AND DENIED THE MOTION. BUFALINO WAS ADVISED BY THE COURT THAT THE LAW STATES THE COURT OF APPEALS MUST CONSIDER THE APPEAL BUFALINO HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED (ON DEC. 22, 1975) WITHIN 30 DAYS. BUFALINO RESPONDED, OBVIOUSLY UNAWARE OF THE LAW, BY

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REMARKING "THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW".

FOLLOWING THIS DENIAL, BUFALINO HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE STEPS OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING. HE ANNOUNCED THAT MEMBERS OF TEAMSTERS NEW JERSEY LOCAL 560 HAVE OFFERED TO HELP SEARCH FOR HOFFA'S BODY IN THE (MUSCATO'S) DUMP IN JERSEY CITY. HE SAID 400 TEAMSTERS ARE READY TO ASSIST THE FBI IN THIS AND FURTHER THAT THE BRIGUGLIOS AND THOMAS ANDRETTA ARE NOW OFFERING A $10,000 DOLLAR REWARD TO ANYONE WHO CAN FIND HOFFA'S BODY "IN MUSCATO'S DUMP".

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 572203
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

ANTHONY J. ZERILLI, Plaintiff	)	PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
v	)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendant	)	

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TO: THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN:

Now comes Anthony J. Zerilli, by his attorney, William J. Weinstein, and respectfully shows unto this Honorable Court that he is being illegally detained at the Federal Correctional Institution at Milan, Michigan, which institution is within the confines of the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, and moves this Honorable Court to order him returned to the Federal Correctional Institution at Sandstone, Minnesota, for the following reasons:

1. That your petitioner was convicted of a federal offense in the United States District Court, Central District of California. That the United States Bureau of Prisons designated that your petitioner serve his sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution at Sandstone, Minnesota. That your petitioner did on April 14, 1975 begin serving his sentence as imposed upon him by the United States District Judge in the Central District of California.

2. That on September 19, 1975, United States Task Force attorneys in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, caused to be filed before this Honorable Court a petition for writ of habeas corpus ad testificand

That upon the issuance of said Writ, your petitioner was taken by the U. S. Marshal's office from Sandstone, Minnesota, by automobile. That the trip from Sandstone to Michigan, by automobile, entailed stopovers wherein your petitioner was placed in county jails where he was compelled, because of the lack of facilities, to sleep on floors until such time as the trip could continue the following morning.

3. That your petitioner arrived in Michigan, and was placed in the Oakland County jail located in Oakland County, State of Michigan, and that he did appear before a federal grand jury in Michigan on or about the 24th of September, 1975.

4. That your petitioner remained in the Oakland County jail until on or about October 15, 1975 when, because of a motion filed before this Honorable Court, petitioner was finally transferred from the Oakland County jail, which had no facilities whatsoever to keep federal incarcerated prisoners for any duration of time, especially the duration of time that your petitioner had been there. As a result, on said date, he was transferred to the Federal Correctional Institution at Milan, Michigan.

5. That your petitioner has been a "U. S. Marshal's prisoner" since that time; that he is not part of the permanent prison personnel, but rather he is under the "jurisdiction of the U. S. Marshal."

6. That continued and prolonged retention as has been the case herein, has illegally and wrongfully affected your petitioner's rights under the federal law as to:

(a) a furlough

(b) a transfer

(c) prison job opportunity

(d) attempts at rehabilitation

(e) parole

and in other matters, as a result he has been illegally and wrongfully deprived of his constitutional rights as guaranteed him by the U. S. Constitution.

7. That your petitioner did re-appear before the federal grand jury at his own request on or about October 22, 1975, and did testify before the federal grand jury and did answer each and every question placed to him by the prosecutor to the best of your petitioner's ability.

8. That since that time petitioner's counsel has been requesting of Mr. Fred Dana, Special U. S. Attorney attached to the U. S. Strike Task Force in Detroit, Michigan, that your petitioner be returned to the Federal Correctional Institution at Sandstone, Minnesota, where he was legally assigned, where he has an assigned case worker, and a case team who have jurisdiction of him and have been working with him in efforts of rehabilitation in their efforts to attempt to obtain a furlough, and in efforts to obtain a transfer, as is the case of every other federal prisoner.

9. That following his appearance before the federal grand jury on or about October 22, 1975, petitioner's counsel has been conferring with Fred Dana, Special Assistant U. S. Attorney, who has been handling the grand jury investigation and is in charge of petitioner's incarceration. To avoid ambiguity, this means until such time as the United States Attorney returns the writ of habeas corpus as satisfied, your petitioner will remain in Michigan in a segregated status, unable to prove he can rehabilitate himself, unable to prove his worthiness for parole, unable to prove his right to transfer to any other federal correctional institution, unable to obtain or request furlough, all to his great detriment, and violative of the due process clause of the United States Constitution.

