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CG 6576-C* furnished the following detailed information concerning activities occurring within the First Ward Democratic organization on 5/6, 7, and 8/63

At noon on 5/6/63, MIKE FIO RITO and TONY GIROLAMI met, at which time FIO RITO advised that he and GIROLAMI had just been together with JOHN MELANIPHY, head of the Corporation Council; Alderman TOM KEANE; and STEVEN LOVE, a Chicago attorney, at which time they had discussed FIO RITO's resignation. Following this discussion, MARCY read the resignation as FIO RITO had prepared it, which is as follows:

There appears to be a controversy over my residence qualifications to serve as Alderman of the 1st Ward. Many people of this Ward took time out to go to the polls on February 23, 1963, writing in my name as their choice for Alderman, as a result of which I was elected.

I served my country during the war. I have been a member of the Illinois Bar for 20 years, and I enjoy a good station as a citizen and lawyer.

This controversy involves questions of facts and could in the course of events over a long period of time be a cloud might be hanging over the right of thousands of people who have no represent them with their votes for Alderman.

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husband of MURRAY HUMPHREYS' present wife. A lengthy discussion was held regarding this situation. The discussion then centered upon the resignation of FIO RITO and MARCY and BRODKIN discussed the effect the publicity has had on the organization in general and generally decided that things have never been as bad as they have right at this point. MARCY commented that it was unfortunate that GRANATA (PETE GRANATA, Representative to the Illinois Senate from the First Ward) had to take such a beating in his attempt to beat Sheriff RICHARD OGILVIE's crime bills. Of particular note was the fact that MARCY and BRODKIN were trying to determine what SANDY SMITH would follow his story up with. There was no doubt in their minds that SMITH has much more information available regarding this situation and plans a series of articles to continue blasting the First Ward in particular and the over-all organization in general.

Late in the afternoon TONY GIROLAMI met with MARCY and ANTHONY TISCI, at which time the following took place: (It is pointed out that GIROLAMI, who is identical to CG 6498-PC, was in contact with agents prior to his meeting with MARCY and TISCI.)

GIROLAMI tells MARCY that SANDY SMITH, who wrote the story about FIO RITO for the "Sun Times" got his story from a "Sun Times" correspondent in Washington. MARCY at first is skeptical about his story but later appears to give credence to it. Atmosphere seems to clear when GIROLAMI shows MARCY a copy of today's "Daily News" about "the bang" GIROLAMI's court got due to bribery of court officials.

MARCY: Did MIKE call them guys back and tell them he was gonna resign? ROEMER?

GIROLAMI: I don't think so. I don't think so.

MARCY: What's his opinion of MIKE now?

GIROLAMI: He's dead.

GIROLAMI again repeats that SANDY SMITH's Washington correspondent got the story for him. He again points out that "The Tribune" broke the story, not SMITH and the "Sun Times." PAT didn't know that but accepts it when GIROLAMI insists he can check it..

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The above is self explanatory as to the developments as they occurred and gives a clear picture as to how the situation rests at this moment. It is felt by the Chicago Division that they have succeeded beyond expectations in disrupting the entire political organization of the First Ward Democratic organization. It is interesting to note that strong consideration is being given to the possibility of GIROLAMI being made Alderman of the First Ward. Further information concerning this situation is being submitted in a separate airtel this date under the caption "MURRAY HUMPHREYS, aka, AR" which sets forth further information obtained from CG 6498-PC, which incorporates information received this date from GIROLAMI concerning a conversation held by GIROLAMI with FIO RITO in Florida which indicates that FIO RITO is desirous of meeting with Agents ROEMER and RUTLAND following his return and discussing the possibilities of his returning to the post of First Ward Alderman in a year's time. At this point it appears that the Chicago Division is in an excellent position at this time to have either a present informant or an individual who indicates close cooperation with the Government should he be elected to the post as the next Alderman of the First Ward. In further regard to this matter, the following information is furnished regarding an editorial which appeared in the 5/8/63 edition of the "Chicago Daily News" regarding the First Ward developments. The editorial pointed out the irregularities which had occurred in the running of candidates for First Ward Alderman and continued that had not the FBI taken an interest in the matter the irregularities would have been allowed to stand up and go uncontested. The editorial was extremely laudatory of the FBI's position in uncovering the situation and forcing the situation into the open whereby FIO RITO has eventually withdrawn and the entire situation aired.

It was learned that contact was made with Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY by the "Chicago American's" Washington correspondent for the purpose of obtaining his comments as to the FBI participation in the investigation into the First Ward situation which contact apparently was the forerunner to an article which appeared in the 5/8/63 edition of the "Chicago American" to the effect that "Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY today praised the increased efforts of the FBI....in the all-out battle against organized crime and corruption of public officials."