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**SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF
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OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit airtel to Bureau and receiving offices
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All investigation has been completed at [REDACTED]
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WHAT BECAME OF JIMMY HOFFA

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Ex-FBI agent says he knows what became of Jimmy Hoffa

BY JOE SWICKARD
Free Press Staff Writer

Yet another bizarre and gruesome answer has been offered for the Jimmy Hoffa mystery, but authorities declined Friday to give it any more credence than earlier, unproven theories.

Oklahoma Public Safety Commissioner Robert Fitzpatrick, a former FBI agent assigned to Detroit, said Hoffa was killed and then disposed of in a vat of boiling zinc at Ajax Manufacturing Co. in Detroit.

At a news conference Thursday in Oklahoma City, Fitzpatrick said: "They did it for the last 35 years to Mafia victims. When the body doesn't show up, there is a reason for it. When the body shows up, there is a very good

reason for it."

Fitzpatrick could not be reached for further comment Friday.

The Detroit FBI office declined to comment on the matter beyond confirming that Fitzpatrick had been an agent assigned to Detroit.

In the past, the FBI has said that the investigation into the 1975 disappearance of the former Teamsters president from the Machus Red Fox restaurant has determined "who killed Mr. Hoffa, why... and where."

But the FBI said the final disposition of Hoffa's body is unknown and is likely to remain so until "a member of the group responsible" comes forward.

Hoffa's son, Detroit lawyer James P. Hoffa, who is seeking the stream-

sters' presidency, declined to discuss the matter.

Ed Miller, speaking for Ajax, said the Fitzpatrick story is "based on misinformation. We work with zinc, but not molten zinc. We don't know anything about this."

Since Hoffa's disappearance, authorities have received tips claiming that Hoffa's body was disposed of under a highway, in an Oakland County field, in a New Jersey landfill, under the Meadowlands stadium in New Jersey, in a Missouri clay pit and in a Ham-

tramck incinerator. Staff Writer John Lippert and the Associated Press contributed to this report.

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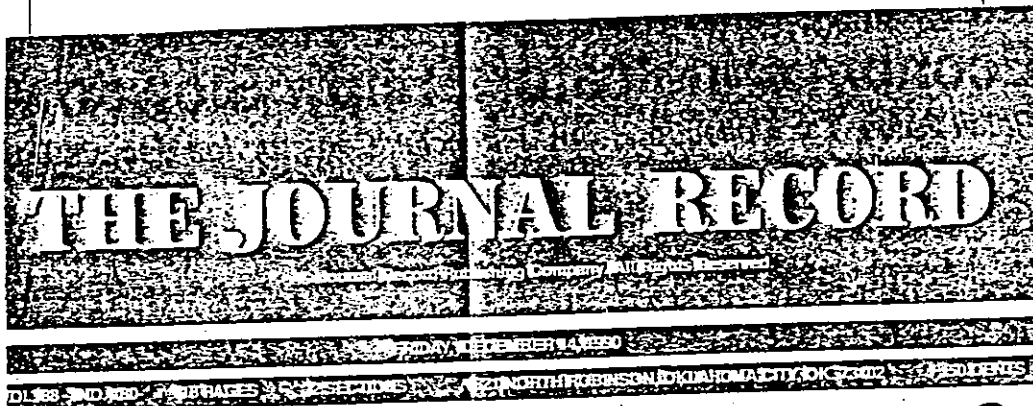
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Gov.-elect Walters Presents 1st Cabinet Appointees

Hearn, White, Fitzpatrick, Watt Named to Important Posts

By Lou Anne Wolfe
Journal Record Staff Reporter

Oklahoma City Manager Paula Hearn and two other local residents were presented Thursday by Gov.-elect David Walters as his first cabinet appointees.

Hearn, 43, was named secretary for administration and director of the Oklahoma State Office of Public Affairs. Jack White, 54, was named secretary of finance and director of state finance. He has been an executive in the trust division of Liberty National Bank and Trust Co. for 26 years and president of Banks of Mid-America Trust Co. since its inception.

Robert Fitzpatrick, 63, was named secretary of safety and security and commissioner of public safety. He is a retired Federal Bureau of Investigation agent and supervisor who was security director for the U.S. Olympic Festival '89.

Also announced Thursday was the selection of Associate Jackson County District Judge Joseph Watt, 43, of Altus as the governor's legal counsel. Watt has been a judge since 1986 and was in private legal practice for 13 years prior to that.

"I'm proud to have these individuals join the administration," Walters said.

"They bring a wealth of talent to key areas of state government operations — administration, budget policy and law enforcement. Their broad range of experience in private business, public service and community affairs will strengthen our efforts to meet the challenges that lie ahead."

Hearn, who has been with the city for 11 years and was city manager for just over one year, is leaving a post with a \$95,000 annual salary for one that pays \$61,500 a year. She said she considered the move a step up in her career.

"I'm very fortunate to be a member of a two paycheck family," she said.

Walters said he approached her about the job a month ago.

Hearn was asked if she was afraid she would be fired from her city hall job. "Talk of firing you is in your job description," she said. "You have to assume it's a high-risk, low-stability position when you take it."

Hearn said if an individual in that position spends a lot of time worrying about being fired, "you'll do nothing."

Walters said, "Paula has proven a great deal of competence in running a large organization." He said he has known her many years and admires her for her honesty, integrity and ability to make a decision.

Walters said the office of public affairs is "complicated and diverse."

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Jack White



Fitzpatrick



Paula

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Walters

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Hearn was asked how she felt about moving from a position where the object is to keep the mayor and eight city council members happy to a job where she will oversee 33 boards and commissions.

"I see it as keeping one person happy," she said, referring to Walters.

White, who has handled state budget matters for Walters on his transition team, said he was very humbled when Walters tapped him for that job, but overwhelmed to be appointed state finance director.

He said Walters is "very dedicated, and the voters of this state made a very wise choice. I am honored to serve with you," he told Walters.

Walters said White is a strong administrator and a great manager with great integrity.

"Perhaps most important, he's a runner," Walters said. He said the two had run six miles together at 5:30 a.m. Thursday.

White said, "You see people entirely differently when you're running through the streets in the dark."

Asked about data processing system problems with state payrolls, White said the system is in a process of evolution.

"I feel, from what I've seen, there is progress being made on that, and a great deal of inter-agency support," he said.

Asked if he was awed at the prospect of dealing with a \$3 billion state budget, White said he had "been in banking for 26 years, and numbers are a matter of decimal points."

"It is very impressive, and I'm absolutely fascinated," he said.

"I don't know how anybody can get as good a feel for government as you can through those figures."

Walters said one reason he chose White was because of his knowledge of data processing systems.

Walters said he is redesigning the cabinet so that the Department of Corrections and the Pardon and Parole Board will now come under the purview of the commissioner of public safety.

In another change, the secretary of safety and security will no longer be the adjutant general, as it was previously.

Walters said Fitzpatrick is a great family man. When he was assigned to Detroit with the FBI, he participated in the arrest of Jimmy Hoffa, "so I expect him to truly help me find out where the bodies are buried," Walters said.

Fitzpatrick was with the FBI for 26 years until 1977. From 1977 to 1987, he was executive assistant to the president of Mercy Health Center.

The Olympic Festival post was his most recent assignment.

Updating reporters on his work since his election, Walters said he was incorporating early efforts at the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, working on continuity of leadership.

Walters said he had dinner in Dallas with the Japanese Minister of Finance and had talked to some companies that are considering relocating to Oklahoma.

He said the transition office has 600 resumes in the data processing system and more are being received daily.

He said he had talked with Sandy Garrett, who is the current secretary of education and the incoming state superintendent of public instruction, on education issues.

Walters said he had also spent time on the executive budget.

"I intend the budget to be a policy making document that means something," he said. "I hope to save some money from the FY '91 (fiscal year 1991) budget base to reallocate to new programs."

Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155) (P) (C-8)

Date 3/12/91

From : SA [REDACTED] b7K

Subject: HOFFEX
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Re bi-monthly report.

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HELTERHOFF, along with SSA [REDACTED], met with United States
Attorney STEPHEN J. MARKMAN and AUSA KEITH CORBETT, EDM, Detroit,
Michigan. The purpose of the meeting was to develop a strategy
which would lead to an active pursuit of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Subsequently, various avenues are being reviewed.

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[REDACTED] via airtel dated 9/12/90. SSA [REDACTED] identified several
[REDACTED] regarding the possibility of success in b7A
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in the actual abduction and murder of HOFFA. SSA [REDACTED] did
indicate a possibility for success if the FBI could [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] At the present time,
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and United States Attorney MARKMAN agreed that [REDACTED] b7C
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The so-called "eyewitness" segment has been addressed whereas the individual has been discredited as to the specifics he provided. The general information he provided did not merit much weight for it was not information singular in nature. Subsequently, [REDACTED]

Review of [REDACTED] Letter (Volume 220,
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b7D The Detroit Office is presently reviewing the
aforementioned letter sent to Detroit via FBIHQ airtel dated 2/6/91, from [REDACTED] Said letter reportedly contains facts as to the circumstance surrounding HOFFA's disappearance and is presently being reviewed for its validity as well as to determine if the matter merits any further investigation.....Open.

FBIHQ is kept abreast of all ongoing matters in captioned case. The latest communication to FBIHQ was on 2/4/91, which summarized the entire case from its onset to the most recent bi-monthly report dated 12/11/90.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FROM : SAC, [REDACTED] (183A-DE-1155) (RUC) **b7A**

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5 Re Detroit airtel to Bureau, 10/12/90.

6 On 11/9/90, [REDACTED]
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12 to date, [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]
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Hoffa's foster son ousted as Teamster

■ **Mob connection:**
Cleanup links
'Chuckie' O'Brien
to 'crime figures'

By John F. Nehman
THE DETROIT NEWS

Charles L. "Chuckie" O'Brien, a key figure in the investigation of the 1975 disappearance of James R. Hoffa, has been banned from the Teamsters Union for allegedly associating with organized crime figures.

O'Brien, an international organizer assigned to the Teamsters' Southern Conference in Hallandale, Fla., was ordered permanently barred from the 1.6-million member union by Frederick Lacey, the independent court-appointed administrator attempting to rid the Teamsters of influence from organized crime.

O'Brien could not be reached for comment Saturday. He is the foster son of Hoffa, the Teamsters president from Detroit Local 299 who authorities presume was killed after he vanished from the parking lot of an Oakland County restaurant.

A woman at the Southern Conference headquarters said Friday that O'Brien was working out of the Teamsters local in Chattanooga, Tenn. A former business agent of Local 299, O'Brien lives in Palm Beach County, Fla.

The ban on O'Brien awaits

final approval by U.S. District Judge David Edelstein in New York. Edelstein presided over the government's 1988 anti-racketeering lawsuit against the Teamsters Union, which led to the appointment of court monitors to investigate and oversee activities of the union.

In his ruling, Lacey upheld four civil charges brought against O'Brien by the union's court-appointed investigations officer, Charles Carberry, in 1989 and 1990.

In each charge, O'Brien was accused of violating the union's constitution because of conduct bringing "reproach" upon the union.

But he was banned based on one charge — "knowing association" with eight alleged members of La Cosa Nostra.

Carberry identified seven as members of the Detroit Cosa Nostra organized crime family: Anthony Giacalone Sr., Jack Tocco, Anthony Joseph Tocco, Anthony Zerilli, Anthony Corrado, Vito Giacalone and Michael Polizzi.

The eighth, Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano, a New Jersey Teamsters official, was identified as a member of the Genovese organized crime family. Provenzano, a suspect in Hoffa's July 1975 disappearance, died in 1988 while serving a life sentence for the murder of a union member.

Lacey, based in New York, said all eight were identified as Cosa Nostra members in testimony before the U.S. Senate investigations subcommittee in 1987.

Lacey ruled that O'Brien's associations with the eight men were established by sworn declarations from two FBI agents, Robert J. Garrity and Samuel J. Ruffino Jr., who specialized in investigating organized crime in Detroit.

O'Brien acknowledged in a deposition taken in November 1988 that he was an acquaintance or friend of all eight reputed Mafia figures, Lacey said. In a statement to

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THE DETROIT NEWS

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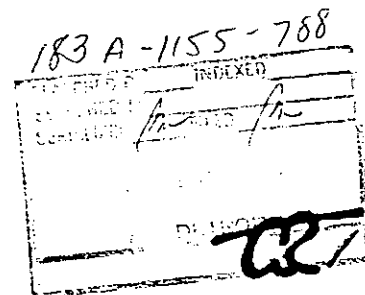
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"It strains credulity that Mr. O'Brien (left) could be friends with all the members of the highest ranking positions of the Detroit organized family of La Cosa Nostra and not be aware of their crime associations."

