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of FIO RITO. KEANE has apparently made somettype of deal with Alderman HOELLEN, to the effect that he would conduct a full investigation into the FIO RITO affair.

Those present decided that GIROLAMI, the Clerk of the Probate Court, D'ARCO and Alderman VITO MARZULLO of Chicago's 25th Ward, should make an appointment with Mayor DALEY for Monday morning, April 29, at which time they, together with FIO RITO, should determine from Mayor DALEY why this investigation is being pushed and to what extent the Mayor desires to see the investigation proved. It was further decided during the later afternoon hours of April 26 that GIROLAMI and FIO RITO would meet with KEANE in his offices for the purpose of determining why KEANE has decided to push this investigation.

Following the departure of GIROLAMI and FIO RITO, in his discussion with MARCY, D'ARCO stated that he was apprehensive regarding FIO RITO's stand in this matter and is afraid that FIO RITO does not desire to stand up and fight this situation. According to D'ARCO, FIO RITO is extremely apprehensive over the possibility of his obtaining a jail sentence in this matter and is further apprehensive regarding the possibility of his, FIO RITO's, wife having to appear before a hearing board of some type in this matter.

MARCY advised D'ARCO that he does not want to let this matter drop and desires that FIO RITO make a determined stand in this matter and fight the investigation being conducted by the City Council. MARCY advised that he does not want to "lose face" in this situation and cannot afford to make another mistake in the matter.

MARCY further stated that he learned that SAM GIANCANA has as yet made no statements regarding his opinions regarding the present situation.

CG 6498-PC, who is identical with GIROLAMI, advised SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER, Jr., on 4/30/63 that he has been in almost constant contact with D'ARCO, MARCY, TISCI and FIO RITO beginning Friday, 4/26/63, until the morning of 4/30/63. He confirmed substantially the information set out above from CG 6576-C* and advised that he, VITO MARZULLO, and D'ARCO, as Democratic ward committeemen of the City of Chicago, met with Mayor DALEY on 4/29/63. During this meeting,

Mayor DALEY advised FIO RITO that he had two alternatives. He told FIO RITO that FIO RITO could get up on the floor of the City Council and take an oath that he had properly and legitimately met all residence requirements. DALEY specified, however, that in the event FIO RITO did this, he would also have to testify in a civil suit which would undoubtedly be brought by Republican Alderman JOHN HOELLEN, who has introduced a resolution that FIO RITO's residence be investigated, and that not only FIO RITO but also his wife would be required to testify in such action under pain of perjury. DALEY advised FIO RITO at the meeting of April 29 that if FIO RITO felt that his position was strong enough so that he would commit himself and his wife to such action, he, Mayor DALEY, would then back FIO RITO. However, if he refused to take an oath as to his residence, then Mayor DALEY suggested to FIO RITO that the other alternative would be to resign.

CG 6498-PC advised that he spent most of the morning with FIO RITO on 4/30/63. FIO RITO advised him that he had recently returned from Florida, where his wife and children are now residing, and discussed the proposals of Mayor DALEY with his wife. FIO RITO strongly indicated to the PCI that he would not desire to put himself or his wife in the position of taking oath and testifying as to his residence. PCI advised that he feels that FIO RITO will resign in the very near future.

Based on the above information, contacts were made this date at the 1st Ward Organization, at FIO RITO's law office, and at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, where he is residing in attempts to contact him. These attempts were negative, and messages were left for him to contact either SA-ROEMERODY SA RUTLAND. Within ten minutes following these calls, CG 6498-PC contacted SA ROEMER and advised that he had just been contacted, and informed that the FBI was attempting to contact FIO RITO.

Source advised that he will set up a meeting between the FBI and FIO RITO as previously proposed and that he will attempt to make this meeting for the morning of 5/1/63.