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SAC, Cleveland

Director, FBI

* August 16, 1973

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION -WATERGATE UNIT) CX-PP WFO

Enclosed for Cleveland are the original and one copy each of seven subpoenas together with four copies of a memorandum dated 8/10/73 received from the office of the Special Prosecutor. Enclosed for Washington Field is one copy of the 8/10/73 memorandum.

Cleveland insure that this case receives the same, immediate and preferred handling as have other cases growing. out of the Watergate affair. Surép at the very earliest date possible.

The office of the Special Prosecutor has indicated extreme interest in this matter and requests that the interviews be conducted as soon as possible, and as nearly at the same time as possible. Further, it is desired that in the event admissions are received from any of the interviewees that they were not actually the ultimate source of the contribution and that, in fact, the corporation actually made the contribution, a teletype summary of such admissions should be sent to the Bureau in order that the Special Prosecutor's office may be informed. Note that the thrust of all the interviews is to determine precisely the source of the contribution attributed to Steinbrenner and the eight other individuals who are to be interviewed.

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Airtel to SAC, Cleveland RE: AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY

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the Bureau is to be immediately advised in order that the	
Special Prosecutor's office may be informed.	

Four copies of Cleveland's report should be furnished to the Bureau and no copies are to be designated for any U. S. Attorneys since this case is being handled by the Special Prosecutor. Washington Field follow and report prosecutive action, it being noted that the Special Prosecutor has determined that venue in this case will lie in the District of Columbia.

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U.S. Department Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

	Washington, D.C. 20535 Vanuary 14, 1986	
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In response to your name check inquiry, the central files of this Bureau reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of your request.

was one of several individuals who were the subjects of a criminal-type investigation conducted by the FBI from 1973 to 1976. investigation concerned the possible violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Sections 371 and 610, which pertains to conspiracy and illegal corporate contributions.

while an officer and employee of the American Ship Building Company (ASBC), Cleveland, Ohio, received a corporate bonus on the same day that he made a secret contribution to a re-election committee. attached one copy of an interview conducted with [regarding his participation in this matter.

In addition, on April 5, 1974, a fifteen count indictment was returned at Cleveland, Ohio, charging the main principal in this matter and the ASBC with violations of Title 18, Sections 2, 371, 610, 1001, 1503, and 1510, U.S. Code. On August 30, 1974, the main principal in this matter and the ASBC were sentenced in U.S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, as follows: the main principal received a \$10,000 fine regarding violation of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code and a \$5,000 fine for violation of Title 18, Section 3, U.S. Code; ASBC received fines of \$10,000 each for violation of Title 18, Section 371 and 610, U.S. Code. The remaining counts of the indictment were dismissed.

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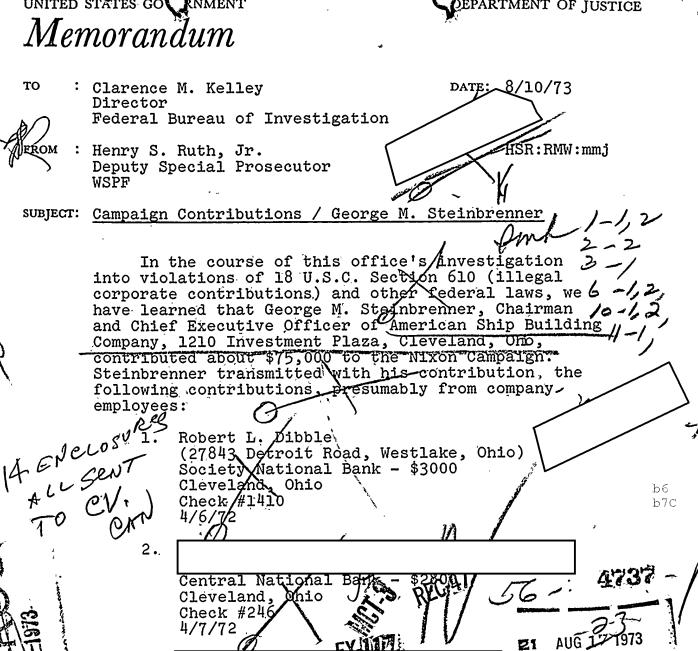
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During the course of this investigation it was determined that immunity from prosecution was granted to eight officers and employees of ASBC (of which was one), by a special prosecutor in this matter.

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The central files of this Bureau contain no additional information regarding captioned individual.

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5. Robert Bartlome
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8. Gordon Stafford
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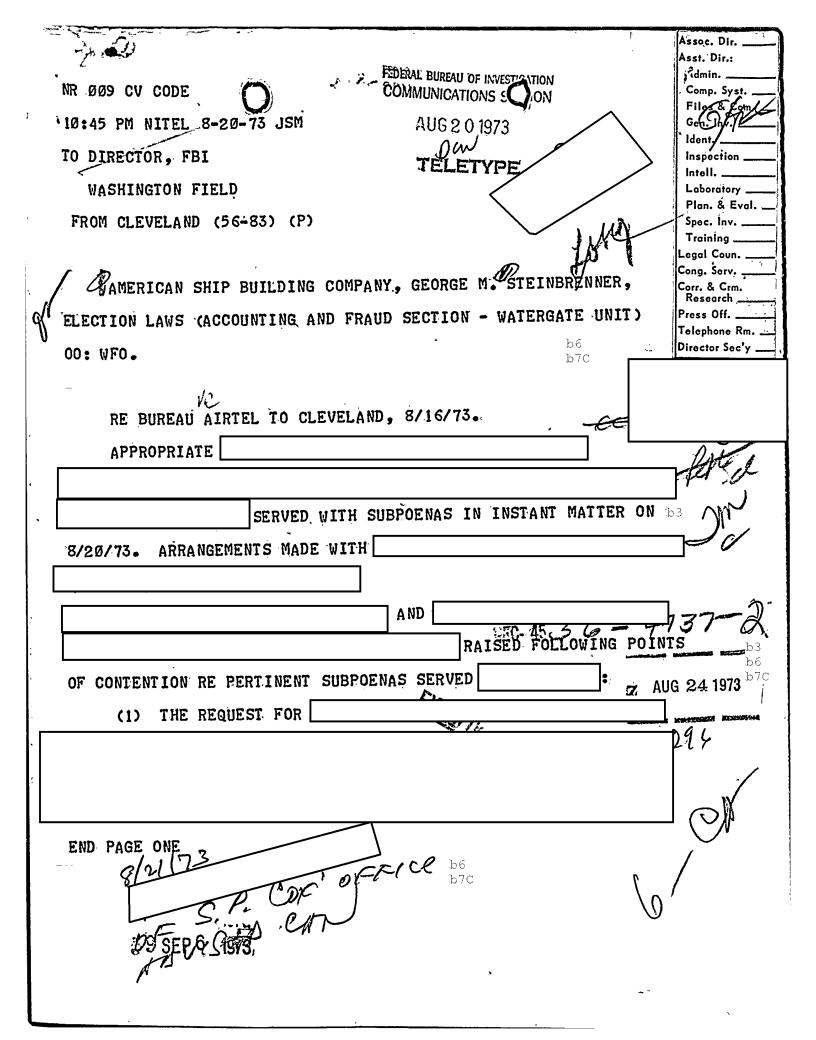
We request the FBI to question Steinbrenner and each of the eight smaller contributors concerning the complete circumstances surrounding these contributions. In particular, an agent should question each concerning the amount of the contribution; the date of the contribution; the precise source of the funds; who solicited the contribution; the complete circumstances surrounding the slicitation; who delivered the contribution, to whom, when and where; what if any representations were made to the contributor about possible reimbursement, direct or indirect, immediate or deferred, and by whom. In addition, the agent should determine from each

b6 b7C whether the individual made other political contributions in 1972, whether he made political contributions in 1968, and the complete circumstances surrounding these. Further, the agent should question each concerning the sources and forms of all compensation (including salary, bonus, stock options, and fringe benefits) from his company or other sources for the years 1968 through 1972. Finally, the agent should determine the name and address of all banks at which each individual had any account or safe deposit box from January 1, 1972 to date.

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August 28, 1973

BY COURIER SERVICE

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER ELECTION LAWS EX- 104 This will confirm the discussion of August 27, 1973, between Mr. of the Special Prosecutor's Office and Special Agent of the FBI. Mr. advised the Cleveland FBI Office on August 24, 1973, recontacted to ascertain the status of requested by b6 subpoenas issued by the Special Prosecutor's Office. b7C advised he has not yet received a letter from the Special Prosecutor's Office to authorize disclosure of the He stated that upon instructions of after receipt of the anticipated letter from the Special Prosecutor's Office and upon the arrival of September 12, 1973, the date listed on the subpoenas, the bank will but not before. advised that the letter to -b3 has not been sent as yet and in light of the b6 b7C foregoing information, a new subpoena with return date of AUG 2 8 1973 will be immeidately forwarded for service MAILED |was advised that| American Ship Building Company (ASBC), and Robert Bartlome, General Secretary of that firm, have been interviewed and furnished signed statements in which they advise of receipt of checks drawn on the payroll account of ASBC in amounts Assoc. Dir. similar to or identical to the amounts of their campaign contri-Asst. Dir.: butions on or about April 6, 1972. However, each of these men b7C Admin. Comp. Syst. claims these contributions were in no way solicited by any com-Files & Com. -pany officials and that the sizeable payroll checks were company bonuses which just happened to be disbursed at that time. Each Inspection of these men stated his contribution was motivated by the avail--ability of personal funds and their desires to financially support Loboratory—the Nixon Administration which each felt best represented their spect law. __interests and those of the company. Training _ Legal Coun. _ -1- Cleveland (56-83) Cong, Serv, ___ SEENOTE PAGE TWO...

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In view of the above, the Cleveland Office has been instructed to irredictely interview the remaining officers of ASBC and submit a report as soon as rossible. The results of these interviews will be furnished to the Special Prosecutor's Office as soon as they are received.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the RBL. It is the property of the FBL and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

NOTE: Original and one forwarded to Special Prosecutor's Office by 0-14; this date; one copy each to WFO and Cleveland by 0-7, for information, this date.

On-8/27/73, SA telephonically advised be SAC Frederick Fehl, CV, of the results of above discussion. by SAC Fehl advised the interviews will be scheduled at once and report submitted at the earliest possible date.

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TO

Clarence M. Kelley

DATE: 8/27/73

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Attn: Accounting and Frauds Section Henry S. Ruth, Jr.

Deputy Special Prosecutor

Watergate Special Prosecution Force

SUBJECT:

Campaign Contributions / George M. Steinbrenner

With reference to our investigative request of August 10, 1973, we are sending three new subpoenas duces tecum to

which are returnable on September 4, 1973. These subpoenas, which are enclosed, are part of

the investigation which we outlined in the August

10 investigative request.

