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JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
CHARLES W. BRAY
CENTRAL CASUALTY COMPANY
HOBEN BRAY SERVICES, INC.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)
(OO:CG)

Enclosed herewith for the information and assistance of the Chicago Office are three self-explanatory copies of each of 3 separate documents dealing with information supplied by Stewart B. Hopps.

Enclosed documents were obtained on a discreet basis from the Criminal Division. These items should be carefully and fully digested by the Agents presently interviewing Charles W. Bray in connection with captioned case and related matters. These documents are furnished the Chicago Office for the assistance of the Agents during the remaining interviews with Bray since the information supplied by Hopps has a direct intimate bearing on information which Bray may be able to supply.

During the continuing interviews with Bray, Chicago Agents are not to infer or indicate directly or indirectly that Hopps has furnished any information whatsoever to the Government. The fact that Hopps has furnished this information to a postal inspector and the fact that the Bureau has possession of this information is not to be disclosed outside the Bureau and is not to be discussed with Department attorneys in Chicago.

In addition to utilizing the enclosed information in connection with captioned investigation, it should be carefully

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Enclosures (3)

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- 1 - 87-66742 (Charles W. Bray; Pan American Bank)
- 1 - 63-7987 (James Riddle Hoffa, Cal. Life Ins.)
- 1 - 63-7985 (James Riddle Hoffa, Irwin S. Weiner)
- 1 - 63-7821 (James Riddle Hoffa, TUPF Loans)

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Digested by other Agents in the Chicago Office handling investigation in the following captioned cases:

- (1) JAMES RIDDLE HOPPS
IRVIN S. WEINER
ALLEN H. BORFMAN
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(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)
(CG:CG)
Bufile 63-7884; CGfile 62-6020
- (2) JAMES RIDDLE HOPPS
CALIFORNIA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
ET AL.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)
(CG:LA)
Bufile 63-7887; CGfile 62-6021
- (3) JAMES RIDDLE HOPPS, ET AL.
TRUST LOANS, etc.
RE; FEN; CONSPIRACY
(CG:CG)
Bufile 63-7821; CGfile 62-6001
- (4) PAUL L. BORFMAN, aka.
ALLEN H. BORFMAN, aka.
AR
(CG:CG)
Bufile 62-5833; CGfile 62-1059

The attention of the Chicago Office is called to the document captioned "Notes of interview with Mr. Stewart B. Hopps at Miami, Florida, April 30, 1963." Specifically on page 6, paragraph 2, Hopps mentions the fact that Bray, when appearing before the McClellan Committee, perjured himself under threats from Borfman and Weiner. During interviews with Bray efforts should be made to fully develop his appearance before the McClellan Committee without disclosing Hopps as a source of the information.

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Efforts should be made to identify other persons who might be in a position to have knowledge of the alleged threats against Bray by Weiner and Dorfman.

The Bureau cannot stress too strongly the need for extreme caution in handling this interview and the fact that it must be of the utmost thoroughness in order to exhaust every minute detail of information which Bray may be able to provide in connection with the investigations mentioned herein and the activities of Hopps, the Dorfman and related matters.

The Bureau does not concur with the observations of the Chicago Office with respect to not interviewing Louis and Hillard Volin as set forth on the administrative pages of the report of SA Harold B. Ross dated 9/8/63. Unless there is some compelling reason to the contrary, Chicago should interview Louis and Hillard Volin as previously requested.

NOTE: At the request of the Criminal Division we are conducting extensive investigation in captioned matter based on allegations that kickbacks were made to Hoffa through Allen M. Dorfman (a Chicago insurance executive and close associate of Hoffa's) in connection with various bonding programs of the Teamsters Union. Stewart B. Hopps, mentioned in the enclosures, has been described as a reinsurance expert and alleged swindler. He was convicted recently in Baltimore Federal Court on charges of Mail Fraud in connection with the operation of one of his insurance companies. Information has been developed to the effect that Hopps was involved at the time the original negotiations were conducted in setting up the Teamsters Bonding Program. During Hopps' recent trial in Baltimore he became friendly with Postal Inspector Alton J. Murray and at that time he indicated to Murray that he had information concerning Hoffa which could be useful to the Department of Justice. The enclosed documents relate to various contacts Postal Inspector Murray has had with Hopps between 4/30/63 and 7/24/63. It appears that Hopps has a wealth of extremely valuable information relating to a number of investigations presently being conducted by the Bureau. It is anticipated arrangements may be able to be worked out whereby Hopps can be interviewed in detail by Bureau Agents in connection with these matters.

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The documents enclosed herewith for Chicago were made available to SA Albert J. McGrath by Special Consultant to the Attorney General Walter J. Sheridan of the Criminal Division. Sheridan has advised that he has no objection to these documents being made available to our Agents in Chicago for use in the interview with Bray, former President of Central Casualty Company.