

Assoc. Dir. _____
 Dep. AD Adm. _____
 Dep. AD Inv. _____
 Asst. Dir.: _____
 Adm. Serv. _____ b6
 Crim. Inv. _____ b7C
 Ident. _____
 Intel. _____
 Laboratory _____
 Legal Coun. _____
 Plan. & Insp. _____
 Rec. Mgnt. _____
 Tech. Servs. _____
 Training _____
 Public Affs. Off. _____
 Telephone Rm. _____
 Director's Sec'y _____



March 2, 1979

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Honorable William H. Webster, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 United States Department of Justice
 Washington, DC 20535

Reference: INVESTIGATION OF BRENDAN BYRNE

Dear Judge Webster:

I read with great interest in the Newark Star Ledger that there is a rumor floating around that our Governor, Brendan Byrne, is being considered for Attorney General of the United States of America.

Brendan Byrne, as quoted by the Star Ledger, when he was a member of the Public Utilities Commission thought nothing of buying high grade utility bonds and then regulating those companies whose bonds he held.

I also read in the Star Ledger that Brendan Byrne spent the taxpayers of the State of New Jersey's money defending his right not to account for a \$30,000.00 expense account by the voucher system, thus exposing it to public scrutiny - he won the case; but he lost my confidence. Any man who must hide his expenses from the public while in public office is skating on very thin ice.

Brendan Byrne, according to the Star Ledger, was involved in an insurance company who has allegedly swindled thousands of senior citizens in our State. An investigator in the State Insurance Department has publicly stated in the Star Ledger that the State Commissioner of Insurance, Mr. Sheeran, gave her the impression he did not want her to pursue her investigation of this company. I wonder why?

It would be also very interesting to find out who, in State Government or any of their cronies or allies, business partners, etc., was short on Resort's stock 30 to 90 days before the New Jersey Attorney General announced that they would contest Resort's application for a permanent license to conduct gambling in Atlantic City.

It is possible that if Brendan Byrne is made United States Attorney General, he will wind up the same way John Mitchell did.

NJ

(Handwritten mark)

EXP. PROC.
 34-MAR 14 1979
 #35

REC-118

DE-28

174-607-1

if anyone

22 MAR 14 1979

66 APR 16 1979
 390
a/t to NK
3/21/79

(Handwritten initials)

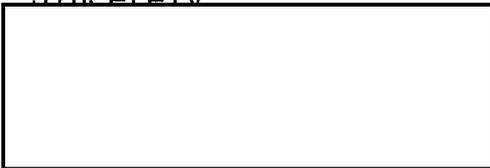
Hon. William H. Webster

March 2, 1979

I'm reading a very interesting book about the U-Boat war off the East Coast at the beginning of the second world war. There is a story in this book that tells of one of the German saboteurs who was landed on our Eastern Shore had second thoughts about his mission. He went to the local FBI office to give up. They didn't believe him, he finally had to go to the FBI office in Washington, it took him about six hours to persuade the FBI in Washington that they should arrest him as a German spy.

One hopes that the FBI will learn from its mistakes in the future.

Sincerely,

A rectangular box with a black border, used to redact the signature of the sender.

WLT:ah

b6
b7C

Airtel

3/21/79

1 - FOF

To: SAC, Newark
From: Director, FBI

ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING
NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR
BRENDAN BYRNE;
HOBBS ACT - CPO

NI

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a letter dated 3/2/79 received at FBIHQ from [redacted] concerning New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne.

b6
b7C

[redacted] letter contains nonspecific allegations against Governor Byrne. However, Newark should contact [redacted] acknowledge receipt of his letter, and ascertain if he has any additional information which would provide a basis for an investigation to be instituted.

b6
b7C

Enclosures - 2

RDP:adm (4)

adm

MAILED 11
MAR 21 1979
FBI

- Assoc. Dir. _____
- Dep. AD Adm. _____
- Dep. AD Inv. _____
- Asst. Dir.:
- Adm. Servs. _____
- Crim. Inv. _____
- Ident. _____
- Intell. _____
- Laboratory _____
- Legal Coun. _____
- Plan. & Insp. _____
- Rec. Mgnt. _____
- Tech. Servs. _____
- Training _____
- Public Affs. Off. _____
- Telephone Rm. _____
- Director's Sec'y _____

390
APR 18 1979

REC-113 194-667-2

15 MAR 27 1979

MAIL ROOM

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

GOVERNOR BRENDAN T. BYRNE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

On 11/10/80 Newark advised FBIHQ that it was initiating an overt investigation into allegations that

[redacted] b6
[redacted] Governor Byrne in 1976 in b7C
order to obtain [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] At the request of Boston Strike Force [redacted] who is conducting a related grand jury investigation, Newark has held its overt investigation in abeyance. Boston now concurs in Newark's overt inquiry into the aforesaid allegations against Governor Byrne.

