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JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA, DOMINICK EDWARD BARTONE, AKA ETAL,
FRA, ETC.

ROBERT MEISSNER APPEARED AT CHICAGO OFFICE AFTER HE MET
JOSEPH VERHELLE IN CHICAGO TODAY. VERHELLE DID NOT IDENTIFY
POTENTIAL DEFENSE WITNESS IN CHATTANOOGA TRIAL BUT GAVE
IMPRESSION SOMEONE WOULD TESTIFY REGARDING PUBLIC BANK OF
DETROIT SITUATION TO SHOW THE GOVERNMENT GOING ALL OUT
AGAINST HOFFA.

ACCORDING TO VERHELLE, A STATE OF MICHIGAN BANKING
COUNSELOR VISITED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL POSSIBLY RECENTLY AND LET IT BE KNOWN HE BELIEVES
THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WAS CARRYING ON A VENDETTA AGAINST
HOFFA WHICH CAUSED THE PERSECUTION OF THE PUBLIC BANK.

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