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An investigative report is being submitted immediately by the San Juan Office, and in accordance with Bureau instructions, reports will be submitted thereafter every 30 days.

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Simultaneously, information was received from Mr. GEORGE FRANK, Area Director, Bureau of Labor Management Reports, U.S. Department of Labor, Santurce, Puerto Rico, that a thorough search of the files and records of that agency had disclosed that Teamsters Local 901, Santurce, Puerto Rico, had failed to file with that agency the annual financial report, form LM-2, for the fiscal and calendar year ending December 31, 1960, as required by Title II of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1958. *vern 4/2-5/62*

The above facts were discussed with United States Attorney, FRANCISCO A. GIL, Jr., San Juan, on February 16, 1962, at which time Mr. GIL advised he would immediately move to have the Teamsters records subpoenaed, at which time Mr. GIL stated that he desired the San Juan Office of this agency to investigate the possible violation of Local 901 in failing to file their financial report for the year 1960 at the same time that investigation was being conducted concerning possible embezzlement of Union funds. Mr. GIL advised that he expected to be able to have a special Federal Grand Jury convened by February 19, 1962 in order to have the necessary subpoena issued.

A special Federal Grand Jury was convened at San Juan at 9:00 A.M., February 19, 1962, and a subpoena duces tecum was issued for the [redacted]

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