**FREDERICK LACEY
COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

Lacey, he said he met most of the men through his association with Hoffa and was unaware of their involvement in organized crime.

But Lacey said in his ruling: "It strains credulity that Mr. O'Brien could be friends with all the members of the highest ranking positions of the Detroit organized family of La Cosa Nostra and not be aware of their crime associations."

"This is especially true in light of the extensive media coverage in the Detroit area offered by the court investigations officer concerning the organized crime connections of O'Brien's associates."

During a hearing before Lacey in August, Carberry introduced a previously unreleased FBI report alleging that O'Brien acted in 1978 as a courier for Anthony Giacalone Sr. in an attempt by Giacalone to collect \$250,000 from former Teamsters President Frank E. Fitzsimmons as payment for allegedly killing Hoffa.

The FBI report was based on information supplied by former Teamsters President Jackie Presser, who was acting as a confidential informant for the FBI.

After the hearing, O'Brien denied approaching Fitzsimmons for money on behalf of Giacalone. Giacalone has denied any involvement in Hoffa's disappearance.

In the Hoffa investigation, federal agents said they suspected that O'Brien picked up Hoffa in the parking lot of a Bloomfield Township restaurant where the labor leader was last seen alive. Investigators said Hoffa went to the restaurant believing he would have a "peace meeting" with Provenzano, with whom Hoffa had feuded while the two men were in federal prison.

O'Brien used a car borrowed from Joseph Giacalone, son of Anthony Giacalone Sr., to take Hoffa to another rendezvous that led to his death, according to a 1985 FBI report. The FBI confiscated the car and found hair follicles resembling Hoffa's in the back seat. Dogs picked up Hoffa's scent in the back seat and trunk.

O'Brien, who repeatedly has denied knowledge of Hoffa's death, said he borrowed the younger Giacalone's car to deliver a 20-pound salmon to the Farmington home of Robert "Bobby" Holmes, former Teamsters vice-president. O'Brien said he had the car cleaned before returning it

because blood from the fish had seeped onto the seat.

No one has been charged in Hoffa's disappearance.

Hoffa often bragged that he had "raised Chuckie from a baby." O'Brien came to live with the Hoffa family when he was 6 years old after his mother, Sylvia Paris, was widowed.

O'Brien said that Hoffa signed papers designating him as his "foster son" shortly before Hoffa entered the federal penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pa., in 1964, so O'Brien's name could be placed on a family visitor's list. The pair were inseparable for many years, with O'Brien acting as the elder Hoffa's aide and bodyguard.

A court-supervised national Teamsters election will be held later this year. Hoffa's son, Detroit attorney James P. Hoffa, is trying to overturn a court-appointed election officer's ruling barring him from seeking the union's top job.

According to the officer, Hoffa does not meet union eligibility requirements to hold elective office.

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Date 7/8/91

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (183-6421) ^{b7c}
 (Attn: SSA [REDACTED] O. C. Section,
 Labor Racketeering Unit)

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155) (P) (C-8)

SUBJECT : HOFFEX
 (OO: DETROIT)

Re Detroit airtel to FBIHQ, 2/4/91.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the two latest status
 reports in captioned investigation for information only.

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Re Status Report (most recent 3/12/91).

FOIPA Request

b7C There have been two FOIPA requests initiated concerning the captioned investigation. One was initiated by BARBARA ANN (HOFFA) CRANCER, HOFFA's daughter and the other was by Detroit Free Press Editor DICKERSON. The former request was filed in St. Louis, Missouri, and is presently being reviewed by a Magistrate. The latter is before Honorable Judge GEORGE LA PLATTA, Eastern District of Michigan (EDM). On 4/30/91, the reporting Agent initiated inquiries with SSA [REDACTED], Unit Chief, Labor Racketeering Unit, FBIHQ, to ascertain the status. SSA [REDACTED] advised the FOIPA matters are being handled by SSA [REDACTED], Legal Counsel, FBIHQ, ext. [REDACTED]. Subsequently, communication was developed with SSA [REDACTED]. It was determined SA [REDACTED] of the Ann Arbor RA assisted the Legal Counsel on the EDM matter along with AUSA MIKE WICKS. FBI St. Louis is partaking in the Missouri matter.

Both cases are pending a federal judicial decision. Judge LA PLATTA has been reviewing the matter since April 1, 1991, conducting a Vaughn Index In-Camera. (The Vaughn Index is a device used by the court in FOI requests.)

SSA [REDACTED] stated the crux of the matter is does the investigation fall under the FOI-PA exception B7-A, is it a pending investigative matter exclusive of the release of information. The battle is how to meet the burden of proof of an active investigation. SSA [REDACTED] said he felt the Bi-Monthly reports have been a significant factor in illustrating the HOFFA investigation is an active ongoing investigation. Both matters are pending final judicial decisions Pending further investigation.

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[REDACTED] Furthermore, the reporting Agent is presently preparing a current newspaper article composite focusing [REDACTED] which will be forwarded to SSA [REDACTED] for an [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] Pending further investigation. b7C

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Eyewitness ?? / [REDACTED]

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b7D Allegations by a so-called "eyewitness" out of [REDACTED] are still being pursued. [REDACTED] has advised the individual [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This seriously attacks the individual's credibility. However, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AUSA KEITH CORBETT, Unit Chief, EDM, concurred on said action. Within the next month, a final determination will be made; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Pending further investigation.

└ [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] submitted a letter to the Director, FBIHQ,
b7C outlining circumstances addressing HOFFA's disappearance.
b7D [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The reporting Agent
reviewed the letter and reported it appeared to lack validity and
did not merit any further attention; SSA [REDACTED] concurred. In
the letter, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This matter will no
longer be investigated based on the information presented at this
time.

FBIHQ is kept apprised of all ongoing matters. Detroit
airtel to FBIHQ, dated 7/5/91, will include the two latest status
reports.

FBIHQ is kept apprised of all ongoing matters in
captioned case. The latest communication to HQ was on 2/4/91.

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (183-6421)

TO: SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155) (C-8)
(ATTN: SSA [REDACTED])

HOFFEX

OO: DETROIT

Enclosed for the information of Detroit is one copy of a letter received by the FBIHQ Strategic Information Operations Center (SIOC) by facsimile transmittal on 5/29/91, that contains information which may pertain to captioned matter.

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TO FBI DETROIT (183A-1155) (C-8)/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3630:SQ 3//

PAGE: SA [REDACTED] C-8 SQUAD,

SUBJECT: HOFFER; RICO; OO; DETROIT;

RETELCOAL BETWEEN SA [REDACTED] AND SSA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON JULY 18, 1991.

AS DISCUSSED IN RETELCOAL AND FOR INFORMATION OF
DETROIT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AFTER
DISCUSSION WITH [REDACTED] NO
CONTACT WAS MADE WITH [REDACTED] SINCE [REDACTED] FELT [REDACTED]

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WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO POLYGRAPH AND USE THE POLYGRAPH AS A
MEANS OF ATTACHING CREDIBILITY TO HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENT
REGARDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JAMES R. HOFFA. [REDACTED]

ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NO CONTACT WAS MADE WITH AUSA BARBARA CARLIN.

AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH [REDACTED] AND
SA [REDACTED] IT WAS JOINTLY DECIDED THAT NO CONTACT WOULD
BE MADE WITH [REDACTED] FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MAY USE THE POLYGRAPH AS CREDIBILITY
FOR COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] IS WELL EXPERIENCED IN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DISCUSSED ABOVE WITH U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
DETROIT, AND THEY CONCUR.

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b7C/b7D IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, SSA [REDACTED] b7C WILL NOT CONTACT
[REDACTED] AT THIS TIME REGARDING THE INFORMATION HE PREVIOUSLY
PROVIDED CONCERNING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JAMES R. HOFFA. NO
FURTHER INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE [REDACTED] ASPECT OF THIS b7C
CASE IS BEING CONDUCTED BY [REDACTED] b7D

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Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155)(P)(C-8)

Date 7/30/91

From : SA [REDACTED]

b7C

Subject: HOFFEX

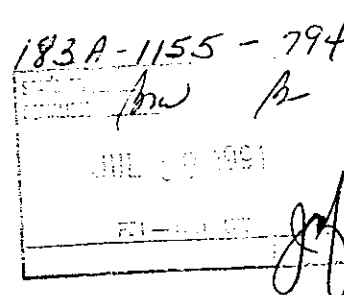
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Re letter from [REDACTED] dated 5/29/91.

Referenced letter (Volume 220, Serial 792) makes a vague mention of JIMMY HOFFA. Due to the nebulous facts in the letter and no future contact points, this matter does not merit any further attention.

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Date 7/5/91

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TO FBI PITTSBURGH (9-2761)/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3220//

PASS: SSA [REDACTED] O.C. SQUAD.

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; RICO; OO: DETROIT.

RE TELEPHONE CALL BETWEEN SSA [REDACTED] PITTSBURGH, AND SA

[REDACTED] DETROIT, ON JULY 5, 1991.

AS PER TELEPHONE CALL, SSA [REDACTED] IS REQUESTED TO CONFER
WITH AUSA [REDACTED] FORCONCURRENCE TO APPROACH [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED]
WILL CONSENT TO BE POLYGRAPHED CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER.PROVIDED AUSA [REDACTED] CONCURS, SSA [REDACTED] WILL APPROACH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TO ASCERTAIN IF HE WILL CONSENT TO BE POLYGRAPHED. AUSA

KEITH CORBETT, EDM, ALONG WITH FBI DETROIT REQUESTS SAID

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To : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155)(P)(C-8)

Date 7/30/91

From : SA [REDACTED]

Subject: HOFFEX

Re Detroit teletype to Pittsburgh, dated 7/5/91,
regarding Polygraphing so-called witness.

b7c On 7/18/91, the reporting Agent telephonically
conferred with SSA [REDACTED] FBI Pittsburgh, concerning captioned
matter. SSA [REDACTED] stated he, along with the U.S. postal
authorities, believed it would not be advisable to approach the
so-called witness regarding a Polygraph for three reasons:

1) [REDACTED]

2) The individual is [REDACTED]

3) The individual's [REDACTED]

b7c The writer relayed the response to AUSA KEITH CORBETT,
Eastern District of Michigan, as well as SSA [REDACTED] AUSA
CORBETT, along with SSA [REDACTED] concurred on the fact the
witness should not be Polygraphed. Subsequently, this segment
will be no longer pursued unless additional information surfaces.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155) (P) (C-8)

Date 7/30/91

From : SA [REDACTED] b7C

Subject: HOFFEX

Re interview of [REDACTED] on 7/18/91.

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The reporting Agent, along with SA [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] on 7/18/91 in the field office. [REDACTED] stated he had information as to the disappearance of JIMMY HOFFA. He was unable to provide specific facts and the nebulous facts he did present cover a span in excess of 15 years. Additionally, the individual reported he had presented the same information to FBI Agents in Detroit several years ago. Those Agents laughed at [REDACTED] and he became quite irate. He further stated he wanted an apology letter from SAC HELTERHOFF for the previous actions by the Bureau Agents.

SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] felt the information [REDACTED] provided was vague and at this time insignificant. SSA [REDACTED] concurred. Subsequently, this matter does not merit any further attention.

Attached are copies of reports [REDACTED] prepared regarding his contacts with the Teamsters and HOFFA. [REDACTED] provided the copies on a voluntary basis.

Personal data concerning [REDACTED] is as follows:

Name	[REDACTED]
Alias	[REDACTED]
Race	white
Sex	Male
Age	[REDACTED]
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	[REDACTED]
Weight	[REDACTED] pounds
Hair	[REDACTED]
Eyes	[REDACTED]
Build	[REDACTED]

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license number
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Place of
employment

[REDACTED]

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Residence

Telephone number
Automobile
License plate
number
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Previous arrests
Marital status

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Third party statement regarding
his contact with Jimmy Hoffa.
This is a handwritten statement
by the third party

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Third party personal information.

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Title: Judge Won't Open FBI Files On Hoffa Case

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Judge won't open FBI files on Hoffa case

BY JOE SWICKARD
Free Press Staff Writer

FBI files on Jimmy Hoffa's disappearance are too sensitive to be released because the 16-year-old investigation is active with prospects for someone being charged, a federal judge said in a ruling released Monday.

U.S. District Judge George LaPlata ruled that the Hoffa case is not languishing and that the release of FBI information would allow suspects to destroy evidence, fabricate alibis or intimidate witnesses.

LaPlata, who studied documents selected and submitted to him by the FBI, said he "is satisfied beyond any doubt that the investigation... is active and continuing, with a clear

direction of future criminal proceedings."