If further clarification of this investigative request is needed, please contact of this office. **b**6

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Enclosed for Cleveland are two copies of a memorandum dated 8-27-73, together with the original and one copy each of three subpoenas for service on ______.

One copy of the 8-27-73, memorandum is enclosed for WFO.

Note the return date of the enclosed subpoenas is and further, that by letter dated 8-24-73, the Office of the Special Prosecutor advised that Special Agents are authorized to subpoenaed by the grand jury.

Bureau should continue to be kept informed of significant developments and any problems encountered in completing this investigation.

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Rerep of SA dated 8/30/73 at Cleveland. b6

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Enclosed for receiving offices are two cepies each of a revised Table of Contents which should be substituted for the original Table of Contents in rerep. In the future please list enclosures for the Special Prosecutor's Office

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Chief Executive Officer of
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During course of an extortion investigation conducted
by the Cleveland, Ohio Division during July - September, 1972,
STEINBRENNER was the recipient of several threatening telegrams
from an individual identified as
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AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY,

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requested by the subpoends until 9/12/73 and until receipt of written confirmation from the USDJ. The pertinent officers of employees of the American Ship Building Company or their respective subsidiaries were interviewed and in signed statements all furnished their recollections regarding the circumstances of their contributions to NIXON campaign committee on or about Each interviewee stated he received a company bonus around the same time that he made the contribution but claimed that their contributions were all of their own desires and in no way were motivated or solicited by GEORGE A. STEINBRENNER or any other company officials. Each official advised he wrote his campaign contribution varying in amounts arom \$2800 to \$3500 on a personal check and gave the check to ROBERT BARTLOME, General h6 Secretary of the company, who reportedly then gave the checks b7C with the company, who

allegedly handcarried the checks to washington, D.C. Available bank records indicated the deposit of the company bonus checks in the personal checking accounts of company officials; however, those interviewed stated that they would have made contributions to the NIXON campaign regardless of the receipt of their bonuses.

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PREDICATION

Investigation in this matter is predicated upon receipt of a letter directed to the Director of the FBI dated August 10, 1973 from the Deputy Special Prosecutor, U.S. Department of Justice, requesting an investigation into a campaign contribution matter regarding GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER.

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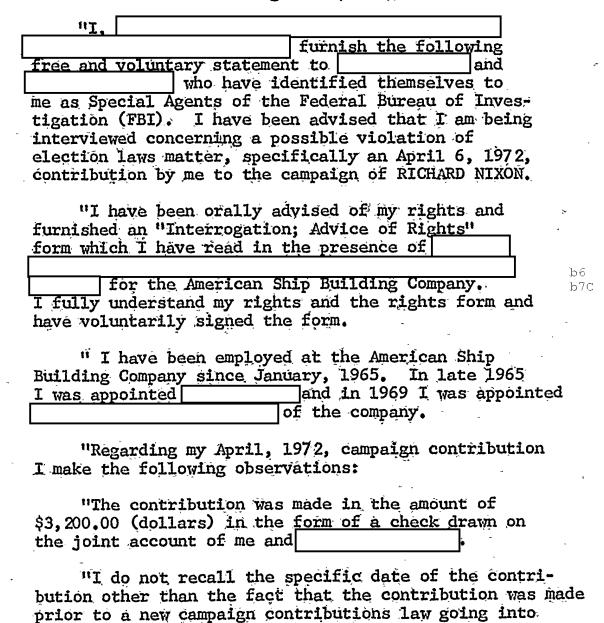
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effect. The only aspect of the new law I was concerned with was the fact that when the law went into

effect a contribution and the source of same could be public information.

"The source of the funds covering my contribution in the amount of \$3,200 was a bonus from American Ship Building Company in the net amount of \$3,050.00 which was paid to me in the form of a company check on the payroll account which is the only method by which American Ship Building Company disburses bonuses.

either privately or thru the company and merely was motivated by my own desire to financially support the administration which I thought best represented my interests and those of the American Ship Building Company. I did not get or expect to receive anything in return for my contribution other than the continuation of the NIXON Administration. Specifically, President NIXON's administration had been responsible for the passage of the U.S. Maritime Act of 1970 which was of significant help to shipping and ship construction on the Great Lakes.

"Prior to my making the contribution there had been much discussion among company employees regarding making political contributions and political activity and campaign contributions were encouraged by GEORGE STEINBRENNER, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive officer. I had mentioned my desire to a number of other executive officers including ROBERT BARTLOME, who, I believe, discussed the subject with STEINBRENNER, as BARTLOME produced the names of a number of committe s, perhaps 6 to 12 in number,

which committees were a means to contribute to the NIXON campaign. BARTLOME mentioned something to the effect that the list was a list of committees provided by GEORGE STEINBRENNER that we might contribute to. There was no specific meeting convened for the purpose of soliciting contributions. I wrote my check and gave the check to ROBERT BARTLOME, secretary of the company as he was the individual the checks were being given to as it seemed that BARTLOME was the individual who would see that the checks got to their destination. There was no specific request that the contributions be in the form of checks; however, I am not aware of any cash contributions.

"Another reason for my making the contribution was the fact that I was financially in a position to make such a contribution. I know of no connection or relationship between the issuance of the company bonuses and the giving of the campaign contributions. I believe there are some company employees who received bonuses but who did not contribute.

"I gave my personal check to BARTLOME, who was collecting the other checks and I understand the checks were taken to Washington, D.C., but I do not know who took the checks there. Apparently the checks were personally transported because of the impending deadline for the new law which was a few days away.

"There was no statement or any kind of representation made to me by anyone about any kind of any reimbursement, consideration, or anything of value, direct or indirect, immediate or deferred,

regarding my making or not making a campaign contribution to either the NIXON campaign or any other local, state or Federal election.

"I also recall making a \$1,000 and a \$2,000 contribution both in personal checks. One of the contributions was to the Democratic Party and the other was either for a Republican or Democratic campaign dinner. I also recall making two contributions in the amount of \$500 and \$750 to the Congressional campaign of CHARLES MOSHER the Republican Congressman from Oberlin, Ohio.

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"The above statement represents the accurate account of my knowledge of the circumstances regarding my April, 1972, campaign contribution. I have not discussed my statement or responses to possible questions regarding my contribution and I have not been coached or otherwise told how to respond.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and three other pages and certify that the above is true to the best of my know-ledge.

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Agent, FBI, Cleveland 8/23/73"

advised that since approximately 1967 his salary has increased from around \$15,000 to his present \$20,000 to \$27,000 salary. He advised that he is interested in keeping his present position with American Ship and maintaining his salary and with regard to supporting various candidates of either party he would

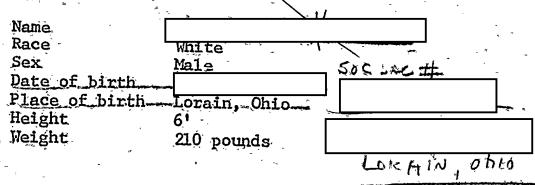
contribute whatever he can to the campaign of any candidate who he feels will best represent his interests and those of the American Shipbuilding Company.

Concerning the \$1,000 and \$2,000 contributions by check that he made early in 1972, he believes these contributions were solicited of him by mail but does not recall the specific times or circumstances. He noted that his campaign contributions are fully available for inspection and are reported on his annual income tax return.

Inoted also that any bonus given him or any other officer of the company reflects the net amount, that is the bonus minus any local, state or Federal income taxes and he believes that any bonuses offered may be discussed, authorized or acted upon by a meeting of the Board of Directors of Amship.

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	"I, ROBERT E. BARTLOME, make the following
	free and voluntary statement to and who have identified
	themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Agent furnished me with an interrogation and advice of rights form which I read, understood and executed the waiver section of this form.
•	"I have been employed by American Ship Building Company since 1965 to the present. I was originally employed as manager of systems and procedures and since 1968 I have held the position of corporate secretary.
ą,	"At the beginning of my employment with American Ship Building my salary was somewhere between \$13,000.00 and \$14,000.00 and my current salary is \$27,500.00. I have had gradual increases since 1968, the latest increase was January 24, 1973 when my salary increased from \$26,300.00 to \$27,500.00.
	"In addition to my salary stated above, I have also recieved bonuses since 1968 from American Ship Building Company averaging about \$5,000.00 per year. My bonus in 1972 amounted to \$7,500.00
	"In connection with the bonus I recieved in 1972,I elected to take \$5,000.00 in 1972 and defer the \$2,500.00 balance until January, 1973 for tax purposes.
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"Any bonus which I recieve is less the city, state and federal taxes. I am in the 38% tax bracket.

"In addition to salary and bonuses recieved from American Ship Building Company I also have stock options. Since 1965 I have exercised my stock option of 451 shares at \$22.22 per share. I also have future stock option of 330 shares at \$11.62 per share and 1000 shares at \$23.50 per share, these options to expire in 1975 or 1976.

"In addition to the above salary, bonus and stock option plans the only other fringe benefits I recieve in connection with my employment are two weeks vacation per year and a pension plan which will give me \$6.25 per month per each years service.

"In 1972 I recall making the following mitical contributions:

"In approximately February 1972 I purchased two tickets to the Senate majority dinner in Washington, D.C. at \$1,000.00 per ticket. Neither I or my wife attended this dinner. In connection with these tickets I was solicited through the mail by an individual whose identity I cannot recall. I mailed the check for the tickets to the address furnished me by the solicitor.

"Also in February 1972 I was solicited through the mail to purchase a ticket to the Democratic Campaign dinner in Washington; D.C. by an individual whom I presently recall may have been Senator HARRIS of Oklahoma. I purchased a ticket to this dinner and forwarded my check to the Washington address furnished by the solicitor. I also recall recieving a telephone call by someone employed by Senator HARRIS, possibly his secretary, to determine if I was going to attend the dinner, which I did not.

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"In April of 1972 I made a \$3,000.00 contribution to one of the committees for the reelection of President NIXON. In connection with this contribution a group of eight or nine employees of American Ship Building Company had talked over the benefits that the passage of the Merchant Marine Act of 1970 brought to the employees of the maritime industry. We felt we wanted to contribute in some way to the re-election of President NIXON, so I personally asked Mr. GEORGE STEINBRENNER, Chairman and Cheif Executive Officer of American Ship Bullding Company how to contribute. Mr. STEINBRENNER subsequently furnished me with a list of various committees to which contributions could be made for the re-election of President NIXON, and the addresses of the committees. the group of eight or nine individuals mentioned above had prepared their checks for this purpose, the checks were given to Mr. public relations employee of American Ship Building Company who personally took these checks to Washington, D.C. and delivered them to the committee to whom the checks were written.

