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Mob lawyer: Hoffa was strangled in car

By Frank Ragano and Selwyn Rabb

"We need to take a ride, Frank," Santo Trafficante commanded sharply one day in March 1987 while I was at his house in Tampa.

"Is there any particular place you want to go?" I asked.

"Wherever you feel like. I just want to talk."

The elderly mobster, facing a heart bypass operation that he doubted he'd survive, was in a reflective mood and wanted to avoid any FBI wiretaps. A car ride was a signal that a matter of utmost secrecy was on his mind.

He shuffled toward the door in his pajamas, bathrobe, slippers and a cloth cap.

"Aren't you dressing?" I asked.

"I can't," he explained, unbuttoning his pajama

Please see Mob lawyer, 10A

James R. Hoffa: Code-name Marteduzzo had some powerful enemies in the mob but few friends.

Anthony Provenzano: Called "a dangerous lunatic."

This is the first of two excerpts from Mob Lawyer, a new book in which attorney Frank Ragano recounts his career working for Jimmy Hoffa and two organized crime leaders. This installment describes the 1976 day Hoffa was killed, based on comments by an ailing mob boss.

New details on disappearance

The new book reinforces the widely accepted belief that mob figures Anthony Provenzano and Anthony Giacalone arranged Jimmy Hoffa's disappearance, and adds these details from comments attributed to late mob boss Santo Trafficante:

- Chuckie O'Brien, Hoffa's foster son, was used as a lure because he trusted Chuckie and would go with him.
- O'Brien parked behind a closed Metro Detroit gas station.
- Two men were waiting in a Lincoln for Hoffa. "They hit him until he was knocked out and dragged him into the back seat of the Lincoln."
- "They put a rope around his neck and choked him."
- O'Brien, held at gunpoint by a third man, drove off after being warned to keep mum.

Anthony Giacalone: Said Chuckie O'Brien would keep quiet.

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Mob lawyer: Hoffa was strangled

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top to show a colostomy bag attached to the right side of his abdomen. I hadn't known he underwent colon surgery.

We rode on Bayshore Boulevard in my gray Mercedes-Benz, heading toward downtown alongside Tampa Bay. When I reached the northern end, I made a U-turn — a circuit we repeated as Santo spoke.

After reviewing other memories, he said wistfully: "Marteduzzo was a good man" — referring to Teamsters union leader Jimmy Hoffa with a Sicilian code name.

"Maybe I made a mistake. . . . He was a good man. It's a shame what happened to him."

For the first time in our three decades together, I asked a direct question about a Mafia mystery: "Santo, there is something you have to tell me. What did happen to Marteduzzo?"

He stared at the bay a few seconds before replying: "My friends up north had become very close with Fitz (Frank Fitzsimmons, Hoffa's successor as Teamsters head) and it looked like Marteduzzo was going to win his (federal legal) case and come back to the union. My friends didn't want him back.

"They got along better with Fitz; he made more (pension fund) loans than Marteduzzo did. They didn't like him talking to that (book) writer. They thought if Marteduzzo got back to the union, he was going to make trouble for them — and they were worried that he was talking about the loans and saying he had the goods to send people to jail.

"You remember I told you to tell him not to say Fitz was making bad loans (with union retirement money). It was dangerous. You remember me telling you that?"

I replied: "I do, and I talked to Marteduzzo about that. But Santo, the man couldn't have lived unless he got back in the union. That was his life, you know that."

My passenger said: "But Frank, he trusted too many people and a lot of them double-crossed him. And you remember, just before he disappeared, I told you to tell him to be careful — not to do anything stupid. I knew what was going to happen, but I couldn't tell because if word got back to my friends, I would have had a problem.

"When Marteduzzo put a bomb in Fitz's son's car, Fitz thought he'd gone crazy and that the next thing he'd try to do was to kill him. Fitz got in touch with Tony Pro (Anthony Provenzano). He knew that Tony Pro hated Marteduzzo's guts. Tony Pro was a dangerous lunatic — crazy, out of control.

"Fitz met Tony Pro in Washington in a hotel room where Tony was staying. They talked and they decided they had to get rid of Marteduzzo before it was too late."

'His word of honor'

Santo stopped. He seemed to collect his breath before resuming.

"A few days after he saw Fitz," Santo continued, "Tony Pro went to Detroit and had a meeting with Tony Jack (Anthony Giacalone). They rode around in a car and Tony Pro told Tony Jack that it looked like Marteduzzo was losing his mind and that he might try and kill Fitz. Then Tony Pro told Tony Jack that he had talked to the people in New York and it was all right with them to get rid of Marteduzzo.

"Tony Pro said that Tony Jack would have to get Chuckie O'Brien, Hoffa's protege, to set Marteduzzo up because he trusted Chuckie and would go with him. That was the only way they thought they could get to Marteduzzo.

"Tony Jack didn't want to get Chuckie involved. He told Tony Pro that Chuckie is like family to him, like his nephew. He couldn't let anything happen to him.

"Tony Pro said, 'If you give me your word that Chuckie won't talk, then nothing will happen to him.' Tony Jack gave his word of honor that Chuckie would keep quiet after they took care of Marteduzzo.

"To get to Marteduzzo and to set up a meeting with him, they had to go through that guy with the limousine business, the guy Marteduzzo was partners with."

Louis Linteau, I thought to myself. He was a former Teamster official in Pontiac who had served a prison term for extortion. When Jimmy disappeared, he was running an airport limousine service in Pontiac and Jimmy was his silent partner. Jimmy had been using him to set up meetings with people.

Again, Santo had trouble breathing, and from the corner of my eye I saw him brush perspiration from his face. He halted a few minutes before recovering his strength and voice.

"In the meantime, Tony Jack got in touch with Chuckie and told him that he was setting up a meeting between Marteduzzo and Tony Pro to work out their problems.

"The afternoon of the meeting (July 30, 1975), Chuckie went by the parking lot at that restaurant near Detroit (Machus Red Fox in Bloomfield Township). Marteduzzo was expecting Tony Jack to pick him up, and when Chuckie drove up, Marteduzzo asked what the hell he was doing there.

"Chuckie told him that Tony Jack wanted him to pick Marteduzzo up because he didn't think it was a good idea for them to be seen together in public. Chuckie said he was going to drive him to the meeting with Tony Pro and Tony Jack."

'Two guys were waiting'

"Poor Chuckie — they used him. He didn't know what was going on,

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and he followed Tony Jack's orders and drove Marteduzzo to this gas station. It was empty — a closed gas station where they were supposed to meet Tony Jack.

"When they got to the gas station they drove to the rear. Tony Jack had picked it because the gas station was empty and there was a large billboard in the front, on the road, that made it impossible to see anything in the back of the station.

"Chuckie pulled around to the back of the building where the rest rooms were, and these two guys were waiting in a Lincoln, the Briguglio brothers."

"Who?" I interrupted.

"Sal Briguglio and his brother, Gabe; they're Tony Pro's men," Santo explained. "They were in the Lincoln and Marteduzzo got out and started walking toward the car. While he was walking, Tommy Andretta . . ."

"Who's he?" I asked.

"Tommy was another of Tony Pro's men," Santo said. "He'd been hiding in the rest room and he came out and put a gun next to Chuckie's head and he told him, 'Make one move and I'll blow your brains out.'

"While he was saying this to Chuckie, Sal came out of the Lincoln with a gun pointed at Marteduzzo. Marteduzzo started running toward Sal, and the other brother came out of the other side of the Lincoln and got behind Marteduzzo and hit him on the back of the head with his gun. They hit him until he was knocked out and dragged him into the backseat of the Lincoln.

"They put a rope around his neck and choked him to death. Tommy was watching Chuckie and told him if he ever said anything he would be a dead man. He told Chuckie to get the hell away from there and Chuckie took off."

"What did they do with his body?" I asked.

"I don't know that and I never asked."

'My hands were tied'

Santo slumped in his seat and mumbled. "He was a good man. Maybe if you had gotten a hold of him, he'd still be alive today."

We had driven back and forth on Bayshore Boulevard for an hour, and Santo seemed exhausted. We returned to his home in silence.

"Frank," he finally whispered, "I know how much you liked Marteduzzo. I wish I could have stopped it, but my hands were tied."

He had trouble opening the door and alighted from the Mercedes with difficulty. After taking one or two faltering steps toward his house, he turned back and leaned through the open car window.

"Frank, I guess this is goodbye. Frank, please remember, there was nothing I could do about Marteduzzo. My hands were tied. *Capici*? (You understand?)"

During our long relationship, Santo withheld information from me — but I had never known him to lie to my face. Now, with a life-threatening operation imminent, he would certainly relate the truth.

On the Sunday after our meeting, Santo flew to Houston and entered the Texas Heart Institute.

Two days later — on March 17, 1987 — Santo's son-in-law Augie Paniello called me at the office. "The old man died," he said. Santo, at the age of 72, had failed to survive the bypass operation.

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Chuckie O'Brien: The mobster said Jimmy Hoffa trusted him and would go with him.

Coming Monday in The Detroit News

Jimmy Hoffa's antagonism toward Bobby Kennedy erupted into a July 1963 attack on him at the attorney general's office in Washington, D.C. Lawyer Frank Ragano also recalls how he unwittingly delivered a message from Hoffa to the mob that may have played a role in President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Snapshot of the authors

■ Frank Ragano, a 71-year-old lawyer now living in Tampa, was Jimmy Hoffa's personal attorney from 1960 until his disappearance in 1975. He also spent 30 years working for Mafia bosses Santo Trafficante and Carlos Marcello of New Orleans. Ragano last month ended an 11-month federal prison term for tax evasion.

Author Frank Ragano.

His insider's story was written with award-winning reporter Selwyn Raab, 59, who has covered organized crime for 20 years at The New York Times. Their book was published last week.

Principal characters

Fitzsimmons

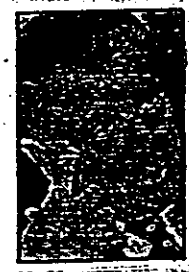
■ **Frank Fitzsimmons:** Former national head of the Teamsters who rose to power on Jimmy Hoffa's coat tails, then suspected in his disappearance. Hoffa's understudy for three decades, Fitzsimmons became executive vice president in 1967 when his mentor was imprisoned on federal jury tampering charges. He was elected general president in 1971 and re-lected to another five-year term in 1976. He died of cancer in 1981 in a California clinic at 73.

■ **Tommy Andretta:** An enforcer in Anthony Provenzano's mob family. Sentenced to federal prison in 1978 for labor racketeering. Questioned by FBI in Hoffa investigation.

Giacalone

■ **Anthony Giacalone:** Detroit organized crime figure known as "Tony Jack." He's suspected of luring Hoffa to the Oakland County restaurant where the ex-Teamsters leader disappeared.

■ **Gabriel Briguglio:** Another enforcer in Provenzano's mob family. Sentenced to federal prison in 1978 for labor racketeering. Questioned by FBI soon after Hoffa vanished.



Hoffa

■ **Jimmy Hoffa:** Vanished July 30, 1975, from outside the Machus Red Fox Restaurant in Bloomfield Township. Body never was found. Mobsters refer to him as "Marteduzzo," a Sicilian code name.

■ **Salvatore Briguglio:** Nick- r Sally Bugs," he worked w... brother and was likewise a suspect in Hoffa's disappearance. Was also the suspected "bag man" for $500,000 in "hush money" allegedly raised by the Nixon White House to guarantee the silence of the Watergate burglars in 1973. At age 48, he was slain by two hooded gunmen in March 1978 on a street in New York's Little Italy section.

O'Brien

■ **Chuckie O'Brien:** Hoffa's "foster son" has steadfastly denied any role in Hoffa's disappearance. Now 60 and living in Florida, O'Brien still maintains he was at a car wash getting fish blood removed from the seats about the time Hoffa disappeared from a Bloomfield Township restaurant. O'Brien, a former business agent at Local 299, was ousted from the Teamsters in 1991 for associating with organized crime figures. He filed for personal bankruptcy the same year.

Trafficante

■ **Santo Trafficante:** Florida mob boss died in 1987 at 72 during a heart operation.

■ **Louis Linteau:** Former Teamster official who had been imprisoned for extortion. He ran an airport limousine service in Pontiac with Hoffa as a silent partner.

Provenzano

■ **Anthony Provenzano:** A former Teamsters official in New Jersey, "Tony Pro" feuded with Hoffa when they were in a federal prison in the 1960s. He's suspected of setting up a 1975 peace meeting with Hoffa and orchestrating his disappearance. Provenzano was sentenced to a 20-year racketeering term in 1978. He died at 71 in a California prison from a 1988 heart attack.

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The Hoffa Disappearance

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Jimmy Hoffa, in a 1967 photo, is on his way to prison. Mob elements reportedly did not want him back as head of the Teamsters.

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U.S. Depart. . of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

May 19, 1994

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[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Your letter to President Clinton concerning the kidnaping of Jimmy Hoffa was sent to the Department of Justice which recently referred it to the FBI.

We are certainly interested in any information you can provide about the disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa. Please furnish your information to our Detroit Office located in the Federal Office Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226, telephone number (313) 965-2323.

Sincerely yours,

E. Michael Kahoe
Chief, Violent Crimes
and Major Offenders Section
Criminal Investigative Division

United States Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear F.B.I.

My name is [redacted]

I'm enclosing a copy of a letter sent to me from the justice Dept. in washington D.C, I was in Washington last week trying to get some one to listen to me concerning the kidnapping of Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa. 7-29-94. I was at the Hoffa kidnapping. Its easy for me to comperhend but it seems impossible for your dept. I'm not trying to degrade yous but I have a different perseption then you have. Mr. hoffa was taken from Macus Red Fox to the WonderLand Bowling .Thats where I was at.There a ransom was paid to [redacted]. It was paid by either [redacted] or [redacted] [redacted] Heres the cause of the whole trouble. [redacted] was Richard Nixons [redacted]. I signed a complaint in a letter given to Senator Edward Kennedy showing four different kidnappings that Ted was involevd in and the ransom money disappeared and I'm told by the family of the victiums that someone who looks like me took the money. [redacted] concieled what he's done and deserves to be sent to jail. Recently I wrote a letter to Richard Nixon about what [redacted] did and Nixon threw Ted out of the republican party.Nixon was at my art class at Lakeview highschool when he was attacked and beaten up by [redacted] Nixon suffered a stroke and died from the complications of the stroke. Sadly a cover up was done. This is and example of the polotical depravity shown the people of this country and even your agency. The previous leadership in our country was very poor.Even Nixon was a victium of this type of depravity the same shown the Hoffa family and my self. [redacted] had more athority then the head of your Dept. Your agents couldn't possibly understood the unfair power ted had by virtue of his wifes uncle. If your agents said anything against him that agents supervisor would get a call from President George Bush and youd hear some sort of depraved repremand ant that the only one you should believe is who [redacted] would say to. [redacted] and [redacted] Patterson were two of your problems that you people couldn't see.Until Now.They weren't all only to.Heres the surprise .Senator Carl Levine you trust heres why you can't . During the kidnapping senator was at the house that arranged the kidnapping.The entire kidnapping was arranged by the [redacted] family and the [redacted] it was arranged at [redacted] house and incl

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included meetings with Senater Levine before the actual kidnapping took place. This may surprise you and appear a bit baffleing until the one element your Dept . hasn't noticed that made it all work. The Element your looking for to solve this kidnapping is the relationship between John Gotti and the [redacted] family. Your dept was misled on purpose by one of your own agents and an agent from the Central Intellagence agency. [redacted] relatives I was told worked for the C.I.A. [redacted] Lawyer is a relative of [redacted] I'm not sur of the speiling, he's the son-in-law of [redacted]. The entire kidnapping was planned from that house . I talked to John Gotti in that house myself. I talked to Anthoney Gigacalone in that house too. The [redacted] concieled that they were even there. Senator Levine may even denigh that they were. Senator Levine operated a resturanrt [redacted] Shexth ~~six~~ ~~si~~ said he handled the legal matters of the resturant and had no part of the kidnapping. He said he handle the matters for the [redacted] who married one of the [redacted] The resturant was built with the money take from the kidnapping and Senator Levine will play dumb and say he had no knowledge that the resturant was financed with the Hoffa Ransom money. b7c

Who else worked for the F.B.I. was one of the [redacted] family. They married [redacted] daughter [redacted] was at the senene of the crime and was in on it . [redacted] married [redacted] and went ot college and became a medical Doctor. He also bought a house with his cut of the ransom money. [redacted] worked for the East Pointe Police Dept and he was in on it. [redacted] is the name of [redacted] second wife thats her maden name. She latter admitted that her father buried Mr. Hoffa on [redacted] Farm in [redacted] She said Mr. Hoffa was buried under the house on the farm. Its a two room house that dosen't even have a foundidation and is abandoned. Last summer they dug up Hoffas body and moved it. I think I heard to a house in called Lake. [redacted] is the second wife of [redacted] his first was [redacted] . The [redacted] are the other ones in on the kidnapping. [redacted] first wife was shot. [redacted] is the cousin of [redacted] married [redacted] other daughter [redacted]

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[redacted] bought a house in Muskegian ,mich with his cut of the ransom money. [redacted] father bought [redacted] former president of G.M. old house in Bloomfield Hills. on Courville St. [redacted] Father was slain here in the trailer Park last year. [redacted] and [redacted] threatened to kill my whole family if I betrayed them. [redacted] is the right hand man of John Gotti. He maved from New York to [redacted] with the help of the [redacted]. Hes wanted in N.Y. and the Police were baffeled and couldn't find him .I checked with Senator Kennedy and he knows they couldn't find them or [redacted] other top man crook. [redacted] moved to Utica Michigan and lived on [redacted] another of [redacted] gets on the Michigan State Police Force and was able to conceal his criminal past and part in the kidnappin because of [redacted] got a hou and [redacted] got a house out of it. [redacted] may not have been shot and may have move to Florida.