The Free Press had sued for access to the files under the federal Freedom of Information Act, arguing that the passage of time has all but eliminated any chance of prosecution in the disappearance of the former Teamsters president, widely believed to have been kidnapped and killed.

Executive Editor Heath Meriwether said the Free Press would ask LaPlata to reconsider.

"After 16 years with no indictment and no prosecution, the government's claim that this is an active investigation rings hollow," Meriwether said.

He also said, "We quarrel with Judge LaPlata's decision" because it was based on documents chosen by the

FBI to support its claim that the case can be solved and prosecuted.

Free Press attorney Herschel Fink said LaPlata "has set a terrible precedent" by basing his decision on the FBI's "own hand-picked documents."

"It denies a real opportunity to test the government's position," Fink said. "It's tantamount to allowing the government the power to police itself, almost like the fox letting you see a few chickens but not look inside the henhouse."

Hoffa's daughter, Barbara Crancer, an administrative law judge in St. Louis, also is seeking release of the files in a separate court case.

Hoffa was last seen July 30, 1975, at the Machus Red Fox Restaurant in Bloomfield Township.

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Date 8/5/91

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI **57C**
 (ATTN: SSA [REDACTED] INVESTIGATIVE
 SUPPORT UNIT, NCAVC, QUANTICO)

FROM **HNH** SAC, DETROIT (252B-DE-63351) (P) (C-8)

SUBJECT : [REDACTED]
 SUBJECT;
 WILLIAM SESSIONS, FBI DIRECTOR -
 VICTIM;
 WASHINGTON, D.C.;
 7/25/91;
b7C NCAVC - THREATENING LETTER
 (CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE ANALYSIS)
 (OO: DETROIT)

Re Director's airtel to Detroit, dated 7/25/91,
 telcall between SSA [REDACTED], NCAVC, Quantico, and SA [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED], NCAVC Coordinator, Detroit, dated 8/5/91.

Enclosed is a copy of a self-explanatory tape
 recording from captioned individual who furnished no cover
 letter. Based on available data, correspondent is not
 identifiable in Bufiles. To briefly summarize the tape,
 correspondent includes a warning to Director Sessions that he
 has made other tapes to be delivered to hate groups explaining
 how to find missing and kidnaped children. He alleges he has
 made a second tape telling hate groups how to make nerve gas
 and how to distribute it after the children have been rescued.

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He requests that if Director SESSIONS agrees to meet with him that he should bring a psychiatrist or a polygraph technician. Additionally, he claims to know who killed JIMMY HOFFA, where he is buried and where the gun is that killed him. This communication has not been acknowledged at FBIHQ, nor has Detroit taken any action.

NCAVC is requested to: a) Conduct a threat analysis of said tape and advise if any action should be taken. b) Provided NCAVC concurs with Detroit on interviewing [REDACTED] provide relevant interview strategy if applicable.

Personal data regarding [REDACTED]

Name

Former Address

Current Address

County)

Nothing further.

Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (183-1247)

Date 8-16-91

From : SA [REDACTED] b7C

Subject : FASTRAX

Re: FBIHQ, Data Entry Subunit to New York dated 2-15-91 then forwarded to Detroit

Requested copy of the semi-annual [REDACTED] with required notations has been forwarded to FBIHQ, Data Entry Subunit, Technical Services Unit, Room 1717 1714 via routing slip on 8-16-91.

Captioned case was CLOSED 11-20-81. Sub b file was opened to maintain relevant [REDACTED] folders.

A copy of this memo will also be filed in 183A-1155 to maintain continuity for informational purposes for past two years HQ has been directed the folders to 183A-1155.

The Detroit Division [REDACTED] folder along w/ this memo will be filed in 183-1247.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155) (P) (C-8)

Date 8/22/91

From : SA [REDACTED] b7C

Subject: HOFFEX
(OO: DETROIT)

Re Status Report (most recent 7/3/91).

FOIPA Request

b7C At present, there are two FOIPA requests pending. Both are in Federal Court; one in Detroit, Michigan, and the other in St. Louis, Missouri. Each are awaiting judicial decision. Judge LA PLATA of EDM recently ruled FBI files on JIMMY HOFFA's disappearance are too sensitive to be released because the 16 year old investigation is active. The judge's ruling was released Monday, 8/5/91, as reported by the Detroit Free Press, who had initiated the suit under FOI, will ask the judge to reconsider. This particular aspect of the case is being handled by SSA [REDACTED] FBIHQ, Legal Council, ext. [REDACTED]Pending further action.

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[REDACTED]Pending further investigation.

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Audio Tape to Director, FBI

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b7D [redacted] sent Director SESSIONS a threatening cassette tape. The tape included a warning to the Director requesting the Director's personal action regarding missing children. Additionally, at the conclusion of the tape, [redacted] remarked he knows who killed HOFFA, where he is buried and where the gun is. Subsequently, being it was initially sent directly to the Director with a warning, the writer opened a 252 case (ISU), requesting a [redacted] and [redacted] b7A
Upon direction from ISU, [redacted] will be interviewed, if deemed appropriate.....Pending further action.

Eyewitnesses ?? [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] in coordination with United States Attorney's Office, EDM, and FBI Detroit, investigated this matter. [redacted] the lead investigating agency responsible for the [redacted] All four entities concurred all relevant investigative avenues were pursued, however, unable to develop any substantiating facts. All felt the individual lacked credibility. Subsequently, this matter will no longer be investigated based on the information presented at this time. Matter closed via teletype (Volume 220, Serial 793 and Serial 795).

Interview of [redacted]

b7C [redacted] telephonically contacted SAC HELTERHOFF in July 1991 advising the SAC he [redacted] had information as to the disappearance of JAMES HOFFA. Subsequently, [redacted] was interviewed by the reporting Agent and SA [redacted] on 7/18/91, in the Detroit Field Office. [redacted] stated he had information pertaining to HOFFA. He was unable to provide specific facts and the nebulous facts he did present cover a span in excess of fifteen years. Additionally, the individual reported he had presented the same information to FBI Agents in Detroit several years ago. Those Agents laughed at [redacted] and [redacted] became quite irate. He further reported he wanted an apology letter from SAC HELTERHOFF for the previous actions by the Bureau Agents.

[redacted] provided the interviewing Agents with copies of reports [redacted] prepared regarding his contacts with the TEAMSTERS and HOFFA. The reports were more directed to the [redacted]

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[redacted]. SAs [redacted] and [redacted] felt the information provided was vague and insignificant. SSA [redacted] concurred. The aforementioned reports were filed under the reporting Agent's memo to SAC dated 7/30/91, filed in Volume 220, serial 796. Subsequently, this matter will no longer be investigated based on the information presented at this time.

Letter from [redacted]

FBIHQ Strategic Information Operations Center (SIOC) received by facsimile transmittal captioned letter on 5/29/91. The letter was forwarded to Detroit via airtel dated 7/15/91. Reference letter filed in Volume 220, serial 792, makes a vague mention of HOFFA. Due to the nebulous facts in the letter and no future contact points, this matter does not merit any further investigation.

FBIHQ is kept apprised of all ongoing matters. Detroit airtel to FBIHQ, dated 8/19/91, will include this latest status report.

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 2 (Attn: SSA [REDACTED] O. C. Section,
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 3 FROM : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155) (P) (C-8)
 4 SUBJECT : HOFFEX
 5 (OO: DETROIT)

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 (OO: DETROIT)

Enclosed for [REDACTED] are recent newspaper articles focusing on CHUCKIE O'BRIEN. b7A

Said enclosures are being submitted to [REDACTED] for review and [REDACTED] b7C

Investigation continuing.

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we're hoping that come October, business will pick up," Chryczek said. "I think we're still in a recession. Everybody I talk with is worried. Worried about their jobs. Worried about layoffs." Too worried, in many cases, to plunk down \$12 to \$14 for a coffee mug. No matter whose picture is on it.

Most everyday folks interviewed by The News

say. A recession has nearly hit Detroit and the economy is set for a slow pickup later this year, possibly as early as this summer.

Low interest rates — and a low prime rate — could help speed that recovery. Sales of American-made cars and light trucks climbed nearly 9 percent in the first 10 days of June compared with

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say that the auto industry is out of the woods."

— Martin Zimmerman,
Ford economist

Personally, I've always said that there was a big similarity between auto companies and communist governments.

They both operate on five plans which frequently com

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'It didn't have nothing to do with me'

By Richard Willing
NEWS WASHINGTON BUREAU

HALLANDALE, Fla. —

Chuckie O'Brien says he loves this restaurant's shrimp-and-Gorgonzola salad, and that part is obviously true.



TURNING POINT

Chuckie O'Brien says he knows what happened to Jimmy Hoffa, and that part is possibly true.

Chuckie O'Brien says he didn't have a thing to do with it, his hand to God, but that no one wants to believe him. And that final point is definitely true.

For 16 years, this man who was raised as a son by Hoffa has not spoken out publicly about what happened to the vanished Teamsters union leader on July 30, 1975. That's the day, investigators believe, that James R. Hoffa, in the midst of a fight to regain the Teamster presidency, disappeared from the parking lot of a Bloomfield Township restaurant in a car O'Brien drove.

Now O'Brien is talking, leaning

■ Hoffa mystery: Teamsters leader's adopted son and confidante Chuckie O'Brien still denies any role in 1975 disappearance.

over the table to grab a reporter's notebook to draw a map of the site where Hoffa was supposedly snatched. He's hatching in little X marks, to indicate his whereabouts on the day in question. None of the X marks wind up in the restaurant's parking lot.

"I'll tell you one thing," says O'Brien, scooping up shrimp from a bowl the size of a washbasin, "the old man never even got to that restaurant where they say he got grabbed. The government got him, that's what I think. Whatever happened, it didn't have nothing to do with me."

But you were Hoffa's "adopted" son, Chuckie. Isn't it possible you picked him up at the Machus Red Fox restaurant that day, believing that you were driving Hoffa to a "peace meeting" with a reputed gangster and union foe? That by the time you learned what was up, it was too late to save Hoffa, and you had to save yourself? That except for two statements to the FBI back in '75, and some rambling testimony at a

labor hearing, you've been scared silent ever since? The fork drops, the chewing stops, and from behind gold-framed spectacles O'Brien is staring at the questioner.

"Listen, pal," he says, in a voice that is high and suddenly toneless, "if I was with the old man that day, for whatever reason, I'd be gone, too. They'd-a had to go through me to get to him. Anybody knows anything about me, they know that's the truth."

The truth and Charles L.J. "Chuckie" O'Brien. According to federal investigators, creditors, the IRS, Jimmy Hoffa's natural children and some Teamster old-timers, the two of them don't mix very well. The one-time Teamster tough guy, they say, has become a self-made man, composed of small bits of reality covered by large patches of myth.

A "habitual liar," an FBI report on the Hoffa disappearance concludes. Interesting guy, but full of "fiction."

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BILL COOKE/Associated

Chuckie O'Brien still denies knowing anything about the disappearance of his boss, former Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa.

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O'Brien: Hoffa's confidante Tells his side of the story

From page 1D

Says a Teamster who has known O'Brien for most of his 57 years, Barbara Ann Hoffa Crancer, daughter of the late labor leader, thinks her childhood friend has lost "the ability to distinguish what is true from what he wants to believe is true."

"I think he needs to see a doctor," says Crancer.

"Bull," says O'Brien. They're just men, he says, because I was "so close to the old man."

"So now he's decided to tell it all. The Hoffa case and the 'wild stuff' from O'Brien's Detroit Teamster days. The wiretapping and jury-rigging. The secret missions, carrying messages to mobsters and a million dollars in a suitcase to Teamster leaders. The time in the early 1960s he sent a severed human head to The Detroit News' editor to protest the paper's treatment of Hoffa."

"Union job," he says. "We sent it 'United Parcel'."

He's talking because he doesn't have much left to lose. He's doing it because he's twice-divorced, bankrupt and living in a rented room. He's doing it because a federal court-appointed official is booting him out of his \$90,000-a-year Teamsters job in Florida for associating with alleged members of organized crime.

He's also been barred from attending the international Teamsters convention, which begins Monday in Orlando, Fla. He's doing it because the Hoffas — Barbara Crancer, 53, and her brother, James P., now 50 — "hammered" him in the Washington Post last week, with Jimmy P. calling him a "Judas goat."

And he's doing it, O'Brien says, because the "old man taught me one thing: Be a man. Stand up for what's right. And to hell with anything else."

Lessons from Hoffa

Actually, the "old man" taught O'Brien many things. Some come tumbling out in O'Brien's everyday speech.

