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FROM SAC SAN JUAN 142205

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UNSUBS; LOCAL 901, TEAMSTERS UNION, SAN JUAN, P. R.; LMRDA - IM. REREP SA (A) JOSEPH F. CUNNINGHAM, JR., FEBRUARY 2, 1962, SAN JUAN. LT. RAFAEL ALVAREZ (NA), POPR, ADVISED SAN JUAN OFFICE FEBRUARY 13, 1962 HE RECEIVED INFO FROM POPR CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE "ACE", PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED, THAT THE TEAMSTERS UNION PLANNED TO SET FIRE TO THEIR OFFICE AND RECORDS, IN ORDER TO PREVENT RECORDS BEING INSPECTED BY FBI IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED BY SAN JUAN OFFICE. AS BUREAU IS AWARE, INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN CAPTIONED MATTER, AND CASE ENTITLED "CRIMINAL INFLUENCE IN INTERNATIONAL TEAMSTERS UNION, LOCAL 901, SAN JUAN, P. R.; AR;" BUFILE 95-5361. FOR INFO BUREAU, TEAMSTERS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN PICKETING OF LA CONCHA HOTEL, SAN JUAN, FOR RECOGNITION BY THE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS UNION (HRWU) WHICH LOST ELECTION TO TEAMSTERS, JANUARY, 1962, BY VOTE OF 203 TO 32. MATTER OF RECOGNITION NOW PENDING BEFORE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD (NLRB), SANTURCE, P. R. FIRE OCCURRED IN OFFICE OF HRWU, SANTURCE, P. R., EARLY MORNING HOURS, FEBRUARY 8, 1962, AND IMPORTANT UNION RECORDS ALLEGEDLY DESTROYED. LT. ALVAREZ, POPR, CONTACTED FEBRUARY 14, 1962, TO DETERMINE IF POPR SOURCE "ACE" RECEIVED INFO RE PLAN OF TEAMSTERS TO BURN OWN OFFICE AND RECORDS WAS DIVULGED TO "ACE" DIRECTLY BY FRANK CHAVEZ, SECRETARY-TREASURER, LOCAL 901, OR THROUGH THIRD PARTY, WITH THOUGHT THAT INFO FURNISHED TO "ACE" MIGHT BE TRAP TO EXPOSE "ACE" AS POPR SOURCE, THEREBY

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cc J.R. Adams

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PLACING SOURCE'S LIFE IN DANGER. LT. ALVAREZ ADVISED HIS SOURCE RECEIVED ABOVE INFO FROM A THIRD PARTY, BUT POSSIBILITY OF TRAP STILL PRESENT. ALVAREZ ALSO ADVISED THAT "ACE" WAS INFORMED THAT THE FIRE AT HRWU OFFICE WAS CAUSED BY THE TEAMSTERS, WITH PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING PRECEDENT OF FIRES IN UNION OFFICES, AND IN THIS MANNER, BURN THEIR OWN OFFICE TO PREVENT RECORDS OF TEAMSTERS BEING INSPECTED BY FBI. SUPERINTENDENT RAMON TORRES BRASCHI, POPR, ADVISED TODAY THAT HE CONSIDERS SITUATION OF "ACE" VERY DELICATE AND BELIEVES THAT LEAK OF THIS INFORMATION FROM OFFICE OF ANY FEDERAL AGENCY MIGHT RESULT IN SEVERE EMBARRASSMENTS AND IS CONCERNED OVER PLACING OF SOURCE IN DANGER. USA, SAN JUAN, NOT CONTACTED TO DATE RE ABOVE INFO, BUT IN CONTINUING CONTACTS RE CAPTIONED CASE, HAS STATED THAT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SUBPOENA FOR BOOKS AND RECORDS OF LOCAL 901, MORE SPECIFIC ITEMS INDICATIVE OF EMBEZZLEMENT SHOULD BE OBTAINED. BURNING OF TEAMSTERS RECORDS WOULD APPEAR TO BE VIOLATION OF LMRDA STATUTES RELATING TO RIGHT OF UNION MEMBERS TO INSPECT UNION'S RECORDS. IN ADDITION, BUREAU OF LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTS (BLMR), SANTURCE, P. R., HAS BEEN ADVISED BY SAN JUAN OFFICE OF LOCAL 901'S APPARENT VIOLATION OF TITLE 2, LMRDA, FAILURE TO FILE REQUIRED FINANCIAL REPORTS WITH DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 21, 1960. IT APPEARS THAT BLMR SHOULD THEREFORE BE ABLE TO IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENA TO PRESERVE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF LOCAL 901, IF SO WILLING. BUREAU REQUESTED TO DISCUSS ABOVE MATTER WITH DEPARTMENT ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBLE BASIS FOR IMMEDIATELY MOVING TO OBTAIN BOOKS AND RECORDS OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 901. DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS USA, SAN JUAN, TO TAKE

ACTION, CARE MUST BE TAKEN NOT TO DISCLOSE BASIS FOR ACTION THAT IS POSSIBLE BURNING OF TEAMSTERS RECORDS.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>UNSUBS; Local 901, Teamsters Union San Juan, Puerto Rico</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA (A) JOSEPH F. CUNNINGHAM, Jr.</b>	TYPED BY <b>par yv</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>LMRDA - IM</b>	

**SYNOPSIS:**

REFERENCES

Report of SA ~~(A)~~ JOSEPH F. CUNNINGHAM, JR. at San Juan 11/24/61.  
Washington Field airtel to Bureau 12/8/61.  
San Juan radiogram to Bureau 1/5/62.  
San Juan airtel to Miami 1/29/62.

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California

1) Will check appropriate public records to determine if FRANK CHAVEZ has received a divorce from JUNE J. CHAVEZ, 1144 South Concord, Los Angeles, California. It is noted that information has been received that JUNE CHAVEZ has been separated from FRANK CHAVEZ, Secretary-Treasurer, Teamsters Local 901, San Juan; investigation by Los Angeles verified that FRANK CHAVEZ and/or

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SAN JUAN DIVISION

1) Will maintain contact with Lieutenant RAFAEL ALVAREZ (NA), POPR, for any pertinent information and additional details if necessary concerning the possible embezzlement of funds of Local 901 which Lieutenant ALVAREZ might receive from the confidential source of the POPR with code name "Ace".

2) Will continue efforts to develop LUIS E. PAGAN COLON, accountant for Local 901, as a PCI.

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4) Will follow progress of investigations and resulting action by Bureau or Labor Management Reports, Santurce, of the apparent non-filing of annual reports by Local 901, LM-1 and LM-2 forms, with U. S. Department of Labor.

INFORMANTS

Information obtained from banks as set forth in details of this report was furnished to SA (A) JOSEPH F. CUNNINGHAM, JR. by the following individual who requested that their identity not be disclosed:

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One copy of this report is being furnished to the WFO for information as that office covers the headquarters for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) and may be called upon to conduct additional investigation in this matter at a later date.

Lieutenant RAFAEL ALVAREZ (NA), POPR, advised on January 4, 1962 on a very confidential basis that the POPR informant "Ace" is Teamsters organizer and official FEDERICO VIRELLA.

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