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ON FEBRUARY 2, 1980, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE CONTACTED
BY PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK AGENTS. AT 2:20 P.M., PHILADELPHIA
DISTRICT COUNCILMAN HARRY P. JANNOTTI WAS INTERVIEWED BY PHILADELPHIA

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FBI AGENTS AT [REDACTED] PHILADELPHIA, PA. JANNOTTI WAS ADVISED OF HIS RIGHTS AND MADE A STATEMENT TO AGENTS THAT HE KNEW UCAS AND HOWARD CRIDEN AND ADMITTED TO MEETING WITH THEM. JANNOTTI DENIED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED ANY MONIES FROM UCAS OR HOWARD CRIDEN.

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MICHAEL "OZZIE" MEYERS, U.S. CONGRESSMAN, WAS CONTACTED BY PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK FBI AGENTS AT 2:21 P.M. AT [REDACTED] AVENUE, LONG PORT, NJ. MEYERS ADVISED HE KNEW ANGELO ERRICHETTI AND KNEW OF A HOWARD CRIDEN, A PHILADELPHIA ATTORNEY. MEYERS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF TONY DI VITO, MEL WEINBERG, OR MICHAEL COHEN. MEYERS WAS ADVISED OF HIS RIGHTS AND STATED HE WANTED TO MAKE NO FURTHER COMMENTS AND WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY.

AT 4:56 P.M., GEORGE X. SCHWARTZ, PRESIDENT, PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL, WAS INTERVIEWED AT APARTMENT [REDACTED] AND APARTMENT HOUSE, [REDACTED], PHILADELPHIA, PA. HE WAS ADVISED OF THE NATURE OF THE INQUIRY, GIVEN HIS RIGHTS. SCHWARTZ DECLINED TO BE INTERVIEWED IN THE MATTER.

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AT 4:58 P.M., U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN P. MURTHA WAS CONTACTED BY PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK AGENTS AT HIS RESIDENCE IN JOHNSTOWN, PA. MURTHA WAS ADVISED OF THE NATURE OF THIS INTERVIEW AND ADVISED OF HIS

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RIGHTS. MURTHA STATED HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PAYOFFS OR MONIES PAID TO CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON OR CONGRESSMAN MURPHY. MURTHA STATED HE WAS INTRODUCED TO HOWARD CRIDEN THROUGH CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON AND ADMITTED TO MEETING WITH HOWARD CRIDEN AND UCAS. MURTHA STATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN UCAS INVESTING MONEY IN HIS DISTRICT AND DEPOSITING WHAT HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE SIZEABLE AMOUNTS OF MONEY INTO BANKS INTO HIS DISTRICT.

AT 2:30 P.M., RAYMOND F. LEDERER, U.S. CONGRESSMAN, WAS LOCATED AT HIS RESIDENCE [REDACTED] PHILADELPHIA, PA., ADVISED OF THE NATURE OF THE INQUIRY AND HIS RIGHTS AND THEREAFTER WAS INTERVIEWED. LEDERER ACKNOWLEDGED HAVING MET WITH UCAS AT AN UNRECALLED

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MOTEL AT ONE OF TWO NEW YORK CITY AIRPORTS IN LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER, 1979, AND HAVING DISCUSSED WITH THEM VARIOUS INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA. MEETING WAS ARRANGED BY LOUIS JOHANSON, A WARD LEADER AND CITY COUNCILMAN, CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, PA, INT HE INTEREST OF PROMOTING INVESTMENTS IN PHILADELPHIA BY UNKNOWN ARAB INVESTOR. LEDERER DENIED PRESENCE OF ANGELO ERRICHETTI, MAYOR OF CAMDEN, NJ, KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN PRESENT AT THE MEETING; DENIED ANY DISCUSSION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF "PRIVATE BILLS" OR ANY APPROACH BEING MADE BY UCAS TO HIM TO USE HIS INFLUENCE

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TO INSURE SHEIK TO IMIGRATE AT SOME FUTURE TIME. LEDERER DENIED RECEIPT OF \$50,000 AND UPON BEING CONFRONTED WITH DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN HIS STATEMENT AND FACTS AS KNOWN TO INTERVIEWING AGENTS, LEDERER TERMINATED THE INTERVIEW.

FRANCIS J. PULINI HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED. HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, AREA EARLIER THIS DATE AND RETURNING TO PHILADELPHIA ON FEBRUARY 3, 1980. EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PULINI.

AT 4:31 P.M., THIS DATE, LOUIS JOHANSON, PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT COUNCILMAN, WAS CONTACTED BY AGENTS AT HIS RESIDENCE, [REDACTED] STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA. HE WAS ADVISED OF THE IDENTITIES OF THE AGENTS AND THE NATURE OF THEIR INQUIRY AND VOLUNTARILY AGREED TO ACOMPANY AGENTS TO THE PHILADELPHIA FBI OFFICE FOR INTERVIEW.

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JOHANSON AFTER INITIAL COVER STORY BEGAN FULLY DISCUSSING HIS ROLE IN ABOVE TRANSACTIONS. AFTER LENGTHY INTERVIEW AGREED TO RETURN REMAINDER OF \$9,000 HE RECEIVED OF ORIGINAL \$25,000 PAYMENT. ADVISING \$9,000 CUT TAKEN BY LAW PARTNER CRIDEN, \$3,000 BY LAW PARTNER COOK AND \$4,000 GIVEN TO CAMDEN MAYOR ERRICHETTI.

JOHANSON INTERVIEW WILL BE RESUMED 1:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 3, 1980, WHEN HE AGREED TO FURNISH FULL AND COMPLETE DETAILS.

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