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To : Mr. Revell *dec/2*

Date 12/16/80

From : W. R. Gilbert *4*

Subject : ABSCAM

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1 - Mr. Steel
1 - Mr. Revell
1 - Mr. Monroe
1 - Mr. Gilbert
1 - Mr. [redacted]
2 - Mr. Bayse
(1 - Mr. [redacted])
(1 - Mr. [redacted])
1 - Mr. Mintz
(Attn: Mr. Weaver)

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PURPOSE: To advise that on 12/15/80, video cassette tapes concerning U. S. Representatives Frank Thompson, Jr., of New Jersey and John Murtha of Pennsylvania were requested by E. Barrett Prettyman, Jr., Special Counsel, Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, U. S. House of Representatives, for review.

RECOMMENDATION: Inasmuch as the video tapes concerning these Congressmen were made public at time of trial, General Property Crimes Unit, Personal and Property Crimes Section, Criminal Investigative Division, recommends that they be provided to this committee for whatever action deemed appropriate. *(18)*

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DETAILS: On 12/15/80, E. Barrett Prettyman's secretary requested video cassette tapes of Congressmen Frank Thompson, Jr., of New Jersey and John Murtha of Pennsylvania. She indicated that the request had been placed initially two weeks prior to Gerald McDowell, Chief, Public Integrity Section, Department of Justice, and that they were needed as soon as possible. She was advised that a request for these tapes had not been made to FBIHQ and that copies should be available 12/16/80.

It should be noted that McDowell concurred with the request as did John Jacobs, Strike Force Attorney, Eastern District of New York. To reiterate, these particular tapes were made public at time of trial and will be utilized for possible disciplinary action against the Congressmen named above.

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To : Mr. Monroe *CM*

Date 1/21/81

From : W. R. Gilbert *g*

Subject : ABSCAM

- 1 - Mr. Mullen
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- 1 - Mr. Gilbert
- 1 - Mr.
- 2 - Mr. Mintz
(ATTN: T. Kelley)
- (ATTN: R. Peterson)
- 1 - Mr. Finzel
(ATTN:)

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PURPOSE: to provide information relative to the dissemination of various Bureau documents concerned with captioned investigation.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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DETAILS: On 1/12/81, a motion for the production of documents and other materials for the due process hearing concerning former U. S. Representatives Frank Thompson, Jr., Michael Ozzie Myers, John M. Murphy, and Congressman Raymond F. Lederer was provided to U. S. District Court Judge George C. Pratt, Eastern District of New York (EDNY). Based on this motion, Judge Pratt requested the following:

File review should be conducted for any document not contained in the New York Field Office files for the time period 11/16/78 through 2/2/80 with regard to the following individuals:

- 1. Michael O. Myers
- 2. Raymond F. Lederer
- 3. Frank Thompson, Jr.
- 4. John M. Murphy
- 5. Angelo Errichetti
- 6. Louis Johanson
- 7. Howard Criden
- 8. John Murtha

File review should be conducted for any information, regardless of time frame, re:

- 1. Gifts to Mel Weinberg.
- 2. Compensation or payments to Mel Weinberg.

Enclosures (3) **ENCLOSURE**

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3. Government instructions to Mel Weinberg, Special Agents, Assistant U. S. Attorneys, with regard to the manner of conducting investigations and personal conduct.

4. Any Government investigation or evaluation of Mel Weinberg's performance during captioned matter.

5. Any Government investigation of, or allegations received by, the Government regarding crimes committed by Weinberg during Abscam.

6. Any information received by the Government regarding Mel Weinberg's writing or plans to write a book concerning Abscam.

7. Any information regarding the Chase Manhattan Bank and/or Chase Manhattan Bank employee [redacted] as utilized by the FBI during Abscam.

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File review should be conducted for any information reflecting guidelines concerning:

1. Undercover activities.
2. Preparation of FD-302's.
3. Operation of informants.

With the assistance of Records Management Division, the original Bureau Abscam file 87-147437 consisting of 23 sections and 1,340 serials was reviewed, Xeroxed, and redacted for production to U. S. District Court Judge George C. Pratt, EDNY, and defense counsel for the above named individuals.

On 1/19/81, authority for release of these documents was obtained from Francis M. Mullen, Jr., Executive Assistant Director, with the concurrence of Irvin B. Nathan, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and discussions with Thomas A. Kelley, Legal Research Unit, Legal Counsel Division (LCD), and Robert F. Peterson, Civil Litigation Unit II, LCD.

On 1/20/81, Thomas P. Puccio, Chief, Federal Strike Force, EDNY, receipted for original Bureau file 87-147437 and various communications concerned with undercover activities (receipt attached).

On the same date, two letters were prepared by Lawrence H. Sharf, Special Counsel, Federal Strike Force, EDNY, to U. S. District Court Judge George C. Pratt, EDNY, relative to the above Bureau file and Brooklyn-Queens file 87-81067. Both letters are attached.

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Puccio was requested to insure that the original Bureau file and other correspondence from the Bureau concerning this matter are returned as soon as feasible; it being noted that these documents are utilized for responses to many of the inquiries received.