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[redacted] other hoodlem frien was caught and sent to prison in New York State. His name was [redacted] or [redacted] or [redacted] I saw him even beating up Mr. Hoffa with his fists and so was [redacted] [redacted] cousin was [redacted] and his father they were the other ones in on the kidnapping. [redacted] bought a new house in Batterford or Bloomfield Hills with his cut of the money. [redacted] was in on it to and is the cousin or brother of [redacted] has a kidnapping history and a conviction.

[redacted] got the F.B.I. to trust him and the Hoffas too. [redacted] married [redacted] daughter and built a new hous with his cut of the ransom money.His wife was shot the first day they moved in to their new house I was told. [redacted] was the governments star witness and fooled them for years he was al w ays lying.

I blame the [redacted] and the [redacted] the most for what happened.They all had a hand in wh ppened and got out of what they did through polotical corruption.Now you have the knowle needed to see through [redacted] and [redacted] is the one I just remembered [redacted] worked with the Troy Police Dept as a legal Advisor and was the mother in law of [redacted] She covered up what they did and confuse th investigators.She also claimed to be the owner of [redacted]

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[redacted] was arsoned and a new resturant was rebuilt [redacted] and it was ar soned last year.

Further proof that these people were responsible can come from the murder of [redacted] or [redacted] was slain last year at the Berger King Resturant on Schoener and ten mile in Warren . The Same resturant where Dinaha Shore was slain and a cover up was don, she was the famous singer. She was slain by either [redacted] or [redacted] [redacted] was the other wone in on the kidnappin and says to me during the kidnapping that he was going to take the ransom money. He didn't know Ted Gratta also had a sceme to take the money too. [redacted] also was given1,000,000.00 dollars of the ransom money [redacted] gave it to her.Shes a five foot blonde haired attrative woman of 55yrs. her mother lives in Pennsylvania in [redacted] on the Alleganey River in a trailer park only one in the town on the banks of the river .She told me her daughter was giver the money.Her daughter swore infront of me and president George Bush that [redacted] gave her the money.They swore this in a donut shop at 696 and Schoener.in Warren Michigan and there were witnesses.

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At the kidnapping scene its self John Gotti had his men there one was Jimmy the Greek John Gotti had three sons I was told the exact number may be wrong,however whats important is that they were active members of the kidnapping too. They were there with [redacted] [redacted] was on the Grosse pointe Police Dept and latter shoots former Governor Jim Blanchards wife and Edward Kennedys wife.his mother was shot she was involved in the com toseing of Sunny Van Bulough the friend of Jackie Kennedy,who was from one of he eastern states.

Last year I was harrased by [redacted] at Lake view high school and [redacted] is t he xfr Art teacher and will tell you what a bad time I got from [redacted] my guitar teacher will concur. [redacted] is putting him up to this treatment because hes guilty and trying to st p me by causing me daily trouble even in an adult education class.mr. [redacted] son was kidnapped and killed by either [redacted] or [redacted] [redacted] stole the ransom money in his kidnapping t [redacted] told me what

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[redacted] did [redacted] is a ransom money thief who because of [redacted] was
nev r prosecuted.Both of those men are in the trust of the F .B.I. I hope at this
int you are beginning to see that they were in on it too. [redacted] took a sea Cruise around
e world with his wife after he stole [redacted] ransom money.Last year [redacted] is the art
eacher at [redacted] classes. [redacted] was trying to ge me thrown
ut of those classesl'm fifty years old.I really hope you chedk .
There is alot more involved in this exp ination but I'm going to make this a shor er
plination. I hope your Dept has Mr. Hoffas son talk to me for a more lengthy and prove
able discussion. I hope this letter gives you an in sight in your own dept as to why
u own Dept hasn't solved this kidnapping prior to this time. Simply don't make the xxx
me mistake agin and trust the people you trusted in the past. Believe me the [redacted]
d the [redacted] and the [redacted] have killed even more people to silence those voices
hat k now what they did . They shot as many witnesses as they could. Just to mention
e most important and most helpful I'll mention the murders of the [redacted] family
st year in Macomb County . They were friends of the [redacted]
[redacted] cousin [redacted] on the Macomb County Sherriffs Dept.
vered for the [redacted] during the kidnapping.his siste [redacted] Mur dered one of the
ailey at the Cle r Water Camp groun in Clarkston and she also murdered [redacted]
lawyer in [redacted] who w qs also one of the people involved in trying to save Jimmy
ffa. [redacted] shot his son too. agin proving guilt. I helped him figure out the kidnappin
d they shot him when he confronted the mabout it. [redacted] second cousin kille
other of the [redacted] killed [redacted] from Penn. a lawyer i talked to about
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ck was from Indiana Penn. [redacted] shot him and concieled what he did. [redacted] or [redacted]
t the head off of one of the [redacted] he may be another frien of the [redacted] or a relat
e. There was a another man named [redacted] I think he was a relative of the [redacted] he was
volved too. Last year fifteen of my friends were kidnapped and slain by the relative w

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of the [redacted] and the [redacted] covered up what happeded. also the [redacted].

These same people are behind the kidnappi ng what they did last year should be proof nough that they're untrust worthy and were considered during the kidnapping as being trus worthy. I hope this ~~xxxx~~ brief letter is enough for you dept to learn from it's mistakes and come up with the right plot this time. If I can be of further help I'd be happy to help in any way I can. I even tried to help in Washington and found it al most impossible to get the needed cooperation even to discuss the simpleest detail.

I got the runaround. Even there.

Respedtfully

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June 1, 1994

FBI
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477 Michigan Avenue
26th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Sir:

Just a note to let you know I've moved, but then you probably already know that! My new address is listed above.

I was looking at one of the pictures of Mr. Hoffa's car, that is J.R. Hoffa, and I noticed the license plate listed the letters HRH. Does that stand for Howard R. Hughes. Seems Mr. Hoffa knew everyone else under the sun, I'm sure knowing Mr. Hughes was a possibility.

The mid-70's is an interesting time period to follow.

1. Mr. Hoffa disappeared, 1975
2. Mr. Mark Donohue "died", 1975
3. Mr. Hughes died, 1976
4. Mr. Elmer George was murdered, 1976
5. Mr. Hulman "died", 1977
6. A plane load of USAC officials was killed, 1978 after races in Reding and Trenton, PA
7. CART (Championship Auto Racing Teams) and USAC (United States Auto Club) split in the on-going war of championship auto racing.

The picture I forwarded to you earlier of Mr. Penske,the unknown male to his right and the male in the rear, caught with his pants down was 1978. I can't help but believe there is a connection here somewhere. Maybe someone from the Penske organization could enlighten you, such as [redacted] or [redacted], or [redacted] or the unknown male in that picture, if anyone can figure out who he is. I've written to the Penske organization about that picture, but it seems they have broken fingers and can't write! I saw them walking around at the Speedway on the TV news reports. At least they don't have broken legs...yet!

One more interesting point, I believe [redacted] used to work for the Playboy organization. Seems like cotton tails and Hugh Hefner are into everything! I guess it's just coincidence that Hugh Hefner and Howard Hughes have the same initials.

If you ever find out anything more of Mr. Hoffa, would you please let me know. If you find his body, perhaps you could move him from place to place to see how many people you could catch.

I wonder if all this began in the early 50's. That's when Mr. Hughes had a complete change in personality and became a recluse. Perhaps he "died" much sooner than we think, and Mr. Hughes from 1953 or 1954 on was a fake.

So much for conjecture, at least it gives you something to think about. If the Feds ever need to

charter a flight, you might try American Trans Air. They have a sales office in Dearborn MI. [redacted] is the man you need to talk to. He knows me! If you just want to go to LAS, try Key Tours, they are ATA's main customer in DTW. If you'd like to fly out of MKE try [redacted] at Funway Holidays, I think he's still there.

Have a nice day and let me know if learn anything new about Mr. Hoffa.

Sincere[redacted]

[redacted]

P.S. If you're ever in Indianapolis, stop by [redacted] across from the [redacted] on a Thursday night 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., or Monday night 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. [redacted]

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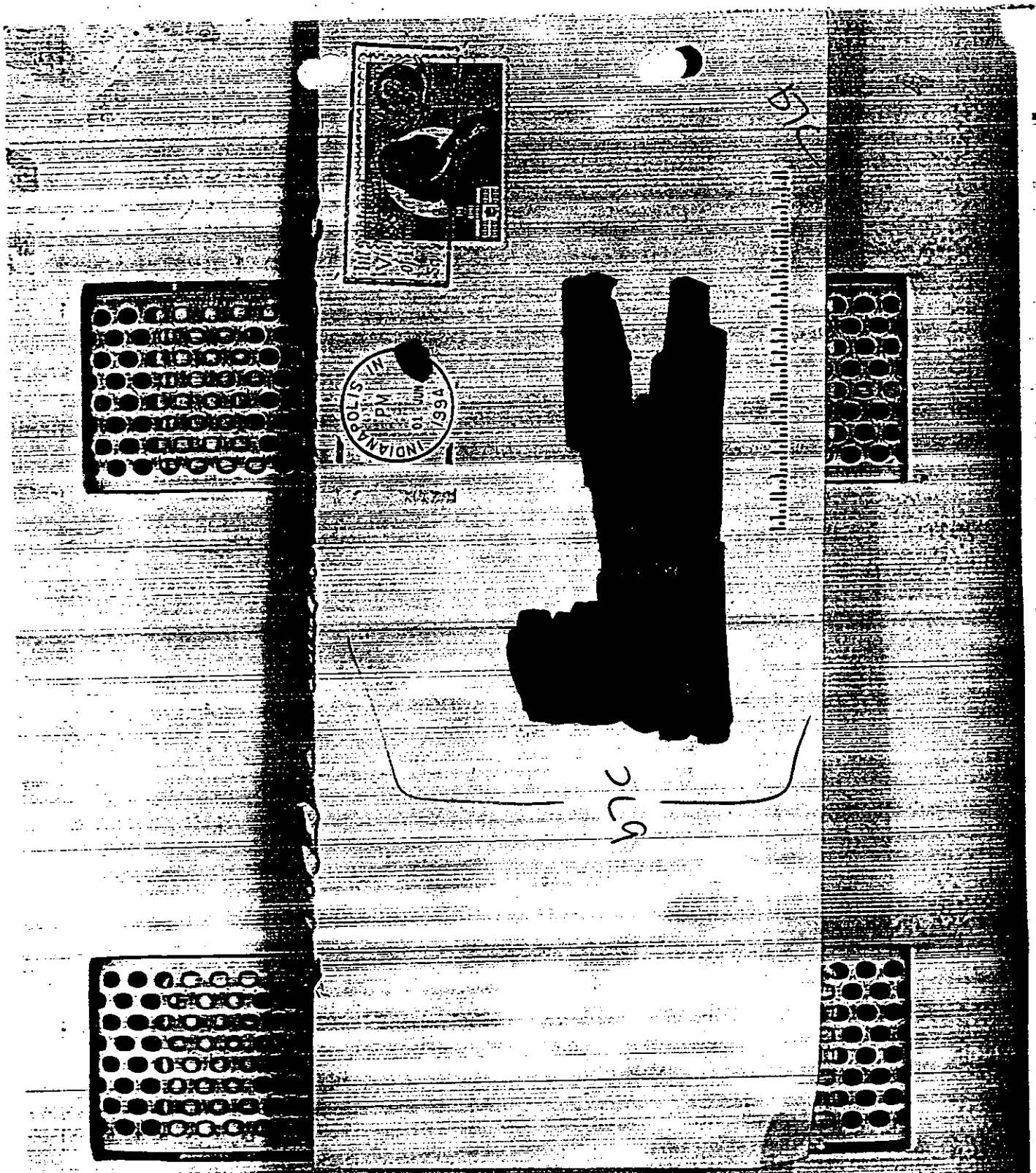
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Date 6/21/94

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)

FROM : SAC, Chicago Field Office (281A-DE-67821)

SUBJECT : HOFFEX;
OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit's teletype to Chicago dated 4/11/94.

Enclosed for Detroit is one (1) xerox copy of Chicago Police Department's report dated 3/12/94, detailing the arrest of [redacted] b7C

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On June 3, 1994, SA [redacted], Chicago Division, telephonically advised SA [redacted] of the following descriptive data of [redacted]

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Sex
Date of birth
Home address

Home telephone
Work address

Work telephone

[redacted]

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Memorandum

To : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) Date 7/16/94

b7C From : SA [redacted]

Subject: HOFFEX

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Date of transcription 8/18/94

[redacted], date of birth [redacted], Dearborn, Michigan, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview. She then provided the following information:

JIMMY HOFFA is buried in the basement of a farm house near the intersection of Pike and Kysar Roads near Ionia, Michigan. She was present in July of 1975 when a body was buried in the house's basement and another one in a mass grave. The mass grave is located in a corn field behind the house. One of the three people burying the bodies looked like JAMES P. HOFFA (Jr.). One of the other men was carrying a shotgun. After observing the burial she began to walk around the property, but she was hemmed in by a six foot barbed wire fence. At that time she was chased by a bull who kneed her in the back when they rolled down a hill together. The bull rolled off of her and then charged three small trees four times. On the fourth charge the bull collapsed and she escaped two and one half hours later by crawling under the fence where she deeply scarred her bottom, which she offered to show the interviewing Agents (the offer was declined). After escaping the bull she ran to a nearby white farmhouse (since destroyed) and saw an acquaintance, [redacted] (died in 1976). [redacted] let her in the house because she had to use the bathroom. While in the bathroom she cleaned the blood off her face and threw the towel on the floor and ran outside. [redacted] helped her drive away but mentioned during the drive that she and HOFFA would make great grave mates.

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by [redacted] and ARS:brs Date dictated 8/17/94

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On October 11, 1994, [redacted] was contacted by b2/b7D
SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and provided the b7C
following information:

Cooperating Witness (CW) advised that JAMES HOFFA was under the control of ANTHONY GIACALONE, SR. [redacted] at the time of his disappearance. Teamster Leader FRANK FITZSIMMONS was a close associate of the [redacted] b7C b7D

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Date 11/7/94

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (183-8533)
(Attn: [redacted] Room 6941; and
SSA [redacted], OC/DOS #2,
LCN/IOC/Labor Unit)

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)(P)(C-8)

SUBJECT : HOFFEX
(OO: DETROIT)

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Re telephone call from [redacted] FBIHQ, to SA [redacted] Detroit, 11/1/94.

Enclosed for the Bureau are copies of all communications from Detroit to FBIHQ since 8/1/93, re HOFFEX, as requested by [redacted]

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TO : DETROIT, FBI (281A-DE-67821)

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (281A-DE-67821) (RUC) (SQUAD 9)

SUBJECT : HOFFEX;
OO: DETROIT

Reference Detroit Teletype to all field offices, 5/25/93.

San Francisco Special Agent currently assigned to this matter has been on a TDY assignment since September, 1993. It was determined that no positive information regarding the whereabouts of JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE was developed prior to the SA's TDY assignment. Accordingly, no outstanding leads remain regarding this matter and it is being RUC'd.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM SA [redacted], DETROIT DIVISION, TO SSRA [redacted] DIVISION, FEBRUARY 9, 1995.

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SA [redacted] WILL BE [redacted] DURING FEBRUARY 12 - 14, 1995. SA [redacted] WILL TRY TO [redacted] IS BELIEVED TO HAVE [redacted] CONCERNING THE [redacted] JULY 30, 1975. SA

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On February 13, 1995, [redacted]

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February 13, 1995

Dear Mr. O'Brien;

Let me introduce myself. My name is Andrew Sluss, I am a FBI agent in Detroit. One of my case assignments is the disappearance of James R. Hoffa.

I believe that talking with you will assist the investigation. I am well aware that you are probably not the biggest fan of the FBI, but nonetheless your assistance in this case will be helpful.

I do not consider you a suspect in this matter.

If you would like an attorney present while we talk, that is fine.

Sincerely;

Andrew Sluss

Andrew Sluss
FBI
477 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 965-2323 Switchboard
(313) 237-4320 Direct line/voice mail

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 05/18/1995

To: Tampa **Attn:** SAC

From: Detroit
C-8 Squad
Contact: SA [redacted] Ext. [redacted]

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File Number(s): 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Document Content: Possible Polygraph Examination of FRANK RAGANO.

Title: HOFFEX
(OO: DETROIT)

Attachments: Attached for Tampa is a copy of pages 344-355 from RAGANO's book MOB LAWYER, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1994.

Details: FRANK RAGANO, attorney for former Teamsters President JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA, co-authored a book published in 1994. In the book, RAGANO claimed that LCN member SANTO TRAFFICANTE explained to RAGANO why and how HOFFA was kidnapped and murdered.

RAGANO has publicly stated he would take a FBI Polygraph Examination concerning if TRAFFICANTE actually told RAGANO the HOFFA kidnapping and murder story as related in the book. TRAFFICANTE allegedly told RAGANO this information four days prior to TRAFFICANTE's death during a heart bypass operation in March, 1987.