10. That the tactics used by the United States Attorney's office, Strike Force Division in Michigan, which have been used to incarcerate

petitioner, have been to humiliate, embarrass and punish him without cause or justification, without due process as guaranteed him by the United States Constitution, and is cruel and inhuman treatment, violative of his rights under the Fifth Amendment, Sixth Amendment, and Eighth Amendment of the U. S. Constitution, all to his great detriment.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that a writ of habeas corpus be directed to the U. S. Marshall for the Eastern District of Michigan for the body of the above-named person, on Wednesday the 12th day of November at 10:00 a.m. in order that he may be present to inquire into his illegal detention by the U. S. Marshal, and by the United States Attorney's Strike Force attached to the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, while he was being incarcerated at Milan, Michigan.

William J. Weinstein
Attorney for Petitioner
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Detroit, Michigan 48226

STATE OF MICHIGAN) SS
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

On this 11th day of November, A.D. 1975 before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County, personally appeared the above-named William J. Weinstein who is the attorney for Petitioner, and who has read the foregoing Petition by him subscribed and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge and belief, except those matters stated to be upon information and belief, and as to those matters he believes the same to be true.

Marian Heffner

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Notary [illegible] Michigan
My Commission Expires January [illegible], 1977

TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT:

LET WRIT ISSUE AS PRAYED

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

ANTHONY J. ZERILLI,

Plaintiff,

v. : Civil No. 5-72203

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

GOVERNMENT'S ANSWER IN OPPOSITION TO
ANTHONY J. ZERILLI'S PETITION FOR
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

COMES NOW the United States of America, by its attorneys, Ralph B. Guy, Jr., United States Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, and Frederick J. Dana, Special Attorney, and opposes ANTHONY J. ZERILLI's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus for the following reasons:

1. ANTHONY J. ZERILLI is a convicted Federal prisoner, who is serving a four- (4) year sentence, which commenced on April 14, 1975, at the Federal Correctional Institution at Sandstone, Minnesota;

2. ANTHONY J. ZERILLI is lawfully incarcerated by virtue of his conviction and sentence affirmed by Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, arising out of his conviction from the Central District of California for conspiring to own and operate the FRONTIER HOTEL GAMBLING CASINO by persons not licensed by the State of Nevada, in violation of Nevada and Federal laws;

3. By virtue of a Writ of Habeas Corpus Ad Testificandum, ANTHONY J. ZERILLI has been and continues to be a witness before the Special Grand Jury investigating the disappearance of James R. Hoffa on July 30, 1975, and a pattern of racketeering believed to be in violation

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

ANTHONY ZERILLI,

Plaintiff,

v. Civil No. 5-72203

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

GOVERNMENT'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION TO DISMISS ANTHONY ZERILLI'S WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS APPLICATION

ANTHONY ZERILLI has no right to object to the inquiry of the Special Grand Jury as it investigates a pattern of racketeering and the disappearance of James R. Hoffa on July 30, 1975. In United States v. Calandra, 414 U.S. 338 (1974), the Court held that a witness, the subject of a search warrant executed during a gambling investigation, after being granted immunity could not object to questions about loan-sharking activities that were derived from the search in the gambling raid.

In so holding the Court said:

> Traditionally the grand jury has been accorded wide latitude to inquire into violations of criminal law. No judge presides to monitor its proceedings. It deliberates in secret and may determine alone the course of its inquiry. The grand jury may compel the production of evidence or the testimony of witnesses as it considers appropriate, and its operation generally is unrestrained by the technical procedural and evidentiary rules governing the conduct of criminal trials. "It is a grand inquest, a body with powers of investigation and inquisition, the scope of whose inquiries is not to be limited narrowly by questions of propriety or forecasts of the probable result of the investigation, or by doubts whether any particular individual will be found properly subject to an accusation of crime."

Id. at 343.

Continuing, the Court reemphasized the obligation of a witness to testify even if difficulties are encountered as a result of being so compelled.

> "The duty to testify may on occasion be burdensome and even embarrassing. It may cause injury to a witness' social and economic status." Id. at 345.

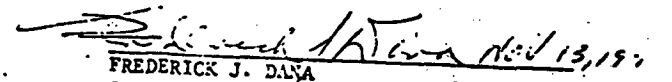
Here, ANTHONY ZERILLI a lawfully convicted federal prisoner is, therefore, not entitled to relief in the form of a "writ of habeas corpus" to be returned to Sandstone, Minnesota, to resume his status as a member of the permanent prison population there. The Supreme Court was referring to a citizen not under the bounds of confinement. ANTHONY ZERILLI, however, does not enjoy, nor is he entitled to special status as to when he wants to return or to where he wants to be incarcerated.

Finally, it is clear that a witness "may not interfere with the course of the Grand Jury's inquiry." Id. at 345. The Court has stated in Calandra, supra, that objections to incompetency and irrelevancy [are] "no concern of his" (a witness'). Id. at 345.