"Remember that you leave with the people you came with" — that's a Jimmyism. And: "If you want to run with the big dogs, you've got to get your ass off the porch."

"He'd grab your wrist real hard, and tell you to look at your five fingers," O'Brien recalled.

"He'd say, 'Count up all the people. If you get into trouble, you can usually really depend on'."

"I'd never be able to count five. He'd say, 'Be sure you always remember that.'"

O'Brien showed up at the Hoffa home about 1940, when he was 8. His mother, a friend of Jimmy and Josephine Hoffa, had lost Chuckie's father, then been widowed again. O'Brien and his mother lived off and on with the Hoffas after that.

"My father loved him," Barbara Crancer said, "as he loved us all."

As Hoffa rose in the Teamsters, becoming president in 1957, Chuckie, his side and companion, rose with him.

"Bargaining, negotiating, communicating — he showed me it all,"

O'Brien said in his office at Florida Teamsters headquarters, 30 miles north of Miami.

Hoffa also showed him how to lie. It was OK, the old man said, to use untruths to test a business agent's honesty or to sidewipe a greedy boss. Just make sure you know what the truth is.

"You couldn't tell for your own skull, that was the rule," O'Brien said.

He transferred to the Teamsters southern branch in 1975, right after the disappearance. His attitude and appearance seem to have improved with time.

He's lost weight in his neck and face, and no longer looks like the violent frog who is seen lurking in the background of many old news photos. If it weren't for his stomach — a great soft gouter that begins at his breastbone and rolls south over the waistband of his jeans — O'Brien would be positively trim. A federal investigator who is trying to bar him from the union calls O'Brien "affable."

Some of the stories are good, too. Hoffa on the picket line. Hoffa planning a strike. Hoffa hiring the Giacalone, the reputed mobsters, in the 1940s to drive lumber trucks through a Teamster picket line, then staging a make-believe fight for the benefit of the newspapers. Afterwards, hijacking the scabbed load and splitting the profits with the Italians.

It's when O'Brien gets to himself that problems begin. A million bucks in a bag to Bill and Jackie Presser of the Cleveland Teamsters? They're both dead, and can't confirm the story. Ditto Babe Triscaro, the mobster O'Brien says he approached to try to set up an attack on Fidel Castro. Spying on jurors during Hoffa's Tennessee trials? Two guys who could vouch died this year.

Yet some of what he says checks out. He really did file for bankruptcy this year (assets \$1,095, debts \$451,436). Employers at the Tennessee Valley Authority, where he oversees a contract, have good things to say about his work. One of his children really is married into an organized crime family, and another really is the law clerk for a federal judge. And the severed head — O'Brien says a pal stole it from a medical school — caused quite a stir when it was delivered to News editor Martin Hayden's office.

It's a shame, a visitor tells O'Brien, that labor historian Arthur A. Sloane didn't interview him for his upcoming biography of Jimmy Hoffa.

"Sloane, that hump, he just called me to apologize for not talking to me," O'Brien says.

"I chewed him out good. I told him, 'Nobody knew the old man like me.'"

Later, Arthur A. Sloane is contacted. He says made no phone call to Chuckie O'Brien.

What about it, Chuckie?

"Yeah, no, it was his researcher who called, some woman, said she was going to send me clips from the book," he says. "It was some woman, some Lois or something ..."

Arthur A. Sloane is contacted

again. There was no other phone call. And there is no Lois.

"I'm afraid," he says, "that Mr. O'Brien seems to have made this up out of whole cloth."

O'Brien's version

For the record, here's O'Brien's story. He says he picked up a seismor at Teamster headquarters near Tiger Stadium on July 30, 1975, and delivered it to a union officer's house in Farmington Hills around noon. He was in a car wash just down the street from the Machus Red Fox at about the time Hoffa disappeared, getting fish blood removed from the seats. He never saw the old man or his car in the restaurant parking lot.

O'Brien says the FBI could back up his story, if it wanted to. The bureau has his car wash receipt, and the manager of the joint identified him in 1975. And that stuff about dogs picking up Hoffa's scent in the back seat of O'Brien's car? The agents made that up, and they later scanted it, right there in The Detroit News.

But there was no car wash receipt, and no identification. And investigators never changed the scent story, in The Detroit News or anywhere else. About the best they'll give O'Brien — and only a handful hold this view — is that he couldn't have been involved. Not because he's a standup guy, but because they think the real abductors would not have used someone so shaky.

James P. Hoffa says he thinks O'Brien is still holding back, and that is possibly true.

His sister Barbara says the coincidence — O'Brien near the restaurant at the time Hoffa seems to have vanished — is almost "too spooky." That may be true, too.

O'Brien, who hasn't spoken to either since two days after the disappearance, says "nobody knows how much I've suffered for this."

"I think about him all the time. I miss him every single day."

That part may be true, too.

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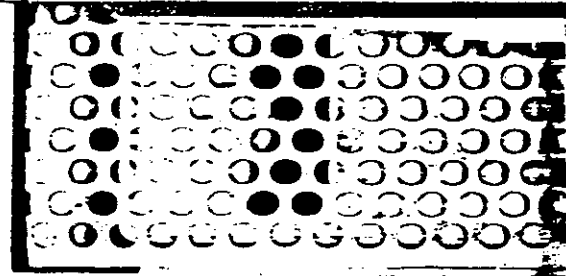


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\$250,000 Hoffa case payoff?

FBI focuses on foster son, Giacalone

By Norman Sinclair
Detroit News Staff Writer

Detroit crime figure Anthony Giacalone tried to shake down Teamsters President Frank Fitzsimmons for \$250,000 as payment for arranging the 1975 slaying of Jimmy Hoffa, according to allegations in a newly disclosed FBI report.

The report, and other documents accusing the powerful union of involvement in organized crime, were revealed Monday in a Newark hearing on federal attempts to oust a current Teamster official.

That official — international Teamster representative Charles

"Chuckie" O'Brien, Hoffa's foster son — and Giacalone are key figures in the continuing FBI investigation of the disappearance and apparent murder of Hoffa. He vanished July 30, 1975, from the parking lot of an Oakland County restaurant.

The source of the allegation against Giacalone in the FBI report is Jackie Presser, a former Teamsters president who died in 1988. Presser was union vice-president in January 1978, when he told the FBI that Giacalone telephoned Fitzsimmons, demanded the money and reminded Fitzsimmons "that it never ends."

Fitzsimmons died May 6, 1981.

The FBI has maintained Hoffa went to the restaurant parking lot to meet Giacalone and the late Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano, a New Jersey Teamster boss who was later convicted of an unrelated murder and who died in prison in 1988.

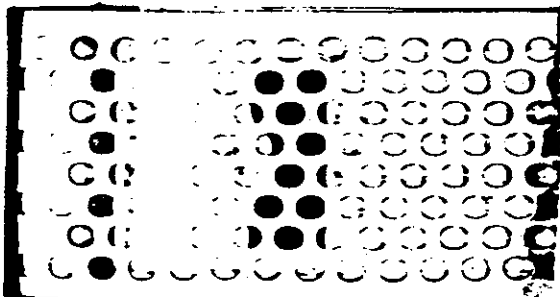
Giacalone lured Hoffa to the restaurant, telling him he wanted to mediate a bitter feud between Hoffa and Provenzano, the FBI claims.

The FBI said in a 1985 report obtained by The Detroit News that O'Brien used Giacalone's son's car to drive Hoffa away from the parking lot to another rendezvous that led to his death.

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Chuckie O'Brien:
In a 1976 photo



Hoffa

\$250,000 payoff from Fitzsimmons to Giacalone?

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O'Brien and Giacalone have denied any involvement in Hoffa's disappearance.

Giacalone has said he never arranged to meet Hoffa and spent the afternoon of July 30, 1975, at the Southfield Athletic Club, where he was seen getting a massage and a haircut.

"I deny ever in my life being in that area or being in the same car with Mr. Hoffa," O'Brien testified Monday.

Giacalone could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

HOFFA'S BODY has never been found, and no one has ever been charged in the case.

Presser, a federal informant for 10 years, gave authorities crucial information that led to the successful prosecution of leaders of a top New York organized crime family, according to the FBI.

According to the newly released report, taken from Presser's FBI file, Fitzsimmons refused to pay Giacalone. O'Brien, then an official with Teamsters Local 299 in Detroit, went to Washington in June 1978 and reportedly tried unsuccessfully to convince Fitzsimmons to pay.

At the time Hoffa disappeared, he was believed to be planning to retake the Teamsters presidency from Fitzsimmons in a 1976 union election.

O'BRIEN SAID Wednesday, "There is no way that ever happened. I never talked to Fitz about money for Giacalone."

Monday's hearing in Newark was conducted by retired Federal Judge Frederick B. Lacey. Lacey was appointed by a federal court in New York to preside over a series of administrative hearings into allegations that the nation's largest union is controlled by organized crime.

Charles M. Carberry, a former assistant United States attorney from New York, was appointed by the court to prosecute the civil cases. Along with efforts to oust O'Brien from his \$70,000-per-year job, cases are being developed against other top Teamsters officials around the country.

O'Brien is specifically charged with violating the union's constitution through a long association with organized crime figures and through two criminal convictions in federal court in Detroit. He also is accused of embezzling and diverting \$12,000 of union funds to rent a jet airplane for a nonunion event in 1987.

O'BRIEN, a former business agent of Local 299, is now assigned to the Teamsters southern conference and works out of Hallandale, Fla.

He contends these latest federal accusations are part of a 15-year campaign of harassment since Hoffa vanished.

Monday's hearing also produced information on the Hoffa case never before published or confirmed by authorities.

Among the revelations:

■ In two FBI interviews soon after Hoffa disappeared July 30, O'Brien admitted that in a key five-day period around Hoffa's disappearance — from July 29 to Aug. 2 — O'Brien spoke with Anthony Giacalone by telephone five times and met with him four times.



Giacalone: Harangued Frank Fitzsimmons to pay him \$250,000 for arranging the death of Jimmy Hoffa?



Fitzsimmons: The late Teamsters president reportedly never paid Giacalone the money.



Hoffa: Allegedly was planning to take the Teamsters presidency from Fitzsimmons.

■ Louis Linteu, a Hoffa confidant, told the FBI that Giacalone asked him to set up meetings with Hoffa July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24. None of those meetings took place. Hoffa stopped to see Linteu on his way to the restaurant meeting and later called Linteu to say he was stood up by Giacalone.

■ Linteu told the FBI he visited Hoffa at his Lake Orion home July 26 and Hoffa told him Giacalone had been there earlier in the day and that the July 30 meeting was set for 2 p.m.

O'Brien said Wednesday that the FBI was trying to make something sinister out of his meetings and conversations with Giacalone, whom he described as an old family friend.

"I had tremendous rapport with (Giacalone's) wife and his son Jackie, who was about my age. I was raised with those people," he said. "I didn't think anything illegal of associating with him or having dinner with him and his family."

He said he didn't believe Hoffa intended to meet Giacalone. If so, they would have met at Hoffa's house, not in the parking lot of the Machus Red Fox, a popular Bloomfield Township restaurant.

IN HIS unpublished interview with the FBI in August 1975, O'Brien said that on the afternoon Hoffa disappeared, he met with Giacalone at the Southfield Athletic Club for about 10 minutes shortly before 3 p.m. He said Giacalone gave him two \$100 bills as graduation presents for his two children.

In the previous 90 minutes, O'Brien told FBI agents, he had used Giacalone's son's car to deliver a 40-pound salmon to the Farmington home of former Michigan Teamsters boss, Robert Holmes Sr. O'Brien said he had the car cleaned before return-

ing it to the younger Giacalone because blood from the fish had seeped onto the seat.

FBI crime laboratory experts later found hair follicles resembling Hoffa's in the back seat of the car and dogs picked up his scent in the back seat and trunk, the FBI said.

The next day, on O'Brien's way to Hoffa's home where the family was keeping vigil, he met Giacalone again in Giacalone's son's St. Clair Shores apartment.

IN A 14-PAGE affidavit submitted in Monday's hearing, Detroit FBI Special Agent Samuel J. Ruffino Jr. displayed a chart naming nine men, including Giacalone, whom the FBI has identified as members of Detroit's organized crime "family."

In a deposition taken in November 1988 and entered on the record Monday, O'Brien admitted he was an acquaintance or a friend of each of the nine men.

O'Brien said he knew them only as businessmen and he was not aware of any organized crime activity.

He said his convictions, in Detroit during the mid-1970s, for making false statements on a bank loan application and accepting a \$3,000 car from a local dealer don't bar him from his Teamsters job.

