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On 10/10/61, [redacted] Manager, Armstrong Trucking Company, 141 Provost Street, Jersey City, New Jersey, was interviewed by SA NORBERT R. LINKER at O'REILLY's office.

[redacted] PCI, who is a member of the Board of Trustees, Passaic Bergen Welfare Fund, Local 560, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT), had previously advised that he was of the opinion that [redacted] a member of the Board of Trustees to Local 560's Hudson County, New Jersey Branch, was in possession of information which could be of assistance to the FBI in connection with the operation of Local 560's Hudson County Welfare Fund matters.

At the outset of the interview, [redacted] was apprised of the FBI's interest in the overall operation of Local 560, their officers and Welfare and Dental Funds and he was informed that it was felt he was in a position to be of assistance on a confidential basis.

[redacted] explained that during the eight years in which he has been a member of the Board of Trustees he has found enumerable questionable procedures most of which he and his associates have corrected. [redacted] explained that at the present time the Hudson County Branch of Local 560's Welfare Fund has over \$11,000,000 invested in stocks and bonds which are handled by Lehman Brothers, an investment advisory service at One Williams Street, New York, New York. [redacted] stated that Lehman Brothers maintains the Welfare Fund's portfolio and makes available an audit of this account on a bi-yearly basis.

[redacted] stated that he has received information indicating that many of the members of Local 560 are suspicious of the activities of its officers including Mr. PROVENZANO, the handling and accounting of union dues and the unavailability of information pertaining to Local 560's fiscal picture and investments. He stated that on the other hand, employers located in Hudson County have from time to time raised questions concerning the distribution, accounting and handling of their contributions to the Welfare Fund.

[redacted] stated that to his knowledge there are no irregularities being committed in connection with the operation of Local 560's Welfare Fund. In addition, he stated that the records of all financial transactions are available to the membership and on request to management contributing to this fund.

[redacted] stated that his primary responsibility entails examining all procedures within the operation of the fund and is the frequent contact with Mr. MARVIN ZALK, Local 560's administrator of this fund. He stated that he has found Mr. ZALK a capable, efficient administrator and understands that during a recent convention of welfare fund administrators held in Atlantic City Mr. ZALK was praised for his efficiency. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that based on the accounting procedures presently in effect within this fund, he believes it would be extremely difficult for anyone to misapply or divert monies from this fund.

The writer then proceeded to query [redacted] relative to his familiarity with the dental program which is applied with 560's Welfare Fund. [redacted] stated that he was of the opinion that if any officers or individuals employed by Local 560 were considering embezzling or misappropriating monies from this fund it would be done through the dental program. [redacted] stated that he and several other members of the Board of Trustees disapproved of establishing a dental program at the outset; however, through the insistence of the membership and officers of Local 560, they advertised in various metropolitan newspapers for an experienced dental fund administrator. He advised that as a result of their efforts Dr. LEO MARCUS, a Brooklyn, New York dental practitioner who had previously headed a dental welfare program for an unrecalled union in Brooklyn, was employed. [redacted] recalled that Mr. PROVENZANO was the one individual he felt primarily responsible for securing Dr. MARCUS.

He stated that since the inception of this program, he has found Dr. LEO MARCUS incompetent and very lackadaisical relative to the operation of the dental fund. He explained that during a recent audit of the dental fund many irregular procedures were noted and immediate recommendations were made to correct these procedures.

[redacted] explained that it is possible that a dentist on the rolls of Local 560's Dental Fund might become obligated to those responsible for securing his services in that he would be expected to reimburse them a portion of the fees which he has claimed. He stated that if this were the case, however, he would not be in possession of specific information regarding the dentist or the amount kicked back or to whom the money was furnished.

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[redacted] stated that from personal experience he knows that many of the dentists on the Dental Fund are receiving several thousand dollars a month for services rendered Local 560's members and their families.

In connection with Mr. PROVENZANO, he stated that he has met Mr. PROVENZANO frequently during his association with the Welfare Fund and has found him to be intelligent, capable and understanding. [redacted] stated that on the other hand, he has, through his association with the union's Welfare Fund, heard contradicting stories indicating that PROVENZANO was aligned with mobsters, the names of whom were unknown to him, and had practiced illegal methods in securing union contracts in the past. In his own personal dealings with PROVENZANO, he has never received the impression that PROVENZANO was anything other than a capable union leader sincerely concerned with the welfare of his membership.

In concluding, [redacted] advised that he knows of one \$400,000 loan which was granted to the U.S. Glass and Chemical Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. [redacted] stated that on the advice of 560's counsel, Mr. FRIEDLAND, the trustees are seeking out firms which are in need of capital for improvements or investments.

