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Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JUL 31 1962

FROM : *gjm* Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: PUBLIC BANK OF DETROIT

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has completed an examination of the Public Bank in Detroit, Michigan. Attached hereto are the results of the examination together with detailed allegations of specific violations and irregularities.

By necessity the examination by FDIC was confined to the bank itself. Therefore, because of the possibility of a conspiracy, it is imperative that further investigation be conducted.

In this respect it is requested that the Bureau thoroughly investigate this matter. William P. French and J. Paul Allred, Criminal Division Attorneys who are familiar with this matter have been directed to make themselves available to the Bureau and assist in any manner requested.

Attachment

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this matter preliminarily with the Agents to whom it will be assigned on 8/2/62 or 8/3/62. French realizes that no detailed discussion can be had until the Agents have had an opportunity to review the enclosed material and he will arrange for such a detailed discussion at a mutually agreeable time at a future date. French will have with him on 8/2-3/62 FDIC Examiner Thomas E. Lindsey who supervised the FDIC examination and who is familiar with the FDIC findings.

Detroit is instructed to have available on 8/2-3/62 the Agents who will be assigned to this matter for the indicated discussion with French. The Bureau should be advised by airtel of the results of the discussion with French. After this discussion with French the Agents to whom this matter will be assigned should review the enclosed material thoroughly and in detail and be prepared to discuss same in detail with French at the future date to be set by him.

According to French his present plan is to pursue in this case only the loans totalling \$800,000 made by the Public Bank to certain of captioned subjects and corporations, which will encompass an extensive investigation not only in Detroit but other areas as well. French desires other irregularities developed by FDIC as set forth in the enclosed material and not related to captioned matter be made the subjects of separate cases and discussed with the U. S. Attorney in the usual manner in which such FRA matters are handled. This, however, should not be done until the detailed discussion is had with French and he explains his desires in detail. French will, however, retain control over captioned matter and copies of reports in this matter should not be furnished the U. S. Attorney and he should not be consulted for a prosecutive opinion.

French already has voluminous records which have been subpoenaed by a Federal grand jury and will make these available for examination at the proper time.

Detroit must afford this matter immediate, continuous TOP PRIORITY investigative attention by as many Special Agents as feasible and practical, as soon as French explains the scope thereof at the detailed discussion to be held with him, to insure

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completion at the earliest possible date. Three copies of all reports are to be submitted to the Bureau, which must be kept fully, completely, and currently informed of all developments.

NOTE: Information herein attributable to Department Attorney William French furnished by him to SA P.D. Williams on 7/31/62.

FDIC material referred to in attached Department memorandum and forwarded to Detroit consists of the following:

- (1) Thermofax of letter dated 5/3/62 to USA Lawrence Gubow, Detroit from FDIC Examiner Thomas E. Lindsey.
- (2) Photostat of memorandum 2/19/60 from D.S. Clark to W. E. Caldwell, Jr.; et al.
- (3) Photostats of ledger sheets and other data relating to Vendorama of Ohio, Inc.
- (4) Photostats of ledger sheets and notes relating to Alvin Naiman Corporation.
- (5) Photostats of ledger sheets of the Alvin Naiman Corporation.
- (6) Photostats of ledger sheets of Niagara Crushed Stone and related documents.
- (7) Photostats of ledger sheets of Alvin A. Naiman Corporation and related documents.
- (8) Copy of letter (with photostats of supporting documents) dated 6/1/62 to USA Lawrence Gubow, Detroit, from FDIC Examiner Lindsey.
- (9) Letter report for USA Gubow from FDIC Examiner Lindsey with:
- (10) Exhibit A

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- (11) Exhibit B, C, D, E (one document)
- (12) Exhibit F
- (13) Exhibit G
- (14) Exhibit H
- (15) Exhibit I
- (16) Exhibit J