As for the \$12,000 he charged on a Florida Teamsters credit card, O'Brien said he did not know how the aircraft operator obtained his signature on a Teamsters credit card receipt. He said he nonetheless is trying to pay the debt, but is on the verge of bankruptcy because of a \$400,000 IRS lien.

Paul Kelley, the lawyer who presented the government's case against O'Brien, produced letters from Florida Teamsters officials detailing their unsuccessful attempts to get O'Brien to pay the unauthorized credit card debt.

O'Brien will appeal ouster from Teamsters

John F. Nehman
DETROIT NEWS

Charles L. "Chuckie" O'Brien said Monday he will appeal a court-appointed administrator's order banishing him from the Teamsters Union even though his personal bankruptcy status prevents him from hiring an attorney.

O'Brien, a key figure in the investigation of the disappearance of former Teamster president James R. Hoffa, was ordered permanently removed from the union last week by the union's independent administrator, Frederick Lacey.

Lacey imposed the penalty on charges that O'Brien knowingly associated with eight alleged members of La Cosa Nostra, including seven men identified as members of the Detroit organized crime family. The penalty was delayed pending a review by a New York federal judge.

In a telephone interview, O'Brien, an international organizer assigned to the Teamsters' Southern Conference, said he sought protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the U.S. bankruptcy laws five months ago. He said he filed because the IRS had garnisheed much of his \$70,000-a-year salary under a \$400,000 lien for unpaid income taxes.

"I'm trying to secure some legal help to be able to appeal," O'Brien said. "I don't have the money to pay an attorney. But I expect my personal bankruptcy will be concluded by the end of the month."

O'Brien, 56, the foster son of Hoffa, was a business agent for Detroit Teamsters Local 299 when the former union president disappeared from the parking lot of an Oakland County restaurant on July 30, 1975.

Federal investigators later alleged that O'Brien borrowed a car from a son of reputed Detroit Mafia figure Anthony Giacalone Sr., to pick Hoffa up from the restaurant parking lot. But O'Brien denied seeing Hoffa that day and said he used the car to deliver a fish to another Teamster official.

Anthony Giacalone Sr. was one of the eight alleged Cosa Nostra members with whom O'Brien was accused of associating in civil charges filed against O'Brien by Charles Carberry, the union's court-appointed investigations officer.

O'Brien, now a resident of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., said he learned of Lacey's decision Friday while in Chattanooga, Tenn., on union business.

He said he contacted Lacey's office in Newark and was told he could continue his union activities pending a ruling in the case by U.S. District Judge David Edelstein in New York.

Edelstein has jurisdiction over the union under a 1989 settlement of an anti-racketeering lawsuit.

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1975 allegations used against Teamsters official

BY JOHN LIPPERT
Free Press Labor Writer

The FBI this week used 12-year-old allegations that Charles (Chuckie) O'Brien and Anthony Giacalone sought a \$250,000 payment for orchestrating the 1975 disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa to support a government claim that O'Brien should be removed from Teamsters union office.

The allegations tend to support the FBI's long-standing suspicion that O'Brien and Giacalone played a role in the disappearance of the former Teamsters head, who is presumed dead. Even so, agency officials said Thursday that they don't consider the charges reliable enough to seek criminal indictments in Hoffa's disappearance.

One reason is that two key players are dead: Jackie Presser, the former Teamsters president and FBI informant who made the allegations to the agency and died in 1988; and Frank Fitzsimmons, the former Teamsters resident in Detroit whom O'Brien and Giacalone allegedly solicited for the \$250,000 and who died in 1981.

The FBI was obviously aware of the information reportedly furnished by Presser shortly after the disappearance. But the FBI was unable to sub-

stantiate or corroborate that type of information," said Hal Hekterhoff, special agent-in-charge of the FBI Detroit office. "There's quite a gap between testifying at an administrative hearing, or trying to establish probable cause" for criminal charges.

O'Brien specifically denied that he was involved in Hoffa's disappearance, or any subsequent demand for payment.

Giacalone, who was unavailable for comment Thursday, also has denied any role in Hoffa's disappearance.

O'Brien is one of 38 Teamsters officials nationwide who have been charged by the government with a variety of violations of the union's constitution. Under terms of a March 1989 settlement of a federal racketeering lawsuit against the 1.6-million-member union, those 38 officials face a variety of penalties, including removal from office.

O'Brien is charged with violating the union's constitution by associating with organized crime figures, by amassing two criminal convictions dating back to the 1970s and by using a union credit card to rent a jet in 1987.

At an administrative hearing in Newark, N.J., on Monday, FBI agents

told Frederick Lacey, a retired federal judge, that in 1978, Presser informed them that Giacalone had approached Fitzsimmons seeking a \$250,000 payment for arranging Hoffa's disappearance.

Presser told the FBI that when Fitzsimmons resisted, O'Brien flew to Washington to encourage Fitzsimmons to pay, agents said.

In 1978 O'Brien was a business agent at Teamsters Local 299 in Detroit; today he receives \$70,000 annually as a staffer for the Teamsters southern conference in Hallandale, Fla.

Hoffa disappeared after leaving the parking lot of Machus Red Fox restaurant in Bloomfield Hills in July 1975.

In an FBI summary known as the "Hoffex" memo, the agency theorized that Hoffa went to the restaurant that day for a meeting with Giacalone, who he thought was arranging a reconciliation with Anthony Provenzano, a New Jersey Teamsters boss with organized crime connections.

The FBI believes, according to the "Hoffex" memo, that O'Brien was in the car that drove Hoffa away from the restaurant.

In Monday's hearing, the FBI introduced transcripts of interviews shortly

after the disappearance in which O'Brien acknowledged that he was a close friend of Giacalone that he called him "Uncle Tony." He acknowledged that in the five months immediately before and after Hoffa's disappearance, he met with Giacalone four times and telephoned him times.

At the hearing, the FBI named several individuals, including Giacalone, as organized crime leaders in Detroit. O'Brien acknowledged Thursday that he's an acquaintance or friend with nine men.

At the hearing and again on Thursday, however, he denied knowing whether they were connected with organized crime.

O'Brien acknowledged two convictions in the 1970s, one for accepting a bribe from a dealer with Teamsters represented workers, and one for making false statements on a bank loan. He said they should not be enough to bar him from holding office.

He acknowledged that in 1981 he spent \$12,000 on a Teamsters credit card to hire a plane to transport Teamsters to a charity event. He said he was paying the money back despite financial problems.

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Feds' corruption probe aimed at ousting 36 Teamster bosses

By Norman Sinclair

THE DETROIT NEWS

Federal officials targeted 36 top Teamsters around the country for removal from office in an effort to root out corruption in the union's leadership, according to documents obtained by The Detroit News.

The campaign already has resulted in the ouster or resignation of at least 16 of the 36 since the beginning of the year, the documents show.

Although some individual cases already have come to light — including charges against Michigan's top Teamster, George J. Vitale — the documents are the first to name the 36 and indicate the national sweep of

the investigation.

The documents show the 36 people were accused of administrative misconduct and violations of the union constitution by Charles M. Carberry of New York City, a special investigations officer appointed by a federal judge last year to rid the Teamsters of organized-crime influence.

Specific charges ranged from assault to, in some cases, membership in the organized-crime group La Cosa Nostra.

The highest-ranking Teamster forced from office is Harold Friedman, an international vice-president and president of Cleveland Local

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Teamsters: 36 bosses targeted

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507, according to the documents.

Earlier this year, he received a one-year suspension from any Teamsters post.

Friedman was charged with violating the union's constitution because of prior labor racketeering convictions and continued association with organized crime.

Another international vice-president, Theodore R. Corza of Chicago, is awaiting a ruling on charges he associated with organized-crime figures.

Neither Friedman nor Corza could be reached for comment.

In addition to the 36 individuals targeted, two Connecticut locals, a Cleveland local and the secretary-treasurer of one of the Connecticut locals have agreed to pay back a total of \$817,632. Carberry said they embezzled from the union.

Two Teamsters from Jackson — Dennis Hand, president of Local 164, and William Bernard, secretary-treasurer of the local — have been acquitted on charges that they disrupted a union meeting and assaulted union members.

"I feel I got a fair and honest hearing," Bernard said. "I've been a Teamster for 43 years, and if you've done wrong, you don't belong in this organization."

Hand could not be reached.

In a September report obtained by The News, Carberry said his office examined the records of 69 Teamsters locals or joint councils around the country and had taken depositions from about 90 people.

The report cited "evidence of fraud schemes, embezzlement and other improper activities."

The investigation so far has resulted in the removal of five Teamsters officials, the resignation of six others and two suspensions. Three other officials resigned after they were notified of the investigation.

Several misconduct counts have been filed against Vitale, 62, an international vice-president and head of Local 283 in Wyandotte. The charges include embezzlement and violation of union rules.

Vitale, who could be forced from office if found guilty, has denied any wrongdoing.

"I don't think it's gonna do me any good to air this out right now," Vitale said Friday. "We gave the government some arguments, they are seriously considering my argu-

ments, and they are trying to make a decision about what to do.

"As far as the charges go, I think after all the facts are considered, I will be cleared."

Among the charges against Vitale is that he embezzled \$10,116 from Local 283 by double-billing the local and the international union for payment of his Social Security taxes between 1987 and 1989.

Two charges relate to prior criminal convictions. One conviction, in a 1973 case, involved embezzlement of \$1,200 of union money. The other was for accepting an illegal \$500 payment from a union employer.

He also is accused of unlawfully soliciting money from a Chicago mobster, Alan Dorfman, connected to the Teamsters Welfare Fund. Dorfman has since been slain.

The News reported in August that Charles L. "Chuckie" O'Brien, foster son of missing Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa, was among the union leaders charged. FBI agents have described O'Brien as a key figure in Hoffa's 1975 disappearance.

O'Brien, formerly of Detroit, lives in Hallandale, Fla., and is a union international representative.

He is charged with embezzling union funds, associating with organized-crime figures and having two prior criminal convictions that violate the union's constitution.

O'Brien has denied the embezzlement charge and said that some of the people the government described as Detroit crime figures he knew as businessmen or neighbors.

Under the rules of the special investigation — agreed to by the Teamsters — Carberry and Frederick Lacey, a retired federal judge hearing the cases, have extraordinary power to remove Teamsters officials.

Those found guilty by Lacey can appeal to a federal court in New York supervising the investigation. No verdicts have been overturned. Charges brought by Carberry are civil, but some of the complaints could lead to criminal prosecution.

The authority to go after Team-

A union under fire

A federal investigations officer has filed administrative misconduct charges against 36 top Teamsters officials around the country in an effort to rid the union of the influence of an organized-crime group referred to as La Cosa Nostra. Here are the 36, some of whom have resigned, been suspended or been removed from office:

Charles L. O'Brien

- Position: International representative, Hallandale, Fla.
- Charges: Criminal convictions violating union rules; embezzlement of union funds; association with La Cosa Nostra.
- Status: Hearing conducted; ruling pending.



O'Brien

William Bernard

- Position: Secretary-treasurer, Jackson local.
- Charges: Disruption of union meetings and assaults on union members.
- Status: Not guilty.

Dennis Hand

- Position: President, Local 164, Jackson.
- Charges: Disruption of union meetings and assaults on union members.
- Status: Not guilty.

George Vitale

- Position: International vice-president; president, Local 282, Wyandotte.
- Charges: Embezzlement; criminal conviction violating union rules.
- Status: Hearing conducted; ruling pending.



Vitale

Nellie J. McKim

- Position: Secretary-treasurer, Local 580, Lansing.
- Charges: Embezzlement and filing false reports.
- Status: Hearing scheduled.

Source: U.S. Justice Department documents

sters officials is a result of the settlement of a 1988 federal lawsuit in which the government tried to take over the union.

The government's Racketeer-Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) lawsuit, filed in New York City, alleged the union was controlled by organized crime.

In the settlement, reached last year, the government and the Teamsters leadership agreed that an independent administrator would be appointed to hear allegations of wrongdoing. The settlement also provided for appointment of an in-

vestigations officer and staff.

William Bernard, the Jackson local official who was cleared, called Friday for Carberry to step up the pace of the investigations.

U.S. District Judge David N. Edelstein in New York appointed Lacey independent administrator. Carberry was given two years to carry out the investigations, a term that expires next spring.

"I personally don't agree with the amount of money and time being spent," Bernard said. "I just hope they can get this thing over with and get the labor movement going again."

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Hoffa's foster son ousted as Teamster

■ **Mob connection:**
Cleanup links
'Chuckie' O'Brien
to 'crime figures'

By John F. Nehman
THE DETROIT NEWS

Charles L. "Chuckie" O'Brien, a key figure in the investigation of the 1975 disappearance of James R. Hoffa, has been banned from the Teamsters Union for allegedly associating with organized crime figures.