For the foregoing reasons, the Government urges the Court to dismiss the application for a Writ of Habeas Corpus filed in the instant matter.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH B. GUY, JR.
United States Attorney
Eastern District of Michigan



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Dated: November 13, 1975.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

TOMMY ANDRETTA,

Defendant.

ORDER

AND NOW, this 4th day of December, 1975, upon consideration of the within verified Application to Compel Participation in a Lineup, and following a hearing in open court at which hearing TOMMY ANDRETTA was present, with counsel, it is hereby

ORDERED that TOMMY ANDRETTA is hereby directed and required to participate in a lineup to be conducted at 1:30 P.M. on December 6th, 1975, at Oakland County Jail, Pontiac, Mich.

It is further ORDERED that counsel for TOMMY ANDRETTA shall be present at all times during which TOMMY ANDRETTA participates in the said lineup.

/s/ James P. Churchill
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

GABRIEL BRIGUGLIO,

Defendant.

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/S/ [illegible]
UNITED STATES DISTRICT [illegible]

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SALVATORE BRIGUGLIO,

Defendant.

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/s/ James P. Churchill
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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

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GABRIEL BRIGUGLIO,

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/S/ James P. Churchill
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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TOMMY ANDRETTA,

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/s/ James P. Churchill
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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It is further ORDERED that counsel for GABRIEL BRIGUGLIO shall be present at all times during which GABRIEL BRIGUGLIO participates in the said lineup.

/s/ James P. Churchill
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

TOMMY ANDRETTA,

Defendant.

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RE: WILLIAM ~~E. BU~~FALINO, SR.

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[redacted] BUFALINO ADVISED THE PRESS HE WAS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FEB 9, 1976, CONFERING WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JOHN CONYERS AND ELEVEN OTHER IDENTIFIED CONGRESSMEN AND THREE SENATORS WHO HAVE CO-SPONSORED HOUSE BILL NUMBER 4604, THE GRAND JURY REFORM ACT. HE ADVISED HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS THERE TO BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH REGARDING THIS BILL AND SAID THE SUBCOMMITTEE HANDLING THESE HEARINGS IS THE CITIZENSHIP-IMMIGRATION AND INTERNATIONAL LAW SUBCOMMITTEE. BUFALINO HANDED OUT COPIES OF THIS BILL TO THE PRESS. HR 4606 CONCERNS ESTABLISHING "CERTAIN RULES WITH RESPECT TO THE APPEARANCE OF WITNESSES BEFORE GRAND JURYS IN ORDER TO BETTER PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS..." BUFALINO SAID HE INTENDS TO WORK CLOSELY AND PUBLICLY WITH CONYERS ON THE PASSAGE OF THIS LEGISLATION AND SAID HIS CLIENT, STEPHEN ANDRETTA, MAY BE

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A PRIME WITNESS FOR THESE HEARINGS.

BUFALINO ALSO ANNOUNCED HE PLANS TO WRITE TWO BOOKS ON HOFFA, ONE ENTITLED "MY LIFE WITH JAMES R. HOFFA IN PICTURES", BOTH TO BE PUBLISHED BY MAY 15, 1976 BY BANTAM (PH) BOOKS.

RE: ANTHONY PROVENZANO

BUFALINO TOLD THE PRESS HE ALONG WITH DEFENSE ATTORNEY MURRAY EDELBAUM (PH) WILL REPRESENT PROVENZANO IN NYC IN HIS TRIAL THERE BEGINNING IN MARCH, 1976.

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A NEWS CONFERENCE WAS HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE AT 2:15 P.M. IN THE LAW OFFICES OF WILLIAM BUFALINO, JR. IN SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN. IT WAS REPORTED IN THE PRESS THAT ANDRETTA STATED "YOU KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JAMES HOFFA AS I DO." HE FURTHER SAID HE "WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE SAME TOWN" AS PICARDO AND REITERATED HE WAS AT TEAMSTER LOCAL 560 ON JULY 30, 1975, PLAYING CARDS WITH PROVENZANO, THE BRIGUGLIOS,

HE SAID AS FAR AS HE AND HIS ASSOCIATES HAVING BECOME THE FOCUS IN THE HOFFA PROBE, "ITS SOMETHING LIKE THE SACCO-VANZETTI CASE. WE JUST HAPPEN TO BE A COUPLE OF LITTLE NOBODYS OF ITALIAN EXTRACTION FROM NEW JERSEY." HE ENDED THE CONFERENCE BY SAYING, "I REALLY DON'T KNOW IF HOFFA IS DEAD."

