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Rerep SA(A) VERNON G. WALTERS, Detroit, 6/12/63, which sets out information from records of DOMINICK EDWARD BARTONE concerning various individuals, including PETER H. CLAYTON and [redacted] of Meissner Engineers, Inc., Chicago, Ill.

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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are four copies of an LHM containing additional information concerning PETER H. CLAYTON, aka. Peter Heinrich Klein. One copy of this LHM is enclosed for the information of Miami inasmuch as CLAYTON currently resides in Miami Beach, Fla., and is employed by Rader Engineering Co., Miami. One copy also is enclosed for the information of Chicago, inasmuch as [redacted] resides there.

The information contained in this LHM was made available at Detroit by Department Attorney WILLIAM P. FRENCH, based upon information obtained by him from [redacted]. Additional information obtained from the same source by FRENCH, concerning BARTONE and JOSEPH F. VERHELLE, is being reviewed by FRENCH; and pertinent data will be furnished to Bureau by LHM. FRENCH has not requested any investigation concerning the enclosed information at the present time but will give it further consideration in connection with other information developed in this case.

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FRENCH advised that [redacted] is cooperating on a confidential basis with the Department and [redacted]

[redacted] and SA JOSEPH VITALE of IRS is cognizant of pertinent information furnished by [redacted]

One copy of the LHM is also being furnished to Department Attorney FRENCH at Detroit.

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A review of records made available by Dominick Edward Bartone, as previously reported in this case, disclosed a letter dated March 22, 1961 to Bartone from Peter H. Clayton, Vice-President, Meissner Engineers, Inc. (MEI), Chicago, Illinois, which indicated MEI had received and investigated a proposal by Bartone regarding the sale of Niagara Crushed Stone (Humberstone), Ltd. (NCS). In regard to the subsequent bankruptcy proceedings in Canada involving NCS, the Clarkson Company by letter dated July 17, 1961 to MEI requested the names of officers of NCS. In that connection a list of officers showed Peter H. Clayton as President, and there also was an undated statement signed Peter H. Clayton indicating he resigned as President of NCS "on this date". The following information regarding Peter H. Clayton has been received by the Department of Justice from a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past:

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Clayton's true name was Peter Heinrich Klein, he was born in Austria, he and his family were associated with and sympathetic to the Nazi cause during World War II, and he came to this country from Vichy, France in late 1945 or early 1946. He attended classes at Harvard University for three years before being expelled for alleged homosexual tendencies, and he had a record of homosexual arrests in New York City. He became associated with the campaign organization of President Eisenhower and Vice-President Nixon and was reportedly under the sponsorship of one Jack Whitney, supposedly a cousin of Clayton. In 1956 Clayton reportedly was General Counsel for the "Citizens for Eisenhower" organization.

In 1957 Clayton was hired by MEI, Chicago, at a salary of \$20,000.00 a year plus a percentage bonus on the volume of business done by MEI's civil division, and was given the title of Vice-President and Director of Public Relations

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for MEI. Clayton had many contacts in Central and South America, and was fluent in English, German, French, and Spanish. In 1958 Clayton traveled primarily in Mexico, Jamaica, San Juan, and Caracas. In 1959 his travel was primarily confined to Central and South America, but in both 1958 and 1959 Clayton made at least two trips to Europe. In connection with matters handled by Clayton at MEI, it was subsequently discovered that there were fictitious memoranda in the files supposedly originating from [redacted] TLL, President of MEI, requesting that Clayton travel to Europe, Mexico, San Salvador, Costa Rica, and Honduras. It was also noted that some of the incoming correspondence to Clayton at MEI from Europe was incoherent on its face and presumably was in code.

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Clayton continued in the employ of MEI until September 15, 1962 when he formed a company entitled Pan-American Council for Engineering, for the purpose of servicing MEI accounts on a contract basis. This company was believed to be a partnership between Clayton and a fictitious person and was registered in Cook County, Illinois.

*TLL* In 1960 Clayton had brought a friend by the name of P. D. Maktos to MEI in Chicago. Maktos, an alleged attorney from Cleveland, Ohio and Boston, Massachusetts, was accompanied by Dominick Edward Bartone, with whom Clayton also was acquainted. Bartone discussed with MEI officials the need for an engineering survey of NCS in Canada. MEI conducted the engineering survey and subsequently there were two or three meetings in MEI's Chicago office regarding financial difficulties of NCS. Present at these meetings were Clayton, Bartone, Maktos, James Ganoom, Gregory Pahules, and Meissner.

Clayton claimed to be acquainted with Ben Cohen, Tommy Cohen, Sam Kaye, Ben Dranow, Lou Poller, Bennie Hussick, Dave Yaras, and James Hoffa. This acquaintanceship resulted from an alleged loan from the Teamsters Pension Fund to Tommy Cohen, from which Hoffa, Maktos, and Clayton were each supposed to have received a \$50,000.00 "kickback". Clayton received \$2,500.00 by wire regarding this transaction from Maktos. Hoffa was interested in Clayton because of his political background and the fact that he was "of counsel" for the firm of Javitz and Javitz in New York. Hoffa allegedly wanted Clayton to contact "Fuller Warren and Pepper", in an attempt to form a strong political team to fight "Bobby" Kennedy.

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Clayton reportedly also was friendly with or did business with many prominent individuals in various parts of the United States and other countries, including businessmen, industrialists, public officials, and politicians.

Clayton appeared to be knowledgeable in the field of foreign banking and claimed to have opened bank accounts in Mexico City and in Switzerland for various individuals. On at least one trip to Europe, Clayton reportedly was carrying at least \$50,000.00 in cash for deposit in one of these accounts. In regard to Clayton's banking connections in Switzerland he reportedly was in contact with Dr. Nicholas Bar, Julius Bar and Company, Vahnhofstrasse 36, Zurich, Switzerland. To conceal some of his financial transactions Clayton allegedly had created a non-existent person with a name dissimilar to Clayton's, having a Post Office Box mailing address on an island in the Bahamas, and having bank accounts there and elsewhere. Clayton had indicated that such non-existent persons could be utilized by making up a name, getting a Social Security card in that name, opening a small bank account, and subsequently obtaining a domestic air travel card and other credit cards.

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Clayton and Bartone allegedly had [redacted] obtain a bank charter on Grand Cayman Island, British West Indies, in 1961. Bartone had mentioned to Clayton that "they" had started a bank in Nassau, Bahamas, but "the feds blew it right out of the water". Bartone claimed to be working on "certain matters" with "Jimmy" Hoffa, and also said Grand Cayman Island was an excellent location because he could do business for and with the head man of the Seafarers International Union.

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