O'Brien, an international organizer assigned to the Teamsters' Southern Conference in Hallandale, Fla., was ordered permanently barred from the 1.6-million member union by Frederick Lacey, the independent court-appointed administrator attempting to rid the Teamsters of influence from organized crime.

O'Brien could not be reached for comment Saturday. He is the foster son of Hoffa, the Teamsters president from Detroit Local 299 who authorities presume was killed after he vanished from the parking lot of an Oakland County restaurant.

A woman at the Southern Conference headquarters said Friday that O'Brien was working out of the Teamsters local in Chattanooga, Tenn. A former business agent of Local 299, O'Brien lives in Palm Beach County, Fla.

The ban on O'Brien awaits

final approval by U.S. District Judge David Edelstein in New York. Edelstein presided over the government's 1988 anti-racketeering lawsuit against the Teamsters Union, which led to the appointment of court monitors to investigate and oversee activities of the union.

In his ruling, Lacey upheld four civil charges brought against O'Brien by the union's court-appointed investigations officer, Charles Carberry, in 1989 and 1990.

In each charge, O'Brien was accused of violating the union's constitution because of conduct bringing "reproach" upon the union.

But he was banned based on one charge — "knowing association" with eight alleged members of La Cosa Nostra.

Carberry identified seven as members of the Detroit Cosa Nostra organized crime family: Anthony Giacalone Sr., Jack Tocco, Anthony Joseph Tocco, Anthony Zerilli, Anthony Corrado, Vito Giacalone and Michael Polizzi.

The eighth, Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano, a New Jersey Teamsters official, was identified as a member of the Genovese organized crime family. Provenzano, a suspect in Hoffa's July 1975 disappearance, died in 1988 while serving a life sentence for the murder of a union member.

Lacey, based in New York, said all eight were identified as Cosa Nostra members in testimony before the U.S. Senate investigations subcommittee in 1987.

Lacey ruled that O'Brien's associations with the eight men were established by sworn declarations from two FBI agents, Robert J. Garrity and Samuel J. Ruffino Jr., who specialized in investigating organized crime in Detroit.

O'Brien acknowledged in a deposition taken in November 1988 that he was an acquaintance or friend of all eight reputed Mafia figures, Lacey said. In a statement to

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"It strains credulity that Mr. O'Brien (left) could be friends with all the members of the highest ranking positions of the Detroit organized family of La Cosa Nostra and not be aware of their crime associations."

FREDERICK LACEY

COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Lacey, he said he met most of the men through his association with Hoffa and was unaware of their involvement in organized crime.

But Lacey said in his ruling: "It strains credulity that Mr. O'Brien could be friends with all the members of the highest ranking positions of the Detroit organized family of La Cosa Nostra and not be aware of their crime associations."

"This is especially true in light of the extensive media coverage in the Detroit area offered by the court investigations officer concerning the organized crime connections of O'Brien's associates."

During a hearing before Lacey in August, Carberry introduced a previously unreleased FBI report alleging that O'Brien acted in 1978 as a courier for Anthony Giacalone Sr. in an attempt by Giacalone to collect \$250,000 from former Teamsters President Frank E. Fitzsimmons as payment for allegedly killing Hoffa.

The FBI report was based on information supplied by former Teamsters President Jackie Presser, who was acting as a confidential informant for the FBI.

After the hearing, O'Brien denied approaching Fitzsimmons for money on behalf of Giacalone. Giacalone has denied any involvement in Hoffa's disappearance.

In the Hoffa investigation, federal agents said they suspected that O'Brien picked up Hoffa in the parking lot of a Bloomfield Township restaurant where the labor leader was last seen alive. Investigators said Hoffa went to the restaurant believing he would have a "peace meeting" with Provenzano, with whom Hoffa had feuded while the two men were in federal prison.

O'Brien used a car borrowed from Joseph Giacalone, son of Anthony Giacalone Sr., to take Hoffa to another rendezvous that led to his death, according to a 1985 FBI report. The FBI confiscated the car and found hair follicles resembling Hoffa's in the back seat. Dogs picked up Hoffa's scent in the back seat and trunk.

O'Brien, who repeatedly has denied knowledge of Hoffa's death, said he borrowed the younger Giacalone's car to deliver a 20-pound salmon to the Farmington home of Robert "Bobby" Holmes, former Teamsters vice-president. O'Brien said he had the car cleaned before returning it

because blood from the fish had seeped onto the seat.

No one has been charged in Hoffa's disappearance.

Hoffa often bragged that he had "raised Chuckie from a baby." O'Brien came to live with the Hoffa family when he was 6 years old after his mother, Sylvia Paris, was widowed.

O'Brien said that Hoffa signed papers designating him as his "foster son" shortly before Hoffa entered the federal penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pa., in 1964, so O'Brien's name could be placed on a family visitor's list. The pair were inseparable for many years, with O'Brien acting as the elder Hoffa's aide and bodyguard.

A court-supervised national Teamsters election will be held later this year. Hoffa's son, Detroit attorney James P. Hoffa, is trying to overturn a court-appointed election officer's ruling barring him from seeking the union's top job.

According to the officer, Hoffa does not meet union eligibility requirements to hold elective office.

Adrian businessman guilty of tax charge

By ANGELA WHITAKER
Daily Telegram Staff Writer
and The Associated Press

DETROIT — An Adrian businessman who formerly chaired the Siena Heights College board of trustees has pleaded guilty to making and subscribing to a false income tax return.

Richard W. Keeley, 62, entered the plea Thursday before U.S. District Judge Avern Cohn. Keeley faces up to seven months in jail or up to \$5,000 in fines or both, according to Judy Cassidy, Judge Cohn's clerk.

"The information presented to the court at the time of the plea showed that on April 1, 1988, Richard Keeley signed his U.S. Individual Income Tax Return verifying, under penalty of perjury, that he received \$81,783.18 in total income during the 1987 tax year when, in truth, he actually received more than \$144,791," U.S. Attorney Kenneth Chadwell said in a statement.

Keeley funneled payments of his personal expenses through his position as president and chief executive officer of Buckeye Products Inc., 410 E. Beecher St., to avoid paying taxes on those receipts, the prosecutor said.

The government agreed not to charge Keeley for similar violations in other tax years after he agreed to pay all back taxes, interest and penalties, Chadwell said.

Keeley resigned his position as the chairman of the Board of Trustees three weeks ago "for personal reasons," said Sister Cathleen Real, president of Siena Heights.

"He did a very fine job as chairman of the board," she said. Currently John Tierney, of Southfield, is doing the duties of chairman until another is elected by the board. Tierney has been active on the board for 12 years, Real said.

When called at his office at Buckeye Products this morning, Keeley had no comment.

'It didn't have nothing to do with me'

By Richard Willing
NEWS WASHINGTON BUREAU

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DALE, Fla. —

Chuckie O'Brien says he loves his restaurant's shrimp-and-Gorgonzola salad, and that part is obviously true.



TURNING POINT

Chuckie O'Brien says he knows what happened to Jimmy Hoffa, and that part is possibly true.

Chuckie O'Brien says he didn't have a thing to do with it, his hand to God, but that no one wants to believe him. And that final point is definitely true.

For 16 years, this man who was raised as a son by Hoffa has not spoken out publicly about what happened to the vanished Teamsters union leader on July 30, 1975. That's the day, investigators believe, that James R. Hoffa, in the midst of a fight to regain the Teamster presidency, disappeared from the parking lot of a Bloomfield Township restaurant in a car O'Brien drove.

Now O'Brien is talking, leaning

■ **Hoffa mystery:** Teamsters leader's adopted son and confidante Chuckie O'Brien still denies any role in 1975 disappearance.

over the table to grab a reporter's notebook to draw a map of the site where Hoffa was supposedly snatched. He's hatching in little X marks, to indicate his whereabouts on the day in question. None of the X marks wind up in the restaurant's parking lot.

"I'll tell you one thing," says O'Brien, scooping up shrimp from a bowl the size of a washbasin, "the old man never even got to that restaurant where they say he got grabbed. The government got him, that's what I think. Whatever happened, it didn't have nothing to do with me."

But you were Hoffa's "adopted" son, Chuckie. Isn't it possible you picked him up at the Machus Red Fox restaurant that day, believing that you were driving Hoffa to a "peace meeting" with a reputed gangster and union foe? That by the time you learned what was up, it was too late to save Hoffa, and you had to save yourself? That except for two statements to the FBI back in '75, and some rambling testimony at a

labor hearing, you've been scared silent ever since? The fork drops, the chewing stops, and from behind gold-framed spectacles O'Brien is staring at the questioner.

"Listen, pal," he says, in a voice that is high and suddenly toneless, "if I was with the old man that day, for whatever reason, I'd be gone, too. They'd-a had to go through me to get to him. Anybody knows anything about me, they know that's the truth."

The truth and Charles L.J. "Chuckie" O'Brien. According to federal investigators, creditors, the IRS, Jimmy Hoffa's natural children and some Teamster old-timers, the two of them don't mix very well. The one-time Teamster tough guy, they say, has become a self-made man, composed of small bits of reality covered by large patches of myth.

A "habitual liar," an FBI report on the Hoffa disappearance concludes. Interesting guy, but full of "fiction."

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BILL COOKE/Associated Press

Chuckie O'Brien still denies knowing anything about the disappearance of his boss, former Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa.

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O'Brien: Hoffa's confidante tells his side of the story

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says a Teamster who has known O'Brien for most of his 57 years. Barbara Ann Hoffa Crancer, daughter of the late labor leader, thinks her childhood friend has lost "the ability to distinguish what is true from what he wants to believe is true."

"I think he needs to see a doctor," says Crancer.

Bull, says O'Brien. They're jealous, he says, because I was "so close to the old man."

So now he's decided to tell it all: The Hoffa case and the "wild stuff" from O'Brien's Detroit Teamster days. The wiretapping and jury-tampering. The secret missions, carrying messages to mobsters and a million dollars in a suitcase to Teamster leaders. The time in the early 1960s he sent a severed human head to The Detroit News' editor to protest the paper's treatment of Hoffa.

"Union job," he says. "We sent it United Parcel."

He's talking because he doesn't have much left to lose. He's doing it because he's twice-divorced, bankrupt and living in a rented room. He's doing it because a federal court-appointed official is booting him out of his \$90,000-a-year Teamsters job in Florida for associating with alleged members of organized crime.

He's also been barred from attending the international Teamsters convention, which begins Monday in Orlando, Fla. He's doing it because the Hoffas — Barbara Crancer, 53, and her brother, James P., now 50 — "hammered" him in the Washington Post last week, with Jimmy P. calling him a "Judas goat."

And he's doing it, O'Brien says, because the "old man taught me one thing: Be a man. Stand up for what's right. And to hell with anything else."

Lessons from Hoffa

Actually, the "old man" taught O'Brien many things. Some come tumbling out in O'Brien's everyday speech.

"Remember that you leave with the people you came with" — that's a Jimmyism. And: "If you want to run with the big dogs, you've got to get your ass off the porch."

"He'd grab your wrist real hard, and tell you to look at your five fingers," O'Brien recalled.

"He'd say, 'Count up all the people, if you get into trouble, you can really, really depend on.'"

"I'd never be able to count five. He'd say, 'Be sure you always remember that.'"

O'Brien showed up at the Hoffa home about 1940, when he was 6. His mother, a friend of Jimmy and Josephine Hoffa, had lost Chuckie's father, then been widowed again. O'Brien and his mother lived off and on with the Hoffas after that.

"My father loved him," Barbara Crancer said, "as he loved us all."

As Hoffa rose in the Teamsters, becoming president in 1957, Chuckie, his aide and companion, rose with him.

"Bargaining, negotiating, communicating — he showed me it all."

O'Brien said in his office at Florida Teamsters headquarters, 20 miles north of Miami.

Hoffa also showed him how to lie. It was OK, the old man said, to use untruths to test a business agent's honesty or to sideswipe a greedy boss. Just make sure you know what the truth is.

"You couldn't fall for your own bull, that was the rule," O'Brien said.

He transferred to the Teamsters southern branch in 1975, right after the disappearance. His attitude and appearance seem to have improved with time.

He's lost weight in his neck and face, and no longer looks like the violent frog who is seen lurking in the background of many old news photos. If it weren't for his stomach — a great soft goiter that begins at his breastbone and rolls south over the waistband of his jeans — O'Brien would be positively trim. A federal investigator who is trying to bar him from the union calls O'Brien "affable."