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THE "DETROIT FREE PRESS" IN AN ARTICLE, DATED APRIL 1, 1976, REPORTED THAT MRS. JOSEPHINE HOFFA WAS APPOINTED TO ADMINISTER THE $900,000.00 ESTATE OF HER HUSBAND, JAMES R. HOFFA (JRH). MRS. HOFFA, REPRESENTED BY HER SON, JAMES P. HOFFA, ASKED THE COURT TO GIVE HER CONTROL OF HER HUSBAND'S PERSONAL ASSETS AND REAL ESTATE. PRESIDING OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, JUDGE DONALD ADAMS APPROVED THE SPECIAL APPOINTMENT, SAYING IT WILL LAST FOR SEVEN YEARS WHEN UNDER THE LAW, JRH COULD BE DECLARED LEGALLY DEAD UNLESS THE ACTUAL REMAINS ARE FOUND BEFORE THEN. UNDER THIS TITLE, MRS. HOFFA NOW HAS AUTHORITY TO SEE THAT ALL BILLS AND TAXES ON ANY PROPERTIES ARE PAID AND TO BASICALLY PRESERVE THE ESTATE AS IT EXISTS.

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IN AN ARTICLE IN THE DETROIT NEWS, ON APRIL 10, 1976, IT WAS REPORTED MRS. HOFFA HAS FILED A SUIT AGAINST THE TRUSTEES OF THE TEAMSTER UNION PENSION FUND, AND A WASHINGTON, D.C. BANK TO FORCE PAYMENTS OF $461,000 IN PENSION BENEFITS TO HER HUSBAND'S ESTATE. THE SUIT CHARGES THAT IBT PRESIDENT FRANK E. FITZSIMMONS HAS FAILED TO LIVE UP TO AN AGREEMENT TO PAY HOFFA A LUMP SUM OF 1.7 MILLION DOLLARS IN PENSION BENEFITS. ACCORDING TO MRS. HOFFA'S LAWYERS, HOFFA WAS TO LEAVE $650,000 ON DEPOSIT AT

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AMERICAN SECURITY AND TRUST COMPANY, WASHINGTON, D.C., UNTIL JULY 1, 1974 AND $461,000 ON DEPOSIT UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1976. THE SUIT CONTENDS A MONTH BEFORE THE BALANCE WAS TO BE PAID, ON JANUARY 1, FITZSIMMONS WROTE THE BANK TELLING IT TO WITHHOLD THE PAYMENT BECAUSE "JAMES R. HOFFA IS LIABLE TO THE PLAN IN EXCESS OF FUNDS PRESENTLY HELD BY YOUR BANK." NO EXPLANATION OF THE ALLEGED LIABILITY WAS GIVEN.

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U.S. Probers Think They Know Who Murdered Hoffa and Why

BY SAUL FRIEDMAN
Free Press Washington Staff

WASHINGTON — Federal investigators believe they know why, how and by whom former Teamsters President James R. Hoffa was kidnapped and killed, according to a high-ranking Justice Department official.

The official, who asked that his name be withheld, declined to divulge the details of what investigators have found because, he said, that could pinpoint the government's sources of information.

He did say, however, that the evidence and information supplied by witnesses and underworld informants strongly point to Detroit area persons close to Hoffa and the New Jersey mobsters. New Jersey Teamster official Anthony (Tony Pro) Provenzano also figures in the government probe, he said.

A separate source in Detroit who has been close to the investigation confirmed the Justice Department official's assessment of the case.

And Richard Thornburgh, assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division, put it this way: "We have a very viable theory as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the kidnapping and murder of Hoffa and as to who was responsible. But there is a difference between what we know and what we can prove in court." Hoffa disappeared last July 30 from the parking lot of the Machus Red Fox Restaurant in Bloomfield Township.

Another federal source said that Charles (Chuckie) O'Brien apparently played a major role in the events that led up to the disappearance of Hoffa.

But the same source said that O'Brien, self-described foster son of the missing Hoffa and a key figure in the probe from the start, may have been involved unwittingly.

Thornburgh acknowledged that since December, attempts to build a legal case against suspects have "stalled." But he added, "We're still working on it every day. We are still putting the pressure on. We are still getting information. And we are confident we can break the case."

Investigators seemed on the verge of cracking the case four months ago when three New Jersey men were brought before a grand jury and a lineup.

The three were Salvatore Briguglio, former business agent for Teamsters Local 560 in Union City, N.J., and a close associate of Provenzano, the local's former president and now its secretary-treasurer; Briguglio's brother, Gabriel; and Thomas Andretta, sentenced in June 1972 to prison for loan sharking.

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Last December, Robert Ozer, chief of the federal organized crime strike force in Detroit, declared at a U.S. district court hearing that the grand jury had information from an informant that the three New Jersey men kidnapped and killed Hoffa.

The three refused to appear voluntarily before the lineup, and their lawyer said they claimed the Fifth Amendment and refused to testify before the grand jury.

The three were permitted to return home following their appearances before a Detroit grand jury and the lineup in Pontiac, reportedly after witnesses had failed to substantiate underworld tips that the three were involved in the kidnapping. The case seemed to die.

ON THE condition that his name not be used, the Justice Department official agreed to explain as candidly as possible to Knight Newspapers why the Hoffa investigation now seems to be on dead center. His explanation was checked with separate sources involved in the investigation.

