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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: VIOLENT CRIMES SECTION, CID)

FROM : SAC, Washington Field Office (DL 89A-43) (RUC)

SUBJECT : ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
 DALLAS, TEXAS,
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Re WMFO telcalls to Violent Crimes Unit, FBIHQ, (JFK) 1/17/92 and FBI, Dallas, 1/21/92.

Enclosed for FBIHQ, Dallas and New York are two copies each of a self-explanatory insert documenting information from a high level New York source concerning captioned matter.

For information of FBIHQ and Dallas, New York FCI source providing the attached information is a former WMFO [Top Echelon] source. * This source has provided reliable and very sensitive high level information in both criminal and FCI matters for many years.

For clarification, attached information is being provided by WMFO as WMFO SA WILLIAM M. MACKEY is the original source case agent who now is a designated an alternate source contact agent. SA MACKEY is responsible for disseminating any criminal information developed by source regarding criminal activities outside the New York Metropolitan area.

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- 2-Dallas (Enc. 2) *see*
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The attached is provided for whatever action deemed appropriate. Leads are being left to the discretion of Dallas.

Since no leads are outstanding, WMFO is placing this matter in RUC status.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Source providing the attached information is NY [7856-OA.] (S)

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Source advised source's relationship with HOFFA began in the late 1950s while HOFFA was a Vice President of the TEAMSTERS. Source's relationship with HOFFA lasted until HOFFA's disappearance. Source described the relationship between source and HOFFA as "close" [noting that source was one of HOFFA's few associates who could meet with or call HOFFA at any time without an appointment. Source stated HOFFA offered source a position as one of HOFFA'S trusted assistants which source respectfully declined.]

In regard to RAGANO, [source recalled attending only three or four meetings with HOFFA and others in the early 1960s which were also attended by RAGANO. Although source has not had contact with RAGANO for many years, source recalled RAGANO (like most people attempting to contact HOFFA) was required to make an appointment to see HOFFA in the early 1960s. Source was not aware if RAGANO'S status with HOFFA changed in later years.]

Source identified attorneys close to HOFFA as EDDIE SHAFITZ (phonetic), a partner of the late EDWARD BENNETT WILLIAMS in Washington, D.C. and an attorney (name not recalled) who was a close associate of the BUFFALINO LCN family. Source did not consider RAGANO an attorney "close" to HOFFA.

Source advised HOFFA was very close to LCN boss SANTOS TRAFFICANTE and other LCN members. Source said HOFFA was capable of ordering a contract "hit". Source advised HOFFA was always "doing favors" for high level LCN members and, if HOFFA requested a contract "hit", the "hit" probably would have been done by the LCN for free.

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Based upon source's relationships with past LCN bosses, source commented that if RAGANO's claims about an LCN contract against PRESIDENT KENNEDY were true, RAGANO would have been killed by the LCN years ago. Based on RAGANO's claims that HOFFA, through RAGANO, requested TRAFFICANTE to arrange for the murder of PRESIDENT KENNEDY, RAGANO should have been killed shortly after PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S assassination. This would have been done to prevent RAGANO from identifying either HOFFA or TRAFFICANTE as orchestrating the "hit".

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