Detroit is interested in the RAGANO/TRAFFICANTE version of the HOFFA kidnapping as written [redacted] from the HOFFEX investigation and TRAFFICANTE's independent knowledge, if proven, should provide leads in this matter. RAGANO's last known residence is Tampa.

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To: Tampa From: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 05/18/1995

LEAD(s):

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AT TAMPA, FLORIDA:

Locate and interview FRANK RAGANO and determine if he is willing to take a Polygraph Examination.

CHAPTER 29
"MY HANDS WERE TIED"

The call came on a Friday morning, March 13, 1987. Over the telephone the thin, weary voice was almost unrecognizable, and it took several seconds for me to identify it as Santo's. He spoke in Sicilian, in uncustomary staccato phrases, and between long gasps I could hear him wheezing. "Frank, please come and see me today. Things are not good. I want to talk to you. It's very important."

To maintain our association on a businesslike basis, I suggested he come to my office.

"No, Frank, it's impossible. And I don't want to talk over the phone. Believe me, it's important."

Decades of association with Santo had taught me that he was a man of understatement. The formal barriers I had erected between us were steep and he would have been too proud to grovel for an urgent meeting unless the situation was grave. Seven months had passed since the RICO case, and we had not spoken after parting on the courthouse steps on the day the charges against him had been dismissed. Some two months after the trial, Nancy and I were dining at Lauro's restaurant when Santo, looking more robust than he had at the trial, walked in with several relatives and waved at us. I nodded back stiffly but Nancy refused to recognize his salutation. He sent a bottle of wine to our table that Nancy wanted me to send back. Not to cause a scene, I accepted the wine, with a curt nod to Santo.

Driving to his home on that Friday afternoon, I was unable to anticipate what new legal scrape he might be in. The labor-racketeering charges in Miami had been dropped and there had been no hint through the legal grapevine or in the newspapers that a new indictment was brewing

against him. Regardless of his problems, I was determined to reject him as a client. The RICO trial had been my court finale with Santo.

As I pulled into the driveway of his home in Parkland Estates, I wondered if the FBI still maintained an observation post a hundred feet away, on the other side of a triangular-shaped parklet that divided the roadway. Did they still bother to check periodically on license-plate numbers to determine who visited Santo, and did they still shadow him? The Parkland Estates had been one of Tampa's ritziest neighborhoods when Santo moved in, thirty-five years earlier, but new and more affluent waterfront developments supplanted it as one of the city's upscale sections. Santo's ranch-style home, with its yellow bricks and white-tiled barrel roof, still looked comfortable, but like the rest of the area it now seemed plain, middle class, and undistinguished.

For security purposes and to prevent lawmen from easily breaking into his home in a surprise raid, Santo had long ago installed a filigreed-metal gate at the front entrance. Later he also placed vertical metal bars on all the windows of the one-story house.

Josie opened the front door and, fiddling with keys, unlocked the gate. Ever the traditional wife, she wore a plain housedress. She looked drawn and worried, but before we could exchange greetings Santo stepped out of the shadows from the master bedroom in the rear of the foyer. Dressed in gray pajamas and a matching terry-cloth robe, he wobbled in a flat-footed gait rather than walked. He had aged radically. His cheeks were hollow, his skin wrinkled like parchment. He must have lost twenty or thirty pounds and weighed no more than 130, compared to his normal weight of 170 or 180 pounds in his prime. There was no longer any mystery about this emergency meeting. Santo was dying.

He welcomed me without a handshake or an embrace, indicating with a quick motion of his head that I should follow him into the crescent-shaped Florida or family room to the left of the foyer. The living room, decorated in French Provincial style, with brocade upholstered couches and chairs, and paintings of Paris street scenes on the wall, was on the right of the foyer. When we were *cumbati*, conversations in the living room dealt with banal matters that Santo considered uncompromising. The crescent-shaped room was where we discussed sensitive legal or financial affairs because Santo, for some reason, believed it was secure from electronic eavesdropping. The rattan furniture in the room could hold six or seven people comfortably, but during our private meetings, the room was off-limits to Santo's relatives. Although eight windows could provide ample light, the room was in semi-darkness with

venetian blinds and drapes drawn over each window.

"I want to talk to you privately," he said, flicking on the television. Even here, he always turned on the TV or radio to interfere with possible bugs. I sat in a chair, but Santo motioned me to sit next to him on the couch.

"Frank, there are a lot of things I have to tell you," he began. "You know I had a bypass operation about a year ago in Houston. I thought everything was going to be all right, but I've been having a lot of problems lately, a lot of chest pains. I've been taking a lot of Nitrostat. My arteries are clogged up all over again and I need another bypass surgery."

His voice was so feeble that the TV audio almost drowned him out, and I inched closer to hear more clearly as he continued talking slowly in Sicilian.

"My cardiologist tells me that if I don't have another bypass, I'll live maybe six months, a year at the most. If I have the bypass, I can have another two or three years. But my cardiologist and kidney specialist here in Tampa say my kidneys are so bad that I won't make it. I went to Houston where I had the first operation, and they tell me dialysis doesn't matter and I can have the surgery. So what it means is that if I don't have the operation, I'll live less than a year. If I have it and it's successful, I have another couple of years."

He had difficulty speaking and paused frequently to regain his breath.

"I decided to roll the dice and take my chances with the bypass. Frank, the chances are I won't be coming back. That's the reason I want to talk to you."

It was hard to believe that Santo would ever acknowledge a wrong, but I thought he was leading up to a deathbed apology for the harm he had caused me and my family. Instead he rambled on about his regrets concerning his own life.

"Looking back, I see I made a lot of mistakes. I thought we would never stop making all that money in Cuba; those were great times. But I made a mistake putting so much money into Cuba, and it wasn't fair to my brothers. Some of it was theirs. Who would have known that crazy guy, Castro, was going to take over and close the casinos?"

His thoughts turned to the Teamsters' pension-fund loans that both of us had been involved in. "We met a lot of crazy guys: Ashley, Rizzo, Steve in Las Vegas. Remember Ashley? You know, he gave me $3,000 cash every month for the hospital loan, and he even brought it

to Tampa when I was here. He was some guy. Every Christmas he gave me a big bonus. It was good pocket money."

I listened with dismay. For twenty years Santo collected $3,000 every month and a "Christmas bonus" for the Hialeah hospital loan, a deal in which Ashley had cheated me out of my share. Santo had secretly worked out a separate arrangement with Ashley. Had Santo given me $1,000 a month of that $3,000 when I was destitute, it would have been a lifesaver. He kept it for himself as mere pocket money.

Wrapped in his own reveries Santo was oblivious to how his hospital deal with Ashley, at my expense, might have affected me.

"Another thing, if I had to do it over again, I don't think I would get married. A man is better off without a wife and children. I should never have gotten close to the wives and children of people I do business with, because you come to like their families and when they do something wrong and you have to do something to them, you start worrying about their families."

It was another revelation. Santo was indirectly admitting that he had ordered the murders of disloyal members of his organization. The first name that came to mind was Joe Bedami, who had worked for Santo and had been my client before he vanished from the face of the earth in the early 1960s.

"We need to take a ride, Frank," he commanded sharply. In the past, an automobile trip was a signal that it was a matter of utmost secrecy.

He shuffled out of the room and returned quickly, still dressed in his pajamas and bathrobe. All he had added to his attire was a cloth cap.

"Aren't you dressing?" I asked.

"I can't," he explained, unbuttoning his pajama top to point to a colostomy bag, the size of a large orange, attached to the right side of his abdomen. "It's miserable and uncomfortable," he added morosely. Until then, I had been unaware that in addition to his other medical problems, he had undergone a colonectomy.

"Josie, we're going to take a ride," he announced, in the loudest voice he could muster, as he headed toward the door.

"You can't go out looking like that," she said, emerging from the kitchen, hesitating before she pulled out the key to the metal gate.

"I want to talk to Frank," he said in his old imperious manner.

"Look after him," Josie whispered to me in Sicilian.

The few steps down from the door to my car were difficult for him

to manage. If the FBI was watching he must have presented a strange sight: a shrunken old man, in billowing pajamas, an oversized bathrobe, and inelegant cap, tottering in slippers from his doorway. Without my help and after a slight struggle with the door, he seated himself with a sigh of fatigue in my gray Mercedes-Benz.

"Is there any particular place you want to go?" I asked.

"Wherever you feel like. I just want to talk."

The temperature was in the low eighties, a breezeless day with a velvet, azure sky. I drove toward Bayshore Boulevard, which was four or five minutes away. Curving gently around Hillsborough Bay, the boulevard was the most scenic road in Tampa. With only two traffic lights and little traffic, it would be an ideal route for our drive.

Santo began talking again about Cuba. "Remember I told you we would look back on those times, and they would seem like the good old days. You struggle all your life and then one day it's all over, Che, and you say, 'What happened to the time, where did it go?'"

For the first time since our split in 1976, he called me by the affectionate nickname he had given me—"Che."

The car was well insulated against outside noise and, without competition from a TV set, his voice was clearer. Suddenly, without a logical transition, his talk shifted to the Kennedys.

"That Bobby made life miserable for me and my friends. The biggest mistake of my life was not taking pictures of the president when he was in Cuba; that was a bad mistake." His memory was of the 1950s when he and his casino partner, Evaristo Garcia, had set up Senator John Kennedy in the Commodoro Hotel with three prostitutes in a room with a two-way mirror.

"Who would have thought that someday he would be president and he would name his goddamn brother attorney general? Goddamn Bobby. I think Carlos fucked up in getting rid of Giovanni—maybe it should have been Bobby."

To my astonishment, abruptly and without warning, he was confessing that he and Carlos Marcello had conspired to kill the president. "Giovanni" was John in Italian. I considered pulling over to a side street and parking so we could discuss this fully, but I drove on as he repeated the admission.

Those electrifying words—*Carlos é futtutu. Non duvevamu ammazzari a Giovanni. Duvevamu ammazzari a Bobby* ("We shouldn't have killed Giovanni. We should have killed Bobby,")—struck with the force of a sledgehammer. My thoughts whirled in confusion, and suddenly I realized that I was driving in a semi-trance. I steeled myself to pay attention to the

road and the oncoming traffic. A rational element in me cried out to stop, to listen, to flesh out in a careful, lawyerly fashion the details of Santo's involvement in the conspiracy and murder. But a contradictory impulse made me want to stifle all thoughts of Kennedy's death and my possible complicity in the assassination. Now the facts and clues that I had subconsciously suppressed for more than two decades could no longer be ignored: Carlos, Santo, and Jimmy undoubtedly had roles in Kennedy's death; they had planned to murder him and they used me as an unwitting accomplice in their scheme. Most likely I had delivered the message, or signal, from Hoffa that he was desperate to proceed with the assassination. Wrestling with conflicting emotions I was too stunned to ask coherent questions about Kennedy's death. The ritual I had practiced all those years when I had been intimidated and fearful of prying into Santo's Mafia business still controlled my tongue. I remained silent, crushed with humiliation, waiting for Santo to continue, although every word he had said about Kennedy was a stake driven into my heart.

We drove in silence for several minutes. Santo stared straight ahead, his hands trembling on his knees. He made no attempt to establish eye contact with me or to gauge my reaction to his revelations.

The four-and-a-half-mile drive on Bayshore Boulevard took about ten minutes. When I reached the northern end as we approached downtown Tampa, I made a U-turn. Perhaps as an escape mechanism to block out the harsh reality of Santo's disclosure, my mind flashed back to happier associations with Bayshore Boulevard. In my lifetime, almost every area of Tampa had been transformed or bulldozed by urban development. The only section that had not been inexorably altered was Bayshore Boulevard. Almost a half century ago, I bicycled along the boulevard, delivering newspapers to the stately white and pastel-colored homes that still existed—gracious houses that seemed as timeless as the bay. On the other side of the four-lane roadway, the clamoring gulls and cranes swooped over the water or rested on the railings along the promenade, the same place from which I, as a boy, gazed enviously at the full sweep of elegant homes, fantasizing that one day I also would have the wealth to live there. In high school and in my teenage years, Bayshore Boulevard had been the romantic setting for moonlight drives with girls, sentimental ballads playing on the car radio. The boulevard was a link to my innocent past, the time before I knew Santo Trafficante and before there was the slightest scar on my conscience.

Santo interrupted my musings by bringing up the subject of Jimmy

Hoffa. I was grateful that he was not talking about President Kennedy.

"Marteduzzo was a good man," Santo said. "Maybe I made a mistake there, too, Che. Maybe if I hadn't recommended you to my friends in Chicago to represent Marteduzzo you wouldn't have had all the problems you had."

For the first time in his recollections he hinted at regret for my difficulties, but he was twisting the facts. My representation of Jimmy might have added to the government's zeal to get me, but the main reason I became a target was because of my ties to Santo.

"He was a good man," Santo said wistfully of Jimmy. "It's a shame what happened to him."

Unlike the agony I felt hearing Santo admit to his part in the Kennedy assassination, I felt no guilt or self-condemnation about Jimmy's death, and for the first time in our three decades together I asked Santo a direct question about a Mafia mystery. "Santo, there is something you have to tell me," I said finally. "What did happen to Marteduzzo?"

He stared at the bay for a few seconds before replying. "My friends up North had become very close with Fitz, and it looked like Marteduzzo was going to win his case and come back to the union. My friends didn't want him back. They got along better with Fitz; he made more loans than Marteduzzo did. They didn't like him talking to that writer. They thought if Marteduzzo got back to the union he was going to make trouble for them, and they were worried that he was talking about the loans and saying he had the goods to send people to jail.

"You remember I told you to tell him not to say Fitz was making bad loans. It was dangerous. You remember me telling you that?"

"I do, and I talked to Marteduzzo about that," I said. "But Santo, the man couldn't have lived unless he got back in the union. That was his life, you know that."

"But Che, he trusted too many people and a lot of them double-crossed him. And you remember, just before he disappeared, I told you to tell him to be careful, not to do anything stupid. I knew what was going to happen, but I couldn't tell you because if word got back to my friends, I would have had a problem.

"When Marteduzzo put a bomb in Fitz's son's car, Fitz thought he'd gone crazy and that the next thing he'd try to do was to kill him. Fitz got in touch with Tony Pro [Anthony "Tough Tony" Provenzano]. He knew that Tony Pro hated Marteduzzo's guts. Tony Pro was a dangerous lunatic, crazy, out of control. You remember that fight he had with Marteduzzo in prison?

"Fitz met Tony Pro in Washington in a hotel room where Tony was staying. They talked and they decided they had to get rid of Marteduzzo before it was too late."

Santo stopped. He seemed to be collecting his breath before resuming. I kept driving the entire north-south length of Bayshore Boulevard, making U-turns at each end.

"A few days after he saw Fitz," Santo continued, "Tony Pro went to Detroit and had a meeting with Tony Jack [Anthony Giacalone]. They rode around in a car and Tony Pro told Tony Jack that it looked like Marteduzzo was losing his fucking mind and that he might try and kill Fitz. Then Tony Pro told Tony Jack that he had talked to the people in New York and it was all right with them to get rid of Marteduzzo. Tony Pro said that Tony Jack would have to get Chuckie to set Marteduzzo up because he trusted Chuckie and would go with him. That was the only way they thought they could get to Marteduzzo.

"Tony Jack didn't want to get Chuckie involved. He told Tony Pro that Chuckie is like family to him, like his nephew. [Chuckie's mother had been Tony Jack's lover.] He couldn't let anything happen to him. Tony Pro said, 'If you give me your word that Chuckie won't talk, then nothing will happen to him.' Tony Jack gave his word of honor that Chuckie would keep quiet after they took care of Marteduzzo.

"To get to Marteduzzo and to set up a meeting with him, they had to go through that guy with the limousine business, the guy Marteduzzo was partners with; I forget the guy's name."

Louis Linteau, I thought to myself. He was a former Teamster official in Pontiac who had served a prison term for extortion. When Jimmy disappeared, he was running an airport limousine service in Pontiac and Jimmy was his silent partner. Jimmy had been using him as a gofer to set up meetings with people.

Again, Santo had trouble breathing, and from the corner of my eye I saw him brush perspiration from his face. He halted for a few minutes before recovering his strength and his voice.

"In the meantime, Tony Jack got in touch with Chuckie and told him that he was setting up a meeting between Marteduzzo and Tony Pro to work out their problems. The afternoon of the meeting, Chuckie went by the parking lot at that restaurant near Detroit. Marteduzzo was expecting Tony Jack to pick him up and, when Chuckie drove up, Marteduzzo asked what the hell he was doing there. Chuckie told him that Tony Jack wanted him to pick Marteduzzo up because he didn't think it was a good idea for them to

be seen together in public. Chuckie said he was going to drive him to the meeting with Tony Pro and Tony Jack.

"Poor Chuckie; they used him. He didn't know what was going on, and he followed Tony Jack's orders and drove Marteduzzo to this gas station. It was empty—a closed gas station where they were supposed to meet Tony Jack. When they got to the gas station they drove to the rear. Tony Jack had picked it because the gas station was empty and there was a large billboard in the front, on the road, that made it impossible to see anything in the back of the station.

"Chuckie pulled around to the back of the building where the rest rooms were, and these two guys were waiting in a Lincoln, the Briguglio brothers."

"Who?" I interrupted.

"Sal Briguglio and his brother, Gabe; they're Tony Pro's men," Santo explained. "They were in the Lincoln and Marteduzzo got out and started walking toward the car. While he was walking Tommy Andretta . . ."

"Who's he," I asked.

"Tommy was another of Tony Pro's men," Santo said. "He'd been hiding in the rest room and he came out and put a gun next to Chuckie's head and he told him, 'Make one move and I'll blow your fucking brains out.'