Just why the official chose to reveal that the Justice Department is getting closer to the suspected killers is unclear. But the disclosure may be related to an overall campaign to put increasing pressure on those responsible for Hoffa's disappearance and those who have knowledge of it.

According to the official and the other sources, identifications supplied by witnesses at the Pontiac lineup were not as legally conclusive as FBI agents wished. But investigators became satisfied that they knew who was involved in Hoffa's disappearance.

The investigators also have information from within the Teamsters and the underworld in Detroit and New Jersey which has bolstered their working assumptions about the case.

The problem is that the tipsters, although considered reliable by investigators, could be of no help in obtaining indictments or convictions.

The investigators further believe, on the basis of evidence and information, that Hoffa was lured to the restaurant for a lunch meeting which never took place with an old friend and reputed mob figure, Anthony (Tony Jack) Giacalone, among others.

Asked if Chuckie O'Brien was involved in helping to set up the kidnapping, the Justice Department official said: "We're keeping the pressure on Chuckie. I won't say anything one way or the other."

It was learned from another source, however, that FBI agents have what they consider reliable information that O'Brien picked up the New Jersey trio when they arrived at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The source indicated O'Brien might not have known what purpose the men had in coming to Detroit.

Attorneys for the three men have denied that they were in Detroit at the time of Hoffa's disappearance.

O'Brien could not be reached for comment Thursday.

THE JUSTICE Department official went out of his way to say that investigators "have no evidence" that Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons, who had become Hoffa's rival, was involved in Hoffa's disappearance.

The official did acknowledge — for the first time — that the Justice Department had known that it probably could not have sustained the ban against Hoffa's participation in union activities much longer.

Hoffa, who was on parole, was pushing a suit to permit resumption of his union activities. And the Justice Department official said that Hoffa probably would have won, sooner or later, on constitutional grounds.

Fitzsimmons, who wanted to hold on to the presidency, "benefitted" from Hoffa's disappearance, he said.

"But he would have benefitted if Hoffa had died of a heart attack," the official added, "and it would be unfair to leave the impression that any evidence suggests Fitz-

INVESTIGATORS, I agree, according to several sources, on the motive behind the kidnapping and murder of Hoffa.

As the Justice Department official put it: "There was a strong likelihood that Hoffa was coming back to the Teamsters Union. That was a matter of concern to underworld figures who had acquired influence in the union and its pension fund during Hoffa's tenure as well as during Fitzsimmons'.

"Hoffa was not as easy to get along with as Fitzsimmons," the official said, "and anything that threatened to disrupt the agreeable relationship the underworld had with (the Teamsters), or even create uncertainty, had to be eliminated."

Although there has been speculation that Hoffa's body was transported to a dump on New Jersey's Hackensack River, investigators discount that.

They believe that the body of a former loan shark is in that dump, and their hope is that the recovery of that body would help make a solid murder case, which could be used as a lever in breaking the Hoffa case.

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AN ARTICLE APPEARED APRIL 23, 1976, IN "DETROIT FREE PRESS" ENTITLED "U.S. PROBERS THINK THEY KNOW WHO MURDERED HOFFA AND WHY". THIS ARTICLE WRITTEN BY SOL FRIEDMAN, WASHINGTON STAFF OF THE "FREE PRESS" AND HAD BYLINE OF WASHINGTON, D.C. THE ARTICLE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A "HIGH RANKING JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL". GENERALLY, THE ARTICLE INDICATED THAT EVIDENCE SUPPLIED BY WITNESSES AND UNDERWORLD INFORMANTS STRONGLY POINT

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TO DETROIT AREA PERSONS CLOSE TO HOFFA AND THE NEW JERSEY MOBSTERS. THE ARTICLE CONTAINED A QUOTE OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD THORNBURGH AS FOLLOWS: "WE HAVE A VERY VIABLE THEORY AS TO THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF HOFFA AND AS TO WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE. BUT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT WE KNOW AND WHAT WE CAN PROVE IN COURT." THE ARTICLE ALSO INDICATED THAT CHARLES "CHUCKIE" O'BRIEN AND ANTHONY "TONY PRO" PROVENZANO FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN THE HOFFA DISAPPEARANCE. [redacted] THE ARTICLE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO SAY THAT INVESTIGATORS "HAVE NO EVIDENCE" THAT TEAMSTER PRESIDENT FRANK FITZSIMMONS WAS INVOLVED IN THE HOFFA DISAPPEARANCE. COMPLETE TEXT OF THE ARTICLE SENT TO BUREAU VIA FACSIMILE, AM APRIL 23, 1976.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: "THE DETROIT NEWS", A DAILY DETROIT NEWSPAPER, RAN A SERIES OF ARTICLES FROM AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 6, 1976, REGARDING FBI WIRETAP OF ANTHONY AND VITO GIACALONE'S BUSINESS, HOME JUICE COMPANY, DETROIT, DURING PERIOD 1961-1964. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THESE WIRETAPS REVEALED THERE WAS A PLAN IN 1963 BY THE GIACALONES TO POSSIBLY ABDUCT JRH AT THAT TIME. THIS PROPOSAL WAS VETOED BY DETROIT LCN BOSS, ANTHONY ZERELLI, BECAUSE THE DETROIT MOB FELT THEY NEEDED JRH IN HIS CAPACITY AS HEAD OF THE TEAMSTERS UNION. A COMPLETE SET OF THE SERIES OF ARTICLES WAS SENT TO FBIHQ DIVISION 9.

