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Assistant Attorney General

December 11, 1963

Director, FBI

**JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA  
DOMINICK EDWARD BARTONE, ET AL.  
FEDERAL RESERVE ACT; INTERSTATE  
TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY  
MAIL FRAUD; FRAUD BY WIRE; CONSPIRACY**

1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Evans

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This is to confirm receipt of your request made on December 10, 1963, to Special Agent Robert A. Garvey of this Bureau to equip Robert C. Meissner with a tape recorder concealed on his person for the purpose of recording a conversation during a contemplated meeting between Meissner and Joseph F. Verhelle, former President of Public Bank, Detroit, Michigan, on December 11, 1963.

You advised that Meissner, a Chicago, Illinois, consulting engineer, is cooperating with the Government and has furnished considerable information which he has obtained from Verhelle relating to the activities of Hoffa and the granting of Pension Fund loans. Meissner reportedly stated his meeting with Verhelle, scheduled to occur in Meissner's apartment in Chicago, was called by Verhelle to discuss ways they can help Hoffa in the Nashville case.

In accordance with your request, our Chicago Office has been instructed to equip Meissner with a tape recorder for the purpose stated above. The Criminal Division will be furnished with the results.

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**NOTE:** See memorandum Mr. Rosen to Mr. Belmont, captioned as above, dated 12/10/63, LRK:eem, which contains a request by Assistant Attorney General Miller to equip Meissner with a tape recorder for the afore-mentioned purpose. Our Chicago Office was telephonically instructed at 6:30 P.M., 12/10/63, to contact Department Attorney William French of the Criminal Division, who is in Chicago in connection with captioned matter, and arrange through him to equip Meissner with this tape recorder.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *Alford*

DATE: December 10, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: **JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA  
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Assistant Attorney General Herbert J. Miller, Jr., has telephonically requested that the Bureau equip Robert C. Meissner, principal in captioned matter, with a technical device concealed on his person to record a contemplated meeting between Meissner and Joseph F. Verhelle, former President, Public Bank, Detroit, Michigan, which is supposed to take place at Meissner's apartment in Chicago, Illinois, during the early morning of 12/11/63. According to Mr. Miller, Meissner is cooperating with the Government and has furnished considerable information concerning which Meissner has obtained from Verhelle relating to the activities of Hoffa and the granting of Pension Fund loans. Meissner has informed the Department that his meeting with Verhelle on 12/11/63 was called by Verhelle to discuss ways they can help Hoffa in the Nashville case.

Mr. Miller pointed out that recently such a device was successfully utilized in the Osborn Obstruction of Justice case at Nashville, which resulted in Osborn being indicted by Nashville Federal grand jury on 12/6/63. In this case a damaging conversation was recorded between Osborn and an intermediary (on whom a tape recorder was concealed) Osborn was using to influence a potential juror in the forthcoming trial.

Both Meissner and Verhelle were principals in captioned matter, which involved a series of loans made by Public Bank, Detroit, totaling \$800,000, to virtually insolvent corporations. It is alleged that these loans were made at the insistence of Hoffa, who threatened to remove Teamsters Union funds on deposit at Public Bank unless the loans were granted.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the need for expediency it is recommended that our Chicago Office be telephonically instructed to arrange through

1 - Mr. Conrad

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