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During that time, according to HEGARTY, D'ANDREA was doing business as the LaSalle Cartage Company, 29th Street and South Michigan Avenue, Chicago. HEGARTY stated that after some efforts being made to sell trucks to D'ANDREA he finally in about 1939 reached an agreement with D'ANDREA to sell the latter four six-wheel trucks at a cost of about seven thousand dollars each, which trucks were to be financed through the Mack Truck Company's own financing organization; however, according to HEGARTY the deal for delivery of these four trucks was never consummated, inasmuch as the order was canceled by D'ANDREA.

HEGARTY denied that he ever had any dealings with D'ANDREA other than those which were strictly in connection with the sale of the trucks described above. He denied that he ever entertained D'ANDREA in any way, that he ever visited at D'ANDREA's home or D'ANDREA had ever visited in his home. HEGARTY stated that his entire knowledge and impressions of D'ANDREA are based upon the business dealings described above, and that he has not seen D'ANDREA at any time since 1939.

HEGARTY advised that about four or five months ago a person known to HEGARTY only as JERRY came to the Mack Truck Company to see HEGARTY. HEGARTY had become acquainted with JERRY by virtue of the fact that JERRY had been employed by D'ANDREA at the LaSalle Cartage Company and HEGARTY had merely seen JERRY there a number of years ago. JERRY inquired of HEGARTY as to whether HEGARTY remembered D'ANDREA and then informed HEGARTY that D'ANDREA was ill and requested HEGARTY to furnish a letter on the basis of D'ANDREA's dealings with the Mack Truck Company urging parole of D'ANDREA.

HEGARTY stated that he furnished a letter urging D'ANDREA's parole gladly, inasmuch as he believed and still believes that D'ANDREA is a person who could be rehabilitated. HEGARTY stated that he based this opinion upon his business dealings with D'ANDREA as set out above and upon his ability to judge human nature from such contacts. HEGARTY pointed out that as far as he was concerned D'ANDREA had always been an honorable and honest gentleman in his business dealings with the Mack Truck Company.

HEGARTY specifically denied that any money was offered him or that any threat or pressure of any kind had been used to induce him to write the letter recommending D'ANDREA's parole. He stated that when JERRY approached him with regard to writing a letter JERRY did recall to him that D'ANDREA had once purchased trucks from the Mack Truck Company and indicated that D'ANDREA might some day again be in a position to buy trucks. HEGARTY denied that

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there was any further conversation in this regard or that he considered JERRY's statement to be a promise. He said that he gave this statement no consideration whatever in deciding to write a letter urging parole for D'ANDREA. He stated that he had no knowledge other than what he had recently read in the newspapers of any other persons being approached to furnish letters urging parole or that such other letters had been furnished.

HEGARTY furnished the following description of JERRY:

Nationality	Italian
Age	35 to 40
Weight	160
Build	Medium
Hair	Black, wavy
Dress	Well dressed
Peculiarities	Mustache; round face.

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Mr. FRANK EDWARD SVOBODA was interviewed on September 26, 1947 by Special Agents [REDACTED]. Mr. SVOBODA is now a salesman for the International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois, located at 611 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. SVOBODA was formerly District Sales Manager for the International Harvester Company. Mr. SVOBODA states that he wrote a letter in behalf of PHILIP D'ANDREA at the request of Mr. B. J. MC CARTHY. Mr. MC CARTHY was a salesman under Mr. SVOBODA during the time he was District Sales Manager. b7c

Mr. SVOBODA relates that sometime during 1938 or 1939 Mr. MC CARTHY sold four or five International trucks to one JERRY D'APRIL (Phonetic). SVOBODA states that D'APRIL was doing business as the United Cartage Company, and that his uncle, PHILIP D'ANDREA was financing him in the operation of this business. SVOBODA recalls that he and MC CARTHY met PHILIP D'ANDREA on two different occasions at the time they were negotiating for the sale of the four or five International trucks. Mr. SVOBODA states that these two occasions are the only times that he has ever seen or been in contact with PHILIP D'ANDREA or his nephew, JERRY D'APRIL.

Mr. SVOBODA states that sometime ago Mr. MC CARTHY came to him, relating that JERRY D'APRIL had asked MC CARTHY to have Mr. SVOBODA write a letter of reference on behalf of D'ANDREA in connection with his parole. Mr. SVOBODA states that after thinking the matter over he wrote the letter in behalf of D'ANDREA and mailed it to the Parole Board. Mr. SVOBODA states that he wrote this letter more as a favor to Mr. MC CARTHY than anything else. Mr. SVOBODA stated that he has more or less taken a liking to MC CARTHY during the past years, and, when asked by MC CARTHY to write this letter, he did so. Mr. SVOBODA states that no one outside of Mr. MC CARTHY contacted him concerning this matter, and that he is not acquainted with any of the other parolees. Mr. SVOBODA states that he did not receive any moneys for writing this letter, and that he wrote it of his own free will and accord merely because his friend, Mr. MC CARTHY, asked him to do so.

Mr. SVOBODA resides at 2410 South Austin, Cicero, Illinois. He is 60 years of age and has been employed by International Harvester Company for 32 years. He states that he has a brother, THEODORE SVOBODA, who was formerly Chief of Police at Cicero, Illinois. [REDACTED] b7c

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Mr. SVOBODA states that he was President of the West Town Chamber of Commerce, Chicago, Illinois, for seven terms. Mr. SVOBODA further stated that this letter of reference for D'ANDREA was the only letter of reference that he had ever written in his life. b7c

Mr. SVOBODA states that he is very worried because of the newspaper publicity in this matter. He states that many of his superiors and officials of the International Harvester Company are men whom he started in the business, but they are now calling him into their offices and asking him about his connection with the hoodlum element in Chicago. He states that they look at him as though they do not believe his statement. He states that this has caused him great worry because he feels that this writing of one letter has cost him the respect of his fellow employees as well as his other friends and acquaintances.