"While he was saying this to Chuckie, Sal came out of the Lincoln with a gun pointed at Marteduzzo. Marteduzzo started running toward Sal, and the other brother came out of the other side of the Lincoln and got behind Marteduzzo and hit him on the back of the head with his gun. They hit him until he was knocked out and dragged him into the backseat of the Lincoln.

"They put a rope around his neck and choked him to death. Tommy was watching Chuckie and told him if he ever said anything he would be a dead man. He told Chuckie to get the hell away from there and Chuckie took off."

"What did they do with his body?" I asked.

"I don't know that and I never asked." Santo slumped in his seat and mumbled, "He was a good man. Maybe if you had gotten ahold of him, he'd still be alive today."

We had driven back and forth on Bayshore Boulevard for an hour, and Santo seemed exhausted. We returned to his home in silence. I pulled up as close as I could to his door and, for five or ten minutes, neither of us said a word. He looked drained, too fatigued to go on.

"Che," he finally whispered, "I knew how much you liked Marteduzzo. I wish I could have stopped it, but my hands were tied."

"Tell Josie to call me after the operation and let me know how you're doing," I said to break the silence that had crept over us again.

"Josie thinks I'm going to be back, but I don't think so."

He had trouble opening the door and alighted from the car with difficulty. After taking one or two faltering steps toward his house, he turned back, and leaned through the open car window. "Che, I guess this is good-bye. Che, please remember, there was nothing I could do about Marteduzzo. My hands were tied. *Capici?* [You understand?]"

I drove away, feeling more wretched than ever before in my life. Driving randomly, I wanted to reconsider everything he had said while it was fresh in my mind. During our long relationship Santo withheld information from me, but I had never known him to lie to my face. Now, with a life-threatening operation imminent, he would certainly relate the truth.

Racing through my mind were fragments of conversations with Santo, Carlos, and Jimmy that touched upon Kennedy's assassination—a kaleidoscope of events that now made sense. In my loyalty to the three men I had ignored basic logic and obvious hints: each of them had participated actively or behind the scenes in the assassination. They had been part of a conspiracy, or knew that one had been hatched against Kennedy's life. Most probably, Carlos and Santo plotted against the president for their own selfish reasons—not just to aid Jimmy Hoffa. Jimmy could not have intimidated or given orders to these powerful Mafia bosses. His personal war with the Kennedys may have influenced them, but it was not the sole factor guiding them.

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Santo's description of Hoffa's death and the reasons for his murder was undoubtedly accurate. The way he pictured Jimmy trying to hurl himself at the gunman dovetailed perfectly with the explanation Jimmy had offered after he was shot by a pellet gun in the Nashville courtroom: always charge a gunman and flee from an assailant with a knife, he had advised so confidently.

Santo knew beforehand that a hit was planned. Days before Jimmy disappeared, Santo had urged me to warn Jimmy of an imminent threat. In addition to being guilt-ridden about President Kennedy's assassination, I now bore the remorse of having failed to alert Jimmy. It was small consolation to know that even if I had contacted him, my vague warning probably would have gone unheeded. He was obsessed

with challenging Fitz, and the Northern mobsters were determined to eliminate him. Nevertheless, I had misread Santo's alarm and had tried only halfheartedly to reach Jimmy on the telephone.

Deep in the recesses of Santo's conscience, he perhaps understood that he was responsible for the death of a president and an incalculable alteration of history. But he showed no contrition for the consequences of that act; he could only regret that the Kennedys had created problems for him. His confession was as cold-blooded, unrepentant, and selfish as the ethos that had governed his life.

It had escaped his attention that he had betrayed me and caused suffering to my family. I could never forgive him for hiding facts about Sam Rizzo's Mafia background, steering me into a tax-evasion conviction, and then discarding me when I needed financial help.

No apology was forthcoming from him, no gratitude for my having helped him escape from Fidel Castro's firing squad and from prison sentences in the United States. What he had offered were unremorseful explanations for his actions and always that lame excuse, "My hands were tied." Those were the identical words he used when it was a question of standing by me in the tax-evasion investigation or protecting Rizzo, the man his Northern pals wanted to safeguard.

"My hands were tied" was his rationale for permitting the murder of Jimmy Hoffa.

Enfeebled and ill, he had no one but me to talk to and confide in. Carlos Marcello, his most trusted Mafia ally, was in prison. Santo had always withheld his darkest secrets from his brothers and the underlings in his organization, believing they were too unreliable or unintelligent to be confidants. He still viewed me as the protégé who would be sympathetic to his egotistical musings on life, someone he could burden with his problems. That was my legacy from him.

Santo, who had always frowned on raw profanity, had uncharacteristically used it when speaking of the Kennedy assassination and Hoffa's murder. He was shedding the restraints of a lifetime. For the first time he had spoken freely, and in crude language, of Mafia crimes.

That weekend I researched the backgrounds of the men Santo had identified as the killers of Jimmy Hoffa. There were two Briguglio brothers who had been close to Tony Pro—Salvatore, known as "Sally Bugs," and Gabriel, called "Gabe." The third man, Tommy Andretta, was another enforcer in Provenzano's family. The trio had been among a score of Provenzano's men who had been questioned and released by the FBI in the early days of the Hoffa investigation.

Three years after Jimmy's disappearance, in March 1978, Sally Bugs was gunned down by two hooded men on a street corner in New York's Little Italy section. Later that year, Tony Pro, Gabe Briguglio, and Tommy Andretta were each sentenced to long prison terms for labor racketeering. Tony Pro never completed his sentence, dying of a heart attack in prison.

On the Sunday after our meeting, Santo flew to Houston and entered the Texas Heart Institute. Two days later, on Tuesday, March 17, 1987, Santo's son-in-law Augie Paniello called me at the office. "The old man died," he said. Santo, at the age of seventy-two, had failed to survive the bypass operation.

A private funeral was held for him at the L'Unione Italiana Cemetery, a burial ground established by an Italian immigrants' fraternal association from Ybor City. More than a hundred relatives and invited mourners watched as his silver-colored coffin, blanketed with red roses, was interred in a vault in an above-ground mausoleum.

Santo's loyal followers from his organization attended. But none of the new breed of Mafioso dons from other cities came or sent a representative to show their respect, a time-honored Mafia tradition when a major Cosa Nostra figure dies a natural death. Santo's generation of godfathers—Sam Giancana from Chicago, Tommy Lucchese and Carlo Gambino from New York—were dead. His *cumbate* and closest ally, Carlos Marcello, was in prison.

There was no church service or requiem mass. At the cemetery, I looked on as a prayer for Santo's soul was offered by a priest, Monsignor Lawrence Higgins, who may have summarized his existence in a handful of words:

"A lot of people judged him on earth. But the final judge will be God."

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Date 7/5/95

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (281A-DE-67821) (SQ. 5) (RUC)

SUBJECT : HOFFEX
OO:DETROIT

ReDEairtel to TP, 5/18/95.

Enclosed for Detroit is the original and one copy of an FD-302 reflecting the interview of FRANK RAGANO.

As stated in the FD-302, RAGANO advised he would not take a polygraph concerning information which was contained in Chapter 29 of his book entitled Mob Lawyer. RAGANO stated he stands by the information as being accurate and would truthfully testify in a court of law concerning the information if needed. RAGANO also stated that he always, as an attorney, advised his clients not to take a polygraph examination, and he would follow his own advice at this time.

In view of the fact that no further investigation remains outstanding in Tampa, this matter is being considered RUC.

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FRANK RAGANO was contacted on June 22, 1995 and furnished the following information:

Special Agent [redacted] directed FRANK RAGANO'S attention to Chapter 29 of his book, Mob Lawyer. This chapter is captioned "My Hands Were Tied". RAGANO stated he stood by the information which was contained in Chapter 29 as being accurate, however, he would not take a polygraph concerning the information. RAGANO stated that as an attorney, he always advised his clients never to take a polygraph examination due to the interpretation of the results by various polygraph examiners. RAGANO stated he would follow the advice he gave his clients and refused to take the polygraph examination. RAGANO, however, did state that he would be more than willing to truthfully testify in a court of law concerning the information contained in Chapter 29 of his book captioned Mob Lawyer.

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by SA [redacted] jjk Date dictated 6/27/95

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SA [redacted] and Evidence Control Technician (ECT) [redacted] SA [redacted] and ECT [redacted] wore protective gloves, overalls, and caps. [redacted] were used as follows:

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by SA [redacted] brs Date dictated 7/21/95

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 08/02/1995

To: FILE

From: SAC JOSEPH D. MARTINOLICH, JR.
SAC SQUAD
Contact: SAC

File Number(s): 80-DE-63801
80-DE-73065

Document Content: MEDIA CONTACT

Title: SAC LIAISON
PRINT MEDIA
OAKLAND PRESS NEWSPAPER
7/27/95

Details: This memo is to confirm that on 7/27/95, I was interviewed by Mr. Joseph Szczesny, "Oakland Press." The purpose of the interview was the 20th anniversary of the disappearance of James Hoffa and Mr. Szczesny's questions relating thereto.

I confirmed with this reporter that FBI Detroit continues to have a pending case relating to this matter and that we still receive active leads which we follow up on relating to this major case. I advised that I could not comment on any details whatsoever beyond the above.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Credit SAC with 1 media contact.

Drafted By: MARTINOLICH JOSEPH D JR/pjw

Approved By: MARTINOLICH JOSEPH D JR

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Memorandum

To : SAC, DETROIT (80-DE-63801) Date 7/21/95

From : SA [redacted] b7c

Subject: MEDIA APPEARANCES BY DETROIT PERSONNEL

On Friday, 7/21/95, SAC JOSEPH D. MARTINOLICH, Jr., was interviewed on-camera by VINCE WADE, WJBK TV-2, Southfield, Michigan, at the Detroit FBI Office. SAC MARTINOLICH was interviewed regarding the disappearance of JIMMY HOFFA and the status of this matter with the FBI inasmuch as the 20th anniversary of his disappearance will be July 30, 1995. (X) Deny

This interview of SAC MARTINOLICH will be part of a four-part series TV-2 plans to air on the HOFFA case beginning Sunday, July 30, 1995.

Credit SAC MARTINOLICH with on-camera TV interview.

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In August, 1995, a caller, who identified himself as [redacted], telephone number [redacted] telephonically advised SA [redacted] of the following:

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JIMMY HOFFA is stuffed in an old house at [redacted] Waterford, Michigan. [redacted] knows this because there is a terrible smell in the house and he watches X-Files and has ESP dreams.

[redacted] resides at [redacted] Michigan.

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Memorandum

To : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (P) (C-8) Date 9/25/95
b7c (ATTN: SSA [redacted]

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: HOFFEX;
(OO: DETROIT)

Re telcall between SA [redacted] Kalamazoo Resident Agency, and SA [redacted] Squad C-8, on 8/17/95 concerning above captioned matter.

As discussed during referenced telcall, instant date, Detective [redacted], ST. JOSEPH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, Centerville, Michigan, telephone number [redacted] telephonically advised the writer that while speaking with an individual by the name of [redacted] a reference was made to a past conversation wherein [redacted] supposedly told a Detective [redacted] (circa 1981) that [redacted] had made an admission to [redacted] that he ([redacted] participated in the murder of JIMMY HOFFA.

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In summary, [redacted] claims to have killed JIMMY HOFFA and dumped his body in a paper factory in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Through St. Joseph County investigation, it was learned that [redacted] Later, [redacted] is reported to have personally told [redacted] that it was HOFFA that he had killed.

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b7c [redacted] stated that he was not in a position to qualify the veracity of [redacted] statement, however, based on information to date, he had no reason to disbelieve that the statement was made. However, he obviously is not in a position to verify the veracity of the words [redacted] is alleged to have communicated to [redacted]

This communication is submitted for informational purposes only, and the Kalamazoo Resident Agency will take no further investigative action.

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On September 25, 1995, SA [redacted] conducted the following investigation:

[redacted] Michigan [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was contacted because he had advised United States Attorney SAUL GREEN that [redacted] client of his had information concerning the disappearance of JAMES R. HOFFA.

b7c [redacted] advised that [redacted] approximately [redacted] years of age, his client, claimed that he drove the vehicle as HOFFA was kidnapped; that HOFFA's killer was present in the car, and he knows where HOFFA is buried.

[redacted]

In return for locating HOFFA's body and testifying against the killer, [redacted] wants [redacted] and $25,000.00; [redacted] will take a Polygraph regarding this information, however, he wants total immunity in the HOFFA matter before he takes the Polygraph test. [redacted] last requirement would be that if a trial were held he would want to be housed "in the country" not at a place certain. [redacted] does not want to be placed in the Witness Protection Program.

Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), Strike Force Chief, KEITH E. CORBETT, was contacted and advised of the above. AUSA CORBETT agreed that he will speak to [redacted] attorney, [redacted] to work out informal immunity for [redacted] limited to the HOFFA abduction in return for [redacted] taking the Polygraph.

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On May 25, 1995, the following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b7c

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Source stated that he/she was aware that former TEAMSTER boss JIMMY HOFFA was killed by guys in [redacted]

Source indicated that one of the main people who had it in for HOFFA was former TEAMSTER President FITZSIMMONS. [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 12/13/1995

To: Detroit

From: SSRA [redacted]
Grand Rapids RA

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA;
HOFFEX

Synopsis: This communication summarizes contacts with a potential informant, who desires to remain anonymous, who states that he can provide positive information regarding the disappearance and death of Hoffa.

Details: In 1992, source who is known to me from having [redacted] contacted me at that time inquiring as to the availability of complete anonymity being provided by the FBI if he had significant information that he wanted to pass to the FBI. At that time, the source was advised that such anonymity could be guaranteed. Between 1992 and 1995, no further contact was initiated by source.

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In October, 1995, source telephonically contacted me and asked if I recalled the above noted conversation. He indicated that he wanted to send me some information and again inquired about anonymity. At that point, he indicated that he would send information and a request.

On 11/8/95, I received a letter from source which indicated that he could solve the Hoffa case for the FBI. However, the terms which were set forth in the proposal were essentially that the FBI agree to pay source $ 4 million upon determining that his information was accurate and true and an additional million dollars for each arrest and conviction in the case. The communication provided no factual basis which would establish that the source knows anything about the Hoffa case.

I ANNISH THAT [redacted] SSA AKA (C-S-SABLOSS) AKA ROBERT + WILLING TO TALK TO THIS SOURCE.

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b7C To: Detroit From: SSRA [redacted]
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 12/13/1995

During the latter part of November, source contacted me telephonically to determine whether or not the letter had been received and what the FBI's response was. Source was advised at that time that the FBI does not provide money for information "on the come" and indicated to the source that he would have to have some significant information, perhaps including physical evidence, to generate enough interest in pursuing discussion concerning any significant payment, let alone payment of $4 million dollars.

The source stated that he is confident that he can provide information which will lead to the solution of the Hoffa case. Although he did not offer any specifics, he stated that he believes that the Bureau has conducted an exhaustive investigation and he has followed many aspects of the case. He is familiar with a number of the personalities under suspicion by the FBI and knows many details of the case as determined through discussion with him after my reviewing the case synopsis provided by the case agent. Source advised that while the Bureau's investigation to date has been thorough, we have not been looking in the right place, ie. the disappearance of Hoffa and his murder are not connected in any way with traditional organized crime or the Teamsters Union. [redacted] Beyond this information, source has not provided anything further of significance on which to base an opinion as to the worth of his information.

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Shortly following this conversation, the matter was discussed with Detroit SSA [redacted] ASAC John Bell, and FBIHQ SSA [redacted]. It was determined that it is prudent to pursue the potential information which this source potentially possesses. However, the monetary demands of the source are unrealistic.

On 12/13/95, I recontracted source and advised that the FBI is willing to meet and talk with him at any time but that until such time as some significant information is furnished there can be no agreement as to monetary compensation and that, under any circumstances, it is very unlikely that the Bureau would meet the monetary expectations in this matter which source has.

Sources monetary expectations are based on a combination of reasons. First, he states that his current personal net worth can be documented at between [redacted]

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dollars. He believes that if he furnishes the information in his possession that the individuals responsible for the disappearance of Hoffa will quickly determine who the source is and he will have to go in to hiding outside of the country and have to abandon his assets. Source is uninterested in any aspect of the government's witness protection program. Second, he contends that the solution of this case should be a matter of pride for the FBI and opines that the Bureau has probably spent much more than $4 million on the investigation of this matter to date without any significant success. Source contacted me because at the time of our first series of meetings associated with [redacted] he was of the opinion that because of my position as a representative of the FBI and Attorney General I would have direct access to the Directors office and/or the highest levels of the Bureau.

In our discussion, I countered with the proposal that instead of paying the source $4 million, the FBI could work with him to ensure his property and interests are protected in the event that he had to go into hiding. I pointed out that, under his proposal, even if he had to flee he would still maintain all of his assets or be able to transfer them and his argument concerning his personal position was not realistic.

The sources final position in this discussion was that he would meet with any knowledgeable representative of the FBI and tell his complete story and continue to make himself available at any time and at any place. The FBI would have as long as it wanted to determine the veracity and accuracy of his information through discussions and investigation. If the information that he provides is not completely truthful and verifiable, the FBI owes him nothing. However, should his information prove to be accurate, reliable, and a case prosecutable he would then be entitled to $4 million dollars, plus an additional $1 million for each arrest and conviction.