Some of the stories are good, too. Hoffa on the picket line. Hoffa planning a strike. Hoffa hiring the Giacalone, the reputed mobsters, in the 1940s to drive lumber trucks through a Teamster picket line, then staging a make-believe fight for the benefit of the newspapers. Afterwards, hijacking the scabbed load and splitting the profits with the Italians.

It's when O'Brien gets to himself that problems begin. A million bucks in a bag to Bill and Jackie Presser of the Cleveland Teamsters? They're both dead, and can't confirm the story. Ditto Babe Triscaro, the mobster O'Brien says he approached to try to set up an attack on Fidel Castro. Spying on juries during Hoffa's Tennessee trials? Two guys who could vouch died this year.

Yet some of what he says checks out. He really did file for bankruptcy this year (assets \$1,095, debts \$451,436). Employers at the Tennessee Valley Authority, where he over-sec a contract, have good things to say about his work. One of his children really is married into an organized crime family, and another really is the law clerk for a federal judge. And the severed head — O'Brien says a pal stole it from a medical school — caused quite a stir when it was delivered to News editor Martin Hayden's office.

It's a shame, a visitor tells O'Brien, that labor historian Arthur A. Sloane didn't interview him for his upcoming biography of Jimmy Hoffa.

"Sloane, that hump, he just called me to apologize for not talking to me," O'Brien says.

"I chewed him out good. I told him, 'Nobody knew the old man like me.'"

Later, Arthur A. Sloane is contacted. He says made no phone call to Chuckie O'Brien.

What about it, Chuckie?

"Yeah, no, it was his researcher who called, some woman, said she was going to send me clips from the book," he says. "It was some woman, some Lois or something ..."

Arthur A. Sloane is contacted

again. There was no other phone call. And there is no Lois.

"I'm afraid," he says, "that Mr. O'Brien seems to have made this up out of whole cloth."

O'Brien's version

For the record, here's O'Brien's story: He says he picked up a salmon at Teamster headquarters near Tiger Stadium on July 30, 1975, and delivered it to a union officer's house in Farmington Hills around noon. He was in a car wash just down the street from the Machus Red Fox at about the time Hoffa disappeared, getting fish blood removed from the seats. He never saw the old man or his car in the restaurant parking lot.

O'Brien says the FBI could back up his story, if it wanted to. The bureau has his car wash receipt, and the manager of the joint identified him in 1975. And that stuff about dogs picking up Hoffa's scent in the back seat of O'Brien's car? The agents made that up, and they later recanted it, right there in The Detroit News.

But there was no car wash receipt, and no identification. And investigators never changed the scent story, in The Detroit News or anywhere else. About the best they'll give O'Brien — and only a handful hold this view — is that he couldn't have been involved. Not because he's a standup guy, but because they think the real abductors would not have used someone so shaky.

James P. Hoffa says he thinks O'Brien is still holding back, and that is possibly true.

His sister Barbara says the coincidence — O'Brien near the restaurant at the time Hoffa seems to have vanished — is almost "too spooky." That may be true, too.

O'Brien, who hasn't spoken to either since two days after the disappearance, says "nobody knows how much I've suffered for this."

"I think about him all the time. I miss him every single day."

That part may be true, too.

Accent



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A Hoffa family portrait in 1957, when Jimmy was Teamsters president. James was 16 and Barbara Ann was 18.

LABOR *of* LOVE

On July 30, 1975, a man who was thought by some to be our mid-century Al Capone, who'd once held an iron-fisted grip on the largest and strongest and wealthiest labor union in this country's history, drove a dark green 1974 Pontiac Grand Ville hardtop into the parking lot of the Machus Red Fox restaurant in Bloomfield Hills — and vanished from the earth.

It's a mystery that's never been solved, which of course has something to do with its allure. In the 16 years that have gone by, the FBI and the Justice Department have amassed 69 volumes of documents on a case that, after the Lindbergh kidnapping, is probably the most famous disappearance and presumed murder of the century.

No one has ever been charged or indicted. And yet there is a sense, elevated to the level of folklore, that everybody knows what happened: It was a Mob job.

And therein a macabre kind of humor. Was the body compacted, shredded and incinerated at a garbage disposal operation in nearby Hamtramck? Was it dipped in a vat of boiling ranc? Was it turned into glue in a fat-rendering machine? Where would Las Vegas lounge comics be without Jimmy Hoffa-Giant Stadium gags? Hey, hey, sports fans, Jimmy goes deep. Given new meaning to the words "sudden death."

But here, sans any merriement, any lounge jokes, are a son and daughter speaking. One is a Michigan labor attorney, the other is a Missouri administrative law judge. One is 50, the other is 53. The public perception — or truth — of Jimmy Hoffa's 62 years can be damned: These two know



16 years later,
Jimmy Hoffa's kids
are fighting to see
the whole picture

how they loved him then and miss him now.

One of these adult children is suing the U.S. government under the Freedom of Information Act to have her father's files released. It's been a four-year struggle and is far from over. The other child recently ended a bid to become president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Sure. I go by the place all the time. It's on Telegraph and Maple. It's one of the things I have to confront. It's the way I go to Lansing. I go to the airport that way sometimes. I never go by there when I don't think about it. No matter how distracted I am, it always comes back. I've driven my car around the parking lot, just trying to figure it out. Where is he? What happened to him? Who did that horrible thing? Sixteen years. You see, we've never had a funeral. Think about that. It leaves such a gap. There's such an incompleteness. You've never said goodbye.

That's James P. Hoffa. People call him Jim. He's got the blunt, thick, athletic body of his father, although not the face. (He looks like his mother's side.) He's a racquetball player, he has two kids of his own in college, he belongs to the United Methodist Church, he gets season tickets every year to Lions games, he bagged his buck during deer season last fall, he was once all-state linebacker at Cooley High. (His dad never made it to a game.)

He can tell you about sitting in duck blinds in Canada with Jimmy Hoffa and a "foster brother" named Chuckie O'Brien

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Hoffa: 16 years later, his kids are fighting for the truth

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(for whom there haven't been any brotherly feelings in years), about traveling nearly every week between 1967 and 1971 to Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary in Pennsylvania, until Richard Nixon commuted his father's sentence with the stipulation he not seek to take over the Teamsters again.

Which of course he did. Which, in the view of many experts, has everything to do with what happened to Jimmy Hoffa on July 30, 1975: The Mob didn't want him back in again. By then they preferred his far more pliant successor, Frank Fitzsimmons.

Jim Hoffa isn't a man overly given to introspection or brooding about things that won't be changed. He's a likable jock practicing law. But there is in him an ache that sometimes feels like a hole in the universe. Of his pursuit of the office his father held from 1957 to 1971, he resists any particular theme of revenge or retribution or restoration of the family name. It's not about unfinished business, he says. "No, no, I wouldn't make it that personal."

In two hours he has a game at the downtown Y. He's in an open shirt. "I'm a labor lawyer," he says. "I grew up in a labor environment. We discussed unions at the dinner table. I think I have a contribution to make. My father was president of the Teamsters. Somebody took him away."

A linear, lawyerly explanation. Except on this last word, "away," a small audible crack, as if to hint at its simplicity.

And 450 miles away, in St. Louis, another legal office, another hole in the web of a successful life, a short, peppy, 53-year-old woman, who has intense dark Roman features and penciled eyes and a reddish tint to her new-permed hair, who didn't go to law school until she was a middle-aged mom and until her father had been gone for half a decade, sits behind a desk and pyramids her fingertips and says of the apparent ironies of a judicial officer bringing suit against the federal government:

I want the truth. One of the questions people ask is, 'Aren't you afraid of what you might find in there?' Nope. I'm not. Not at all. After all that's happened to our family, I can't be hurt, not really. I'm right. I'm on the side of right. I analyze it that way. If someone kidnaped your child, and the police came and told you, 'We know where the child's body is buried, and we think we know who did it, but we're not going to tell you because we can't prove it,' well, wouldn't you just get up in arms? Of course you would. They maintain they're still trying to solve the case. They maintain it's a pending investigation. I maintain it's been 16 years. It's time we know what they know.

Barbara Ann Hoffa Crancer, who seems both a tough cookie and a sentimental mark, has been glancing downward at a black-and-white framed photograph of her father on the edge of her desk. It's 1961, at the union's international convention, and Jimmy Hoffa is at the top of his arc. He's lightly and proudly squashing his fingers into his daughter's upper arm skin. She, a Phi Beta Kappa one year out of college, wears a RE-ELECT HOFFA banner. Parent and child have the exact same mouth structure.

"Are you kidding?" asks this judge who rules on worker's comp cases, enough of them brought by truckers seeking back pay from injuries on the job. There's something almost incredulous in her voice. She's just been asked if she's ever been embarrassed, considering the authority of her office, to be Jimmy Hoffa's daughter.

"I was never embarrassed by my father. Not one day of my life. Never ever. Hell, I went to every trial."

The Hoffa mystique

Hoffa: For a time in America it seemed a synonym for "sinister." Bobby Kennedy, who was the attorney general, said the man headed a "conspiracy of evil." When he went to prison, it was on convictions of jury tampering and conspiracy and mail fraud. Which is what they could get him on.

leader in a renegade work stoppage.

In his rage, running a labor union of one and a half million members, he commanded the Central States Pension Fund, worth \$400 million. In effect, he was one of this country's larger bankers. Was he "mobbed up"? Yes and no. The banker could pour millions of dollars in loans and "finders' fees" into gangsters' pockets. They in turn could build their Vegas casinos or enhance shady enterprises. And yet, as a new and scholarly biography titled *Hoffa* demonstrates (it's written by a professor of industrial relations named Arthur Sloane and won't be out till fall), the real Jimmy Hoffa is a far more complex idea than the imagined thing of popular legend. "He may have been a dictator, but he was an enlightened and benevolent one," Sloane concludes.

You ask Jimmy Hoffa's son about gangsters and their involvement with his father and he says: "I think it's been greatly overdone. They were around, yes. No one would deny that. But they didn't run the union." You ask his daughter and she says in a blunter way: "You think George Bush has been proud of everybody he ever associated with to get to be president? (My father's) explanation to me was always, 'You deal with whom you have to deal with.' He was a realist. I'm not saying he didn't have bad judgment sometimes."

A little while before, Barbara Crancer had been saying, almost like a school girl: "He was just a kind of magical dad. When he was there, he was gone a lot, yes. But when he was there, he was yours."

Last year she went to see the movie *Ghost*. There was a Hoffa guy in it, cheap throwaway. It ruined the movie. She wanted to leave the theater. "People have no idea," says Barbara Crancer.

Jay Leno was filling in for Johnny Carson. "Hey," Leno says (this is not an exact rendering), "I see in the news where Jimmy Hoffa's son wants to be president of the Teamsters. Only one problem with the job: It calls for early retirement."

"People have no idea," says Jim Hoffa.

One time a producer for *Garfield* called up Barbara Crancer. This producer, breathless, probably all of 23, said: "Guess what? We're doing a show called 'Children of Infamous People.' We want you to be on. Oh, don't worry, it's just a working title. We may have the children of Rudolf Hess on."

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BARBARA CRANCER

JIMMY HOFFA'S DAUGHTER

What about the illegitimate granddaughter of Eva Braun? Jimmy Hoffa's daughter thought to herself and stuck down the phone.

This daughter is drinking from a McDonald's soda. Above her head is a gold model of the scales of justice. It belonged to her father.

"Somebody gave it to him at some memorial or something," Crancer says with that familiar Hoffa infectious gangster grin. "I guess I shouldn't say this. He used to take off his dirty socks and throw them in the cups and say, 'That's all the justice I'm getting.'"

She's one of eight administrative law judges for St. Louis. The governor appointed her. (She's a Republican, her brother's a Democrat.) Lawyers in St. Louis who've come before her describe her as exemplary.

She walks with a tough little manish way to her shoulders. She likes to garden on weekends. She has a 23-year-old daughter. She's married to an heir of a St. Louis steel fortune who was always crazy for Jimmy Hoffa. She went back to school in her 40s to take up the profession that

Hoffa: 'People have no idea of the lingering family pain'

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writ," which would allow a hearing in another jurisdiction.

Also two years ago, in an interview with *The Detroit News*, the man who headed the Detroit office of the FBI from 1965 to 1968 was quoted as saying he was "comfortable" that he knew who killed Hoffa, but that the case would probably never be prosecuted, "because we would have to divulge informants, confidential sources."

Justice Department officials both here and in St. Louis, contacted last week, said it is a matter of policy that files are never released in pending investigations. Lantis Southwick, deputy attorney general at Justice, says, "I'm not denying his daughter would have a very real and heart-rending desire to know what's going on." But making the files public would jeopardize the case and endanger informants, he says. Southwick insists that "the FBI is still strongly working this case; this is indeed an ongoing investigation."