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DETROIT NEWS MEDIA REPORTED ON JULY 22, 1976, THAT ROBERT C. OZER, HEAD OF DETROIT ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE FORCE, WAS DISMISSED BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS. OZER, WHO HAS HEADED DETROIT FGJ INQUIRY INTO JRH DISAPPEARNCE, IS REPORTEDLY ON EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND IS EXPECTED TO RESIGN. OZER REPLACED BY ACTING CHIEF GEOFFREY ANDERSON FOR PRESENT TIME. NO PERMANENT REPLACEMENT HAS BEEN NAMED.

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NEWARK FILES REFLECT FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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DENNY WALSH, LOS ANGELES BYLINE 4/28/73 WHICH STATED THAT EIGHT WEEKS PRIOR TO BYLINE, ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD G. KLEINDIENST AND ASS'T ATTORNEY GENERAL HENRY PETERSON TURNED DOWN FBI REQUEST TO CONTINUE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE AT PEOPLE'S INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANTS, 9777 WILSHIRE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, (ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE APPARENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE INVOLVING PREPAID HEALTH PLAN PAID FOR BY CENTRAL STATES WELFARE FUND). ARTICLE STATES ELSUR BEGAN 1/26/76; EXTENDED 2/14/73 UNTIL MARCH 6, 1973; ELSUR DISALLOWED AFTER MARCH 6, 1973. ARTICLE ALLEGES "KLEINDIENST - PETERSON DECISION CAME LESS THAN MONTH BEFORE CHARLES COLSON, SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PRESIDENT, LEFT WHITE HOUSE TO JOIN WASHINGTON LAW FIRM TO WHICH FITZSIMMONS HAS TRANSFERRED UNION LEGAL BUSINESS." ARTICLE ALSO ALLEGES COLSON INSTRUMENTAL IN FORMULATING ADMINISTRATION POLITICAL STRATEGY RE ORGANIZED LABOR.

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RE: "NEWSWEEK" MAGAZINE ARTICLE.

IN "NEWSWEEK" MAGAZINE ISSUE DATED AUGUST 30, 1976, AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "A BREAK IN THE HOFFA CASE", IT WAS [redacted] REPORTED THAT FBI KNOWS BASICALLY ALL DETAILS OF HOFFA ABDUCTION AND MURDER, INCLUDING WHERE MURDER TOOK PLACE ("A PRIVATE RESIDENCE ONLY FOUR MINUTES AWAY") AND THE FACT HE WAS "GARROTED". ARTICLE FURTHER INDICATES THAT "THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT CHUCKIE (O'BRIEN) WAS USED".

THE ARTICLE QUOTES VARIOUS FEDERAL SOURCES, [redacted]

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AN ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE "STAR", A NEW YORK WEEKLY NEWSPAPER ON AUGUST 31, 1976, ENTITLED, "JIMMY HOFFA: HIT MAN NAMES TWO KILLERS". THE REPORTERS, PIERS AKERMAN, PETER BRENNAN CREDIT THEIR INFORMATION TO AN INTERNATIONAL HIT MAN KNOWN TO THEM ONLY AS "MR. JOSEPHS". [redacted]

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IN THE ARTICLE, "MR. JOSEPHS" ADVISED THAT HOFFA HIT MEN WERE AZZURI FROM FRANCE AND A LAS VEGAS HOODLUM, JOE SPILOTRO. HE FURTHER ADVISED HE WAS CONTRACTED ALONG WITH HIS PARTNER, FRANK DE PLEDGE BY TONY PROVENZANO AND CHUCKIE O'BRIEN TO KILL AZZURI AND SPILOTRO. HE SAID DE PLEDGE KILLED AZZURI AND HE, "MR. JOSEPHS", WAS IN LAS VEGAS SURVEILLANCE SPILOTRO WHEN, FOR AN UNKNOWN REASON, SPILOTRO'S HIT WAS CANCELLED.

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RE: CHARLES CRIMALDI: ON OCT. 3 AND 4, 1976, STORIES APPEARED IN DETROIT'S TWO (2) LOCAL NEWSPAPERS CONCERNING A NEW BOOK ENTITLED "CRIMALDI, CONTRACT KILLER", ACROPOLIS BOOKS, WHICH HE WROTE IN COLLABORATION WITH JOHN KIDNER, IDENTIFIED AS A RETIRED AIR FORCE COLONEL.

