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The Boston Office advised the Philadelphia Office by telephone of victim MARVIN LEONARD CHIVIAN's apprehension in Boston early morning hours of October 25, 1963. Pertinent stops placed at Albuquerque, Dallas, Denver, El Paso, Houston, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Phoenix, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Knoxville, Memphis, Detroit, Cleveland, New York, Newark, were removed by Philadelphia, office of origin, 10/25/63.

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For the information of Bureau, [redacted] PCI, Newark Division, former PH 407-C of the Philadelphia Office, was interviewed on 10/23/63 by Newark Agents and advised as follows:

[redacted] related his association with KONIGSBERG and others without hesitation. [redacted] met KONIGSBERG through his association with SEYMOUR FLAX, operator of Frankie's Market, Lodi, N.J., and one PAUL SMITH, a real estate promoter, Palisades Park, N.J. After meeting KONIGSBERG, he and BAYONNE JOE ZICARELLI began to talk to him about various real estate deals they were considering. He actually helped ZICARELLI purchase a lot in Englewood Cliffs by setting up a corporation for ZICARELLI to purchase the land under the name Charlotte Place, Inc. ZICARELLI wanted to build a house for his son on this lot but has never gone through with it.

On or about Monday, 9/30/63, KONIGSBERG came to [redacted] and asked him if he knew a [redacted] in Philadelphia who could handle a real estate deal for him. [redacted] told him that he did, and KONIGSBERG asked [redacted] to arrange an appointment with the lawyer for 3:00 p.m., 10/2/63. [redacted] called ROBERT S. HASS and made the appointment.

On 10/3/63, according to previous arrangements, [redacted] met KONIGSBERG at the Richfield Gas Station about 54th Street and Hudson Boulevard, West New York, N.J., at about 2:00 p.m. The appointment was for 1:30 p.m., but KONIGSBERG was late, which [redacted] states is typical.

When [redacted] arrived at the Richfield Station, he met JOE ZICARELLI and his associate RALPH, last name unknown to [redacted] but according to NK 2267-C-TE may be DE VITO. RALPH is a white male, age about 48, 5' 10", 175 pounds, black and gray hair, always wears a "dandy" hat and impeccably dressed.

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During the small talk prior to the arrival of KONIGSBERG, there was no indication that either JOE or RALPH knew HAROLD wanted to go to Philadelphia. The fact that RALPH did not know was not considered unusual as he usually operates on a need-to-know basis with JOE ZICARELLI.

JOE was annoyed, as always, that HAROLD was late and thoroughly bawled him out for this along with the fact that he was not clean shaven. JOE agreed to take HAROLD and [redacted] to Philadelphia but told HAROLD that he would have to find his way back because he was not going to wait around for him to complete all his business after he completed his business. The nature of this business that JOE had was not related to [redacted]

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En route to Philadelphia in JOE's white Cadillac, JOE and HAROLD rode in the front and [redacted] in the rear. They listened to the VALACHI testimony on the radio and made several remarks in jest at the testimony.

Upon arrival in Philadelphia, the car was parked, apparently near to where JOE and HAROLD wanted to go. [redacted] took a cab to HASS' office, and he does not know where JOE and HAROLD went but believes it is undoubtedly close to where they parked the car. He could not recall the exact location where the car was parked but recalls that if you left the building where HASS' office is, turned right and traveled about two blocks, then turned right again and traveled about fourteen blocks, that would be the approximate place the car was parked.

Prior to their arrival in Philadelphia, [redacted] called HASS from a Howard Johnson's Restaurant on the New Jersey Turnpike and told him they would be late for the appointment.

[redacted] arrived in HASS' office about 4:00 p.m., 10/3/63, and this was the first time he had ever met HASS personally although he talked to HASS many times over the telephone in the past concerning real estate matters. He told HASS that KONIGSBERG was a gangster but that HASS would have nothing to fear if he, HASS, stuck strictly to the point and the business at hand and did not get off on a tangent of some type with him. [redacted] told HASS he did not know what KONIGSBERG wanted his services for.

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Around 5:00 p.m., a white male, age in his middle 50's, 5' 10", dark complexion, Jewish or Italian extraction, black and gray hair, medium height, who may have real estate connections or live around Atlantic City, N.J., came to HASS' office and told [redacted] and HASS that KONIGSBERG said he would be along a little later.

Within the next hour, another man arrived described as a white male, age 35, 5' 10", stocky, 185 pounds, black hair (probably ROBERTS), and said KONIGSBERG would be there in a few minutes. [redacted] relates that this is typical of KONIGSBERG to have a lot of message bearers. [redacted] states that this second man was the one who introduced ZAVOD to KONIGSBERG for the loan, which was brought out in subsequent conversation.

Around 6:00 p.m. KONIGSBERG arrived and in his usual overbearing way promptly began to dominate the conversation. He showed HASS a piece of paper which apparently had to do with the sale of a house and demanded HASS to use every trick he knew to obtain possession of the house. KONIGSBERG refused to accept the advice that the document may not be legal. To [redacted] amazement, HASS knew the owner of the property was not the person represented in the document, but the person's mother.

At KONIGSBERG's request, HASS called the person represented in the document on the telephone, and [redacted] believes it was ZAVOD. KONIGSBERG told HASS to tell ZAVOD that he, HASS, had been contacted by a lawyer in Bayonne, N.J., who had KONIGSBERG as a client, that HASS had some kind of paper that showed KONIGSBERG owned his property, and HASS suggested they talk it over. ZAVOD apparently did not want to talk about it; and since HASS apparently knew ZAVOD, they agreed to meet later and it was indicated that HASS lived near ZAVOD and they could talk about it some evening.