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Memorandum

To : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)(P) Date 12/20/95

From : SA [redacted] b7c

Subject: HOFFEX

[redacted] Writer requests a polygraph examination for [redacted] approximate year of birth [redacted] regarding his role in the abduction, murder and burial of JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA. SA [redacted] has scheduled the polygraph for January 30, 1996.

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The polygraph exam is neither being used as a initial screening device nor in lieu of logical investigation.

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1 - SA [redacted] b7c

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

477 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48226
January 24, 1996

Warden [redacted]

Dear Warden [redacted]

Inmate [redacted], inmate number [redacted] has agreed to take a Polygraph Examination administered by the FBI on January 30, 1996. We have tentatively scheduled the examination for 11:00 a.m., if that time is amenable to you and your correctional facility's routine.

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The Polygraph examiner has requested a [redacted] that has a chair with arms, a power outlet, a table or desk, and that is [redacted] b2

The FBI examiner will be SA [redacted], and SA [redacted] will accompany him.

Very truly yours,

J. D. Martinolich, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge

b7c By: [redacted]
Supervisory Special Agent

1 - Addressee (faxed)
1 - Detroit (281A-DE-67821)
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281A-DE-67821-1008

(06/01/1995)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 05/28/1996

To: Detroit

From: Cleveland
Toledo Resident Agency (TRA)
Contact: SA [redacted]

b7c **Approved By:** [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] nac

Case ID #: 281A-CV-48188-N (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
ET AL;

Synopsis: [redacted] subject of an ITS matter advised through his attorney, [redacted] knowledge of organized crime matters.

Details: During the week of 05/20/1996, SA [redacted] was meeting with [redacted] on an unrelated matter when [redacted] advised he also represented [redacted]

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[redacted] did not supply all information that [redacted] claimed to know, in fact, only supplied highlights, but claimed that [redacted] had told him that [redacted] was discussing the death of Jimmy Hoffa and advised that a [redacted] (phonetic) [redacted] of Hoffa. [redacted] also apparently had stated that [redacted] (phonetic) had [redacted] " and [redacted] then referred to [redacted] as a [redacted] ". [redacted] claimed that Hoffa's [redacted] Hoffa [redacted]

On 05/24/1996, [redacted] contacted SA [redacted] at the FBI Office, Toledo, Ohio, to inquire who was coming to talk to him about this matter and at that time he was informed that this information would be forwarded to Detroit Division. [redacted] was

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To: Detroit From: Cleveland
Re: 281A-CV-48188-N, 05/28/1996

asked and responded that he had personal conversation with [redacted] as they both have a common associate.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]

Information is being supplied to Detroit Division for whatever follow up is deemed necessary.

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Date of transcription 07/02/1996

[redacted], Michigan, was advised of the interviewing Agents' identity and the purpose of the interview. He then provided the following information:

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[redacted] and [redacted] discussed [redacted], the Detroit arrests and Hoffa. [redacted] said [redacted] was going to testify against Giacalone, that Hoffa was put in the trunk of a car, taken to an Italian restaurant, the name of which started with an [redacted] forgot the full name of the restaurant). Hoffa was killed, incinerated, and his ashes were destroyed.

Investigation on 06/13/1996 at [redacted], Michigan

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b7C SAs [redacted] and [redacted] / ARS:brs

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Continuation of FD-302 of [redacted], On 06/13/1996, Page 2

[redacted] has also told [redacted] watched the Hoffa kidnapping/murder on June or July 30. [redacted] unsure if it was June or July.

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The following descriptive data was obtained by interview and observation:

Name
Race
Sex
Date of birth
Place of birth
FBI#
Height
Weight
Home address

[redacted]

Telephone: [redacted]

Memorandum

To : SAC DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (P)
ATTENTION SA [redacted]

Date 7/1/96

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: HOFFEX
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Request for polygraph examination.

[redacted], date/place of birth [redacted] claims to have overheard conversations [redacted], from people involved in the HOFFA kidnapping/murder. [redacted] claims he has discussed some specifics of the kidnapping/murder with [redacted] and [redacted] agreed to take a polygraph examination concerning his claims.

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(06/01/1995)

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Precedence: PRIORITY **Date:** 10/09/1996

To: DETROIT (INFO.)
JACKSONVILLE

From: LOS ANGELES
CE-6
Contact: SSA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] pwm

Case ID #: 62-0 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Synopsis: [redacted] allegedly has information regarding a plot to kidnap JAMES HOFFA.

Enclosures: Enclosed for Detroit is the original letter from [redacted] dated 9/12/96 and enclosed for Jacksonville is a copy of [redacted] letter dated 9/12/96.

Details: On 9/30/96, Los Angeles received the enclosure from the Los Angeles Sheriffs Department. In the enclosure, [redacted] indicates that he had knowledge of a plot to kidnap ~~and murder~~ HOFFA.

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To: JACKSONVILLE From: LOS ANGELES
Re: 62-0, 10/09/1996

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

JACKSONVILLE

AT RAIFORD, FLORIDA

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Interview [redacted] regarding any information regarding the HOFFA disappearance.

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Third party letter to Los Angeles County Sheriff (Letter in the personal handwriting of Source)

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On November 5, 1996, SA [redacted] received the attached letter from [redacted]

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On January 30, 1996, [redacted] failed an FBI Polygraph regarding the Hoffa kidnapping/murder.

All letters from [redacted] are being retained only for completeness of the file.

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October 29, 1996

Saul Green, U.S. Attorney
211 W. Fort St.
Ste. 2300
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: Information on Hoffa Case

Dear Mr. Green,

Just to keep you up on what is happening in the probe we are conducting on our own, private divers have spent several weekends in the river where I drew them a map to look for the remains of J.H, as I told your people.

It seems they have found one piece of evidence that relates to my description of what was on the remains. They have also "dropped" an animal carcass weighted as the remains were to see where the current would have carried it. These divers are very devoted to finding our proof and will notify our people by cell phone when they do.

Arrangements have also been made for me to take a certified polygraph exam by a private examiner.

Investigations have also turned up proof of registration to a vehicle used.

When we make positive discovery, I am sure your office will be notified, as well as the new Oakland county prosecutor's office.

Thank you for your time.

Respectively

[redacted]

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cc: E. Correll
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This man failed an FBI polygraph

[redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 11/12/1996

To: Detroit

From: Detroit
Squad C-8
Contact: SA [redacted] Ext. [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:brs

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

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Synopsis: Interview [redacted] regarding an overhear [redacted]

Enclosures: Copy of letter from [redacted] and [redacted]

Details: On 10/10/1996, the enclosed letter was received by FBI Detroit. The letter writers, [redacted] and [redacted] They claim they overheard conversations between [redacted] and [redacted] concerning the Hoffa kidnapping/murder. They also claim that they had a conversation with [redacted] concerning the Hoffa case and a "Rat".

Recently [redacted] was Polygraphed concerning [redacted] making statements at [redacted] concerning [redacted] involvement in the Hoffa kidnapping/murder. It was the opinion of the Polygrapher that [redacted] was not being deceptive about these statements.

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FBI — DETROIT

To: Detroit From: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 11/12/1996

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

DETROIT

AT MILAN, MI

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Interview [redacted] and [redacted] regarding their overhears of [redacted] and [redacted] Attempt to substantiate or refute their claims.

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Third party letter to the FBI's Detroit Field Office
This letter is handwritten by the writer.

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Precedence: PRIORITY **Date:** 11/15/1996

To: ✓Detroit
Los Angeles **Attn:** SSA [redacted] CE-6

From: Jacksonville
Squad 6
Contact: SSA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:csw

b7C **Case ID #:** 281A-DE-67821-1013 (Pending)
LA 62-0 - 64646

Title: [redacted]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis: Jacksonville is holding in abeyance inteview of [redacted] UACB by Detroit. Jacksonville not in receipt of enclosure from Los Angeles.

Reference: 281A-DE-67821 Serial 1013
LA 62-0 Serial 64646

Details: Jacksonville is holding in abeyance interview of [redacted] until Detroit as OO evaluates information provided by [redacted] re HOFFA. Jacksonville did not receive enclosure from Los Angeles in referenced communication.

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The attached was written by [redacted] who has previously failed a Polygraph on this matter. This is being kept for the completeness of the file.

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Third party letter to a consulting company in which the third party request that the contents of the letter be kept Confidential (Express Confidentiality); however that company provided letter to FBI.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/23/1996

To: Detroit

Attn: SA [redacted] b7C
(Squad C-8)

From: [redacted]
Squad C-8/AARA
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:mpl mpl

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: No effort being made to interview [redacted] and [redacted] Reasons set forth below.

Reference: 281A-DE-67821 Serial 1015

Details: On 10/10/1996, [redacted] directed a letter to [redacted] Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Hal N. Helterhoff regarding information they purport to have concerning the [redacted] and J. Hoffa case." In this letter they claimed to have overheard a conversation between [redacted] and [redacted] well-known OC member from the Eastern part of the United States. Both claimed to have overheard [redacted] say to [redacted] it's good that Tony Pro is dead because now they will never be able to put the Hoffa case together." Purportedly this conversation occurred in July 1996. [redacted] According to the letter directed to [redacted] SAC Helterhoff, [redacted] and [redacted] were [redacted] when [redacted] told them "Tony Pro ordered the hit" on Hoffa.

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It is unlikely that [redacted] would make any statement to [redacted] in the presence of or within hearing distance of [redacted] and [redacted] It is less likely that [redacted] would have any information about the murder of Hoffa. Under no circumstances could [redacted] be considered a reliable informant, as both the writer and SA [redacted]

The letter directed to former SAC Helterhoff ends, "We hope this information will help your investigation, and we look forward to talking with a team from your office soon."

Contact was made with Special Investigations Section (SIS) [redacted] who provided additional

281A-DE-67821-10

To: Detroit [redacted]
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 12/23/1996

information on 12/20/1996:

[redacted]

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U.S. Secret Service (USSS) Agent [redacted] advised on 12/19/1996 she and USSS Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted]

On 12/23/1996 SIS [redacted] informed that [redacted]

It is recommended this interview not be conducted. It it would give credibility to [redacted] and [redacted] and generate needless interviews in the Detroit Division and in other field offices. It is clear that [redacted] and [redacted] will offer their services to any agency although their motivation is unknown at this time.

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(12/31/1995)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/10/1997

To: Detroit

Attn: SSRA [redacted]
Grand Rapids RA

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From: [redacted]
Squad C-8
Contact: Ext. [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:brs

b2 Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Lead to re-contact potential source.

Reference: 281A-DE-67821 Serial 1006

Administrative: Re EC from SSRA [redacted] dated 12/13/1995.

Details: SSRA [redacted] advised in the above referenced EC, that he had contact with a potential source in this matter. SSRA [redacted] noted that this person only initiated sporadic contact with him and was reluctant to provide the information concerning James R. Hoffa. The potential source had indicated that the information concerning Hoffa was "accurate and true".

SAT LEAD FOR GRAND RAPIDS 4/10/97

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APR 10 1997

To: Detroit From: [redacted] b7C
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 04/10/1997

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

DETROIT

AT GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Locate, contact and arrange cooperation with potential source.

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Identification Record Request
FD-9 (Rev. 4-14-80)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. *This form may be submitted in legible hand printing.*
2. *Use separate form for each individual on whom record is requested.*
3. *Make effort to furnish FBI identification number, law enforcement identification number, or military service number.*
4. *Furnish descriptive data and fingerprint classification only when FBI number not available.*
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6. *Indicate office for reply in lower right corner. Also list all offices which should receive copy of record. Include copy of FD-9 for each such office and forward with original to Bureau.*
7. *Do not fill in block in lower left corner.*

To: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Date: 7-14-94

Re: HOFFEX

Field File No. 281A-DE-67821

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name: JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA

FBI No.

Other No.

Aliases: JIMMY HOFFA, JIMMY R. HOFFA

Sex	Race	Birth Date	Birthplace	Residence
M	W	2-14-13	Brazil, Indiana	

Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Age
5-5	180	Heavy	Grey	Blue		

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

UNABLE TO CONDUCT NAME SEARCH DUE TO SUBJECTS DOB [illegible] PROVIDES [illegible] OF CRIMINAL [illegible] INDIVIDUALS 79 YEARS OF AGE OR LESS.

Please Search:

- [X] Criminal Files
- [X] Civil Files

Also Furnish:

- [ ] Photo
- [X] Fingerprints
- [ ] Handwriting Specimens

Identification Division's Reply

- [ ] On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:
  - [ ] Criminal Files
  - [ ] Civil Files
- [ ] Record Attached
- [ ] Photo Attached
- [ ] Photo Not Available
- [ ] Fingerprints Attached
- [ ] Handwriting Specimen Attached

Return Reply to:

SAC, DETROIT

Attention: SA [redacted]

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Washington, D.C. 20537

Date: MAY 22 1995 1527

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FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING
477 MICHIGAN AVENUE
DETROIT,MI 48226-2518

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- ☐ We do not include information unsupported by fingerprints in our files.
- ☐ Finger impressions on attached card are identical with those on file for subject of attached record; however, the description data on the card evidently pertains to another individual.
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- ☐ Finger impressions are identical with those on file for subject of FBI No _____; however, name and description are similar to information on file of subject of FBI No _____. A copy of each record is attached.
- ☐ Search by name only has been conducted with negative results.
- ☐ Fingerprint search has been conducted with negative results.
- ☐ Essential information omitted; ☐ name, ☐ sex, ☐ descriptive data, ☐ DOB, ☐ fingerprints, ☐ person to be notified in case of emergency.
- ☐ Submit ten finger impression fingerprint card (refer to our letter to all fingerprint contributors dated 6/17/85, copy attached).
- ☐ Fingerprint card with nonserious offense/no arrest charges.
- ☐ Fingerprint card with missing/incorrect contributor's name and number.
- ☐ Fingerprint illegible - submit another fingerprint card.
- ☐ REJ/50 - Transaction received for processing matches NFF record from your state.
- ☐ REJ/51 - SID on file different than SID on print.
- ☐ REJ/52 - SID previously established for another FNU.
- ☐ REJ/53 - SID missing for NFF participant.
- XXXXXXX Other: DATE OF BIRTH TOO OLD

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After making appropriate changes and/or additions, please resubmit. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Criminal Justice Information Services Division

Enclosure(s)

FBI/DOJ

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The following investigation was conducted by SSA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on April 21, 1997, at Detroit, Michigan:

[redacted] was contacted and advised that he/she ← b2/b7D recently talked to [redacted] also known as (aka) [redacted] Source was informed by [redacted] that the Government's case against [redacted] will be convicted. [redacted]

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The government has been after both [redacted] since the death of Jimmy Hoffa. [redacted] The government is attempting to convict [redacted]

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[redacted]

281A-DE-67821-1021

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 281A-DE-67821

James T. Foley Courthouse
445 Broadway
Albany, NY 12207-2963
August 5, 1997

Mr. William C. Achcet
Director
Office of Field Investigations
New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
Albany, New York

Dear Mr. Achcet:

Reference is made a telephone conversation on August 5, 1997 between yourself and IA [redacted] of this office.

As discussed in this telephone conversation [redacted] b7E

b7C

As way of background, [redacted] provided sensitive information to the FBI.

[redacted] it is requested that IA [redacted] of this office be contacted at [redacted] b7E

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

VICTOR M. GONZALEZ
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]
b7C Supervisory Special Agent

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FM FBI [redacted] (281A-DE-67821) (P) b7C/b7D 8/5/97

TO DIRECTOR FBI/IMMEDIATE/

FBI DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8)/IMMEDIATE/

FBI NEWARK/IMMEDIATE/

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CITE: //3010//

PASS: SSA [redacted], CID/INTELLIGENCE SECTION/SENSITIVE INFORMATION UNIT/ROOM 4944; SSA [redacted] OC/DOS #2, LCN/IOC/LABOR UNIT, ROOM 3058.

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

b7C b7D RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, [redacted] AND NEWARK DATED AUGUST 5, 1997.

[redacted] HEREINAFTER [redacted] WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH [redacted] WAS CONTACTED RE [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] WAS THEREAFTER ADVISED OF [redacted]

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[redacted] WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT [redacted] AND HAVE [redacted] CONTACT FBI ALBANY. [redacted] WILL REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS CONTACT/ACTIVITY TO THIS OFFICE.

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8/5/97

FM FBI [redacted] (281A-DE-67821) (P) b7C/b7D

TO DIRECTOR FBI/PRIORITY/

FBI DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)/PRIORITY/

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CITE: //3010:3610//

b7C PASS: SSA [redacted] CID/INTELLIGENCE SECTION/SENSITIVE INFORMATION UNIT; SSA [redacted] OC/DOS #2; LCN/IOC/LABOR UNIT; DETROIT - SQUAD C-8.

SUBJECT: HOFFEX.

REFERENCE IMMEDIATE TELETYPE FROM DETROIT TO [redacted] DATED 08/12/1997.

b7C b7D [redacted] REVIEWED FILE FOR SOURCE AL [redacted] MUCH OF THE b2/b7D INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOURCE WHILE SOURCE WAS IN A PENDING STATUS FROM [redacted] - [redacted] IS SINGULAR IN NATURE. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF TIME, THE FACT THAT SOURCE IS

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NO LONGER AN ACTIVE SOURCE, AND DUE TO SOURCE'S [redacted]

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[redacted] NO ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES ARE DEEMED NECESSARY AT THIS TIME TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE SOURCE. FURTHERMORE, SOURCE HAS NOT BEEN UTILIZED OR CONTACTED BY [redacted] AGENTS SINCE THE [redacted] AND NO AGENT WHO HANDLED SOURCE IS STILL ON DUTY. SSRA [redacted] DIVISION/[redacted] R.A.) IS AWARE OF SOURCE'S SITUATION AND IS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION IF NEEDED AT TELEPHONE [redacted]

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Third party letter to AUSA Saul Green.

