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CARL AUSTIN HALL, was.

(deceased), etal;

ROBERT COSGROVE GREENLEASE, aka Bobby (deceased) - VICTIM KIDNAPING; EXTORTION; PERJURY

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the report of SA JOHN S. BUSH dated 9/24/58 at St. Louis.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN S. BUSH dated 9/11/58 at St. Louis

One copy of this report is being furnished the hic Little Rock Office in view of its investigation of JOHN FRANCISKINNEY, JEFF HOLLIS and WILLIAM MANSKER CLUBB.

One copy of this report is being furnished the Los Angeles Office in view of investigation by that office of JOHN OLIVER HAGER. One copy is furnished Chicago in view of investigation being conducted by that office.

The following information was obtained from confidential informants, Potential Criminal Informants and confidential sources.

SYNOPSIS: MAY TRAYNOR receives anonymous phone call from man who warns her to retract her testimony before the Senate Rackets Committee regarding JOE COSTELLO and JOHN VITALE. LOUIS DONALD SHOULDERS continues to associate with PCI MARY JOAN LA PLANTE, almost daily, and latter furnishes detailed information on his

ENCLOSURE

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On September 20, 1958, MARTIN SILK, confidential source whose identity must be protected, personally advised ASAC H. K. MOSS as follows:

He, SILK, had been by the residence of suspect SHOULDERS at noon and early afternoon of September 20, 1958; that the conversation at the SHOULDERS residence rotated entirely around the interview with SHOULDERS by ASAC H. K. MOSS on the preceding day. SHOULDERS commented as follows. The FBI was trying to involve him in a criminal violation with respect to a visit made by CLUBB to SHOULDERS; residence, but SHOULDERS expressed confidence that the facts would not amount to a violation. He speculated that if the FBI had a real good case even against his son, young LOU, the FBI would have proceeded immediately by Commissioner's complaint and warrant rather than via indictment; that the latter method is used only when the case is essentially a weak one. He further commented that he doubted if any action would be taken against himself for the reason that news stories referred only to young LOU, and certainly in view of all the press interest in SHOULDERS. himself. had there been any possibility of proceeding against SHOULDERS the newspapers would so have been advised. He referred to comments made by ASAC MOSS as to what would make SHOULDERS "talk", and SHOULDERS claimed that he implied that he had turned down a \$100,000 offer and when ASAC MOSS asked SHOULDERS to be a Government witness against COSTELLO, SHOULDERS claimed to have replied, "How can I when I don't know anything?". It should be noted this is contrary to the comment that SHOULDERS did actually made to ASAC MOSS as related in the details of that interview with SHOULDERS on September 19, 1958. SHOULDERS then referred to the "bad luck" that has befallen all of those who did get the money, referring to the successful Federal Firearms Act conviction of COSTELLO and the current severe heart illness. of ROBERT BERNARD BAKER. In generalities SHOULDERS said it was his opinion that in some manner or other the Teamsters Union was utilized as a vehicle to dispose of the missing GREENLEASE money. Referring to the efforts of the FBI to indict him on the CLUBB matter, SHOULDERS said that at one time young LOU SHOULDERS wanted SHOULDERS to "shelter" CLUBB but "I warned LOUIE that someday they'd get that S.O.B. in a crack and he'd talk". SILK was of the opinion that notwithstanding SHOULDERS! claim that he was not worried about these developments, that actually SHOULDERS was perturbed.

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