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The purpose of this airtel is to bring up to date the situation involving Alderman MICHAEL FIORITO.

Contact was made with CG 4498-PC prior to contact of Alderman FIORITO on the early morning of 5/1/63. PCI advised that he had been in contact with FIORITO until 2:30 AM that morning and that FIORITO was feeling very "blue" and depressed. PCI advised that FIORITO did not relish the investigation of him by the FBI or the resolution introduced in the Chicago City Council by Alderman JOHN HOELLEN.

When the agents arrived at FIORITO's law office, 30 North La Salle Street, for purposes of interview, Alderman FIORITO immediately advised that he was making a decision to resign his position as Alderman of the First Ward and advised the agents concerning his family problems and lack of enthusiasm for making a fight.

FIORITO was asked about his association with GIANCANA and he advised that not only has he never met GIANCANA he has no information which would tend to indicate to him that allegations received by the FBI that GIANCANA asserts influence in the affairs of the First Ward are true.

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At 1:00 AM on 5/2/63 CG 6498-PC advised that he was at that time with Alderman FIORITO in the Gaslight Club in Chicago and that they had just returned from a private meeting with State's Attorney DAN WARD. PCI advised that FIORITO had learned from WARD that the investigation which was commenced by WARD approximately one month ago was now complete and that there would be no further investigation or prosecution of FIORITO. WARD advised FIORITO, however, that he could speak for no other agency and that he indicated to FIORITO that FIORITO could expect investigations by other law enforcement agencies and legislative bodies for the next four years in the event he continued to hold office. PCI advised that for this reason FIORITO continued in his intention to resign as Alderman of the First Ward. PCI also advised that he and FIORITO would contact PAT MARCY, JOHN D'ARCO, and TONY TISCI late on the morning of 5/2/63 and make known FIORITO's intention to resign within the next two or three days. 166

CG 6576-C* advised that during the early afternoon of 5/2/63 PCI and FIORITO appeared in the offices of the First Ward Regular Democratic Organization but that PCI was not present in the immediate office when FIORITO discussed with TISCI and MARCY the facts of his resignation. This source advised that MARCY and TISCI listened patiently for approximately half an hour while FIORITO outlined his personal reasons for not desiring to continue as Alderman of the First Ward. At the conclusion of FIORITO's presentation MARCY then asked FIORITO whether he would be interested in running again for election as Alderman of the First Ward next year after all requirements of residence are properly and legally met. It appeared to the source that this was the first time that FIORITO was questioned by MARCY and TISCI concerning this possibility and that it was the first consideration he had given to this possibility. When FIORITO indicated to MARCY that he would give consideration to it, MARCY told him that that would not be good enough, that they wanted to know right now what FIORITO would do. FIORITO advised that he would like to think about it but MARCY pressed for an immediate answer. Finally, FIORITO advised MARCY and TISCI that they could count on him for being a candidate for Alderman of the First Ward if they could get a commitment from Mayor DALEY on 5/3/63 that there would be no election to fill the vacancy which would then exist in the First Ward following the resignation of FIORITO until February of 1964. In this regard attention is drawn to the fact that in February of 1964 in the event that FIORITO continues to reside in the City of Chicago he will be 166

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legally and properly qualified as a resident of the City of Chicago to run for Alderman of the First Ward. It is noted that at the present time FIORITO has been residing in the Conrad Hilton Hotel in the First Ward since 1/29/63.

FIORITO and MARCY then made arrangements to request an immediate appointment with Mayor DALEY on the morning of 5/3/63 in order to communicate the intention of FIORITO to resign to Mayor DALEY and to receive the commitment from the Mayor that the vacancy in the First Ward will continue to exist until February, 1964.

Late on the afternoon of 5/2/63 Alderman FIORITO telephonically contacted SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER of this office and advised that he would probably communicate his resignation, which he had now made definite, to Mayor DALEY on the morning of 5/3/63 and request permission of the Mayor to hold this resignation in confidence while he prepared a statement over the weekend of 5/4-5/63. He advised that he then desired to sit down with SAs ROEMER and MARSHALL E. RUTLAND on the morning of 5/6/63 and give them a copy of his resignation statement. He then intends to release this statement to the press either on the afternoon of 5/6/63 or on the morning of 5/7/63 it being noted that the Rules Committee of the City Council meets concerning his qualifications on the morning of 5/7/63. In answer to a question as to whether there is anything "new" in regard to his situation, FIORITO answered negatively.

CG 6498-PC telephonically contacted SA ROEMER on the late evening of 5/2/63 from South Bend, Indiana, to inform him that Alderman FIORITO just contacted the PCI in South Bend to advise of his appointment with the Mayor for 5/3/63. PCI advised that FIORITO intends at that time to inform the Mayor that he intends at that time to inform the Mayor that he intends to resign. However, PCI did not inform concerning any possibility that FIORITO will be a candidate for re-election next year.

As a result of these interviews, it is apparent that the "heat" of the investigations on the First Ward