"In connection with any previous contributions to political campaigns from 1968 up to 1972 I can not recall at this time if I actually made contributions in 1968 or 1969 but it is possible I made contributions during those years. I do recall making political contributions in 1970 and 1971, but I do not recall the amounts of these contributions, or to whom the contributions were paid. I do have all of my personal checking account cancelled checks dating back to 1968 and would be able to determine any such contribution by reviewing these checks.

"I wish to state that all of the contributions that I have made to political campaigns from 1968 thru 1972 were made from my personal checking account and that the money deposited in my checking account for this purpose would have been from my personal earnings either through salary, bonuses or from deposits from my personal savings account.

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"I wish to state that in connection with any political contributions I have made there have been no promises or representations made to me to induce these contributions, nor has any plan been made to me by anyone for any direct or indirect reimbursement to me in the amount of the contributions that I maded. I further state that I was not coerced in any way by my employer to in any way participate in any political campaign contributions.

"In connection with my personal financial status I wish to sate that I own my residence outright and the present value of this residence is approximately \$35,000.00. I also began dealing in the stock market in 1965, and now have approximately \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 in stocks and mutual funds. The majority of my stock transactions have been handled through Mrs.

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"In connection with the banks I have personally dealt with since January 1, 1972 to the present time, I wish to state as follows:

Thave a checking and savings account at the Lorain County Savings & Trust Company in Amherst, Ohio, the average balance would fluctuate between \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00. I have a savings account at the Lorain National Bank on Rt. 58, Lorain County, Ohio and maintain an average balance of \$300.00 to \$500.00. I have a savings account at Citizens Savings in Amherst, Ohio, where I maintain a balance of \$7,500.00 to \$8,000.00. I also have a safty deposit box at Citizens Savings in Amherst, Ohio Whith I have had for about two years.

"In reference to line five of page four of this statement I would like to clarify the figure eight or nine contributors and state that as many as fifteen or twenty fellow employees may have discussed making contributions at various times. cv 56-83 5

> "I have read this statement consisting of this and six other pages. I have initialed each page and each correction. This statement is true and correct to the best of my recollection.

"/s/ ROBERT E. BARTLOME: 8/23/73

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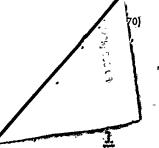
.274 Sunrise Drive Amherst, Ohio telephone - 984-8680

Employment

American Ship Building Company Lorain, Ohio

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that this investigation concerns a possible violation of Federal laws concerning campaign contributions, specifically corporate campaign contributions.

"I have been advised of my rights as set forth on an 'Interrogation; Advice of Rights' form which I read and signed in the presence of the above agents and

for the American Ship Building Company,

I am presently

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Ship Building Company. I have been associated with GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER in a business capacity since 1966 while I was with Kinsman Marine Transit at which time I was earning about \$10,000. currently earn \$35,000 in salary per year, own a house valued at about \$52,000, and own property in Canada with a value of about \$100,000. own about 138 shares of stock in American Ship Building Co., at about \$20 per share, for value of \$2,500 - \$3,000. I have a checking account with Central National Bank and Union Commerce Bank in Cleveland, Ohio, and two checking accounts with the Royal Bank of Canada in St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada.

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"Regarding a campaign contribution made by me to the campaign of RICHARD NIXON I recall that I made the contribution by personal check in an amount between \$2,500 and \$3,000 which was drawn on the Central National Bank, Cleveland, Ohio. The campaign contribution was motivated solely by my own desire to make a contribution to NIXON's campaign and the fact that I was in a financial position to make such a contribution. At the time I wrote the check I had been talking with and ROBERT BARTLOME and other

company officers and employees about the

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campaign. I was not aware of how to go about making the contribution but I was shown a list of several committees which I was told represented the Nixon campaign. I do not recall the specific committee that I made the check payable to

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My contribution was not solicited by any AMSHIP officer or by anyone else and I was not told that I could expect any kind of reimbursement or any thing of any value at anytime immediate or deferred.

"Around the same time that I wrote the check, although I do not recall whether before or after I received a company bonus in the form of a check drawn on the account of AMSHIP made out to me. The bonus was I believe for \$5,000 total and I would have received a net amount of about \$2,800 which I deposited in my checking account. I know of no connection between the company offering the bonus at that time and my making the contribution. Even if I had not received the bonus I still would have made a campaign contribution of some amount.

of AMSHIP or AMSHIP Corp., who told me he would take care of it. I do not know what happened to the check after that other than it was cashed.

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"The only other campaign contribution I recall making was to U.S. Congressman WILLIAM MINSHALL which was in 1972 for about \$100.00.

"The above account of my recollection of the campaign contribution to the Nixon campaign is based solely on my recollection of the facts and was not prompted or influenced by any AMSHIP officials, and my contribution was solely my own desire rather than any company project.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and 2 other pages and state that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/		
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As an example, he noted that he also received a bonus during this year, 1973, possibly in the amount of

financial transaction checks written or other monies personally expended by himself as he claimed that he is in a position to make relatively large expenditures because

of his comfortable financial situation.

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\$5,000 but does not recall the month or exact season that he received the bonus. He noted that GEORGE STEINBRENNER is the type of boss who may make a casual statement to the effect that an employee will receive a bonus or a raise and sometime thereafter, perhaps several months, he will receive same.

He stated he has no information concerning any other bonuses that any other officers may have received and noted that the bonus that he received around the time that he made the contribution to the Nixon Campaign was the bonus he had been expecting from the company since his discussion with GEORGE STEINBRENNER some time in November or December, 1971.

and his making the \$2,800 campaign contribution are merely coincidental as far as both occurring at the same time, and he stated that even if he had not received the bonus, he would still have made a contribution to the Nixon Campaign as he thought the Nixon Administration better represented the interest of the American Ship. Building Company than did the administration of GEORGE MC GOVERN.

In response to questioning, stated that his recollection of the circumstances surrounding the campaign contribution are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and that he would not hesitate to relate the same account before any judicial proceedings or any grand jury.

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form which I read and signed in the presence of the above agents and for the American Ship Building Company.

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"I have been employed by the American Ship Building Company since 1937. I became manager of the Lorain, Ohio yard around 1954 and then was made an assistant to the Vice President of Sales for American Ship Building Company and earn \$30,000 per year. I own a \$50,000 home which has about a remaining \$2,000 mortgage. In addition I receive about \$4,000 yearly through a deferred profit sharing plan and also receive director's fees for a total yearly income of about \$41,000. I have about \$40,000 savings in cash and certificates of deposit in Westside Federal Sayings and Loan, Fairview Park, Ohio. In addition I have about \$28,000 in stocks and bonds. I have a joint checking account with the Cleveland Trust with Company, Cleveland, Unio.

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"Regarding my campaign contribution to the Richard Nixon campaign in April, 1972, I recall the contribution was made in the form of a check in the amount of \$2,900.00 drawn on my and my wife's checking account. Around the same time, either before or after, I received a company bonus representing a gross amount of \$5,000, of which I received \$2,900 net amount in the form of an AMSHIP payroll check. The difference between the two amounts represents the deductions from the gross amount.

"At the time I actually made the contribution I happened to be at the Lorain, Ohio, offices of AMSHIP. ROBERT BARTLOME, Secretary of AMSHIP had

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a list of several committees or groups representing the Nixon campaign and I wrote the \$2,900 check out to one of the committees listed. I handed the check to BARTLOME who I understand was going to have someone, possibly another company official, hand deliver the check to Washington, D.C.

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"The contribution was solely my idea and represented my own personal funds and not AMSHIP money and no company official or employee solicited the contribution. I did not expect or receive any consideration or anything of value, either immediate or deferred, for the contribution given. The contribution was motivated by my desire to support the Nixon Campaign and my financially being able to do so. The fact that the bonus and the contribution were identical in amount is mainly a matter of timing and one was not directly influenced by the other.

"In addition I also had made previous campaign contributions one of which was a \$1,000 check to a Democratic dinner and another was in the amount of \$1,900, possibly to a Republican Senate Dinner. I later made a \$100 check contribution to the Nixon campaign. At the time I made the \$2,900 check contribution I was aware of the impending deadline of the contribution laws which would make public the amounts of contributions and donors.

"In summary there was no company plan or inducement to make specific campaign contributions and the above account regarding my contribution is my own and not prompted or suggested by any AMSHIP official or any other person.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and two (2) other pages and state that it is the truth as I know it.

"/s/ GORDON STAFFORD

Witness:	Special Agent, FB Cleveland, Ohio, 8-28-73.	ľ,
	Special Agent, Fi Cleveland, Ohio, 8-28-73."	BI,

Upon reading and signing the above statement, STAFFORD requested a photostatic copy of same and was furnished a copy.

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In addition to the above, STAFFORD was specifically questioned concerning the disbursement of company bonuses particularly when those bonuses might amount to a gross of \$5,000 among six or more officers. STAFFORD, who stated he is a member of the Board of Directors of American Ship Building Company, advised that the disbursement of funds for bonuses is usually the subject of Board discussions and normally minutes or written records would be retained for same. STAFFORD was questioned as to whether he could recall any Board meetings which may have been convened prior to April, 1972, and also if there was such a meeting, whether or not they might have had a discussion concerning company bonuses. STAFFORD stated he could not recall whether or not such a board meeting might have occurred and/or whether such a discussion might have taken place or been recorded.

At the conclusion of relating his recollections of the circumstances regarding the \$2,900 campaign

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whether he felt that he could relate the same account before any judicial proceedings or grand jury with the full confidence that same would be the truth whereupon he replied that he felt that he could as his responses were based upon the truth to the best of his recollection.

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The following descriptive data was obtained through interview and observation:

GORDON/STAFFORD * Name: Male / Sex: White Race: January 4, 1918 Date of birth: Place of birth: Cleveland, Ohio **5**17" Height: 190 lbs. Weight: Black Hair: Grayish green, wears glasses Eyes: Social Security 271-01-7624 Account Number: 20328 Parklane Drive Address: Rocky River, Ohio 331-3611 Home telephone: High school graduate Education: Relatives:

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for some type of outstanding service rendered. I also wish to state that I have no personel knowledge as to how employees are selected for the recient of these bonuses.

"In regards to any stock options that have been made available to me at American Ship Building Company, I can not recall what options have been offered but I do believe I have a current option to purchase 224 shares but do not recall the price of these shares at option. I further wish to state that I have never engaged in buying or selling stocks.

"Other than the salary and bonuses I recieve from my present employer I also recieve annually renewals from insurance policies I previously wrote. These renewals are paid for a period of 9 years. In the year of 1972 I recieved approximately \$1,100.00 from renewals. I also which to state that I have no other investments, own no real estate and my wife is not employed.