THE NEWS ARTICLE SAYS IN SUBSTANCE THAT JAMES R. HOFFA WAS SLAIN ON ORDERS FROM THE CIA AND BY THE SAME PERSON WHO KILLED SAM GIANCANA OF CHICAGO. THE BOOK CONTENDS HOFFA WAS THE LIAISON BETWEEN CIA AND THE MAFIA IN UNSUCCESSFUL PLOTS TO ASSASSINATE CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO. THE MOTIVE FOR THESE TWO (2) KILLINGS WAS THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CASTRO PLOTS.

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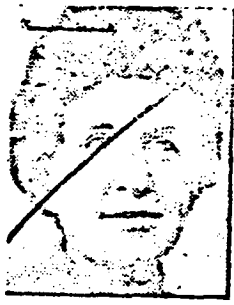

Ex-Gangster Claims CIA Killed Hoffa

WASHINGTON—A horrifying new version of what happened to Jimmy Hoffa is contained in a forthcoming book by a professional underworld killer.

Hoffa was murdered and his body dumped into a junkyard car, which was crushed and smelted, according to Charles (Chuckie) Crimaldi, a former Chicago hit man, who is now cooperating with federal authorities.

Crimaldi claims the former Teamsters Union boss and ex-convict was killed on orders of the CIA but offers no proof.

His book describes Hoffa as the agency's original liaison with the mob in the plot to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro in the early '60s, a version that does not square with official accounts of that episode.

"The same man that killed Momo (gangster Sam Giancana) took care of Hoffa for the same reason: He knew about the Castro plots," Crimaldi states.

Giancana was mysteriously gunned down last year shortly before he was scheduled to testify before a Senate committee investigating alleged CIA assassination plots.

Within weeks Hoffa disappeared, a case that has baffled the FBI for more than a year.

In August of this year, the body of John Roselli, said to be involved in the Castro plot, was found floating in an oil drum off the coast of Florida.

CRIMALDI HAS a new, secret identity provided by drug enforcement authorities. He works as a plumber, a trade learned in prison, and maintains contact with a few old mobster pals.

At the same time, gangland enemies are said to have put a $50,000 price on Crimaldi's head.

For the past three years he has poured out his life story in taped sessions with John Kidner, a retired Air Force colonel and freelance writer. The resulting first-person account ("Crimaldi, Contract Killer," Acropolis Books), billed as a true story, is a brutal, sadistic tale of mob and prison life, its pages filled with killings, beatings and obscenity.

Kidner says he does not know where Crimaldi lives and has no direct way of communicating. When he wants to see the former mobster, he places an ad in a Chicago newspaper. Days or weeks later, Crimaldi turns up. Sometimes contact has to be made through federal drug officials.

Hoffa: murdered, crushed, smelted?

In the book, Crimaldi describes a meeting in Chicago in the '60s with Giancana, during which he asked loan shark Sam DeStefano, Crimaldi's boss, who is now dead, to make the hit on Castro.

"I was tapped by some guys from the CIA," Giancana explained. "I was promised special government consideration for a lot of aggravation that was coming my way."

The mobsters were thrown into confusion and consternation by the source of the request. If DeStefano took on the job, he said, he would want Crimaldi to accompany him to Cuba.

Giancana outlined what he said was the CIA plan:

"What you guys will do is jump bail. It'll be in all the papers how two gangsters skipped the country so there won't be anything phoney about your leaving. After you're situated in South America, you'll be contacted."

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New book ties CIA to Hoffa murder

MIAMI — (UPI) — A new book by a reputed former Chicago underworld assassin will assert that ex-Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa was slain on orders from the Central Intelligence Agency by the same person who killed underworld overlord Sam "Mooney" Giancana at his Oak Park, Ill., home in 1975, the Miami Herald reported yesterday.

The Herald said that in the forthcoming book Charles "Chuckie" Crimaldi will claim that Hoffa's body was placed in a car at an auto junkyard. The scrapped car was then compressed into a block of metal and dumped into a steel smelter.

The book claims Hoffa and Giancana both were slain on orders from the CIA. It contends Hoffa was the liaison between the CIA and the Mafia in unsuccessful plots to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

The Herald noted that Crimaldi offers no proof that the CIA arranged Hoffa's disappearance and Giancana's death and his account of Hoffa involvement in the anti-Castro plots does not concur with official accounts.

The Herald said Crimaldi will say in the book, "The same man that killed Momo (Giancana) took care of Hoffa for the same reason. He knew about the Castro plots."

Crimaldi will say that he was present at a meeting between his former boss, loan shark Sam DeStefano — another mystery slaying victim — and Giancana, at which DeStefano and Crimaldi were asked to take on the Castro assassination assignment.

Crimaldi quotes Giancana as saying, "I was tapped by some guys from the CIA. I was promised special government consideration for a lot of aggravation that was coming my way."

