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

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Re WMFO telcalls to Violent Crimes Unit, FBIHQ, 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]. (S)

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]. (S) SA MACKEY is responsible for disseminating any criminal information developed by source regarding criminal activities outside the New York Metropolitan area. (S)

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New York is being provided information copies for inclusion in source file only.

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.

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

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The following information was telephonically provided by NY [7856-OA] to Special Agent WILLIAM M. MACKEY, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington Metropolitan Field Office on 1/16-17/92:

Source learned Tampa, Florida, attorney FRANK RAGANO (phonetic) would be appearing on the ABC News show "PRIME TIME LIVE" on 1/16/92 claiming to have information that former TEAMSTERS President JIMMY HOFFA instructed La Cosa Nostra (LCN) bosses to kill President JOHN F. KENNEDY in 1963. Based upon source's past relationship with both HOFFA and RAGANO, source categorized RAGANO's claims as "lies".

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 (S)

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 (S)

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 (S)(u)

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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Source advised HOFFA was not stupid and would not have made a request for a contract "hit" in the manner described by RAGANO. Source advised HOFFA never trusted "shyster" attorneys and certainly would not have trusted an attorney to pass on a request to kill the President of the United States. Source believed that if HOFFA wanted to order a contract "hit" on anyone, HOFFA would have distanced himself from the "hit". Source believed HOFFA would have made the request of a very close trusted associate who then would pass the request on through many other layers of trusted associates without mentioning the origin of the request or HOFFA's name.

Source described HOFFA as being "very paranoid" about being under constant FBI physical and technical surveillance. If HOFFA attended a meeting where illegal activities were discussed and notes were taken by HOFFA, he (HOFFA) would tear up the notes and flush them down the toilet before leaving the meeting. Source noted HOFFA took this action because he feared being stopped and searched by the FBI as he departed meetings.

Source recalled HOFFA frequently had his telephones and offices swept for wire taps by an LCN associate (name not recalled). This associate was later the victim of an LCN "hit" in Chicago. Source advised HOFFA was so paranoid that at one time HOFFA feared the FBI had "bugged" his toilet.

Source never had any discussions with HOFFA about killing either President JOHN F. KENNEDY or Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Source did recall disparaging remarks made by HOFFA about the KENNEDY family while both PRESIDENT KENNEDY and ROBERT F. KENNEDY were alive. Source advised that while HOFFA "disliked" JOHN F. KENNEDY, HOFFA did not "hate" him. Source said HOFFA "hated" ROBERT F. KENNEDY. HOFFA's hatred for ROBERT F. KENNEDY resulted from problems ROBERT F. KENNEDY caused HOFFA while KENNEDY was assigned to the Senate Rackets Committee and after KENNEDY became U.S. Attorney General. On several occasions, HOFFA made statements hoping that someone would either "beat up" or "blow away" ROBERT F. KENNEDY. After PRESIDENT KENNEDY's assassination, HOFFA told source "JACK (KENNEDY) was not a bad guy but he allowed BOBBY (KENNEDY) to run his life".

Source recalled that immediately following PRESIDENT KENNEDY's assassination on November 22, 1963, the TEAMSTERS offices in Washington, D.C., were closed and the American flag was ordered to fly at half-staff by order of HAROLD GIBBONS, HOFFA'S Executive Assistant in Washington. Because of this action, HOFFA fired GIBBONS and replaced GIBBONS with ROY FITZSIMMONS.

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Source identified JOSEPH CONNO (phonetic) as a current TEAMSTERS official in New York City. Source described CONNO as one of HOFFA's close assistants in the 1960s who may have knowledge of HOFFA's activities prior to the assassination of PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

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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