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REBQTEL, DECEMBER 26, 1979 TO BUREAU AND ABOVE OFFICES AS WELL AS BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO INTERESTED OFFICES, DECEMBER 28, 1979.

FOR INFORMATION OF ALL OFFICES, THE FOLLOWING IS THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS BY UNDERCOVER SAS OF ABSCAM OPERATION:

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1980, AT WASHINGTON D.C., JOHN STOWE AND CONGRESSMAN JOHN JENRETTE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING MORE MONEY FROM ABSCAM OPERATION.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1980, AT WASHINGTON, D.C., WILLIAM ROSENBERG, STANLEY WEISS, GENE CIUZIO, AND FLORIDA CONGRESSMAN RICHARD KELLY. WEISS IS A LONG ISLAND ACCOUNTANT WITH ORGANIZED CRIME TIES. IN PARTICULAR, HE HAS TIES WITH JOHN DEL MASTRO OF SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY, A KNOWN MEMBER OF THE LUCHESE FAMILY. ALSO ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 8, 1980, UNDERCOVER AGENTS HAVE A TENTATIVE MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WITH JOSEPH SILVESTRI AND ANTHONY DE LUCA. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO FURTHER DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET A NEW JERSEY CONGRESSIONAL FIGURE OF WHOM THE BUREAU IS AWARE.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 AND/OR FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1980, AT WASHINGTON, D.C., MEETING SCHEDULED WITH HOWARD CRIDEN, LARRY BUSER, AND NEW YORK CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURPHY, CONCERNING ABSCAM INVESTMENT IN A SHIPPING DEAL ORCHESTRATED BY BUSER AND MURPHY. ALSO, ON JANUARY 10 AND/OR JANUARY 11, 1980, MEETING SCHEDULED WITH PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESSMAN JOHN P. MURTHA AND HOWARD CRIDEN. CRIDEN HAS ASSURED UNDERCOVER SAS THAT FOR A PAYOFF OF \$50,000, MURTHA WILL USE HIS POLITICAL POSITION TO SEE TO IT THAT YASSIR HABIB, THE ARAB PRINCIPAL OF ABSCAM OPERATION, WOULD RECEIVE POLITICAL ASYLUM AND/OR PERMANENT RESIDENCE STATUS IN THE UNITED

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STATES IF AND WHEN THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST REQUIRED HE FLEE THAT AREA. FACTS OF THIS MATTER DISCUSSED WITH THOMAS PUCCIO, CHIEF, EDNY STRIKE FORCE, WHO RECOMMENDS THAT THE \$50,000 BE PAID TO MURTHA IF AN WHEN HE GIVES THE PROPER COMMITMENTS REGARDING OBTAINING POLITICAL ASYLUM AND/OR PERMANENT RESIDENCE STATUS FOR HABIB AS SUCH ACTIONS ON MURTHA'S PART WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF FEDERAL STATUTES AND IN PARTICULAR WITH THE FEDERAL BRIBERY STATUTE.

REQUEST OF FBIHQ

BUREAU REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$50,000 TO CONGRESSMAN MURTHA IF AND WHEN HE MAKES THE PROPER COMMITMENTS REGARDING OBTAINING POLITICAL ASYLUM AND/OR PERMANENT RESIDENCE STATUS FOR HABIB.

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