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Memorandum

Subject	Date
Jimmy Hoffa	August 19, 1997

To	From
b7c [redacted] Supervisory Special Agent Organized Crime Federal Bureau of Investigation	Alan Gershel R Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney

Enclosed please find correspondence regarding the disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa. Please take whatever action you believe appropriate.

b7c [redacted] This guy about [illegible] b7c [redacted] [illegible] thought he was going to lead the [illegible]

b7c [redacted]

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Date: 08/20/97 Time: 12:49

Case ID: 281A-DE-67821 Serial: 1027

Description of Document:

Type : EC
Date : 08/13/97
To : DETROIT
From : NEWARK
Topic: FORWARD OF SUBPOENA OBTAINED WHILE COVERING LEAD FOR

Reason for Permanent Charge-Out:

WRONG FILE NUMBER

Transferred to:

Case ID: 52C-DE-80970 Serial: 46

Employee: [redacted]
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Date: 08/20/97 Time: 12:48

Case ID: 281A-DE-67821 Serial: 1026

Description of Document:

Type : FD302
Date : 08/13/97
To : DETROIT
From : SA [redacted] b7c
Topic: UNLISTED SUBSRIBER INFORMATION FROM BELL ATLANTIC

Reason for Permanent Charge-Out:

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Transferred to:

Case ID: 52C-DE-80970 Serial: 45

Employee: [redacted] b7c

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Date: 08/15/97 Time: 10:11

Case ID: 281A-DE-67821 Serial: 1025

Description of Document:

Type : FD302
Date : 07/28/97
To : DETROIT
From : DETROIT
Topic: INTERVIEW OF [redacted] b7c

Reason for Permanent Charge-Out:

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Employee: [redacted] b7c

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- [ ] Priority
- [X] Routine

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Date 8/28/97

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (9-HQ-60032)/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3220:C-8//

PASS: OC/DRUG SECTION II, UNIT CHIEF [redacted] b7C

SUBJECT: HOFFEX.

IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF FBI DETROIT, VIA CONTACT WITH NEW ROCHELLE RESIDENT AGENCY, NEW YORK, THAT A [redacted] HAS CONVINCED SOME PEOPLE THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE ABDUCTION OF JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA. APPARENTLY, [redacted] CLAIMS INCLUDE A SPECIFIC SPOT WHERE HOFFA'S BODY WAS BURIED. b7C

FOR INFORMATION BUREAU, [redacted] WAS POLYGRAPHED JANUARY 30, 1996, CONCERNING HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE HOFFA KIDNAPPING.

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THE RESULTS OF THE POLYGRAPH CLEARLY INDICATED THAT [redacted] WAS BEING DECEPTIVE.

DETROIT CONSIDERS [redacted] TO BE A CON ARTIST AND MANIPULATOR, WHO, WHILE SERVING A MANDATORY LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER BECAUSE HE SHOT A WOMEN, HE HAD KIDNAPPED, THROUGH HER HEAD, HAS DONE A MASTERFUL JOB OF RESEARCHING THE KNOWN PUBLIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FBI'S OFFICIAL POSITION AND THEORIES OF THE HOFFA CASE. [redacted] LATEST LETTER INCORPORATES MATERIAL FROM HOFFEX CASE FILES THAT WERE RECENTLY PRINTED BY "THE DETROIT SUNDAY JOURNAL".

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INTERESTING, ON JANUARY 30, 1996, [redacted] WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A SPECIFIC LOCATION OF HOFFA'S BODY.

DETROIT CONSIDERS [redacted] INFORMATION TO BE FALSE AND WITHOUT ANY CREDITABILITY. IF THE BUREAU RECOMMENDS THAT THIS "NEW" INFORMATION WARRANTS FURTHER INVESTIGATION, DETROIT RECOMMENDS THAT [redacted] UNDERGO A SECOND POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION BEFORE ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS UNDER TAKEN.

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Michigan, [redacted] was contacted at [redacted] telephone number [redacted] Also present at the meeting were Assistant United States Attorney Walter Kozar and attorney [redacted] thereafter provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]

Investigation on 08/26/97 at [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] III Date dictated 08/27/97

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Continuation of FD-302 of [redacted] . On 08/26/97 . Page 2

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[redacted]

[redacted] stated that in approximately [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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Continuation of FD-302 of [redacted], On 08/26/97, Page 3

[redacted] were involved in any way in any of his business ventures he so far described.

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that, even after the more recent news accounts regarding Anthony Giacalone and his brother's alleged involvement with the Detroit Mafia, he does not condemn Joseph Giacalone. [redacted] stated that he has always thought of him as a fine young man, and a very successful businessman.

After reviewing with SA [redacted] a record of [redacted] by FBI Agents investigating the Hoffa disappearance, [redacted] stated that he does not dispute the interviewing Agents' record [redacted]

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Continuation of FD-302 of [redacted], On 08/26/97, Page 4

[redacted]

I had nothing to do with Hoffa's disappearance."

[redacted]

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Continuation of FD-302 of [redacted], On 08/26/97, Page 5

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[redacted] recalled that in approximately November, 1986, a public meeting was held in Detroit wherein the Mayor's spokesman said that the City of Detroit had not made up it's mind on the industrial park location, but the next day's newspaper indicated that the City had picked the Jefferson/Conner location for "revitalization". [redacted] stated that to his knowledge, no one attempted to influence city officials in any way throughout the whole condemnation matter, including by bribery, gratuities, graft or threats, and that to his knowledge no one, including the [redacted] had any advanced knowledge from the City of Detroit about their plans.

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the "powers to be" in Detroit originally talked Chrysler into the development, but because the City took so long, Chrysler may have lost interest and gave the City a deadline. [redacted] recalls that an [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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Continuation of FD-302 of [redacted], On 08/26/97, Page 7

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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During the week of January 4, 1998, SA [redacted] contacted SA [redacted]

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On January 16, 1998, [redacted] was telephonically contacted by SA [redacted] was told about [redacted] advised [redacted] b7c [redacted] did not know any date of births or locations for any of these relatives.

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U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney
Eastern District of Michigan

(313) 226-9504

Alan M. Gershel
Chief Assistant United States Attorney

211 W. Fort Street
Suite 2300
Detroit, Michigan 48226

February 20, 1998

[redacted]
Supervisory Special Agent
Organized Crime
Federal Bureau of Investigation
b7C 477 Michigan Avenue
26th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear [redacted] Joe

Enclosed please find correspondence sent to this office regarding the Hoffa case by an inmate. Please do with this as you see fit.

Sincerely,

SAUL A. GREEN
United States Attorney

ALAN M. GERSHEL
Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney

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[redacted]
has the following characteristics as determined by investigation:

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Name: [redacted]
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Race:
Sex:
Height:
Weight:
Eyes:
Hair:
Social Security Account Number:

FBI Number:
Michigan Identification Number:
Address:

Telephone Number:
Operator's License Number:

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[redacted] voluntarily came to the Detroit Office of the FBI and permitted the following evidence to be collected from him:

b7C [redacted] b7A

These collections were made by [redacted] [redacted]. These collections were witnessed by the investigating Agents and Evidence Technician [redacted]

[redacted] took control of the [redacted] b7A
[redacted] She marked them with her initials and the date.

[redacted] identified himself with [redacted] (1) A
[redacted] The following information was obtained from that

Name [redacted]
Address [redacted]

JUL 2 1999

Investigation on 06/23/1998 at Detroit, Michigan

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b7C SAs [redacted] and

by [redacted] :brs

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/24/1998

To: Laboratory

Attn: [redacted], Unit Chief,
DNA Unit 2
FBI Laboratory

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From: Detroit
Squad C-8
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:brs

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

PACKAGE CONTAINS [redacted]

Synopsis: Request [redacted] DNA testing.

Enclosures: [redacted]

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Details: The enclosed [redacted] (E1224496) were obtained on 06/23/1998, from [redacted]

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Hoffa, the former president of the Teamsters Union was kidnapped on 07/30/1975.

During the investigation of the Hoffa disappearance, the FBI [redacted]

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To: Laboratory From: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 06/24/1998

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

LABORATORY

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Analyze [redacted] recovered in 1975 and [redacted] in vacuum traps using [redacted] DNA process to determine the probability the [redacted] came from James Riddle Hoffa.

PACKAGE CONTAINS [redacted]

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(01/26/1998)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date: 07/22/1998

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Detroit Attn: SA [redacted]

From: [redacted] b7D
Squad 5, VCMO
b7C SA [redacted], [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]: RB

Drafted By: [redacted] laz

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending) -1041

Title: JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA - VICTIM;
KIDNAPPING;
JULY 30, 1975;
INFORMATION CONCERNING;

Synopsis: On 7/18/98 [redacted] (protect identity) telephoned [redacted] with information believed to him to be significant to the investigation into the disappearance of James Riddle Hoffa. The caller was initially reluctant to give his name, was convinced to later meet reporting agent and, during this later meeting, provided his name and identification. [redacted] stated that he had observed Hoffa in the parking lot of the lounge from where he later disappeared and that he had seen [redacted] across the street from that lounge approximately one and a half hours prior.

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Reference: Telcon between SA [redacted]s and SSA [redacted] b7C [redacted] Detroit, on 7/20/98.

Enclosures: Interview notes, original and two copies of FD-302, diagram of parking lot, and small notebook with hand written notes by [redacted]

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Details: [redacted] expressed remorse for not coming forward sooner but had been afraid (and is still afraid) of reprisals from organized crime if the source of the information was disclosed. [redacted] made a diagram of the parking lot of the shopping center at Telegraph and 15 Mile Road (Maple) showing where he had observed Hoffa and where he had observed [redacted] and the other guy.

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[redacted] b7C

To: Detroit From: [redacted] b7D
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 07/22/1998

[redacted]

[redacted] advised of never having been arrested, and is not now wanted for any criminal charges. [redacted] did not ask for compensation, but asked only for the following consideration: 1) [redacted] 2) that no criminal proceeding be initiated against him for not having come forward sooner, and, 3) that his identity be protected.

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[redacted] is further identified as follows:

Name: [redacted]

Race:
Sex:
DOB:
SSAN:
Height:
Weight:
Hair:

No criminal history was found for [redacted]

This information is provided to Detroit for whatever purpose deemed appropriate. [redacted] will contact the writer again on Friday as [redacted], if Detroit has follow-up questions to be asked.

Detroit is asked to assist [redacted]

To: Detroit From: [redacted] b7D
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 07/22/1998

b7C [redacted]
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If telephone numbers can be identified for [redacted] wishes to be so advised, and [redacted] will make contact.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/18/98

[redacted] provided information concerning the disappearance of James Hoffa, Teamsters Union official, on July 30, 1975. Source provided this information based on first hand knowledge having been directly observed by the source. Source had been introduced to or had otherwise had occassion to meet [redacted] and "[redacted]" on other occassions.

[redacted] advised that on the day Hoffa disappeared (noted above) [redacted] and another white male, alleged to be [redacted] and further described below, were observed at [redacted] a shopping center across from Mahcus' (phonetic) Red Fox Lounge approximately one hour prior to the time that Hoffa was observed standing outside the same lounge. On this date, Hoffa later disappeared.

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Hoffa was observed standing in the parking lot of the Red Fox Lounge, located on the west side of Telegraph Road at Maple (also known as 15 Mile Road), in a suburb of Detroit (either West Bloomfield or Birmingham, Michigan.) Hoffa was observed to be looking south and appeared agitated. It was the opinion of [redacted] who recognized Hoffa that he appeared to be looking south on Telegraph as if he was waiting for someone to come from that direction.

[redacted] had recognized [redacted] and [redacted] and observed them to be standing in the parking lot of a shopping center next to a grey or silver General Motors automobile. [redacted] described [redacted] as a white male, age [redacted] years (in 1975), [redacted] pounds, with a [redacted] build, [redacted] appearance with [redacted] and [redacted] knew [redacted] to be an associate, possibly guard or enforcer to Tony Giacalone (phonetic), also known as Tony Jack. On reflection, [redacted] thought that it possible that the subject identified herein as [redacted]" may have been referred to as [redacted] and consequently not a nickname after all.

[redacted] provided a diagram of the parking lot showing the locations where the aforementioned individuals had been observed, and a small notebook in which he had written certain

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by SA [redacted] : laz

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recollections approximately seven to eight years ago. Several of the notebook's pages are missing. [redacted]

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(01/26/1998)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/28/1998

To: Laboratory

Attn: [redacted]
DNA Unit II
FBI Laboratory
Lab #8070105 S AK

From: Detroit
Squad C-8
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:kf

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

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Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Request [redacted] DNA testing

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Enclosures: [redacted]

Details: The enclosed exhibits are being forwarded separately and should reference EC dated per request of Examiner [redacted] 6/24/98 Attn: [redacted] Unit Chief, DNA Unit 2.

Lead (s):

Set Lead 1:

Laboratory

At Washington, DC

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Hoffa exults in victory

Teamsters chief calls for diminished role by overseers.

TEAMSTERS & POLITICS

By Richard A. Ryan
Senior Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Top aides to James P. Hoffa moved into the Teamsters union's "Marble Palace" national headquarters today to go over financial and personnel records as the newly elected president acted quickly to grab control of the giant union.

Hoffa also insisted it is time for the government to "move on" and relinquish its 10-year supervisory control of the union.

In a Monday press conference celebrating his victory, Hoffa said he wants to move immediately to restore the union's battered finances by cutting "a bloated payroll, bloated legal fees."

"It is going to be our role to immediately institute safeguards for the budget and make sure that $88 million (annual revenues) is spent for the benefit of members," Hoffa said.

J. Scott Applewhite / Associated Press
James P. Hoffa accepts congratulations from UPS delivery driver Kevin Broadus in Washington, D.C., on Monday.

The union now "totters on the brink of bankruptcy," he said, because former union officers, led by ex-President Ron Carey, "frittered away" the $162-million bank account the union had when Carey first took office in 1991.

Hoffa, with 55 percent of the more than 355,000 votes cast, defeated Portland, Ore., union leader Tom Leedham, who received 39 percent, and John Metz, a St. Louis union official who had 6 percent.

But Hoffa has to wait at least 15 days to allow for post-election protests before Michael Cherkasky, the federally appointed election officer, can formally certify his victory. The certification delay could take longer if a protest must be investigated.

Hoffa said he hopes he can officially take office no later than Jan. 2.

With the federally supervised election completed, Hoffa said he thinks it is time for the government now to take "a diminished role" in its supervision of the 1.4-million member union.

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The Teamsters have been under federal control since 1989 when the union entered into a consent decree with the Justice Department in settlement of a civil racketeering suit charging the union with being dominated by organized crime.

Hoffa said the consent decree is open-ended and could result in the government maintaining its supervisory role "for the next 100 years, the next 200 years."

"A lot of the work by the government has been done," Hoffa said. "They have eliminated certain pockets of corruption in the union. It is time for us to move on."

But Cherkasky said a continuing government role is warranted.

"The consent decree is the most important government effort to combat organized crime and it has made great progress," he said.

Hoffa promised the union would demonstrate "a new militancy" in organizing and contract negotiations.

Recognizing that the union's membership is dropping, Hoffa said it is critical for the Teamsters to come up with "new and innovative" ways of attracting people other than traditional truck drivers to join the union.

He sees new opportunities in organizing health care workers, particularly those in nursing homes, public employes, food warehousers and regional truck drivers.

"We're going to spend a lot of time on organizing because that is the only way any union can survive today," he said.

He also said he has a plan to resolve lingering disputes from the former Detroit newspapers strike, but refused to divulge what he might do. He said he and Detroit union leaders "are constantly talking about new approaches to getting that strike settled." He later confided: "We will settle that strike."

Hoffa said he intends to "reach out" to Teamsters who opposed him. "This is the time to be magnanimous," he said. "We have won a resounding victory."

Hoffa said his father, the legendary James Riddle Hoffa, who headed the union in the 1950s and 60s, "would be happy that I won. He would be excited about it."

"We're going to spend a lot of time on organizing because that is the only way any union can survive today."

JAMES P. HOFFA
Teamsters president

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On August 31, 1999, SA [redacted] conducted the following investigation:

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SA [redacted] telephonically contacted Unit Chief [redacted] DNA Unit 2, FBI Laboratory, and asked Unit Chief [redacted] if there were any results regarding Hoffa's DNA testing. [redacted] indicated he did not know the status but he would have the person assigned the case call the investigating Agent.

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(01/26/1998)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date: 03/29/1999

Precedence: ROUTINE

Attn: SA [redacted]

To: Birmingham
Jacksonville

From: Detroit
Squad C-8
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:brs

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)
44D-BH-45184 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX
(281A-DE-67821);

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UNSUB;
DESTRUCTION OF SIXTEENTH BAPTIST
CHURCH, Birmingham, Alabama,
September 15, 1963
NATIONAL CHURCH ARSON INITIATIVE
RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION -
FORCE/VIOLENCE;
CIVIL RIGHTS - RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
MAJOR CASE # 129
(44D-BH-45184)

Synopsis: Detroit's evaluation of information from [redacted]

Details: [redacted] stated in his interview of 03/04/1999 (FD-302, 44D-BH-45184) that, "[redacted] heard through Hoffa's driver....."

