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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Thomas H. Stoy (A), Miami Office, dated January 16, 1963, entitled, "James Riddle Hoffa; Irvin S. Winor; Allen M. Dorfman; Edna file 62-4956, Bufile 63-7985."

The above report on page 8 indicates that Donald C. Flotts placed a performance bond with Peerless Insurance Company for Zachary A. Strate for the construction of the addition to the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, a recipient of a Transfer Pension Fund loan. In addition, Flotts apparently placed an indemnification bond for Warren A. Rose. Warren A. Rose testified before the Chicago Pension Fund grand jury that he and Strate had difficulty in obtaining a construction bond to build the Fontainebleau addition and Strate asked Ben Draxler for help. Draxler reportedly put Strate in touch with someone in Miami who placed the bond. Kinny A. Cuccia, a Strate associate later told Rose that the bonding company fired the agent who did this. It is noted that the above report on page 12 indicates one John Quinan, a one-time Peerless representative in Miami, was "caught up" in a management change, much to the dislike of Donald Flotts. Quinan is said to be now employed by the National Grange Insurance Company in Keene, New Hampshire.

In view of the information furnished by Warren A. Rose, it is requested that Flotts be re-interviewed and appropriate inquiry be made of the Peerless Insurance Company and John Quinan to determine any further available details of the reported Fontainebleau bond transaction and any other information concerning the Pension Fund activities of Benjamin Draxler, Cal Kovens, S. George Harris, Abe Weinblatt, Zachary Strate and Samuel Hyman, all of whom are principal subjects in the Chicago Pension Fund investigation.

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It is also noted that the above report on page 11 states that "Red" Strate introduced Fletts to James Riddle Hoffa in the Americana Hotel. It is requested that more details be obtained concerning this incident, including the nature and degree of association between Fletts and Strate, representations made by Strate to Fletts regarding his association with Hoffa, any specific language used by Strate to Fletts and Hoffa at this time, when this occurred, who also was present and any statements made by Mr. Hoffa. It should be noted that the Pennion Fund Trustees met at the Americana in December 1959.