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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : (Thomas L. Roberts)

1. Mr. Papich communicated by telephone at 10:00 a.m.:

The New York office of the FBI has learned informally from an Assistant District Attorney (unidentified) on Hogan's staff that the New York District Attorney has received a complaint against Subject for absconding with funds received from negligence cases. The allegation is that Subject converted the settlements to his own use, did not pay them--less his own fees--to the clients concerned. The complainant or complainants and the lawyer or spokesman for them are not identified. It is added, however, that whoever made the complaint to the New York District Attorney also specified that there was reason to believe that Subject was connected with a U.S. Agency. If this was so, it was further indicated, complainants would be willing to discuss the situation.

2. These are all of the details that Sam has received over the telephone from New York. I asked him specifically for the identification--if the FBI could make it--of the attorney or attorneys who made the complaint to the New York District Attorney's office.

3. There was nothing in this communication to relate Subject's case with the Itkin matter. However, it is clear that the allegation made against Subject is identical with a large number that have been of interest to the New York District Attorney in connection with Itkin.

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