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JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA., MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING.
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NY TWO THREE ZERO FIVE- C ADVISED HOFFA TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIM THIS DATE FROM MIAMI AND ASKED HIM TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR RUNNING THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, DC., ON A FULL TIME BASIS. INFORMANT DECLINED BECAUSE OF HIS HEALTH STATUS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE CURRENT FRICTION, HOFFA STATED IT WAS NOTHING AND COULD PROBABLY BE PATCHED UP.

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JOHN STRONG, ^{Potential Criminal Informant} ~~POI~~, ADVISED THIS DATE JOHN O'Rourke, ^{TEXAS UNION} VICE PRESIDENT, (IBT), RETURNED FROM MIAMI AND RELATED THE FOLLOWING.

M.D. HAROLD GIBBONS, INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, IBT, DICK KAVNER, ^{MO} GENERAL ORGANIZER FROM ST. LOUIS, ^{USA} PETE SAPPO, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZER, AND LARRY STEINBERG, ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT OF IBT, ALL TENDERED RESIGNATIONS AS INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS OF IBT. ^{Potential Criminal Informant} ~~POI~~ WAS TOLD GIBBONS WOULD REMAIN AS UNPAID VICE PRESIDENT IN ST. LOUIS AND OTHERS WOULD GO BACK ON SALARY WITH THEIR LOCAL UNIONS. AFTER A CONFERENCE WITH HOFFA, THEY WITHDREW THEIR RESIGNATIONS UNTIL AFTER HOFFA-S TRIAL IN NASHVILLE. O- ROURKE SAID SERIOUS DIFFERENCES HAD BEEN BUILDING UP AND WERE CLIMAXED BY THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. AT THAT TIME

HOFFA MADE A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PRESIDENT-S DEATH WAS GOOD BECAUSE IT WOULD FINISH " LITTLE BROTHER BOBBY". O-ROURKE
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TOLD SOURCE GIBBONS AND STEINBERG RESENTED HOFFA-S ATTITUDE. GIBBONS
SUBSEQUENTLY SENT A TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCES AND STEINBERG CLOSED THE
INTERNATIONAL OFFICES IN WASHINGTON, DC., OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE
PRESIDENT. BOTH OF THESE ACTIONS BROUGHT ON VIOLENT ARGUMENTS WITH HOFFA.
O-ROURKE TOLD THE SOURCE THAT GIBBONS AND THE OTHERS TOOK A FIRM
POSITION BUT BACKED DOWN SO HE IS NOT TAKING SIDES AT PRESENT.

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~~PCT~~ SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THIS DATE THAT JOHN O-ROURKE TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED HIM AND TOLD HIM THAT HAROLD GIBBONS, DICK KAVNER, PETE SAFFO,
LARRY STEINBERG, ~~YUKI KEATHLEY~~^{U.S.A.} AND ~~FERGESON KEATHLEY~~^{U.S.A.}, HAVE QUIT
THEIR JOBS AS MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. O-ROURKE SAID
THESE RESIGNATIONS ARE FINAL. O- ROURKE TOLD THE SOURCE THAT
HOFFA IS" ACTING LIKE A RAVING MADMAN", AND HE ANTICIPATES GIBBONS
AND THE OTHERS WILL BRING HOFFA UP ON CHARGES BEFORE THE ^{TEAMSTERS UNION} (IBT) AND
ATTEMPT TO HAVE HOFFA DISMISSED AS GENERAL PRESIDENT OF THE IBT.
O- ROURKE DID NOT STATE HIS POSITION TO SOURCE OTHER THAN SAY HE IS " ON
THE FENCE" AT THE PRESENT.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, ~~SAM BARON~~^{U.S.A.} IS IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL , ANDNY TWO THREE ZERO FIVE- C ADVISED HE
RECENTLY LEARNED THAT HAROLD GIBBONS IS REGULARLY CONTACTING BARON.
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