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**TO: SACs, MIAMI (62-4976) - Enclosures (5)
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (63-7005)

**JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
CHARLES W. HAY
CENTRAL CASUALTY COMPANY
HOMER HAY SERVICES, INC.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(ACCOUNTING AND TRAFFIC MATTERS)
(63-63)**

Enclosed herewith for the information and assistance of the Miami Office is one copy each of eight separate documents dealing with information supplied by Stewart B. Hopps.

The enclosed documents were obtained on a discreet basis from the Criminal Division and copies were previously forwarded Chicago by Buairtel dated 8/29/63. It is noted these documents contain considerable information furnished by Hopps which is pertinent to captioned investigation and several other related matters involving Hoffa and the Teamsters. The information set forth in these documents was furnished to a postal inspector who had no intimate knowledge concerning these matters, consequently no effort was made to question Hopps for further details.

Stewart B. Hopps 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. He has the reputation of gaining control of a company for the purpose of siphoning off good securities and thereafter replacing them with worthless securities. Information has been developed in captioned investigation indicating that Hopps was personally involved in the initial negotiations setting up the Teamsters Bonding Program.

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- 1 - 63-7985 (James Riddle Hoffa; Irwin S. Weiner)
- 1 - 63-7987 (James Riddle Hoffa; Cal. Life Insurance Co.)
- 1 - 92-5833 (Paul L. Dorfman)
- 1 - 63-7821 (James Riddle Hoffa; TUPF Loans)
- 1 - 87-66742 (Charles William Bray)
- 1 - 92-3141 (Felix Anthony Alderisio)

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The Criminal Division has now informed the Bureau that Stewart B. Hopps, who presently resides at 7984 West Drive, Harbor Island, Miami, Florida, has expressed a willingness to be interviewed by Bureau Agents providing he is not questioned concerning his recent Mail Fraud conviction in Baltimore or a current New York income tax case. This is based on recent contacts of Department Attorney Robert D. Pologuin with Hopps in Miami. It is noted Pologuin is temporarily assigned in Miami and maintains space at the U. S. Attorney's office. In view of the foregoing, the Bureau desires that Miami interview Hopps for all information he may be able to furnish regarding matters of interest to the Bureau. Prior to this contact, however, the Agents should contact Mr. Pologuin for background information on Hopps.

In connection with the proposed interview with Hopps the Bureau desires that he be questioned thoroughly concerning all information relating to captioned matter and the following current Bureau investigations:

- (1) JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
DORIS G. WALKER; ALAN H. BOEHMAN
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(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)
OO:CS
Bureau File 62-7983
Chicago File 62-8020; Miami File 62-4556
- (2) JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
CALIFORNIA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Oakland, California
ET AL.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)
OO:ST
Bureau File 62-7987
Chicago File 62-8021; San Francisco File 62-4794
- (3) PAUL L. BOEHMAN, aka.
ALAN H. BOEHMAN, aka.
AS
OO:CS
Bureau File 62-5883
Chicago File 62-1059

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- (4) JAMES RIDDLE HOPPS, ET AL.
TUDOR LOANS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
MF; FSW; CONSPIRACY
OO:CH
Bureau File 68-7921
Chicago File 68-6381; Miami File 62-4928
- (5) GEORGE WILLIAM BRAY
HELIK ANTHONY ANDERISIO, aka.; ET AL.
PAN AMERICAN BANK OF MIAMI, FLORIDA - VICTIM
IFSP; MF; ITAL
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)
OO:MI
Bureau File 67-66742
Miami File 67-16480
- (6) HELIK ANTHONY ANDERISIO, aka.
AM
OO:CC
Bureau File 62-3141
Chicago File 62-415

Available facts indicate that Hopps has traveled extensively and has had contact with numerous persons in whom the Bureau may have an interest. It is realized an interview with Hopps will necessarily cover an extended period of time in order to elicit from him all pertinent information he possesses. Miami should cover the substantive cases noted herein in order of their importance and thereafter follow up on other areas of interest to the Bureau.

In connection with this interview, Miami is referred to Buairtel dated 7/8/63, captioned "CHARLES WILLIAM BRAY; HELIK ANTHONY ANDERISIO, aka.; et al.; IFSP; MF; ITAL," MI file 67-16480, which enclosed a copy of an anonymous letter received by the Department of Justice, postmarked Chicago, Illinois, 4/30/62. During a recent interview, Bray advised the Chicago Office that this anonymous letter was written by Hopps. Miami should question Hopps specifically on this matter and fully explore all information contained in this anonymous letter.

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Miami should insure that Hopps is warned of certain rights as provided for in the FBI Handbook, Part II, Page 12, Paragraph 3a, and no promises should be made to him. Consideration should be given to obtaining signed statements if believed pertinent and advisable. As previously indicated, Hopps should not be questioned concerning his recent conviction in Baltimore and his New York income tax case. This interview should be well planned and handled by mature and experienced Agents, who are thoroughly familiar with the cases noted herein. Two Agents should participate in each interview. The items enclosed herewith should be reviewed and digested completely prior to this interview. No indication is to be given Hopps that Ray is being interviewed and likewise Gray should not be advised that Hopps is being questioned. Under no circumstances should the fact that Hopps is being questioned be disclosed outside the Bureau except to Department attorneys.

The Chicago Office is instructed to immediately furnish Miami a brief summary of investigation captioned "PAUL L. DEWANE, aka.; ET AL.; AL," together with specific items to be covered during the Hopps interview. Chicago should also furnish similar information to Miami in case captioned "PAUL ANTHONY ANTONISIO, aka.; AL."

San Francisco is instructed to furnish Miami similar information in case captioned "JAMES EARL RAY; CALIFORNIA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA; ET AL.; VICTIMIZATION - INFORMATION CONCERNING."

During the interviews with Hopps it will be important to develop evidence to support criminal prosecution in the cases mentioned herein. Every effort should be made to pin him down specifically on pertinent points and identify other parties who may be able to substantiate his information. The Bureau and Chicago are to be furnished in LHM form suitable for dissemination, a brief summary of each interview under the appropriate case caption. Miami will make available to Department Attorney Robert D. Falcone a copy of each LHM and Quate report prepared on this interview. Reports should be submitted in each case reflecting the full interview of Hopps as it relates to the specific case. Miami and Chicago should closely review the results of the interviews with Gray and Hopps and

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promptly resolve any discrepancies or questionable points. Bureau desires that the interview with Hopps begin at the earliest possible date. It would appear that it would not be necessary to await information from Chicago and San Francisco to begin this interview since Miami has possession of sufficient background in the other cases on which Hopps can be questioned. The Bureau is to be advised by airtel the results of contact with Pelouin and the expected date on which the interview with Hopps will begin.

NOTE: Department Attorney Robert D. Pelouin of the Criminal Division informed SA Wayne A. Frankenfield on 9/24/63 that Hopps was agreeable to being interviewed by Bureau Agents on any matter except his recent conviction in Baltimore and a New York income tax case.

The documents enclosed herewith for Miami were made available to SA Albert J. McGrath by Walter J. Sheridan, Special Consultant to the Attorney General, Criminal Division. Sheridan has advised that he has no objection to these documents being made available to our Agents.

Our Chicago Office is currently interviewing Charles W. Bray in connection with captioned and related items. Bray was closely associated with Hopps in many insurance ventures in the past.