KONIGSBERG admitted to HASS that he was a shylock and a thief; but in order to convince HASS that he was right in this matter, he called ROBERTS into the office and told him to relate the real estate transaction which involved a Jewish organization in Philadelphia. ROBERTS did as he was told; but when ROBERTS began to tell about the arrangements and problems of financing, KONIGSBERG made him shut up and chased him out of the office.

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KONIGSBERG instructed HASS to build a fire under ZAVOD and left. KONIGSBERG then instructed ROBERTS to drive him and [redacted] home, which he did. On the return trip, nothing of particular importance was discussed, except ROBERTS tried to impress KONIGSBERG of his intelligence in dealing with criminals. [redacted] opined that ROBERTS was a "small-time punk" and subsequently KONIGSBERG expressed the same opinion to [redacted]

Earlier this week, HASS contacted [redacted] and told him the FBI had talked to him about his dealings with KONIGSBERG. HASS asked [redacted] if he would ask KONIGSBERG to release him from his lawyer-client confidence so that he could tell the Agents or the Grand Jury what their relationship concerned. [redacted] agreed to do this. He called KONIGSBERG at his New York City telephone number, TN 7-8670. KONIGSBERG at first declined but then agreed after [redacted] explained to him that it appeared to be in KONIGSBERG's best interest if KONIGSBERG wanted this matter to appear in any way a straight business deal. KONIGSBERG agreed and told [redacted] that he would sign the waiver that HASS was sending up.

[redacted] received the waiver and a letter from HASS on 10/23/63 which is as follows:

"Dear Al

"I am typing this myself. If Harold will sign the enclosed paper, I would testify voluntarily. If not, I feel the FBI will subpoena me anyway. I cannot see what testimony I might give that would hurt him. The fact that he came to Philadelphia to hire me as a lawyer to collect a \$13,500 debt cannot hurt him, unless the federal authorities think that trying to collect money legitimately on a usurious transaction is a crime. I certainly doubt that it is, unless they can prove that too much money had already been paid. Since we know this is not the fact, they can't prove it.

"Bob"

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The waiver is as follows:

"I, Harold Konigsberg, of Bayonne do hereby release Robert S. Hass, Esq., Philadelphia, Penna. from any restrictions placed upon him by law or ethics which might prevent him from testifying at a Grand Jury proceeding in Philadelphia looking into my activities in the loan business, more specifically he may testify to anything said by him to me, or by me to him during a conversation at Philadelphia on October 2, 1963. It is understood that he is to testify voluntarily or under Subpoena, not for me or against me, but only as to facts that he knows to be true.

"Nothing in this document will later prevent me from using the exemption of attorney-client relationship at a trial, if this later develops into a trial.

"Witness:

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Harold Konigsberg"

[redacted] stated he was going to make this document available to KONIGSBERG as soon as possible.

On 10/22/63 KONIGSBERG came to [redacted] and asked [redacted] to testify that the \$13,500 which he loaned to ZAVOD came from him, [redacted] as a real estate loan, since he, [redacted] was in the real estate business. [redacted] told KONIGSBERG he doubted he could do this because he could not cover it in his books and also that he had a worse criminal record than KONIGSBERG. After KONIGSBERG left, [redacted] called ZICARELLI at his New York City telephone number, PE 6-1195, which is the office of lawyer STEVE HOFFMAN. He told ZICARELLI what KONIGSBERG had asked him to do. ZICARELLI told him to tell KONIGSBERG that he could not do it. [redacted] states JOE JULIANO and KONIGSBERG dislike each other, but he knows JULIANO to be a part of the ZICARELLI mob.

COWBOY JOE LUCIGNANO and ED SKOWRON were identified as the men who take the telephone calls at 527 Boulevard, Bayonne, particularly SKOWRON. Both of these men are completely dominated by KONIGSBERG.

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[redacted] has Bureau file 137-1483 and Philadelphia file 137-1787. He was discontinued by Newark on 3/21/55. His last contact with the Newark Office was in 1960. Since he is in a position to furnish valuable information in this investigation, he is being opened as a PCI. He does not appear to be involved sufficiently to be a necessary witness or a principal.

[redacted] was instructed by the Agents to contact them each time he is contacted by ZICARELLI, KONIGSBERG or others in this case, and he readily agreed. He was told he may be needed to testify before a Grand Jury in Philadelphia. He agreed to this but indicated he did not want to be called as a witness at the trial.

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[redacted] is identical with [redacted] referred to in interview with Attorney ROBERT S. HASS in report of SA DAVID W. BREEN dated 10/23/63, on pages 78 to 84.

With regard to the information concerning CHARLES I. COSTELLO which appears in Section IV regarding location of fugitive ANGELO BRUNO in this report, the Miami Office by radiogram 10/25/63 reported that Miami source on 10/25/63 stated that CHARLES COSTELLO had put in at a large boat yard in Norfolk, Va., to have work done on his boat and to escape the hurricane and that he expects to arrive in Miami in about a week. According to this source, COSTELLO's boat is a 37 foot mahogany Enterprise Self-Fisherman with flying bridge and glass cabins and decks bearing name "Little Karen," and probably bears Florida registration numbers on bow of boat.

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