"I would just like to know who did this thing," Crancer says, "why did they do it, what did they do with his body. The files will be a start."

Fussie, "You know, the government usually wins in this case. Well, it never bothered my dad. He kept fighting them."

Maybe those words, "fighting them," have triggered something. Because now she says: "I know right away he was dead when he didn't come home that afternoon. You know, he was supposed to be meeting some people he'd been feuding with. They were going to make up. He never came home." Her mother called her the next day.

Belted into the Detroit-bound plane, allowing her mind to relax for a moment, Jimmy Hoffa's daughter looked toward the window and closed her eyes and saw him slumped over. He had on a black, short-sleeved polo shirt. She couldn't see blood or holes.

"I saw it later in the paper," she says. "The description of what he was wearing. It was a black, short-sleeved polo shirt. No one told me. There was no way I could have known ahead of time."

Organized labor

"We have this division of labor," the son is saying. "She's working on hers, I'm working on mine."

Only right now his presidential dream doesn't look promising. In April a special court-appointed Teamsters elections trustee ruled that Jimmy Hoffa's son was ineligible to run for the union presidency because he hadn't driven a truck or held a job in a union office for two years before making himself a candidate. The magistrate disallowed the fact that Hoffa had spent the previous 22 years working as an attorney representing Teamster locals in Michigan and Indiana.

Last week the Teamsters held their international convention in Orlando to nominate candidates for the union's first-ever general election. The elections, to be held in December, are the result of a consent decree signed by the union two years ago as a way of settling a civil racketeering suit brought by the Justice Department.

There was a grass-roots movement afoot to pass a constitutional amendment that would have allowed Hoffa to run for the presidency this year. But he withdrew as the convention began, saying the federal government would veto the amendment.

He's fiddling the change in his pocket. He's standing in front of a charcoal painting. It's Jimmy, with Mt. Rushmore in the background. The great man is flashing the bare-tooth smile, boyish and scary both.

"I guess you look at it from the standpoint you were fortunate to have him," he says.

Where was Chuckie?

This is the twist in the story. Call it the foster sibling blood triangle. Like parts of the foregoing, its truth apparently cannot be known. Criminologists and students of the Hoffa disappearance have long had lists of suspects, including Anthony Giacalone and Tony Provenzano and Gabriel "Sally Bug" Brigaglia. Some of these alleged underworld figures have already departed this mortal coil. All of them are said to have been connected one way or another to the Genovese crime family of metropolitan New York.

But the name carrying resonance and revulsion for James P. Hoffa and Barbara Ann Hoffa Crancer is Chuckie O'Brien. He is the one believed to have picked up Jimmy Hoffa in a maroon Mercury at the Ma-chon Red Fox that summer day and driven him off to his rendezvous with gangsters and death.

Chuckie O'Brien was never a legal son, Barbara Crancer insists, just an emotional one. Her family took in O'Brien from about the time he was 6. Jimmy especially seemed devoted to Chuckie, and vice versa. O'Brien always spoke of Jimmy as "Dad" and "the old man," and there are those who contend he is Jimmy's illegitimate child. (No one has ever been able to substantiate this.) When he was older, O'Brien traveled with Jimmy, acted as his bodyguard. To Barbara Crancer and Jim Hoffa, he was the essentially harmless if a little unseemly older "sibling" who got fatter and shadier as the years piled on.

And then July 30, 1975. For a time afterward, O'Brien seemed to drop out of sight. Then he left Detroit altogether. For the last decade and a half, Chuckie O'Brien, now in his late 50s, has been a vaguely defined Teamsters organizer in south Florida.

Never once has he tried to contact them, say the two Hoffa children. In 1976, at the international convention, Jim Hoffa spied Chuckie in a hotel lobby in Las Vegas. The older "brother" took off running and disappeared amid slot machines.

A month ago, a court-appointed union administrator in New York officially banned O'Brien from the Teamsters because of his alleged associations with organized crime. He has been under scrutiny by federal overseers for several years.

He has always declined to talk to reporters about July 30, 1975. (Efforts to reach him for this story were unsuccessful.) In a court hearing a year ago in Newark, he said, "I deny ever in my life being in that area or being in the same car with Mr. Hoffa." Some students of the Hoffa disappearance view him as the unwitting dupe in an abduction, others as the direct participant in a murder.

Jimmy Hoffa's daughter is speaking. There's a hard set to her mouth. "I will tell you this," she says. "I will tell you this. If you were accused of doing something so heinous, so reprehensible, wouldn't the first thing you'd want to do if you were innocent is get in touch with family members and reassure them? We've never heard from him. No letter, no call . . . I think of him now as a completely amoral person."

Jimmy Hoffa's son is speaking. An old jock is suddenly not easygoing at all. "I feel nothing for him. I can only hope the worst for him. He betrayed our family. All the things we did for him. He became a Judas goat."

This quote is read back to him. "Yes, yes," says Jim Hoffa, full of energy. "That's great. It's true. It's powerful."

Two children grieving and burning and working for a lost father. Somewhere lie pieces in an ugly riddle. Truths not to be shared.

■ Paul Hendrickson writes for the *Washington Post*.



"...to others, first."
— Jimmy Hoffa

The Hoffa riddle: A Puritan who let power corrupt?



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Above: Hoffa (left) celebrates at a New Jersey rally with reputed Mafia figure Anthony Provenzano and fellow union members. Provenzano later figured in the investigation of Hoffa's disappearance.

Right: Hoffa leaves the Lewisburg, Pa., Federal Penitentiary in 1971 after President Nixon commuted his sentence.

By Ralph Orr
SPECIAL TO THE DETROIT NEWS

Readers of the latest book about Jimmy Hoffa won't find any lurid new theories about his disappearance or any claims that he was sandbagged by the Justice Department in the years of hearings and trials that led to his imprisonment.

What they will find is a book about the faults that led to Hoffa's reputation as a combative, hot-tempered labor leader who jousts with authority and consorted with mobsters.

But that public image is balanced by the author's portrayal of him as a devoted family man with puritanical habits who was revered by Teamster union members

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During his 16-year tenure as labor writer for the Detroit Free Press, Ralph Orr became one of the nation's leading newspaper authorities on the Teamsters Union and the efforts of James R. Hoffa to get restrictions that barred him from union office lifted following his 1971 release from prison.

Orr talked with Hoffa almost daily during that period, and may have been the last reporter to talk with the labor leader before his disappearance in July 1975. Orr retired in 1984.

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Hoffa: A Puritan who loved power

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and respected by the employers with whom he bargained.

Arthur Sloane's book is arguably the best and most well-balanced biography yet of the dropout from Brazil, Ind., who parlayed a warehouse strike in Detroit into the presidency of the nation's largest union. Sloane notes that Hoffa's middle name was Riddle and that the man indeed was an enigma.

To many, Hoffa was the dictator-president of a scandal-ridden and over-powerful union infested with thieves and hoods. To his members, he was a self-confident and fearless workaholic who gave them his phone numbers at mass meetings and asked them to call him any time with their problems.

Not many knew that Hoffa was financially generous and capable of spontaneous acts of kindness. In 1971, he sent hundreds of \$75 fruit baskets to the families of convicts who had been with him in the federal prison in Lewisburg, Pa. Throughout his incarceration, he had a former associate buy Christmas cards to mail to those families.

When he learned that the dog of an inmate's child had died, he sent the child money for a replacement. When his daughter sent him books to broaden his reading horizon, he asked her to send a copy of each one to the prison library.

He was liked by his fellow inmates, but he was revered by Teamster members. "No labor leader was ever more popular with the rank and file," Sloane writes. On his birthday each year during his imprisonment, a Massachusetts Teamster local sent a plane over the prison carrying a banner: "Birthday Greetings, Jimmy Hoffa."

Hoffa disappeared in July 1975 from a Bloomfield Township restaurant, and federal authorities presume he was murdered in a mob hit.

Members respected him for his street smarts, physical strength and toughness, Sloane writes. "We always knew where he stood," one member said.

A meat-and-potatoes unionist who confined bargaining to wages, hours, and working conditions, Hoffa had little use for those of his colleagues who saw unions as instruments of social reform.

Hoffa was a family man first, and everything else came second, Sloane says.

"He was unfailingly solicitous of (his wife, Josephine's) welfare, invariably telephoned her at least once a day and always sent her red roses on her anniversary," he writes.

Children remember his stays at the cottage on Lake Orion as "like the Fourth of July," when he found time for swimming, fishing, rides in the country and drive-in movies. When they were young, he composed bedtime stories for his children about a character he called Freddie the Fox.

He brooked no swearing or off-color stories around his family, and the children were astonished when

Jimmy Hoffa said ...

- "Know who are your potential enemies and know how to neutralize 'em."
- "Hoffa don't need no body-guard."
- "My friends are the people I came up with. The others you've got to watch with both eyes."
- "Certainly I got an ego. A man don't have an ego, he don't have any money and he don't have any ambition. Mine's big enough to do the job I wanna do."
- "The only people I'm concerned about are the Teamsters. And they like me. So I must be doing something right."
- "It doesn't matter what they say about you as long as you're doing the job that you're supposed to be doing."
- "Nothing comes easy. For every inch, there is a stone."

From Hoffa by Arthur A. Sloane, MIT Press.

they read news stories peppered with his profanity. Whenever he knew a major news story about his troubles was about to break, he called the family together to give them the "true" story.

Sloane uses the adjectives "Victorian" and "puritanical" in describing Hoffa, who neither smoked nor drank and who once was so embarrassed by the jiggling of a nightclub stripper that he turned his chair away so he wouldn't have to watch her.

For some, Sloane's book may slip into low gear in three chapters dealing with bargaining for the lucrative National Master Freight Agreement for over-the-road truck drivers. But it was the centerpiece of Hoffa's career.

He had risen through the ranks as a representative of the road men and had come to know the over-the-road sector "as well as anyone ever had," Sloane writes.

Few trucking executives who dealt with Hoffa would quarrel with Sloane's appraisal. One called Hoffa "the greatest negotiator I've ever known."

Sloane makes no apologies for the mistakes and failings of a man who was convicted of jury tampering and mail fraud.

"In his personal life, his code of behavior was irreproachable," the author says. "In his professional life, he was twice found to be criminal and to his considerable discredit, he willingly associated with some of the senior members of the underworld."

Sloane notes that the darker side is far better remembered by Americans than Hoffa's accomplishments for his members, the industry and his family. "He was no more a study in black and white than anyone else; as with all of us, shades of gray apply," he concludes.

"He was stronger-willed, more hard-charging, more powerful and more notorious than most people. But he was, in his many strengths and weaknesses, no less human."

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Two great names in global manufacturing will soon become one. Giddings & Lewis, Inc. has reached agreement to acquire Cross & Trecker Corporation.

For shareholders and customers of these two leading machine tool and factory automation companies, this is very good news, indeed.

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A check of ISIS and OCIS data base information
regarding [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reflected negative
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Further investigation reflected no additional
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 183-1155
FBI FILE NO. 9-60052
LATENT CASE NO. B-16149

9/23/91

TO: SAC, Detroit

RE: HOFFEX

REFERENCE: Airtel 6/22/89
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Detroit
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This report supplements LFPS report dated 8/14/90.

The requested [REDACTED] were
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Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (183A-1155) (C-8) (P)

Date 9/26/91

From : SSA [REDACTED]

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Subject: HOFFEX
(OO: DETROIT)

On 9/25/91, a meeting was conducted in the United States Attorney's office to discuss the HOFFEX investigation. The following individuals were present during this discussion:

1. SAC HAL N. HELTERHOFF
2. ASAC ANTHONY T. RIGGIO
3. SSA [REDACTED]
4. SA [REDACTED]
5. SA [REDACTED]
6. USA STEPHEN J. MARKMAN
7. AUSA ALAN GERSHEL
8. AUSA KEITH CORBETT

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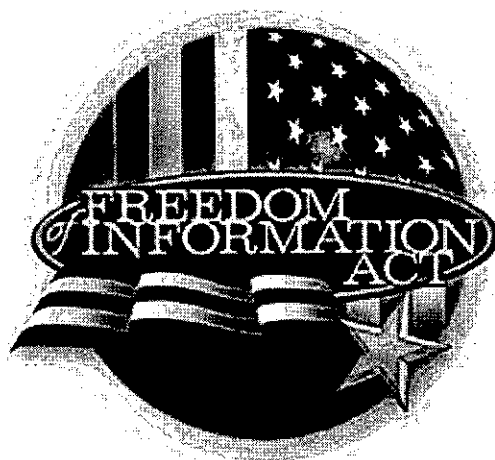
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