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FROM : *Jma* SAC, NEW YORK (62-12235)

SUBJECT: JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
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NY 2305-C was contacted on 7/24 and 27/64 and furnished the following which is being set out for information of the Bureau:

Re: EMANUEL CELLER

DC NY

Informant advised that he spoke to Representative EMANUEL CELLER last week and asked him if the House Judiciary Committee was pushing their inquiry into the Justice Department's methods of handling the HOFFA investigations. CELLER told the informant that he had no intention of conducting any inquiries until after ROBERT KENNEDY leaves office as Attorney General. The informant then said, "If Kennedy is nominated and becomes vice president, we probably will never get the hearings". CELLER indicated that this would probably be true.

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Informant also advised he was in Chicago when HOFFA was discussing CELLER's committee with SIDNEY ZAGRI, legislative representative of the Teamsters. ZAGRI was attempting to convince HOFFA that CELLER's committee would shortly commence an inquiry into the Justice Department, but HOFFA cut him short and indicated that this talk makes for publicity, but he knew, in fact, that CELLER would not conduct any hearings as long as KENNEDY was in a position to "hit back at Celler".

Re: JOHN O'ROURKE

NY

Informant advised he has spent considerable time with O'ROURKE recently and O'ROURKE has reversed many of his

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positions concerning HOFFA and operation of the International Union. O'ROURKE has been instrumental in getting all officials of Teamsters Joint Council 16 to make personal loans to JAMES HOFFA in amounts varying from five hundred dollars to one thousand dollars each. These loans are to assist HOFFA with his legal expenses.

NY Informant advised that O'ROURKE has become very close to TONY PROVENZANO, and CHARLES KARGER, an attorney who handles all of O'ROURKE's legal work in New York, is presently handling PROVENZANO's court appeal. Informant speculated that O'ROURKE and PROVENZANO have joined forces with JOHN BACKHUS, an International Vice President of the Teamsters from Philadelphia, to form an Eastern bloc in the event there is a struggle for power in the Teamsters International Union.

Re: BERNARD SPINDEL

Informant spoke to BERNARD SPINDEL last week and SPINDEL told him that he has not yet received full payment from HOFFA and CHUCK O'BRIEN for his work in Nashville and Chattanooga. He told this source when they spoke that he was going to Chicago. The informant asked him if he was bringing any of his sound equipment and SPINDEL replied that he was not. Informant was of the opinion that SPINDEL was going to Chicago to try to get additional funds from HOFFA.

EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE USED IF ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TO BE DISSEMINATED.