[redacted] has stated that in an effort [redacted] b6
[redacted] b7C

[redacted] Boston attorneys Arthur A. Coia and his law partner Albert J. Lepore, who is also a Rhode Island state representative. The latter individuals advised [redacted] that they would [redacted] to Governor Byrne who would then [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] to Coia and Lepore but that [redacted]

[redacted] Although some corroboration of Coia's and Lepore's representation to [redacted] that [redacted] to Governor Byrne has been developed, [redacted] has not otherwise been substantially established.

- 1 - Mr. Mullen
- 1 - Mr. Steel
- 1 - Mr. Revell

0/17 key man informed including any proposed use

[redacted] b6
[redacted] b7C
Mr. Freeh

LJF:jrg (7) APPROVED:

3
del/hm

Director <u>WBS</u>	Adm. Serv. _____	Legal Counl. _____
Exec. AD-Admi. _____	Crim. Inv. <u>R/EM</u>	Plan. & Insp. _____
Exec. AD-inv. <u>AS</u>	Ident. _____	Rec. Mgnt. _____
Exec. AD-LES _____	Intell. _____	Tech. Servs. _____
	Laboratory _____	Training _____
		Off. of Cong. & Public Affs. _____

memorandum

DATE:

3/30/79

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

TJG

SAC, NEWARK (194-49)(C)(C-2)

SUBJECT:

ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING

N.J. GOVERNOR
BRENDAN BYRNE;
HOBBS ACT - CPO

~~XXX~~

48

2

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: Bureau airtel to Newark dated 3/21/79.

el
JG
[redacted] wrote Director KELLY during March, 1977, re the hiring by Treasury Secretary WILLIAM E. SIMON of an ex-convict to a federal regulatory agency. [redacted] obtained this information from a newspaper. During February, 1977, [redacted] wrote the Attorney General regarding the air traffic controller slow down. [redacted] was interviewed during March, 1977, and advised he based this letter to the Attorney General on a magazine article.

b6
b7C

On 3/29/79 [redacted] advised that he had received a letter from the Bureau acknowledging receipt of his letter re Governor BYRNE. [redacted] also stated he has written again to the FBI Director re [redacted] and to the FAA re the San Diego plane crash.

b6
b7C

[redacted] advised that he has no direct knowledge of any instances of political corruption within the State of New Jersey and forms his opinions based on what he reads in the press. [redacted] advised that he does not trust politicians.

b6
b7C

In view of this information, no disseminable communication is being submitted.

Newark has reviewed the information furnished by [redacted] and has determined no predication for investigation.

b6
b7C

REC-120

194-607-3

EX-112

7 APR 5 1979

1cc-5131-FOF
2-Bureau
1-Newark
CNB/rmc
(3)

PKB



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

NK0007 3152200

PP HQ BS MM

DE NK 007

P 102220Z NOV 80

RECEIVED
TELETYPE UNIT

10 NOV 80 22 31Z

FM NEWARK (194C-NEW) (P) (TRAD: [unclear])
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

BOSTON PRIORITY

MIAMI ROUTINE

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

BRENDAN T. BYRNE, GOVERNOR, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; HOBBS ACT-
CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS, EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT LEVEL

INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER IS PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION
RECEIVED FROM THE BOSTON AND MIAMI DIVISIONS OF THE FBI PERTINENT
TO ARTHUR E. COIA, SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE LABORERS INTER-
NATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA (LIUNA), AND OTHERS. COIA AND/OR
OTHER OFFICIALS OF LIUNA ARE ALLEGED TO BE ASSOCIATES OF ORGANIZED
CRIME FIGURES. [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] 4
DESIRED TO OBTAIN FROM LIUNA UNION INSURANCE CONTRACTS FOR
COMPANIES IN WHICH [redacted] HELD A FIDUCIARY INTEREST. [redacted] HAS
STATED THAT IN RETURN FOR SUCH CONTRACTS [redacted] PROVIDED ARTHUR E.
COIA FINANCIAL INTEREST IN [redacted] INSURANCE COMPANIES.

39 DEC 06 1981

b6
b7c

PAGE TWO

NK 194C-NEW

UNCLAS E F T O

RAYMOND L. S. PATRIARCA, ALLEGED BOSS OF THE NEW ENGLAND ORGANIZED CRIME FAMILY, WAS ALSO TO HAVE RECEIVED PAYMENTS IN RETURN FOR HIS INFLUENCE IN OBTAINING UNION RELATED INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

FNLIC, SUPRA, WAS FOUNDED IN 1973, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INSURANCE CONTRACTS PRIMARILY FROM LIUNA. FNLIC WAS LICENSED IN ONLY SIX SOUTHEASTERN STATES AND, ACCORDINGLY, [REDACTED]

b6
b7C

[REDACTED] THEREAFTER, [REDACTED] STATED THAT

[REDACTED]

TOWARD THIS END, [REDACTED] ARTHUR A. COIA, JR., AND AL LEPORE, A RHODE ISLAND STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DUE TO THEIR ALLEGED INFLUENCE WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. ARTHUR A. COIA, JR., ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT HE WOULD NEED [REDACTED] TO NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR BRENDAN T. BYRNE TO FACILITATE FAVORABLE ACTION [REDACTED]

b6
b7C

[REDACTED]

PAGE THREE

NK 194C-NEW

UNCLAS E F T O

b6
b7c

IN EARLY 1976 (EXACT DATES UNKNOWN) [REDACTED]
TO AL LEPORE AND ARTHUR A. COIA, JR., [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TO GOVERNOR BYRNE. [REDACTED] WAS LATER ADVISED

THAT ARTHUR A. COIA, JR., HAD, IN FACT, CONSUMMATED THE
DEAL WITH GOVERNOR BYRNE IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.

INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED THAT GOVERNOR BYRNE AND "GERALD LEE",
S. R. C., HAD STAYED AT "THE BREAKERS HOTEL", PALM BEACH, FLORIDA,
IN THE INCLUSIVE PERIOD FEBRUARY 12-16, 1976. "GERALD LEE" IS
BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL TO GEORGE W. LEE, FORMER NEW JERSEY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, AND MAJOR POLITICAL FUND-RAISER ON
BEHALF OF GOVERNOR BYRNE. OF FURTHER INTEREST IS A LETTER DATED
FEBRUARY 18, 1976, TO JOHN G. FOLEY, DEPUTY NEW JERSEY
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE, FROM ZAZZALI AND ZAZZALI LAW FIRM,
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, REQUESTING A HEARING AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
DATE REGARDING THE ACQUISITION OF GALICO. ZAZZALI AND ZAZZALI
ALLEGEDLY "HANDLED" THE CAMPAIGN OF GOVERNOR BYRNE "AT ONE TIME".

THE NEW JERSEY INSURANCE COMMISSION, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY,
IN A LATER VOTE, DECLINED TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF GALICO.

ON NOVEMBER 10, 1980, [REDACTED]
ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE FORCE, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, WAS CONTACTED

b6
b7c

PAGE FOUR

NK 194C-NEW

UNCLAS E F T O

AND CONCURRED WITH THE INITIATION OF A SEPARATE INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER. FURTHER, IT IS NOTED THAT VENUE COULD LIE IN THE APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF FLORIDA WHEREIN THE ALLEGED BRIBE TO GOVERNOR BYRNE WAS PERPETRATED OR IN THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, WHEREIN CONVERSATIONS AND FURTHERANCE OF THE CONSPIRACY WERE EFFECTED.

IT WAS POINTED OUT TO [REDACTED] THAT THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS WOULD APPEAR TO EXPIRE IN EARLY 1981, AND ACCORDINGLY, INVESTIGATION WOULD HAVE TO BE CONDUCTED IN A MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER.

b6
b7C

ADMINISTRATIVE: RE: BOSTON TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED OCTOBER 28, 1980.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH MIOG, 194-3.4, A SEPARATE INVESTIGATION IS BEING INITIATED INTO THE MATTER OF THE ALLEGED PAYOFF OF GOVERNOR BYRNE. SAC ROBERT J. MC CARTHY, NEWARK DIVISION, AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NEWARK, CONCUR IN THIS MATTER.

b6
b7C

INVESTIGATION BY NEWARK HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF THE BOSTON ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE FORCE.

(SEE BOSTON AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, JULY 11, 1980).

PAGE FIVE

NK 194C-NEW

UNCLAS E F T O

FBIHQ, BOSTON, AND MIAMI WILL BE KEPT APPRISED OF ALL
INVESTIGATION SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE ONGOING ARTHUR E.
COIA MATTER.

UACB, NEWARK DIVISION WILL INITIATE INVESTIGATION AS OUTLINED
ABOVE.

BT

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype
- Facsimile
- Airtel

PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
- SECRET
- CONFIDENTIAL
- E F T O
- CLEAR

Date 11/20/80

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (194C-111) (TRA) (C)

SUBJECT: BRENDAN T. BYRNE, GOVERNOR, *B/4-1-24 orange-118*
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
HOBBS ACT-CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC
OFFICIALS *3*

Re Newark teletype to Bureau, 11/10/80; Newark telcal to Boston Supervisor JOHN BURKE, 11/19/80.

In a series of discussions involving [redacted] [redacted], Organized Crime Strike Force, Newark, New Jersey; WILLIAM ROBERTSON, U.S. Attorney, District of New Jersey, and [redacted] Organized Crime Strike Force, Boston, Mass., it was decided that prosecution in this issue would be coordinated by the Boston Strike Force.

To avoid potential administrative confusion Newark will close captioned matter and affect appropriate investigation through Boston origin matter entitled, "ARTHUR E. COIA; ET AL; RICO," (NK 183-1104).

- 2-Bureau
- 3-Boston (1-183-COIA)
- 3-Miami (1-183-COIA)
- 2-Newark (1-183-1104)
- DJW/pfs
- (10)

See-183-3782-2 p 120-121 for info re Byrne which referred to file above. C. 12/4/80 (EAD)

114-607-5

100-1116 folder 52/21

NOV 24 1980

15
 4 JAN 21 1981

b6
b7c