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**JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
CHARLES W. HAY
CENTRAL CASUALTY COMPANY
ROYAL HAY SERVICES, INC.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(ACCOUNTING AND TRAFFIC MATTERS)
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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 HERRA
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 HERRA
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.
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OO:CS
Bureau File 62-5883
Chicago File 62-1059

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- (4) JAMES RIDDLE HOPPS, ET AL.
TUDE LOANS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
MF; FSW; CONSPIRACY
OO:CH
Bureau File 68-7921
Chicago File 68-6381; Miami File 62-4928
- (5) GEORGE WILLIAM BRAY
HELIX ANTHONY AMERISIO, 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) HELIX ANTHONY AMERISIO, aka.
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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; HELIX ANTHONY AMERISIO, 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.