"In regards to my personel business I maintain a checking account with an average balance of \$600.00 to \$700.00 at the Society National Bank, Main Office, Cleveland, Ohio. I also have a savings account with a balance of about \$8,000.00 at the Society National Bank, Kamms Branch, Cleveland, Ohio. I do not rent any safty deposit box in any bank.

"During the years of 1967 thru 1969 I can not recall making any monetary political contributions, nor can I recall making any such contributions prior to 1967.

"In 1970 I recall making the following political contributions. I gave \$500.00 to the personel campaign of Congressman CHARLES MOSHER. I made this contribution with a personel check and probably mailed this check to MOSHER's campaign committee. I do not recall being solicited for this contribution

and wanted to make this contribution personelly because I had known of CHARLES MOSHER for a number of years and considered him to be a good man. I knew the competition he had was keen and I wanted to give him what assistance I could.

"I also contributed two checks of \$500.00 each to the Ohio State Republican Finance Committee. I believe I was solicited in some manner through the mail by this committee and the checks would have been sent at different times.

"I contributed about \$1,400.00 to the National Democratic Party Dinner Committee in Washington, D.C. I believe the actual price of the dinner was \$500.00 per plate even though I gave \$1,400.00. In connection with this dinner I was not solicited in any way but wanted to contribute. I attended this dinner and I believe it was the year that GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of American Ship Building Company, was chairman of the dinner. I believe that I either mailed a check to the dinner committee or possibly gave the check personally to the dinner committee at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

"During 1971 I made no political contributions.

"I made the following political contributions during the year 1972. I purchased two tickets to the National Democratic Congressional Dinner, date unrecalled, and believe the tickets were \$500.00 each. I may have been solicited thru the mail for this dinner and believe I probably mailed the check for the tickets to the committee even though I personally attended the dinner.

"I contributed to the Republican dinner which I believe was called the Senate House Majority Dinner. Tickets to this dinner were \$1,000.00 each and I purchased two tickets.

In connection with this dinner I believe I was solicited through the mail and would have returned my check by mail. I did not attend this dinner.

"I also contributed to an organization formed to assist in the re-election of President NIXON: I believe this organization was called the 'Loyal Americans for Government Reform.' I contributed \$3,000.00 to this organization and believe the contribution was made by a personal check in early April 1972.

"In connection with the above contribution to the NIXON re-election campaign, I was very concerned and wanted to help NIXON defeat MC GOVERN as I felt MC GOVERN would not be a good President. From time to time various employees would talk about the Presidential campaign in general conversation around the office and I think I asked BOB BARTLOME where would be the best place to send money to help re-elect NIXON. I am not positive but I think BOB BARTIOME may have given me the name of Loyal Americans for Government Reform to which committee I made out a check for \$3,000.00. I don't recall if I mailed the check to the committee or if I gave it to someone to deliver for me and if I gave it to anyone it would have been BOB BARTIOME.

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"I wish to state that even though the information furnished above reflects that prior to 1970 I had not made any political contributions and subsequent to 1969 I have made considirable political contributions in the year 1970 and 1972, the nature of my employment or the reciept of bonuses from my employer had no direct bearing on my decision to make contributions. I further state that I have not been requested or compelled to make any political contribution by anyone nor have any promises of reimbursement in any form been promised to me by anyone.

"In connection with the \$3,000.00 contribution made to the Loyal Americans for Government Reform I believe I would have made some monetary contribution regardless of whether or not I recieved a bonus, but the amount of the bonus had an influence on the amount of money I was able to contribute. In connection with the other contributions mentioned above I do not believe they were influenced in any way by any bonus I recieved.

"To the best of my recollection I do not believe that I ever withdrewany money from my savings account to deposit in my checking account to cover checks written for political contributions. I also state that any political contributions. have made have been written on my personal checking account.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and eight (8) other pages. I have

initialed each page and each correction. This statement is true and correct to the best of my recollection.

"/s/ ROBERT LYONS DIBBLE 8-29-73

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al B	The state of the s	Apartment 212 Westlake: Ohio
•	Home Telephone	87I-4670
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•	Occupation	Vice President in Charge
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Date of transcription was interviwed at his employment American Ship Building Company, Lorain, Ohio, at which time he furnished the following signed statement: "Lorain, Ohio 8/28/73 make the followand voluntary statement to who have identified themland selves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Agent has orally advised me that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement I do make could be used against me in a court of law. I have further been advised that I have the right to consult with an attorney prior to being interviewed and also have the right to be represented by an attorney during this inter-view if I so chose. I also have been advised that I do not have to answer all questions if I do not desire to and that I have a right to terminate the interview at anytime I desire to do so. I wish to state that no threats or promises were made to be by the above identified agents to induce my cooperation. "Following my graduation from I spent most of my subsequent years from 1965 thru 1970 in the teaching profession in both the Cleveland, Ohio and North Olmsted, Ohio school districts. "On June 8, 1970, I began employment with American Ship Building Company in the capacity of My beginning salary with American Ship Building Company was \$12,000.00 per year. approximately December of 1971 my salary was raised to \$15,000.00, where it remained until August of 1973 when it was again increased to \$16,000.00. 8/28/73 File # Cleveland 56-83 Lorain. Ohio Interviewed on SAS **b**6 APB:mab Date dictated

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"During the years 1970 and 1971 I recieved no other compensation from my employer. In 1972, sometime in April of this year, I recieved a \$5,000.00 bonus. To date in 1973 I have recieved no bonus.

"The net amount of the bonus I recieved in 1972 after taxes and other deductions were taken out amounted to \$3,650.00.

"During approximately February 1972 I engaged in conversation with several fellow employees at American Ship Building Company concerning the presidential election. Two of the individuals I recall speaking with in this regard were Mr. ROBERT BARTLOME and Mr. DANIEL KISSEL. We discussed the various merits of the NIXON Administration in connection with the maritime industry which was greatly bolstered by the passage of the Maritime Act of 1970. This added great security to many jobs due to the construction of new ships. In addition to this facet of the NIXON administration I was also interested in the manner in which President NIXON handled other various problems which confronted the nation.

"In connection with these conversations mentioned above concerning the re-election of President NIXON I asked Mr. BARTLOME how an individual could make a contribution toward the re-election of President NIXON. Mr. BARTLOME stated that he would find out.

"Mr. BARTLOME subsequently advised me that he had obtained the name of a committee I could direct my contribution to from Mr. GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of American Ship Building Company. Mr. BARTLOME later gave me the name of a committee I believe was called "Supporters of Good Government".

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"On April 6, 1972 I wrote a personel check on my account at Cleveland Trust Bank, Cleveland, Ohio to the Supporters of Good Government in the amount of \$3500.00.

"Prior to writing the above check I had learned from Mr. BARTLOME, possibly as far back as February 1972, that I was going to recieve a \$5000.00 bonus from the American Ship Building Company.s.As I recall the date I recieved the bonus and the date of my contribution to the above committee were very close.

"I wish to state that I made the contribution to the above committee of my own free will and was not compelled to do so in any way by my employment. I further wish to state that I felt so strongly about the necessity of re-electing President NIXON that I would have made some type of monetary contribution even though I had not recieved a bonus, however the bonus made it possible for me to make the contribution. I made above. After I had made out the check to the Supporters of Good Government, I gave the check to Mr. BARTLOME who told me he would send the check along with his contribution and that of DANIEL KISSEL. I have no idea how the check was delivered to the committee for Supporters of Good Government.

"No provisions or promises were made to me by my employer or anyone else indicating I would be reimbursed in any way for any political contributions I made. I further state that I have not made any previous political contributions and made no other political contributions thru the year 1972.

"Concerning my personel banking accounts I have my savings and checking account at the Cleveland Trust Bank, my home mortgage at the Second Federal Saings and Loan and I have a automobile loan at the National City Bank of Cleveland, Ohio. I do not

have a safty deposit box at any bank. I have read this statement. I have initialed each page and each correction. This statement consists of (5) five pages and one other page to which I will sign my signature. This statement is true and correct to the best of my recollection.

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"I have also been advised this investigation concerns campaign contributions as they might relate to a possible violation of Federal election laws, particularly the contributing of corporate funds or monies through company employees or officers.

"I have been employed by the Kinsman Marine Transit Co., a subsidiary of the American Shipbuilding Company since 1963. Since about 1967 I have been Treasurer of Kinsman Marine Transit and earn \$14,500 yearly. I own a \$30,000 home which has about a \$1,400 mortgage remaining. I and my wife have a joint checking account at the Lorain, Ohio, branch of Cleveland Trust Company, which has an average monthly balance of \$300.00. In addition, my wife and I each have savings accounts at the downtown branch of the Union Savings and Loan Association with total balance of about \$5,000. also has about a \$1,000 savings My wife account at Broadview Savings, also at downtown Cleveland, Ohio. also has a \$2,000 to \$2,500 savings account at the Avon; Ohio branch of the Central Security National Bank of Lorain, Ohio.

"Regarding the \$3,500 contribution to the NIXON campaign which I recall making early in April, 1972, I can state that this contribution came about after discussion with my wife and other employees of the American Ship Building Company on Kinsman Marine Transit. My wife and I felt that we wished to make a substantial contribution to the RICHARD NIXON campaign as, in our opinion, his policies better represented our interests than did the Democratic candidate GEORGE MC GOVERN.

"At the time I made the contribution I had been working out at the Lorain, Ohio, American Shipbuilding Co., and ROBERT BARTLOME had a list of several committees which I understand were backing the NIXON campaign. I wrote a \$3,500 check to one of the committees, the specific name I do not recall, and gave my check to ROBERT BARTLOME, who I under-

stand gave the check to an American Ship book Building company official, who took the check to Washington, D.C.

"I was aware at the time that there was a deadline coming up which, in effect, would make campaign donars and contributions public information I intended to cover the \$3,500 charge to my checking account by the transfer of personal savings accounts funds. However, it so happened at that time that I received a \$5,000 company bonus in the form of an American Ship Building Company payroll check in the amountoof \$3,750, which represented the \$5,000 bonus less the usual deductions.

"I had been expecting the bonus but I was not sure when I would receive the check or what the amount was going to be. Regardless of the receipt of the bonus I still would have made a contribution to the NIXON campaign. Prior to receiving the \$5,000 bonus the highest or largest company bonus I had received was \$1,200. Since the April 1972 bonus I received a \$1,500 company bonus in February or March of this year, 1973. familiar with the corporate procedure for the allocating of company bonuses and I can only account for the sizeable bonus which I received in 1972 by citing the financial success of the company in 1971. Also my campaign contribution, including thearmount was my own idea and in no way was my making the \$3,500 contribution motivated by my anticipated bonus or any instruction, order, or specific encouragement by my employer GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER or any other company officer or employee. Also no representative or suggestion was made to me about any reimbursement, direct or indirect, immediate or deferred, or any repayment or any consideration or anything of value for my making the contribution.