Detroit has previously identified this self proclaimed driver in the Hoffa kidnaping as [redacted] has claimed to have been involved [redacted] in the kidnaping and disposal of Hoffa. [redacted]

On 01/30/1996, [redacted] was evasive, dishonest [redacted] and unable to provide any additional facts concerning the kidnaping that are not already public knowledge.

To: Birmingham From: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 03/29/1999

Global Exploration has been in indirect contact with FBI Detroit. Detroit has advised Global that [redacted] has no credibility in this matter, and that there was no reason to believe that Hoffa had been disposed of in the area or manner as described by [redacted].

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Detroit has reviewed the materials attached to the EC from Birmingham to Detroit dated 03/10/1999. Detroit is skeptical of any of [redacted] claims or documentation.

Detroit considers the lead from Birmingham covered.

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Date of transcription 11/19/99

The following dissemination was made by SA [redacted] on November 16, 1999:

On the above date, SA [redacted] made contact with SA [redacted] of the Detroit Division and advised him of information [redacted] provided by source. SA [redacted] provided SA [redacted] copies of the communications provided by source on October 31, 1999, and November 10, 1999. SA [redacted] advised that the information would be reviewed to determine whether it could be used in case file 281A-DE-67821.

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Investigation on 11/16/99 at Saginaw, Michigan (telephonically)

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by [redacted] sfj

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Date of transcription 11/16/99

Source, who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information:

Source addressed two letters to SA [redacted] b7C dated October 31, 1999, and November 10, 1999, and sent via U.S. mail. These letters were received by SA [redacted] on November 16, 1999.

These attached communications provided information concerning DE file 281A-DE-67821.

Investigation on 10/31/99 & 11/18/99 Pagnaw, Michigan (telephonically)

File # 137B-DE-87049 & 281A-DE-67821-1050 Date dictated 11/16/99

by SA [redacted] sfj b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date: 02/23/2000

Precedence: ROUTINE

Attn: [redacted]

To: Detroit

From: Detroit
C-8
Contact: [redacted] 4320

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending) 1052
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281A-DE-67816 (Closed)
166A-DE-64273 (Closed)

Title: HOFFEX;
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OO:DETROIT

Synopsis: Retention of evidence.

Details: The above listed cases are all Organized Crime cases. The RICO statue has a statue of limitation provision which has allowed Detroit Organized Crime cases to use evidence over thirty years old. All of the bulky evidence in the above listed cases should be retained for at least ten more years to ensure that it can be used in future Organized Crime trials.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: DEADLINE 03/06/2000

Date: 03/08/2000

To: Director's Office

Att.: Office of Public and Congressional Affairs (OPCA)
Fugitive Publicity and
Internet Media Services Unit,
[redacted]
(202) 324-0945
Asst. Director Ruben Garcia,
Deputy Assistant Director
David Knowlton,
[redacted]

Criminal Investigative

From: Detroit
SAC Squad
Contact: SA [redacted] Media Coordinator,

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] gmb

Case ID #: 80-HQ-1077659-4051
80-DE-67364-63
281A-DE-67821-1053

Title: TELEVISION/MOTION PICTURE PUBLICITY
CABLE TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY
TOWERS PRODUCTIONS
DANIEL ZUCKERMAN
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Synopsis: Assistance by the Detroit Division for a biography/documentary about James R. Hoffa, HOFFEX, at the request of Towers Productions.

Administrative: EC from FBIHQ, dated 02/28/2000, captioned above.

Details: Daniel Zuckerman of Towers Productions is currently producing a documentary for the cable channel Arts and Entertainment about the life of James R. Hoffa.

John E. Bell, Jr., Special Agent in Charge, Detroit FBI, has agreed to an on-camera interview with Towers Productions regarding the Hoffa case, and this interview will take place at 9:30 a.m., Friday, 03/17/2000, at the Detroit FBI Office. SAC Bell will discuss the FBI's current role in this case and provide

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some historical insight as well. Further, it should be noted only information suitable for dissemination to the public will be provided and Media Representative SA [redacted] will be present during the interview.

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This information was telephonically communicated to [redacted] OPCA, on 03/02/2000, and SA [redacted] has been designated the point of contact for the on-camera interview. SA [redacted] has been in telephonic contact with Daniel Zuckerman of Towers Productions wherein the agreed upon interview date of Friday, 03/17/2000, was set.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date: 03/08/2000

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Detroit

From: Detroit
Squad C-8
Contact: SA [redacted] Ext. [redacted]

b7C Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] brs

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)
281A-DE-67821-359

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Open sub file.

Details: In order to computerize the 1A section of the original HOFFEX file, DE 79-359, it is recommended that a new sub file be opened, 281A-DE-67821-359.

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FD-770 (1-13-89)

Memorandum

To : SAC, DETROIT Date 3-17-2000

From : SA [redacted] b7C

Subject : NEWS MEDIA MATTERS

On Fri. 3-17-2000, the writer participated in a:

- ☐ speech presentation
- ☐ career day presentation
- ☐ radio appearance
- ☒ television appearance
- ☐ news briefing
- ☐ news conference
- ☐ _____ date of FBIHQ approval for news conference
- ☐ in-depth feature article
- ☐ editorial board appearance

ASAC Brock

The above should be included in the Speech Statistical Report submitted to FBIHQ.

SAC John E. Bell was interviewed at the Detroit FBI office by Towers Productions for a documentary on Jimmy Hoffa to air on the A&E Cable Channel July 30, 2000. This interview was coordinated and approved by FBIHQ.

Credit SAC Bell with 1 TV interview.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: DEADLINE 03/27/2000 **Date:** 03/27/2000

To: Director's Office **Attn:** Office of Public and Congressional Affairs (OPCA) Fugitive Publicity and Internet Media Services Unit (FPIMSU), Unit Chief, Rm 7972

b7C [redacted] Rm 7972

Criminal Investigative **Attn:** AD Ruben Garcia
DAD David Knowlton

b7C [redacted]

From: Detroit
SAC
Contact: SA [redacted] ext. [redacted] b7C

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:cw

Case ID #: 80-HQ-1077659
281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: TELEVISION/MOTION PICTURE PUBLICITY
CABLE-TELEVISION PROGRAM
TOWERS PRODUCTIONS
JON JOEBGEN
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Synopsis: Details of a 03/29/2000 interview of Detroit Special Agent in Charge (SAC) John E. Bell, Jr. by Towers Productions re James R. Hoffa, HOFFEX, 281A-DE-67821.

Administrative: EC from FBIHQ, dated 03/20/2000, captioned above.

Details: Jon Joebgen of Towers Productions is currently producing an episode for the History Channel series "History's Mysteries" based on the uncertainties surrounding the life and death of James R. Hoffa.

John E. Bell, Jr., SAC Detroit Division, has agreed to an on-camera interview with Towers Productions regarding the Hoffa case, and the interview is currently scheduled to take place at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, 03/29/2000 at the Detroit FBI office. SAC Bell will discuss the FBI's current role in this case as well as provide some historical insight. It should be noted that only information suitable for dissemination to the

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public will be provided. Assistant Media Representative SA [redacted] will be present during the interview.

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SA [redacted] has been in telephonic contact with Jon Joebgen of Towers Productions, and has discussed the interview with Detroit's Chief Division Counsel, SA [redacted] as well as the appropriate attornies at the United States Attorney's Office in Detroit. This information was telephonically communicated to [redacted], OPCA, on 03/23/2000, and SA [redacted] should be considered the point of contact for the on-camera interview.

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Memorandum

To : SAC Detroit Date 4/10/2000

From : SA [redacted] ISC

Subject : NEWS MEDIA MATTERS

On 3/29/2000, the writer participated in a:

- ☐ speech presentation
- ☐ career day presentation
- ☐ radio appearance
- ☒ television appearance
- ☐ news briefing
- ☐ news conference
- ☐ _____ date of FBIHQ approval for news conference
- ☐ in-depth feature article
- ☐ editorial board appearance

The above should be included in the Speech Statistical Report submitted to FBIHQ.

SAC Bell was interviewed by Towers Productions for an episode on "The History Channel" regarding uncertainties surrounding the life and death of James R. Hoffa, HOFFEX 281A-DE-67821.

Credit SAC with 1 TV appearance.

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ARS:brs

On June 12, 2000, the following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] has the following descriptive data:

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Name [redacted]
Race
Sex
Date of birth
Social Security
Account Number
FBI Number

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 06/13/00

Source, "who is not in a position to testify," was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and provided the following information:

[redacted] (phonetic) arrived at [redacted] told the source about his involvement in the kidnapping murder of Jimmy Hoffa.

[redacted] became involved in the Hoffa murder because he had done killings for [redacted] The Hoffa kidnapping began at the Machus Red Fox Cafe. The murder could not be done by Detroit people because people were afraid that Hoffa would realize that he was in danger, therefore, people were brought in from New Jersey to kill Hoffa.

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Hoffa was killed because Hoffa wanted his old job back but Provenzano did not want Hoffa back. It was also believed that Hoffa had kept "books" on many people including those in the union and mobsters. Hoffa kept these books buried in a yard at a house in Lake Orion, possibly his mother's house. Hoffa had threatened to turn these books over to the FBI.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Two of the people who came from New Jersey were [redacted]

The authority to kill Hoffa came from the Genovese family. After Hoffa was killed the buried books were recovered.

Investigation on 06/08/2000 at [redacted], Michigan b7D

File # 137B-DE-87049; 281A-DE-67821 DJ9 Date dictated 06/09/2000

b7C SAs [redacted] and

by [redacted] ARS:brs

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[redacted] was Hoffa's main guy. [redacted] associated with Tony Provenzano. Hoffa did not realize [redacted] double dealing him.

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[redacted] surveilled Hoffa before he was killed. Hoffa would do push-ups and harden his hands by hitting them against things.

The Detroit mob family bought a cemetery in 1975. The cemetery was 89 acres on Ridge Road near Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti.

[redacted] is [redacted] years old, [redacted] pounds, [redacted] hair, [redacted] eyes, [redacted]n and [redacted]

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MACOMB DAILY

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Macomb Daily columnist last to interview Hoffa

By Stephen Bitsoli
Macomb Daily Staff Writer

Just days before his disappearance in 1975, Jimmy Hoffa granted an interview to then-WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) reporter Jerry Stanecki, which later appeared in Playboy.

In the interview, Hoffa rails against his handpicked successor Frank Fitzsimmons, both Jack and Bobby Kennedy ("creep... creep..."), John Dean and Charles Colson, but defends Richard Nixon, Jim Garrison, Teddy Kennedy and several reputed organized crime figures.

Hoffa admitted to being a millionaire, but refused to comment on whether he was a billionaire or a "zillionaire."

Hoffa was furious with Fitzsimmons, because he in effect gave Fitzsimmons leadership of the Teamsters while he was in prison on jury tampering charges, but Fitzsimmons wouldn't give it up when his sentence was commuted by President Nixon.

And he charged that Dean and Colson added the provision prohibiting him from becoming president of the Teamsters again without the president's knowledge.

Hoffa had sympathy for anyone who'd been raked over the coals by the media or the courts. While he disliked Jack and Bobby Kennedy, he liked Teddy Kennedy. He seemed convinced that Teddy would be drafted at the 1976 Democratic convention, and win. Chappaquiddick wouldn't be a problem, he said, because Teddy wasn't convicted of a serious crime.

He also professed a disbelief in the Mafia or organized crime, and insisted some reputed organized crime figures were railroaded.

And he declared he didn't need a bodyguard, not because he had no enemies, but because if you have a bodyguard you're careless.

Some highlights from Stanecki's tapes:

- On whether he has an ego: "Man don't have an ego if he don't have any money and he doesn't have any ambition. Certainly I got an ego."
- On what's more important — power or money: "Power. Power gets money, (then) you got both."
- On why Jack Kennedy was killed: "Who knows what deals he had that he didn't keep." Was it Fidel Castro? "That makes sense to me. They tried to kill him."
- On whether Jim Garrison was a kook: "Jim Garrison's a smart man."
- On whether Richard Nixon, who was in Dallas at the time, could have been involved: "He ain't that kind of guy."
- On why Bobby Kennedy was killed: "He made a lot of deals with a lot of people and didn't keep 'em."
- On why Martin Luther King was killed: "That's another story. Fanatics, Ku Klux (Klan) ..."
- On Frank Fitzsimmons: "He kept telling everybody, 'Don't do anything to rock the boat. I'm taking care of it with Mitchell.' He'd been lying all along."

"Hoffa — The Last Interview" is available for $7 ($5, plus $2 shipping and handling) from Jerry Stanecki by calling (888) 732-8500, or go to www.jerrystanecki.com.

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James R. Hoffa's mystery fingers even as his son seeks limelight

By Mark Hotz
Macomb Daily Staff Writer

W[illegible] Teamsters President James R. Hoffa arrives this [illegible] from Philadelphia [illegible] Republican National Convention, he carries with him both the ghost and the [illegible] name.

That GOP convention opens today. Ironically, on the 25th anniversary of the reported disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa, one of the most controversial figures in American labor history.

The Hoffa vanished from an Oakland County restaurant in 1975. Investigators believe he was murdered by elements of organized crime who wanted to stop him from waging a war for the union [illegible]

[illegible] Hoffa name today conjures up [illegible] Macomb Daily columnist [illegible] Jerry Sarnecki [illegible] journalists [illegible] Hoffa still [illegible] his disappearance [illegible] the labor [illegible]

[illegible] Contro[illegible] crime in the labor movement is a secondary factor in Hoffa's legacy," said Michael White, a labor professor at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Jimmy Hoffa has to be remembered as the many people [illegible] the American labor movement who was able to improve wages and work conditions [illegible]

But the mystery of Jimmy Hoffa's demise has become something [illegible] Anthony Giacalone [illegible] Grzadzinski said.

The agency never gives up trying to solve this case, Grzadzinski said.

Hoffa left his Lake Orion home on July 30, 1975 to meet with reputed mobster figures Anthony [illegible]

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Giacalone and Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano in front of the Machus Red Fox restaurant in Bloomfield Township.

Witnesses reported seeing him get into a maroon Mercury with several other men, possibly driven by Charles "Chuckie" O'Brien, who Hoffa helped raise. After the car drove away, he was never seen again.

The FBI believes Hoffa was quickly killed by two hit men from New Jersey. Then the body was either disposed of in a vat of molten zinc at an auto bumper plating facility owned by two partners with mob connections or burned in a Detroit incinerator.

An FBI memo titled "Hoffex," an outline of what likely happened based on interviews and collected information, does state who the agency believes was behind the murder, but those names have not been made public.

"My personal opinion is, this case will never be solved in terms of a prosecution, but it is solved in law enforcement parlance: who did it and how it happened," said John Anthony, a former FBI special agent who now heads the security division of Detroit Newspapers.

Anthony and others say investigators believe Hoffa made overtures to President Nixon to trade information on union corruption. It was discovered by mob leaders who then ordered the hit.

Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga, who was serving on the U.S. Justice Department's organized crime strike task force in the 1970s, said two men from Clinton Township handled the destruction of Hoffa's body. Both men are still alive, he said.

"I think Jimmy Hoffa was a dedicated labor leader who was simply too confident of his own abilities," Marlinga said. "He really believed he could deal with organized crime people when he wanted to and it wasn't that easy."

Jerry Stanecki, an author and former television news reporter, spent six months with Hoffa before the disappearance as they worked on an extensive interview.

He said despite Hoffa's tough-guy persona, he had a genuine warmth that attracted people.

"I never thought this mystery would linger this long," Stanecki said. "Sadly, whoever is responsible for his death didn't have the decency to give the family some closure. After 25 years, perhaps the time is now."

Neither James P. Hoffa nor the Teamsters would provide a statement for this article, according to a spokesman for the union in Washington, D.C.

But there can be little doubt that the Hoffa family has mixed feelings this week as James P. Hoffa continues to rebuild the 1.5-member union.

James P. Hoffa has withstood a bruising battle to gain the Teamsters presidency in 1999 and hopes to bring an end to the federal government's oversight of his union while solidifying his leadership position.

Like his father, James P. Hoffa could play a crucial role in this year's presidential campaign because the Teamsters have large memberships in several swing states such as Michigan, Ohio and Illinois.

Whitty, the UDM professor, said the younger Hoffa is creating a bipartisan coalition that will play a strong role in politics for years to come.

"Jimmy Hoffa is up in heaven looking down with a satisfied smile at his son's leadership and revitalization of the labor movement," Whitty said.

HOFFA 25 YEARS GONE

AP file photo

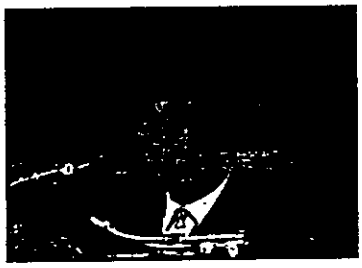
Teamsters Union leader Jimmy Hoffa in Chattanooga, Tenn., on Aug. 21, 1969

AP file photo

Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa, left, stands with Anthony Provenzano, right, and fellow union members during Hoffa's visit to New Jersey.

Gone Without a Trace

25 Years After Hoffa Vanished, the Feds Still Haven't Gotten Their Man



James Hoffa, president of the Teamsters' Union, attends the start of trucking contract talks at the Washington Hilton Hotel, in Washington, D.C., Jan. 18, 1967. He vanished on July 30, 1975 – 25 years ago Sunday. (AP Photo)

By Michael James
ABCNEWS.com

— First of all, if you believe Jimmy Hoffa is buried under the end zone of Giants Stadium, you're probably wrong.