The Crimaldi book is ghost written by retired U.S. Air Force Col. John Kidner, who told the Herald he doesn't know where Crimaldi lives and has no direct means of communicating with him. Crimaldi has been given a new secret identity by the Drug Enforcement Administration, with which he has been cooperating. The underworld allegedly has a $50,000 price on Crimaldi's head.

Kidner told the Herald that, when he wants to talk to Crimaldi, he puts an ad in a Chicago newspaper and then waits days or weeks.

Kidner said that, after Giancana was killed, he placed an ad and about three weeks later Crimaldi appeared.

"He came straight to the point. 'Momo was hit by the CIA,'" Kidner said.

"I told him that would take some proving.

"He replied, 'I don't need proof. The CIA used one of our guys, an import. Nobody'll ever pin this on anybody.'"

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Kleindienst Revealed as Middleman In Placement of Teamsters' Funds

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Richard G. Kleindienst, a former U.S. Attorney General, was revealed yesterday as the middleman in a deal that placed millions of dollars of Teamsters union welfare funds with an Arizona life insurance company.

Kleindienst said in a deposition on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission that his Washington law firm received half of a $250,000 fee for getting the Teamster life and health business.

The SEC, in a suit filed Friday, charged that Kleindienst's clients diverted at least $3 million of the premiums paid by the Teamsters and other union welfare funds.

Kleindienst said he received the $125,000 payment after "Five to seven hours" of work in late April and early May.

"I contacted, primarily, Mr. Frank Fitzsimmons, the president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters," Kleindienst told SEC attorneys.

In his deposition, Kliendeinst, who said he first met Fitzsimmons in the late 1960s at the Burning Tree Club in Montgomery County, described his relationship with the labor leader as "very warm, friendly . . . . It's been social and — well, it's been social really."

According to Jack Taylor, a Washington Post special correspondent, the Teamsters union, which claims it was defrauded on its insurance coverage, has demanded the return of the $250,000 fee shared by Kleindienst.

Reached by telephone yesterday, Kleindienst said he had not been notified of the demand but does not plan to return the money.

Kleindienst confirmed a report that Thursday is his last day at the Washington law firm of Welch, Morgan, and Kleindienst, which he helped to form in January.

He said his departure had nothing to do with the present controversy. He said he is "setting up office in Northern Virginia and spending all my time on behalf of a private company organized outside the U. S. and interested in investing here."

According to Kleindienst's deposition, the Teamster transaction was brought to him by another Burning Tree friend, Thomas Webb Jr., a Washington attorney. Joining the negotiations was Washington public relations man Irving Davidson.

Webb said that an Arizona firm, Old Security Life Insurance Co., had bid for health and welfare insurance business from the Teamsters' Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Health and Welfare Fund. Webb offered to split a $250,000 fee if the former Attorney General would get the Teamsters' business, Kleindienst testified.

According to government filings, the premium on this business alone was $23 million a year. Documents in the SEC suit show that Old Security had nine such policies.

Kleindienst testified that he passed along to Fitzsimmons Webb's assertion that Old Security was qualified and had submitted the lowest bid of a number of insurance companies seeking to get the business.

Kleindienst said Fitzsimmons told him, "Old friend, I'll look into it and call back."

Old Security got the business, and Kleindienst and Webb collected the $250,000. Kleindienst says that he does not think Fitzsimmons knew about the commission, and he told the SEC that no payment went to Fitzsimmons.

The SEC, in its suit, charges that Kleindienst's clients had a reinsurance agreement with Old Security, which in effect passed along up to 90 per cent of the pension fund premiums to companies they controlled.

Kleindienst clients named in the SEC suit are Joseph Hauser, Melvin Wyman, and John Boden, all of Southern California. Also named was George R. Herrera of Phoenix.

The defendants unlawfully transferred premium funds, the SEC alleged. For example, a total of $1.1 million passed through a Cincinnati bank and Diplomat National Bank in Washington on its way to a newly formed Swiss company called Seevco, AG.

More than $2 million of the premiums went to buy a Louisiana insurance company, National American Life Insurance Co., according to the SEC.

On Friday, a federal judge here froze the assets of Nations' American. Yesterday, U.S. District Court Judge Charles R. Richey was considering an SEC request for the appointment of an administrator to operate National American.

Insurance commissioners in Florida, Louisiana and Arizona have taken over the operations of insurance companies controlled by some of the defendants.

Meanwhile, Kleindienst claims that he was underpaid for his services, even at $125,000. He says his firm spent about 400 hours trying to negotiate another acquisition of a real estate company in Arizona and an insurance company in New Jersey.

But the deals collapsed, and Kleindiest claims he was never paid.

Correction

A story in yesterday's Business and Finance section inadvertently may have given the impression that Rep. Bob Eckhardt (D-Tex.) attached amendments to the House version of a foreign payments bill in order to kill the legislation. This was not the case. Eckhardt supported the bill and his amendments were designed to modify its terms. The bill died in subcommittee because of lack of a quorum.

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