"Other than the above-mentioned contribution I have never made any campaign contributions to either party at this time.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and two other pages and certify that the statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ DANIEL A KISSEL

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"/s/ Special Agent, FBI, Cleveland, Ohio 8/29/73. Special Agent, FBI, Cleveland, Ohio 8/29/73!"

KISSEL requested a copy of the above statement and was furnished with same.

Following is descriptive data obtained during interview:

DANIEL AUGUST KISSEL Name Male Sex Race White July_21, 1913 Date_of_Birth-Cleveland, Ohio Place of Birth 5' 10" Height 192 Weight Brown and gray Hair Blue, glasses #271-03-0971 Eyes Social Security la years college US Army Education Military 1943-46 and 1950-52 Honorable Discharge 37849_Lake_Drive_ Home address Avon, Ohio Phone: 934-4407 Wife Son

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During the early part of 1972 the exact period of time unrecalled, I discussed the presidential campaign with many of my fellow employees. I felt that I wanted to contribute in some way to the re-election of President Nixon as I felt the shipping industry was profiting more since the passage of the Maritime Act of 1970. I also feel that I hoped indirectly to bring to the attention of Mr. GEORGE STEINBRENNER, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of American Ship Building Company, that I was personely interested in the future of the ship building Industry by backing the NIXON Administration which administration helped the industry.

"In particular I recall speaking more with Mr. ROBERT BARTLOME about making a contribution to assist in the re-election of President NIXON, in that I inquired of Mr. BARTLOME how I would go about making a contribution. Mr. BARTLOME said he would get a list of organizations connected with NIXONs re-election campaign and that I could choose one of these organizations to contribute too. I chose one of the organizations from a list provided me by Mr. BARTLOME, however I can not recall the name of the organization or committee, but do recall it had the word 'Society' in it.

from Mr. BARTLOME that I would be recieving a bonus but I did not know the amount of the bonus or when I would recieve it.

"In April of 1972 I wrote a check in the amount of \$3,000.00 on my payable to the committee mentioned above. I gave this check to Mr. BARTLOME with the implied understanding that he would see the check arrived at its proper estination.

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"Also in either late 1971 or early 1972 I purchased two tickets toca political dinner to be held in Washington, D.C. I can not recall the exact price of these tickets but they were either \$500.00 or \$1,00.00 each. I did not attend this dinner. The contributions for this dinner were solicited by the dinner committee through the mail. I paid for these tickets by personal check from the Cleveland Trust Bank and probably mailed the check in an envelope provided by the committee.

"Regarding any other political contributions made in previous years dating back to 1968, I believe I possibly made contributions in 1970 and 1971, but do not recall the amounts or to whom the contributions were made. I do not recall making any contributions during 1968 or 1969.

"In connection with any political contributions I have described above, I wish to state that no pressure was brought to bear on me in any way to induce me to make these contributions. I also wish to state that the contributions were made from my own earnings and I was not directly or indirectly reimbursed by anyone for the contributions I made of my own free will.

"As far as my banking connections are concerned, my personel banking both savings and checking are handled through the Cleveland Trust Bank in Lorain, Ohio. I do not have a safty deposit box, and the only other bank I do business with is Cleveland Federal Savings & Loan where I have my home mortgage. I also wish to state I have no outside source of income.

"In connection with my contribution to the NIXON re-election campaign, I feel the annual bonus I received from my employment had a bearing on the amount of my contribution, in that this bonus afforded

me a larger amount of money to contribute than if I had contributed out of my regular earnings. I wish to state however that I felt strong enough about the re-election of President NIXON that I would have contributed some amount of money even if I would not have received a bonus.

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August 31, 1973

BY COURIER SERVICE

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER ELECTION LAWS

Reference is made to the memorandum of Henry S. Ruth, Jr., dated August 10, 1973, requesting investigation regarding captioned matter and the prior memoranda of the FBI dated August 28 and August 29, 1973, concerning this case.

The Cleveland, Ohio, Office of the FBI advised on August 30, 1973, as follows:

Robert Lyons Dibble, Vice President in Charge of Personnel, American Ship Building Company, Lorain, Ohio, furnished a signed statement advising he has been employed by captioned firm since 1967 and currently earns \$17,300 annually. During the period 1970 through 1972, he received a \$5,000 bonus each year and made political contributions in 1970 of \$500 to Congressman Charles Mosher; \$1,000 to Ohio State Republican Finance Committee; and \$1,400 to National Democratic Party Dinner Committee which dinner he attended in Washington believed to be chaired by George M. Steinbrenner. In 1971 he made no political contributions.

In 1972 Dibble purchased two \$5 tickets to the National Democratic Congressional Dinner which he attended in Washington, D. C.; two \$1,000 tickets for a Republican Dinner which he did not attend; and \$3,000 to a Nixon reelection committee called "Loyal Americans for Government Reform." He believed most solicitation was through the mail and recalls no personal solicitation. Checks would have been mailed to various committees or delivered personally when in Washington. He said that he was not coerced in any way by anyone to make political contributions and stated his bonus may have influenced the size of his contribution to the Nixon reelection committee in that he had more money available to contribute but he feels he would have contributed regardless of the bonus; however, it would have been a lesser amount.

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Daniel Rissel, Treasurer, Kinsman Marine Transit Division, American Ship Building Company, Cleveland, furnished a signed statement in which he advised that he currently earns \$14,500 annually and in April, 1972, he made a \$3,500 contribution to an unrecalled Nixon campaign committee. He received a \$5,000 company bonus which in no way influenced his contribution as he would have contributed anyway. He stated the largest previous company bonus prior to aforementioned \$5,000 bonus was for \$1,200 and during the current year, 1973, he received a \$1,500 bonus.

The Cleveland Office noted that in view of the apparent disproportionate size of the company bonus and campaign contribution of Kissel, consideration should be given to issuing a subpoena for Kissel in the event grand jury testimony is taken concerning this matter.

A detailed interview report form will be furnished to you for the two aforementioned interviews in the immediate future. The requested investigation in the memorandum of August 10, 1973, has not as yet been completed and you will be kept advised of pertinent developments as they occur.

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FROM CLEVELAND (56-83) (P)

(II) STEINBRENNER. AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, GEORGE M. ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT) 00: WFO.

RE CLEVELAND NITEL TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON F 8/28/73.

ROBERT LYONS DIBBLE, VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF PERSONNEL, AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING CO., LORAIN, OHIO, FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT THIS DATE ADVISING IN ESSENCE THAT HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THIS COMPANY SINCE OCTOBER, 1967 TO PROXSENT. BEGINNING SALARY OF \$12,000 HAS INCREASED TO PRESENT SALARY OF \$17,300. RECEIVED NO BONUSES 1967 THROUGH 1969. FROM 1970 THROUGH 1972, RECEIVED \$5,000 BONUS EACH YEAR. MADE NO POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS PRIOR TO 1970. IN 1970, MADE FOLLOWING POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS: \$500.00 TO PERSONAL CAMPAIGN, CONGRESSMAN CHARLES MOSHER: \$1,000 TO OHIO STATE REPUBLI-FINANCE COMMITTEE; \$1400 TO NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY DIMNESEP 6 1973 END PAGE ONE

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COMMITTEE AND ATTENDED DINNER IN WASHINGTON, WHICH HE BELIEVES WAS CHAIRED BY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER. IN 1971, HE MADE NO POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

MADE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1972: TWO TICKETS AT \$5.00 EACH TO NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL DINNER, WASHINGTON, D. ... WHICH HE PERSONALLY ATTENDED; TWO TICKETS AT \$1,000 EACH FOR REPUBLICAN DINNER BELIEVED CALLED "THE SENATE HOUSE-MAJORITY DINNER"; DID NOT ATTEND; \$3,000 TO NIXON RE-ELECTION COMMITTEE CALLED "LOYAL AMERICANS FOR GOVERNMENT REFORM". BELIEVES MOST SOLICITATION WAS THROUGH THE MAIL AND RECALLS NO PERSONAL SOLICITATION. CHECKS WOULD HAVE BEEN MAILED TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES OR DELIVERED PERSONALLY WHEN IN WASHINGTON.

DIBBLE ADVISED WAS NOT COERCED IN ANY WAY BY ANYONE TO MAKE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ADVISED BONUS MAY HAVE INFLUENCED SIZE OF CONTRIBUTION TO NIXON RE-ELECTION COMMITTEE IN THAT HE HAD MORE MONEY AVAILABLE TO CONTRIBUTE BUT FEELS HE WOULD HAVE CONTRIBUTED REGARDLESS OF THE BONUS; HOWEVER, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A LESSER AMOUNT.

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DANIEL KISSEL, TREASURER, KINSMAN MARINE TRANSIT DIVISION
OF AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING CO., CLEVELAND, OHIO, IN SIGNED
STATEMENT FURNISHED SIMILAR ACCOUNT OF APRIL, 1972 CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTION AS OTHER SEVEN COMPANY OFFICIALS. KISSEL STATED HE
EARNS \$14,500 ANNUALLY AND CLAIMED HE HAVE \$3500 CONTRIBUTION
TO UNRECALLED NIXON CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND RECEIPT OF \$5,000_
COMPANY BONUS IN NO WAY INFLUENCED HIS CONTRIBUTION AS HE WOULD
HAVE CONTRIBUTED ANYWAY.

KISSEL STATED LARGEST PREVIOUS COMPANY BONUS WAS FOR \$1200 AND HE RECEIVED A \$1500 BONUS THIS YEAR, 1973.

IN VIEW OF APPARENT DISPROPORTIONATE SIZE OF COMPANY BONUS AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION FOR KISSEL, USDJ MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ISSUING SUBPOENA FOR KISSEL IN EVENT GRAND JURY TESTIMONY COMMENCES IN THIS MATTER.

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36-4137-11 August 29, 1973 l- Mr. AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER **ELECTION LAWS** This is to record telephonic advice on this date to Mr. of the Special Prosecutor's Office by Special Agent of this Bureau concerning the following information. The Cleveland, Ohio, Office of the FBI advised August 28, 1973, as follows: and Gordon Stafford, Vice President of Sales, both of American Ship Building Company, in signed statements on August 28,

of American Ship Building Company, in signed statements on August 28, 1973, advised that their April, 1972, contributions to the Nixon Campaign were based on their own personal desires and not solicited in any way by George M. Steinbrenner or any other company officials. Each stated that they received net amounts of company bonuses which are identical to the amounts contributed and stated same is due merely to coincidence and that even if they had not received bonuses, they still would have made the contributions.

