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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/27/59

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (92-263)

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING  
LABOR RACKETEERING NOT WITHIN  
BUREAU JURISDICTION  
CRIMINAL RACKETS ACTIVITIES

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On 3/24/59 SL 1130-C advised SA HOWARD C. KENNEDY he had on 3/20/59 talked to Mr. (FNU) ~~BARTOSIC~~, Executive Assistant to MARTIN O'DONOHUE of the court-appointed Monitors, Teamsters International Union Office, in which he called to BARTOSIC's attention the fact that a letter directed to the Monitors by ousted officers of Local 405, St. Louis, on 2/16/59 had not yet been answered. Informant advised that in this letter they had called to the Monitors' attention that BARNEY BAKER had been appointed as Secretary-Treasurer of Local 405, Teamsters, when HAROLD JOSEPH GIBBONS took over as International Trustee and that BAKER was succeeded by PETE SAFFO at the time that SAFFO was Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local 610, St. Louis. The letter mentioned that SAFFO was succeeded by PHIL REICHARDT who holds this office at this time and that none of these had previously been members of Local 405, nor had they ever driven any taxicabs to the knowledge of the writers of this letter, which was signed by [redacted]

This letter further pointed out that the only elected officers of the local had been discharged from their jobs by GIBBONS, that no detailed financial statement had ever been submitted to the membership since 1953, that no one except the Secretary-Treasurer had been permitted to examine the books and records of the local, that there were no benefits enjoyed by the membership except a \$1,000 term life insurance policy, that membership dues of \$5 per month had been paid by all members since 1953, although the membership had been informed that there was no balance on hand in the local's bank account, and that the local is actually now in debt.

This letter further pointed out that there had been four strikes called in recent years, that gains had been very minor in nature, and that meetings of all members had been prohibited, meetings being conducted on a company-wide basis only. The letter concluded that GIBBONS had refused to grant local autonomy and that GIBBONS had not attended any meetings within recent years and had to rely on the word of local officers who have no experience in the taxicab drivers' profession.

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