"He ain't here," insists John Samerjan, vice president of public affairs for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which runs the stadium.

"We have never been contacted, in the history of the authority, by any law-enforcement agency or investigative authority about the possibility of this being true," Samerjan says.

Maybe not. But since Hoffa vanished 25 years ago this Sunday from a parking lot in suburban Detroit, scores of other folk legends, rumors and legitimate leads have led to few public conclusions on the disappearance of one of America's most prominent labor leaders ever.

Accounts of varying reliability place Hoffa's murdered body at the bottom of Michigan lakes or rivers. Others say he was dumped in Florida, or encased in concrete in a Los Angeles nightclub. Still others say his remains were incinerated. Nearly all say the mob was involved.

Although Hoffa disappeared in 1975 and

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was declared legally dead in 1982, the FBI's official investigation remains open, and it continues to appeal to the public for help.

"The objective is to attempt to locate Jimmy Hoffa, and then engage in an investigation based upon the facts once he's located, " says Hank Glaspie, a special agent in the FBI's Detroit field office.

Past FBI statements and leaked reports on early stages of the investigation indicate the agency believes the mob was behind Hoffa's disappearance, perhaps because it was concerned about his efforts to reclaim leadership of the Teamsters.

Lately, agents on the case "don't have anything new to provide that would warrant a statement," Glaspie says.

The Teamsters and the Hoffa family will not comment on the twenty-fifth anniversary of James R. Hoffa's disappearance, according to a Teamsters spokesman. Hoffa's son, James P. Hoffa, currently holds his father's old position as head of the union.

Five years ago, however, on the twentieth anniversary of Hoffa's disappearance, about 300 people close to Hoffa attended a memorial service at the Most Holy Trinity Church in Detroit.

"There's an emptiness that we have and we're never going to resolve it," James P. Hoffa said at the time. "This is a closure today. We've lost a loved one, but we've got to go on. Today is a healing day."

The elder Hoffa "literally touched millions and millions of workers in this country ... who know a quality of life that was not possible before Jimmy Hoffa," said Ed Scribner, who was the Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO president.

Hoffa started out as a rank-and-file worker, but rose to the top of Detroit Teamsters Local 299, which he tranformed into a regional powerhouse with 15,000 members.

Many teamsters revere Hoffa as a legend who made their union one of the most influential America has ever seen. As president of the international organization in 1964, he negotiated the first

industry-wide contract, the National Master Freight Agreement.

Legal troubles in the mid-1960s loosened Hoffa's grip on the union. Eventually, he served four years in jail for jury tampering and defrauding a Teamsters pension fund. President Nixon commuted his sentence in 1971, but conditions of his release barred him from union activity until 1980.

On the afternoon of July 30, 1975, Hoffa was last seen waiting in front of the Machus Red Fox restaurant in Bloomfield Township, Mich. It is uncertain whether anybody saw him leave.

Investigators have put forth the theory that he joined other men inside a maroon Mercury. The car pulled off, and the 62-year-old Hoffa was never seen again.

At the time of his disappearance, Hoffa was attempting to overturn the ban and once again lead the Teamsters. There was speculation in the media that in 1976 he would be allowed to challenge his hand-picked successor, Frank Fitzsimmons, to head the union.

According to previously secret FBI case files excerpted in 1997 by the *Detroit Sunday Journal*, members of the mafia—referred to as "La Cosa Nostra" in the files—saw Hoffa as a threat.

"Informed sources of the Detroit Division [of the FBI] are generally of the opinion that Hoffa was abducted and 'hit' with the knowledge, consent and possible participation of the Detroit LCN [La Cosa Nostra] family," read an Oct. 31, 1975 FBI report, according to an Internet archive of the *Sunday Journal*'s two-part series on the FBI files.

"All sources believe that Hoffa's disappearance is directly connected with his attempts to regain power within the Teamsters Union, which would possibly have an effect on the LCN's control and manipulation of Teamster Pension Funds," the newspaper's excerpt continued. "The sources indicate further that even though Hoffa cooperated with them on Teamster loans, Fitzsimmons is also cooperating and,

as such, the LCN would want to maintain conditions as they are. It has been rumored among sources that Hoffa, while attempting to gain control of the Teamsters, may have provided information to the Government in exchange for a favorable decision concerning the lifting of his Union restrictions."

Glaspie said an FBI investigation into the 1,074 pages of copied 1975 investigation files cited by the *Sunday Journal* indicated "it appears that the [newspaper's] copies were legitemate. Beyond that we really don't have any comment."

Since Hoffa's disappearance, several theories have arisen on what became of him. The FBI apparently investigated many of them. Others apparently were deemed less likely.

Such seems to be the case with the story told by Donald Frankos. Frankos, a former prison inmate, told *Playboy* magazine in 1989 that he was involved in a plot to kill Hoffa, and that Hoffa's remains were mixed with concrete used to build Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

"Clearly, nobody who has ever been involved in the case ever thought it was true," Samerjan says. "There has never been any indication to us from any legitemate [law-enforcement] source to go digging on the 750 or so acres here."

The early investigation files, as cited by the *Sunday Journal*, presented other theories about Hoffa's fate. According to the files, the newspaper said, the FBI looked into claims implying that Hoffa remained alive in the weeks after his disappearance. For instance, one man, a teamster, claimed someone who appeared to be Hoffa disguised in fake glasses had checked into his wife's hotel after 1 a.m. on Aug. 2 under the name "Jewell."

Rumors have flown ever since.

Last November, *Boating* magazine, acting on information from a tipster, failed to discover Hoffa's body in the Ausable River, 175 miles from Detroit. But the magazine has posted a $10,000 reward to

anyone who points investigators to the remains of Hoffa's remains in the river by the end of this year. It is not a joke, says Nancy Nisselbaum, the magazine's editor.

"We seriously think that's where he is," Nisselbaum says. "This could be the one."

But as time goes by, like other observers, she is getting less and less optimistic about finding Hoffa. ■

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date: 08/17/2000

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Detroit

Attn: [redacted] b7C

From: Detroit
Squad C-8
Contact: SSA [redacted] ext [redacted]
SA [redacted] ext [redacted]

b7C

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:dll

Case ID #: 52C-DE-80970 (Closed)
281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: POSSIBLE THEFT OF
GOVERNMENT PROPERTY;
HOFFEX FILES

Synopsis: Request captioned file (52C-DE-80970) be marked for permanent retention and be permanently maintained in the C-8 Squad area with the HOFFEX files (281A-DE-67821).

Details: The disappearance of former Teamsters President James Riddle Hoffa in 1975 continues to generate extensive media interest and remains a pending investigation. The HOFFEX files (281A-DE-67821) have been stamped, "Do Not Destroy" because of their historical significance and are maintained in locked cabinets in the C-8 Squad area.

In 1997, parts of the HOFFEX investigative files were located in the basement of a recreational facility and subsequently released to the press. An investigation was initiated as to the circumstances surrounding the loss of this material and the results of this investigation are maintained in 52C-DE-80970. The information contained in this material is of continuing interest to the news media and also contains some identities of individuals and informant symbol numbers.

In view of the above, it is requested that Detroit file 52C-DE-80970 be stamped "Do Not Destroy" and that it be permanently charged out to be maintained with the HOFFEX files in the locked C-8 Squad cabinets.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date: 07/03/2000

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Detroit

ATTN: [redacted] b7c

From: Detroit
Evidence Control Center
Contact: [redacted] b7c

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] :sb

Case ID #: DE 66-A3335-A-19

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Title: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Synopsis: Exception Report, "Items Not Found" section, re 06/23/2000 General Inventory.

Details: Pursuant to a general inventory of the Evidence Control Center (ECC), it was revealed that:

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To: Detroit From: Detroit
Re: DE 66-A3335-A, 07/03/2000

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It should be noted that all exceptions on the "Items Not Found" section of the 06/23/2000 General Inventory Exception Report were located and/or handled.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date: 11/08/2000

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Detroit

From: Detroit
Squad C-8
Contact: IRS [redacted] ext. [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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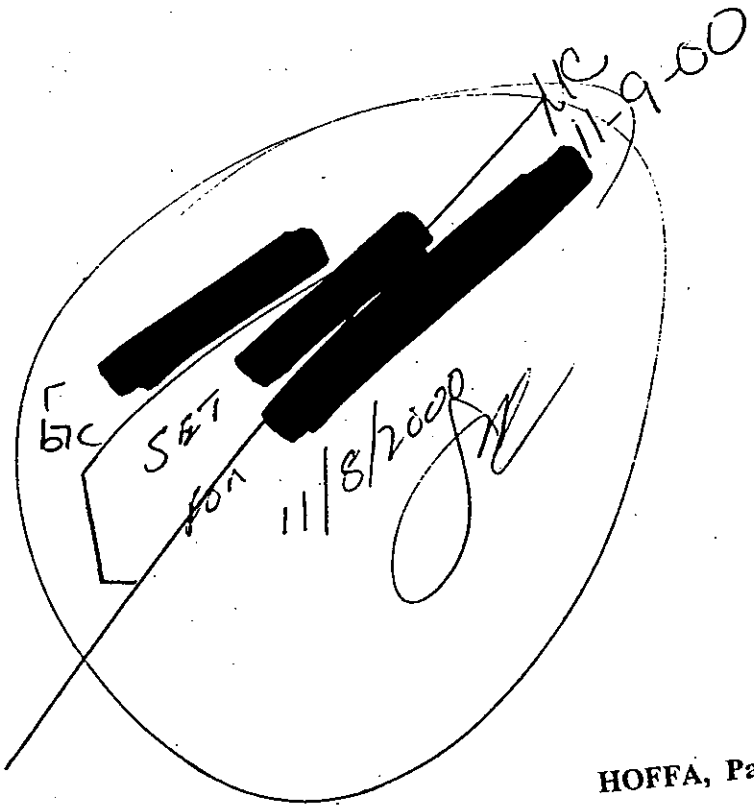
Drafted By: [redacted] dll

Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: Set lead to review pertinent documents and prepare briefing book.

Details: A meeting has been scheduled on 11/20/2000, involving key investigative participants who have been or are currently involved in the investigation of the HOFFEX matter. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on any investigative emphasis or targets which may help to bring this matter to a successful conclusion.



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To: Detroit From: Detroit
Re: 281A-DE-67821, 11/08/2000

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

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AT DETROIT, MI

Review case file or related matters for pertinent information to be included in a briefing book to be furnished to meeting participants.

Set Lead 2:

AT DETROIT, MI

Prepare briefing book to be utilized during scheduled meeting.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 12/08/2000

To: Detroit **Attn:** SAC John E. Bell, Jr.
ASAC Kevin R. Brock

From: Detroit
Squad C-8
Contact: SSA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] dll

Case ID #: ✓281A-DE-67821 (Pending)

Title: HOFFEX

Synopsis: A documentation of the Hoffex Conference and the conclusions reached.

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Enclosures: Hoffex Conference Agenda.

Details: On 11/20/2000, at 10:00 AM, a conference meeting was held in the SAC's Conference Room of the Detroit Division concerning the HOFFEX investigation. This conference was chaired by SAC John E. Bell, Jr. Also in attendance was ASAC Kevin R. Brock, SSA [redacted] HOFFEX case Agent [redacted] [redacted] and IRS [redacted] The invited participants were as follows:

Strike Force Chief Keith E. Corbett
Former Strike Force Attorney [redacted]
Buffalo Strike Force
Former/retired SAs [redacted]

This communication will not attempt to document all of the discussion that took place. Primarily, the attached HOFFEX Conference Agenda was followed and some highlighted discussions and conclusions are set forth.

It was agreed by all attendees that [redacted] It was also agreed that the only possible prosecution in this matter at this time would have to be [redacted]

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[redacted] would be the only possible prosecutive approach.

There was a discussion regarding the [redacted] Former AUSA [redacted] and current Strike Force Chief Corbett speculated that this new evidence, along with all the other evidence that had been gathered regarding [redacted] in the assumed abduction and murder of Hoffa, could result in a [redacted]

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It is Strike Force Chief Corbett's opinion that all the pertinent gathered evidence could be [redacted] however, the United States Attorney would have to agree to this approach. It was mentioned that due to the uncertainty of the ongoing Presidential election, it is not clear who the United States Attorney will be in the near future. Corbett was reluctant to approach the U.S. Attorney with prosecutive recommendations until the election outcome is resolved. At that point Corbett advised that his office would [redacted] with the U.S. Attorney's approval.

It was also agreed that [redacted]

It was also noted that [redacted]

HOFFEX CONFERENCE
DETROIT, MICHIGAN - 11/20/2000

AGENDA

1. OPENING REMARKS — SAC JOHN E. BELL, JR.
2. REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS — SSA [redacted]
3. CONTENTS OF BRIEFING BOOK — IRS [redacted]
4. CURRENT STATUS OF HOFFEX INVESTIGATION — SA [redacted]
   A. Status of [redacted] b7A
5. OPENING REMARKS
   A. [redacted] (Former New Jersey Case Agent)
   B. [redacted] (Former Detroit Case Agent) b7C
   C. [redacted] (Former Detroit Case Agent)
   D. [redacted] (Former Detroit Case Agent)
   E. [redacted] (Former Attorney in Charge, Buffalo Strike Force)
   F. KEITH E. CORBETT (Strike Force Chief, Detroit Organized Crime Strike Force)

BREAK - 10 Minutes

6. OPEN DISCUSSION
   A. Designation of Targets
      1. [redacted] b7A
      2. [redacted] b7C
      3.
      4.
   B. What is necessary for a successful indictment and prosecution?
   C. Is it feasible to [redacted] b7A
   D. Is a Special [redacted]
7. CLOSING COMMENTS — SAC JOHN E. BELL, JR.

(01/26/1998)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/11/2000

To: Detroit

Attn: SSA [redacted]

From: Criminal Investigative
LCN/IOC/LR Unit [redacted]
Contact: SSA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

b7C Case ID #: 281A-DE-67821 (Pending) - Sec 1068

Title: HOFFEX;
OO:Detroit

Synopsis: To enclose information received at FBIHQ.

Enclosure(s): Four page facsimile received from US Representative [redacted]

Details: The enclosed documentation was received at FBIHQ on November 21, 2000 and is forwarded to Detroit for any action deemed necessary.

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To: Detroit F. Criminal Investigative
Re: 281A-DE-6782 12/11/2000

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Memorandum

To : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) Date 3/12/93

From : SA [redacted] b7C

Subject: HOFFEX

Re GAMTAX investigation (281A-DE-58586).

281A-DE-67821 SUB N file will be created to maintain and correlate all relevant reports in the GAMTAX investigation (281A-DE-58586) which pertain to captioned investigation. The purpose of the sub file is to collect all pertinent reports involving ANTHONY "TONY JACK" GIACALONE, [redacted] and others that provide information related to the HOFFEX investigation; this determination will be made by the GAMTAX case agents and the organized crime supervisor.

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Recent Developments

On 02/27/2001, the funeral for ANTHONY GIACALONE, aka TONY JACK, a Capo in the Detroit LCN Family, was held in Detroit. GIACALONE, 82 years of age, died at St. John's Hospital in Detroit on Friday 02/23/2001. He suffered a long term heart and kidney illness that had prevented him from being brought to trial. GIACALONE had been charged with violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) in the 1996 federal indictment of the entire hierarchy the Detroit LCN Family except one Capo.

Background

JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA disappeared on 07/30/1975 while alledgedly waiting to meet with GIACALONE and ANTHONY PROVENZANO, aka TONY PRO. It is believed that HOFFA may have been attempting to regain control of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union and planned to meet with PROVENZANO and GIACALONE to discuss a disagreement with them over who would control the union. PROVENZANO was an official with the New Jersey Teamsters and a member of the Genovese LCN Family. HOFFA was last seen at approximately 2:30pm in the parking lot of the Machus Red Fox Restaurant in West Bloomfield, NJ. He had alledgedly told others he was going there to meet GIACALONE and PROVENZANO. PROVENZANO claimed to have no knowledge about HOFFA's disappearance and died of a heart attack in 1988 while serving a lengthy prison sentence for labor racketeering and murder. GIACALONE also claimed not to know anything about HOFFA's disappearance, responding to one question, "Maybe he took a little trip." HOFFA is presumed to have been murdered over the disagreement and his remains have never been recovered.

On 03/13/1996, GIACALONE, most of the hierarchy, and much of the membership of the Detroit LCN Family were indicted in a twenty-five count, 17 person indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury in the Eastern District of Michigan. This investigation, titled GAMTAX, focused on the Detroit LCN Family's collection of "street taxes" from illegal gambling operations, loansharking, extortion, and acts of violence used to support these activities.

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On 01/01/1998, [redacted] and one of the 16 indicted with ANTHONY GIACALONE, [redacted] This admission came during [redacted] This plea was significant because it [redacted] by LCN members and their attorneys [redacted] of the Detroit LCN Family. b7A

On 04/29/1998, guilty verdicts were returned against four defendants on charges including RICO; Hobbs Act Extortion, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951; Conspiracy, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371; and Obstruction of Justice, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1510. Those convicted were [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] The Detroit Division and the United States Attorney's office for the Eastern District of Michigan have since been pursuing appeals of extraordinarily lenient sentences and forfeiture rulings by U.S. District Judge John Corbett O'Meara against these subjects. b7C

[redacted] is the only defendant still awaiting trial. All others have pled guilty or been convicted at trial. [redacted]

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