Each personally stated that his recollection of the circumstance

Each personally stated that his recollection of the circumstance concerning the contributions is based on the truth as he recalls it and each would not hesitate to relate the same account at any judicial proceeding.

claimed that prior to being shown a photo copy of his checking account statement for the month of April, 1972, he could only recall that the contribution was somewhere between \$2,500 and \$3,000 as he is of such financial means that such a contribution would not be a strain on him and thus not necessarily easily remembered.

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Re: American Ship Building Company

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and American
Ship Building, Lorain, Ohio, in signed statements advised as follows:
has been employed by the company since June, 1970, and salary ranged from \$12,000 to \$16,000 at present. He received a \$5,000 bonus in 1972 netting him \$3,650. He stated he discussed the Nixon Re-election Campaign with fellow employees and believed Nixon's Re-election would further bolster the security of the Maritime Industry as did the passage of the Maritime Act of 1970. He advised the receipt of his bonus made it possible for him to make the size contribution he made although he would have made some contribution even if he did not receive a bonus. This is the only political contribution he has ever made.
has been employed by American Ship Building from March, 1968, to the present at a beginning salary of \$8,600 and is presently earning \$16,300 per year. He recalls receiving bonuses in 1971 and 1972 of about \$5,000 each year. He advised he discussed Nixon's Re-election Campaign with other fellow employees and felt he wanted to contribute in some way to the Re-election. He subsequently made a contribution of \$3,000 to one of the Committees for the Re-election of President Nixon as he felt this would both assist in the bolstering of the security of the Maritime Industry and would also indirectly bring to the attention of Mr. George Steinbrenner the fact that he was personally interested in the future of the Ship Building Industry by backing the Nixon administration, which administration has helped the industry.
Both each indicated that they were in no way intimidated by their employer to contribute to any political committee and made their contributions of their own free will. Both also stated that they received no reimbursement or any promise of reimbursement for any contribution made.
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AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER,

ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE) UNIT)

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RE CLEVELAND NITEL TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD

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AND GORDON STAFFORD, VICE PRESIDENT

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OF SALES, BOTH OF AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, IN SIGNED

STATEMENTS THIS DATE, ADVISED THAT THEIR APRIL 1972 CONEX-103

TIRBUTIONS TO THE NIXON CAMPAIGN WERE BASED ON THEIR OWN PERSONAL DESIRES AND NOT SOLICITED IN ANY WAY BY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER
OR ANY OTHER COMPANY OFFICIALS. EACH STATED THAT THEY
RECEIVED NET AMOUNTS OF COMPANY BONUSES WHICH ARE IDENTICAL TO THE AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED AND STATED SAME IS DUE MERELY TO
COINCIDENCE AND THAT EVEN IF THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED BONUSES,
THEY STILL WOULD HAVE MADE THE CONTRIBUTIONS.

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EACH PERSONALLY STATED THAT HIS RECOLLECTION OF THE CURSTANCES RE THE CONTRIBUTIONS IS BASED ON THE TRUTH AS HE RECALLS IT AND EACH WOULD NOT HESITATE TO RELATE THE SAME ACCOUNT AT ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING.

CLAIMED THAT PRIOR TO BEING SHOWN A PHOTO COPY OF HIS CHECKING ACCOUNT STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1972, HE COULD ONLY RECALL THAT THE CONTRIBUTION WAS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN \$2500 AND \$3000 AS HE IS OF SUCH FINANCIAL MEANS THAT SUCH A CONTRIBUTION WOULD NOT BE A STRAIN ON HIM AND THUS NOT NECESSARILY EASILY REMEMBERED.

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SHIP BUILDING, LORAIN, OHIO, IS SIGNED STATEMENTS ADVISED AS

FOLLOWS:

EMPLOYED BY THE COMPANY SINCE JUNE, 1970 AND SALARY

RANGED FROM \$12,000 TO \$16,000 AT PRESENT. RECEIVED \$5,000

BONUS IN 1972 NETTING HIM \$3650. STATED HE DISCUSSED NIXON

RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN WITH FELLOW EMPLOYEES AND BELIEVED NIXON'S

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RE-ELECTION WOULD FURTHER BOLSTER THE SECURITY OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AS DID THE PASSAGE OF THE MARITIME ACT OF 1970. HE ADVISED RECEIPT OF HIS BONUS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MAKE THE SIZE CONTRIBUTION HE MADE ALTHOUGH HE WOULD HAVE MADE SOME CONTRIBUTION EVEN IF HE DID NOT RECEIVE A BONUS. HE ADVISED THIS IS THE ONLY POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION HE HAS EVER MADE.

WAS EMPLOYED BY AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING FROM MARCH, b7c

1968 TO PRESENT AT A BEGINNING SALARY OF \$8600 AND IS PRESENTLY

EARNING \$16,300 PER YEAR. HE RECALLS RECEIVING BONUSES IN

1971 AND 1972 OF ABOUT \$5,000 EACH YEAR. HE ADVISED HE

DISCUSSED NIXON'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN WITH OTHER FELLOW EMPLOYEES

AND FELT HE WANTED TO CONTRIBUTE IN SOME WAY TO THE RE-ELECTION.

HE SUBSEQUENTLY MADE A CONTRIBUTION OF \$3,000 TO ONE OF THE

COMMITTEES FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT NIXON AS HE FELT

THIS WOULD BOTH ASSIST IN THE BOLSTERING OF THE SECURITY OF

THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AND WOULD ALSO INDIRECTLY BRING TO THE

ATTENTION OF MR. GEORGE STEINBRENNER THE FACT THAT HE WAS

PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF THE SHIP BUILDING INDUSTRY

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BY BACKING THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, WHICH ADMINISTRATION HAS HELPED THE INDUSTRY.

BOTH EACH INDICATED THAT THEY WERE IN

NO WAY INTIMIDATED BY THEIR EMPLOYER TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANY

POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND MADE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS OF THEIR OWN

FREE WILL. BOTH ALSO STATED THAT THEY RECEIVED NO REIMBURSEMENT

OR ANY PROMISE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY CONTRIBUTION MADE.

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TO SAC CLEVELAND (56-83)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (56-4737)

CAMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY; GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER; ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT); 00: WFO.

REBUCAL TO CLEVELAND THIS DATE.

THIS IS TO CONFIRM INSTRUCTIONS IN REBUCAL AS FOLLOWS:

THIS CASE WAS DISCUSSED 9/7/73 WITH

ASSISTANT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: THE CLEVELAND OFFICE SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE SCHEDULED INTERVIEW OF STEINBRENNER ON MONDAY 9/10/73. INTERVIEWING AGENTS, AFTER ADVISING STEINBRENNER OF HIS RIGHTS, SHOULD QUESTION HIM IN DETAIL CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE ELECTION LAWS VIOLATION, SECTION 610, TITLE 18, USC. WHILE STEINBRENNER SHOULD NOT BE SPECIFICALLY QUESTIONED CONCERNING A POSSIBLE OOJ VIOLATION. THAT IS, THE FABRICATION OF THE DECEPTIVE COVER STORY TOLD BY THE COMPANY OFFICIALS DURING THEIR INTERVIEWS, INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS AND ANY OTHER VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE ACCEPTED IF

VOLUNTÉERED AND LOGICAL QUESTIONS ASKED IN THAT REG

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ADDITIONALLY, YOUR OFFICE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ANY INFORMANTS OR OTHER SOURCES NOW OR PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED BY THAT COMPANY WHO COULD BE CONTACTED AT A LATER DATE FOR INSIDE INFORMATION. NO OTHER INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED AT THIS TIME EXCEPT THAT. ANY INFORMATION VOLUNTEERED SHOULD BE ACCEPTED AND IMMEDIATELY REPORTED.

THE RESULTS OF THE MONDAY INTERVIEW WITH STEINBRENNER SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO FBIHQ BY TELETYPE FOLLOWED BY A REPORT.

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TO DIRECTOR(56-4737)

FROM CLEVELAND (56-83)

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY; GEORGE M. ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT); OO: WASHINGTON FIELD.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND, 9-7-73.

A HIGHLY PLACED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT THE AMERIAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, ON THE MORNING OF 9-10-73 ADVISED THAT GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER, CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THER AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY IS STEINBRENNER, EXCORDING TO CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. SOURCE, ALONG WITH HIS ATTORNEYS, IS CONFERRING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SPECIAL ATTORNEY ARCHIBALD COX, APPARENTLY REGARDING HIS INTERESTS IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION INVESTIGATION INVOLVING HIS FIRM AND OFFICERS OF HISSERIEM. 1313

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AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY; GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER; ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION - WATERGATE UNIT); OO WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 9/10/73.

ON THE MORNING OF 9/11/73, A HIGHLY PLACED CONFIDENTIAL

SOURCE IN THE AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, be advised that information available indicates that george m.

STEINBRENNER IS STILL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. CONFERRING WITH HIS ATTORNEYS AND POSSIBLY WILL BE CONFERRING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COX COMMITTEE. SOURCE UNAWARE OF WHETHER IN FACT STEINBRENNER OR HIS ATTORNEYS HAD EVEN IN CONTACT WITH THE COX COMMITTEE ON 9/10/73 OR IF WHEN CONTACT EFFECTED WHAT MAY BE THE DISCUSSION OF THE COX COMMITTEE ON 9/10/73 OR IF WHEN CONTACT EFFECTED WHAT

SOURCE STATED STEINBRENNER IS TENTATIVELY EXPECTED TO RETURN TO CLEVELAND ON THURSDAY, 9/13/73; BUT IT IS NOT END PAGE ONE

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KNOWN WHETHER STEINBRENNER MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AT THAT TIME.

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-Title:	AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER	
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American Ship Building Company, Investment Plaza. Cleveland,
Ohio, was contacted by Special Agent concerning
the availability for interview of GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER,
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of that Company.
advised that in view of the recent publicity including radio and newspaper publicity concerning Mr. STEINBRENNER's campaign contribution to the Nixon election, STEINBRENNER would not be reporting to his office on that date, September 5, 1973, and on Thursday, September 6, 1973, STEINBRENNER had a tentative business appointment in Indiana. Stated he would recontact SA regarding the availability of STEINBRENNER on September 7, 1973. On Friday, September 7, 1973, advised that Mr. STEINBRENNER was not in Cleveland on that date and would either be in New York City or in Washington, D.C., and thus was not available for interview.
stated he would be in contact with SA on Monday, September 10, 1973, and if possible at that time, advise regarding Mr. STEINBRENNER's availability for interview.
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PENDING THE SERVING OF ADDITIONAL SUBPOENAS ON

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IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

CLEVELAND WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH SOURCE RE STEINBRENNER'S AVAILABILITY AND REPORT SAME TO BUREAU.

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RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND WASHINGTON FIELD,
9/13/73.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, CONTACT WITH HIGHLY PLACED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT THE AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, CLEVELAND, OHIO MORNING OF 9/17/73, DETERMINED THAT GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER IS STILL CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AND BELIEVED TO BE PROCEEDING TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM FLORIDA AND LIKELY WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AT LEAST UNTIL TUESDAY, 9/18/73 AND POSSIBLY LONGER.

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OFTIONAL FORM NO. 10 5010-104 MAY 1942 EDIT 2N GSA GEN, REG, NO. 27 UNITED STATES ERNMENT Asst J Dir.: *lemorandum* Admin. Comp. Syst. TO 9/26/73 DATE: 1- Mr. Gebhardt Intell. Laboratory FROM E. Long 1- Mr. Long Plon. & Eval. l- Mr. Spec. Inv. _ Training __ CLeveland, Ohio Legal Coun. AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER SUBJECT: Telephone Rm. _ ELECTION LAWS (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION -WATERGATE UNIT) On the afternoon of 9/25/73, Attorney of the Special Prosecutor's Office telephonically advised Supervisor that Cleveland, has been invited to test on 9/27/73 before the Federal grand dury; Washington, b3 **b**6 Mr. b7C is not a target of the grand advised that although At the request of the Special Prosecutor's Office, our Cleveland Office has, interviewed eight executives of captioned firm to obtain their explanations of contributions to CRP attributed to these officers in amounts varying between \$2,800 and \$3,500. These officers whose annual salaries were in the range of \$15,000 to \$20,000 admitted they made contributions as indicated, admitted that they received company bonuses at about the time they made the contributions, in the approximate amount of the contributions, but claimed they would have made the political contribution even if they had not received the bonuses. Our Cleverand Office also **b**3 obtained OCT 2 1978 REC-38 - OVER CONTINUED CAN/amm (1) WWX) ON 5 5 6 6 7 1 8 1973

Long to Gebhardt RE: AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY

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ACTION: This is for information. We have completed all investigation requested to date.

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FROM: Director, FBI 50 473 PERSONAL ATTENTION

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ReBucal to SAC, Cleveland, 10/16/73.

Attached for Cleveland is a copy of 10/15/73 request from Henry S. Ruth, Jr., Special Prosecutor's Office, and for WFO in a sealed envelope is one copy of same request.

This investigation is to be afforded highest priority and security. Cleveland to assign most capable personnel to achieve prompt positive results. Cleveland to submit daily summary teletype until matter is resolved.

Attachment

NOTE: ReBucal made by Section Chief Long to SAC Fehl 10/16/73 in which SAC was advised as above.

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	RECVIEL, 10-19-73. APPEARED AT THE CLEVELAND OFFICE ON THE MORNING OF 10-19-73, EXECUTED A VOLUNTARY APPEARANCE FORM AND FURNISHED PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF TOLL RECORDS FOR 6/29-10/2/73 FOR THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ISSUED TO HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT PROTECTIVE CHEMICALS, INC., CLEVELAND, OHIO. THE TOLL RECORDSFURNISHED ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY CONFIDENTIALLY OBTAINED BY THE CLEVELAND OFFICE ON 10-18-73. STATED THAT HE CAN ACCOUNT FOR ALL CLEVELAND	,
	TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TELEPHONE CALLS PLACED TO HIS BUSINESS NUMBERS AND VERIFIED PHONE CALLS PLACED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. STATED THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE NO OTHER TELE END PAGE ONE STATED THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE NO OTHER TELE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. THE OCT. 29 1973	

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PHONE CALLS WOULD HAVE BEEN PLACED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND ANY
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WASHINGTON, D.C. LAW FIRMS WOULD HAVE BEEN PLACED BY HIM.
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TO A WASHINGTON, D.C. LAW FIRM WHICH EMPLOYED ATTORNEYS
AND WHO HE BELIEVES WERE REPRESENTING THE
SUBPOENAED BY THE COX COMMITTEE. HE
ALSO RECALLS A SECOND CALL PLACED SEVERAL WEEKS LATER TO A LAW
FIRM REPRESENTING AND AT THAT TIME WAS TIED UP
WITH HIS ATTORNEY (PH) AND SUBSEQUENTLY
RETURNED HIS CALL.
REITERATED THAT ANY CONVERSATIONS HE
WOULD HAVE HAD WITH CONCERNING GEORGE STEINBRENNER
OR THE AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY WOULD HAVE BEEN MERELY
ADVICE OFFERED FREELY TO AND IN NO WAY REPRESENTED ANY
KIND OF KNOWLEDGE BASED ON ANY OUTSIDE INFORMATION FROM ANY OTHER
PERSONS ANYWHERE.
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PROTECTIVE CHEMICALS, INC., 2060 HAMILTON AVENUE, CLEVELAND,	1 1
WITH RESIDENCE BRUNSWICK, OHIO.	
BUREAU'S ATTENTION DIRECTED TO BUFILE 105-193684,	
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HAMILTON AVENUE, CHEMICALS, INC., 2060; *** SYSTEM CLEVELAND.	
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YUGOSLAVIA; 5'10"; 187 POUNDS; BROWN HAIR; BROWN EYES;	
DARK COMPLEXION; NATURALIZED 8/5/66, USDC, CLEVELAND.	
SURFATHANE CHEMICALS, INC. PRODUCED UNDERCOATING FOR	
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OF CROATIAN ELEMENT IN CLEVELAND, ACCORDING TO U.S. SECRET
SERVICE IN 6/69.
RECORD REVIEW:
DUNN AND BRADSTREET, INC., CLEVELAND, MADE AVAILABLE DATA
10/18/73 RE PROTECTIVE CHEMICALS, INC.;
PROTECTIVE CHEMICALS FORMED BY MERGER OF
SURFATHANE CHEMICALS, INC., 7/69.

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AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS. EMPLOYS 13 PEOPLE.	b70
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REVIEW OF RECORDS OBTAINED FOR NUMBERS	
AND AND ALL OF WHICH ARE ISSUED TO	
SUPRA PROTECTIVE CHEMICALS, INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF 6/29-10/2/73,	
WHICH TOLL RECORDS REFLECT A VOLUMINOUS NUMBER OF CALLS TO AND	
FROM VARIOUS CITIES.	
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A REVIEW OF TELEPHONE CALLS PLACED TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

NUMBERS LOCATED A ONE MINUTE TELEPHONE CALL PLACED AT 8:56 AM

ON 9/4/73 TO (202) 223-6000, IDENTIFIED AS THE TELEPHONE NUMBER

FOR THE "WASHINGTON POST" NEWSPAPER; A ONE MINUTE TELEPHONE

CALL PLACED SEVERAL MINUTES THEREAFTER AT 9:02 AM, ALSO ON

9/4/73, TO 737-8200, A NUMBER FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF

JUSTICE; A FIVE MINUTE TELEPHONE CALL PLACED ONE MINUTE LATER

AT 9:03 AM ON THE SAME DATE TO 655-4000, THE MAIN U.S.

GOVERNMENT NUMBER.

AT 9:58 AM ON SAME DATE, 9/4/73, A THREE MINUTE CALL IS LISTED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. NUMBER 393-2300, THE MAIN NUMBER FOR SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.

	ON 9/10/73, AT 10:08 AM, A THREE MINU	TE CALL IS LISTED
ŢO:	638-6565 FOR A LAW FIRM AT 839 17TH STR	EET, NW, BELIEVED TO
BE	COMPRISED OF 31 PARTNERS, INCLUDING	•
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ON 9/18/73, THREE SEPARATE PHONE CALLS ARE LISTED AS HAVING BEEN PLACED TO 785-1000, THE HOTEL MADISON, WASHINGTON, D.C., INCLUDING A 13 MINUTE CALL AT 7:51 AM; SEVEN MINUTE CALL AT 8:32 AM AND A THREE MINUTE CALL AT 11:55 AM. A TEN MINUTE CALL TO THAT NUMBER WAS ALSO PLACED AT 9:26 AM ON 9/22/73.

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A THREE MINUTE CALL IS LISTED AS HAVING BEEN PLACED AT 9:04 AM ON 9/3/73 TO 223-6000, THE "WASHINGTON POST".

ON 9/4/73, A 12 MINUTE CALL IS LISTED FOR 3:29 PM TO 298-5970, THE LAW FIRM OF BECKER AND GREENWALD, 1701 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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IN ADDITION, AS NOTED ON THE BUSINESS TELEPHONE RECORDS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE ALSO LISTED AS HAVING BEEN PLACED TO 785-1000, THE HOTEL MADISON, INCLUDING A ONE MINUTE CALL AT 5:37 PM ON 9/18/73; A 20 MINUTE CALL AT 2:11 PM ON 9/22/73; ONE MINUTE CALL AT 10:00 PM ON 9/23/73; AND A 30 MINUTE CALL AT 11:04 PM ON 9/23/73.

WITH REGARD TO THE PERTINENT DATES LISTED ABOVE, IT IS

BELIEVED THAT REPORTED TO	b3
WASHINGTON, D.C., BEGINNING 9/4/73, IN RESPONSE TO SUBPOENAS ISSUED.	
INTERVIEW OF:	
ON 10/18/73, WAS LOCATED AT HIS RESIDENCE EXECUTED A WAIVER OF RIGHTS FORM AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING:	b6 b70

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PRIOR TO BEING ADVISED OF SPECIFIC NATURE OF CONTACT
BY CLEVELAND AGENTS, HE INDICATED HE WAS AWARE OF REASON
AND WAS EXPECTING A VISIT FROM "SOMEBODY",
LIKELY AGENTS FROM FBI, BASED UPON FACT THAT UPON THE
RETURN OF FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. TO
CLEVELAND ON SATURDAY, 10/13/73, CONTACTED
AT HIS PLANT. AT THAT TIME, ACCORDING TO
TOUD HIM THAT DURING A CONVERSATION WITH (FNU) OF THE
COX COMMITTEE, AND (FNU) (PH) OR
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MAY HAVE GIVEN THE IMPRESSION THAT HE,
HAD GIVEN VALUABLE INFO RELATIVE TO COX'S INQUIRY.
BELIEVES REPRESENTED JOHN DEAN.
FEELS SPECIFICALLY TOLD HIM THE DETAILS
OF THEIR CONVERSATION WITH TO SOMEHOW PREPARE
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CV 56-83 PAGE NINE FOR A POSSIBLE INTERVIEW CONCERNING THIS MATTER. EXPLAINED HE HAS KNOWN FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS AND IS VERY CLOSE TO TO THE PERSONALLY VISITS WITH HIM AT LEAST EXTENT THAT THREE TIMES A WEEK AND CALLS HIM MANY TIMES A DAY, CLAIMING CALLS HAD BECOME A NUISANCE AT HIS EVEN THAT HAS TOLD HIM ABOUT PLACE OF BUSINESS. STATED THE \$100,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAMPAIGN FUND. TOLD HIM THAT THE CONTRIBUTION AROSE OUT OF CLAIMS WHO A DINNER BETWEEN GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER AND WAS CHARACTERIZED BY AS A MEMBER OF THE NIXON RE-ELECTION COMPAIGN, A BOARD MEMBER OF AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, AND FAMILIAR WITH PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON'S FORMER LAW FIRM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

TOLD HIM OF THE FBI INVESTIGATION AND THE FACT THAT EIGHT AMSHIP

CLAIMED

CONCERNING THE CONTRIBUTION,

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OFFICERS HAD FURNISHED STATEMENTS TO FBI AGENTS.

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NAMED (FNU) AND AS
INDIVIDUALS HE KNOWS
OHIO, WHO WERE INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AND SUBPOENAED TO
WASHINGTON, D.C. TOLD THAT HE, WAS
ADMONISHED BY STEINBRENNER TO STAY AWAY FROM AND HAVE NO CONTACT
WITH ANY OF THE AND RECALLED
SPECIFICALLY A PHRASE
AFTER HAD TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ALONG WITH
LEARNED THAT THE ACCOUNTS OF
THE CONTRIBUTIONS AS GIVEN BY THE OFFICERS WERE BASED ON THE
INSTRUCTIONS OF STEINBRENNER AND THAT CLAIMED NO
KNOWLEDGE RE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS.
MOREOVER; AFTER
AT WASHINGTON, D.C., THE ATTORNEYS FOR NAMED BY
AS RECOMMENDED TO
THAT HE OBTAIN HIS OWN ATTORNEY IN HIS OWN BEST INTEREST,
AT WHICH TIME, ACCORDING TO TELEPHONED
AND APPRISED HIM OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED, WHEREUPON
TOLD THAT THEY, OR STEINBRENNER, ARE
TRYING TO "DUMP IT ON YOUR LAP", APPARENTLY REFERRING TO THE
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RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TURNABOUT IN THE TESTIMONY AND
POSSIBLY THE ENTIRE COURSE OF THE PROSECUTION.
ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE TOLD WHEN ASKED
FOR ADVICE THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO NEED FOR ANYONE TO
VOLUNTARILY APPEAR IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO TESTIFY IF THAT
PERSON HAD DONE NO WRONG. HE ALSO CLAIMED, ON THE OTHER b3 b6 b7c
HAND, TO HAVE RECOMMENDED TO THAT STEINBRENNER
TESTIFY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., PRIOR TO ANY TESTIMONY OF THE
AND DO SO VOLUNTARILY BEFORE BEING
SUBPOENAED, PARTICULARLY IF HE, STEINBRENNER, WERE CONFIDENT
THAT NO LAW HAD BEEN VIOLATED.
REITERATED NUMEROUS TIMES THROUGHOUT INTERVIEW b6
THAT: THE ADVICE HE FURNISHED WAS BASED ON PLAIN
COMMON SENSE.
IN ADDITION, WITH REGARD TO STEINBRENNER,
REFERRED TO AN INSTANCE PRIOR TO THE GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS
AT WASHINGTON, D.C. WHERE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN
STEINBRENNER'S INTEGRITY INASMUCH AS STEINBRENNER HAD b7c
CONFIDED SOMETHING PERSONAL TO THAT IS, THE FACT
THAT STEINBRENNER'S WIFE WAS REPORTEDLY IN ILL HEALTH. AT
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SO :	THAT HE COULD E	EVALUATE HIM WH	EREUPON	ARRANGED	
A P	RETEXT MEETING	ATTENDED BY		STEINBRENNER,	
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FOR	RAMSHIP. THE N	MEETING, ACCORD	ING TO	LASTED ABOUT	
ONE	HOUR AND CONCE	ERNED STEINBREN	INER'S SUSPICIO	NS THAT HIS	
COL	PETITION WAS AV	ARE OF HIS TRA	VEL PLANS AND		
EVE	ERY.THING HE DID	AND ALSO SUSPE	CTED HIS PHONE	S MIGHT BE	
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	SOMETIME AFT	ER THE MEETING	HAD CONCLUDED,	,	1- 0
TOL	D HIM THAT HE,	WAS A	SKED BY STEINE	RENNER AND/OR	b6 b70
	IF	JAS C	CONTACT IN WASH	IINGTON., D.C.	
	OFFERED TH	IS VOLUNTARILY.	, POSSIBLY AS A	N EXPLANATION	
AS	TO THE REASON	FOR OR	ANY OTHER PERS	SONS THINKING	
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CO	NTACT WITH HIM	AND RETURN CAL	LS TO FURNISH	ADVICE,	
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AS A CONFIDANT AND FRIEND AND FOR NO OTHER REASON.
ADMITTED CALLING WASHINGTON, D.C. NEWSPAPERS TO
ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN OFFICE PHONE NUMBER OF COX'S
COMMITTEE. HE CALLED COX'S COMMITTEE TO ASK ANYONE WHO
WOULD SPEAK WITH HIM AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD NOT BE
BETTER FOR A MAN TO VOLUNTARILY APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE
RATHER THAN BEING SUBPOENAED. PURPOSE OF SUCH A QUESTION
WAS THAT HE INTENDED TO GIVE THIS ADVICE TO
FOR RELAYING TO STEINBRENNER REGARDING HIS APPEARANCE. AN UNKNOWN
MALE WOULD NOT DISCUSS THIS MATTER AND ASKED "ARE YOU
CALLING FROM CLEVELAND?" AND HE REPLIED NEGATIVELY STATING
HE WAS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE ALSO ADMITTED CALLING A
LAW FIRM AS TOLD HIM HE COULD LOCATE HIM THROUGH
A LAW FIRM, IDENTITY OF WHICH HE DOES NOT RECALL, THE
PURPOSE BEING TO RETURN A CALL MADE TO HIM IN
CLEVELAND.
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WERE FOR SAME PURPOSE, TO LOCATE

THAT HE HAS EVER BEEN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND FURTHER, THAT

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HE KNOWS ANYONE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., INCLUDING STAFF OF COX'S COMMITTEE AND HAS NO SOURCE.

MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW LATEST RESIDENCE
TELEPHONE BILL AND ADVISED OFFICE PHONE BILL WOULD BE MADE
AVAILABLE TO AGENTS TOMORROW MORNING, 10/19/73.

RE ALLEGATION THAT HAD CLAIMED THAT

IF STEINBRENNER APPEARED AT THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

AND ACKNOWLEDGED HIS PARTICIPATION IN AN ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN

CONTRIBUTION, CLAIMED HE DOES NOT RECALL ANY SUCH

CONVERSATION WHATEVER AND NOTED ONLY THAT HE EXPRESSED

TO THAT IF STEINBRENNER WERE SO CONFIDENT CONCERNING
THE INTEGRITY OF HIS ACTIONS, HE, AS WELL AS ANY ONE ELSE,

SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO TAKE SUCH ACTION.

CONCERNING THE ALLEGATION THAT HE PASSED ON INFORMATION
THAT THE DOOR TO THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE WOULD STILL
BE OPEN AS LATE AS 9/18/73, HE ADVISED THAT HE DOES NOT
RECALL ANY DATE, BUT STATED THIS WAS COMMON SENSE AND HAD
ALWAYS ENCOURAGED TO ADVISE STEINBRENNER TO GO IN
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VOLUNTARILY.

CONCERNING ANY CONVERSATION WITH REGARD TO A SETTLEMENT
OF AN ANTITRUST ACTION AGAINST AMSHIP, BASED ON ACCEPTANCE
OF DIVESTITURE OF THREE SHIPS AT THAT COMPANY,
STATED HE DOES NOT RECALL ANY CONVERSATION RE ANY PARTICULAR
NUMBER OF SHIPS. HE DID NOTE A PREVIOUS ACCOUNT, DATE OR
MONTH UNRECALLED, WHEREIN ON THE MORNING OF ONE DAY,
MADE REFERENCE TO THE FILING OF AN ANTITRUST
CIVIL ACTION IN FEDERAL COURT IN CLEVELAND AGAINST AMSHIP
WHICH INFO WAS CONFIRMED TO BY ANOTHER UNRECALLED AND
UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL IN CLEVELAND, POSSIBLY BY SOMEONE LIKE
A CLERK OF COURT OR OTHER PARTY NOT RECALLED. WHEN
PRESSED FOR DETAILS AND WHY SOMEONE SHOULD FURNISH
WITH SUCH INFO, OFFERED THE EXPLANATION THAT HE IS
KNOWN AS A VERY CLOSE CONFIDANT OF WHO IS KNOWN
AS A HIGH OFFICIAL OF AMSHIP.

WITH REGARD TO ANY CONVERSATION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF A SHIPYARD ACQUISITION BY AMSHIP WHILE THE COMPANY END PAGE FIFTEEN

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WAS UNDER INVESTIGATION, OFFERED THE EXPLANATION
TO THIS AS WELL AS THE OTHER INSTANCES CITED THAT SUCH A
STANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE LOGICAL.
UPON HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., INFORMED
THAT HE HAD TOLD THE INFO MENTIONED ABOVE
ABOUT THE ANTITRUST SUIT AND HAD SAID " THAT IS NOT
TRUE", WHEREUPON TRIED TO REFRESH HIS RECOLLECTION
SAYING "DON'T YOU REMEMBER ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS MUST HAVE
TOLD YOU ABOUT THE ANTITRUST SUIT".
REITERATED THAT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS,
ASKED HIM FOR ADVICE RE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED OF
AMSHIP AND DID NOT ASK FOR INFO CONCERNING INVESTIGATION AS
SAID HE HAD NO INFO.
SAID TOLD HIM THAT WHILE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.,
HIS, GAVE HIM, A
POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AND OBTAINED 36-PAGE STATEMENT FROM
ACCORDING TO SAID THAT
TOLD THAT THE COMMITTEE MIGHT REQUEST THAT
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TAKE A SECOND POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.

IT IS NOT KNOWN FROM REVIEW OF WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTION FORCE MEMO DATED 10/15/73, AS TO WHETHER OR NOT

INTERVIEWING AGENTS OF DEFINITE OPINION FROM CONTAC	T
WITH THAT HAS BEEN AND IS HEAVILY RELYING	
ON ADVICE FROM IN THIS MATTER AND IN HIS DATLY	.b7

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