[redacted] recalled that on the recommendation of Mr. PROVENZANO, a Mr. SAM KOZMAN or COSMAN, a former New York Banking or Insurance Commissioner, appeared before the Board of Trustees approximately six months ago to advise that he was in a position to secure mortgages in behalf of Local 560. Mr. KOZMAN did not go into the specifics of his contacts or ability to secure these mortgages in behalf of the local but [redacted] received the impression that KOZMAN was very influential. He stated that subsequent to KOZMAN's appearance before the Board of Trustees he determined that KOZMAN has an office in midtown New York and is believed to be an attorney. [redacted] stated he felt this was worthy of mention as this individual was recommended by Mr. PROVENZANO

PCI [redacted] then made available the following 12 documents:

1. A 10 page pamphlet entitled, "Trucking Employees Welfare Fund Dental Program".
2. A 29 page pamphlet entitled, "Your Pension

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By teletype dated November 20, 1961, the Los Angeles Office advised that LA 4350-C was recently in attendance at a teamsters union meeting held at Las Vegas, Nevada. Los Angeles informant advised that he had personal contact with ANTHONY "TONY PRO" PROVENZANO while at Las Vegas and received information that PROVENZANO was transporting an unknown amount of money from the Sands Hotel counting room to the East Coast when he returned to New Jersey. LA 4350-C related that he had learned that a Government investigator, whose surname is CHEASTY, had been conducting an investigation of PROVENZANO in New Jersey. Los Angeles source reported that CHEASTY is related to JOHN CYE CHEASTY, a former investigator for the McClellan Committee who was witness against JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA in a bribery trial held in Washington, District of Columbia.

Los Angeles source advised that Investigator CHEASTY is credited by PROVENZANO with the responsibility for his pending litigation and that CHEASTY had continually pressed his investigation of PROVENZANO by parking his car nearby the PROVENZANO residence in New Jersey. In addition, CHEASTY has questioned the PROVENZANO children as they depart from their residence and has in many other ways disturbed PROVENZANO's home life. Los Angeles informant related that his information indicates that CHEASTY is very friendly with the owner of an undisclosed trucking company in New Jersey, and upon retirement from Government service plans to join this individual in the latter's business. Los Angeles source advised that PROVENZANO is also acquainted with this trucking company owner, and unbeknown to Investigator CHEASTY this trucker is regularly contacting PROVENZANO to furnish PROVENZANO the details of CHEASTY's activities and scope of investigation.

Los Angeles informant advised that PROVENZANO has vowed revenge against Investigator CHEASTY through cooperation with this trucking company by placing money

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INFORMANTS

NK T-1 is NK 1998-C.

NK T-2 is NK 1895-C.

NK T-3 is NY 2924-C*.

NK T-4 is PCI [REDACTED].

NK T-5 is SAM BUSHINGER, Owner-Operator, Hudson Roofing Company, Union City, New Jersey.

NK T-6 is NK 2182-C.

NK T-7 is MICHAEL JOSEPH O'CONNOR, aka.

NK T-8 is FRANK FARRELL, Terminal Manager, Super Service Motor Freight Lines, Incorporated, South Kearny, New Jersey.

NK T-9 is NY 3360-C*.

NK T-10 is NY 3123-C*.

NK T-11 is PCI [REDACTED].

NK T-12 is NY 169-C.

NK T-13 is PCI [REDACTED].

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NK T-11 advised that ANTHONY PROVENZANO referred the informant to a Mr. SAM KOZMAN or COSMAN, a former New York banking or insurance commissioner as the individual in a position to secure mortgages in behalf of Local 560, IBT. NK T-11 advised that KOZMAN is believed to be a close friend of PROVENZANO, is an attorney and is believed to have an office in the midtown area of New York City.

NK T-12 advised on August 15, 1961, that ANTHONY PROVENZANO, also known as "TONY PRO" is a "strong-arm man" for ANTHONY STROLLO, also known as "TONY BENDER" who has been known for many years as the leading racketeer in the Greenwich Village area of New York City, and that BENDER placed PROVENZANO in his present position. According to NK T-12, the rank and file of Local 560, IBT, did not favor PROVENZANO; however, they have been told to keep quiet and do as they are told. According to NK T-12, a few members of Local 560, IBT, were physically assaulted and as a result "fell into line". This, according to NK T-12, occurred approximately a year ago.

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are known to frequent Modern Motors. In the past sources have advised that HAROLD KONIGSBERG financed Modern Motors operation.

On December 30, 1957, Lieutenant WILFRED MURPHY and Sergeant RAYMOND BLASZAK, Jersey City, New Jersey Police Department, appeared at the Newark Office and requested information concerning SALVATORE BRIGUGLIO. Information then available in Newark investigative files was made available to the aforementioned Jersey City Police Department officers; however, they did not disclose the purpose in their inquiry relative to BRIGUGLIO.

NK T-4 advised that he has received information indicating that a "contract" is out for HAROLD KONIGSBERG and SALVATORE BRIGUGLIO, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 560, IBT, who are to be killed within two weeks of November 16, 1961. NK T-4 advised that his information indicates that a Newark group will perform the murders; however, he is not in possession of their names or affiliations. NK T-4 described BRIGUGLIO as KONIGSBERG's chief Lieutenant. The informant stated that the decision has been reached to kill KONIGSBERG as he has over-extended himself by muscling into groups where his presence is not wanted.

NK T-5 advised that in mid 1961, BRIGUGLIO introduced him to HAROLD KONIGSBERG. NK T-5 stated that KONIGSBERG had recently purchased a home in Lodi, New Jersey, for \$50,000 for which he had planned to have \$50,000 worth of renovation work performed.

NK T-5 stated that KONIGSBERG informed him that he got "His boy", referring to BRIGUGLIO, appointed as secretary-treasurer of Local 560.

NK T-6 advised that during mid July, 1961, RAY D'AMBROSIO, IBT, Local 560, Shop Stewart at Super Service Motor Express Company, Inc., South Kearny, New Jersey, distributed "Garden State" Sweepstake books each of which contain twelve \$2.00 tickets to Local 560 members employed at Super Service.

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"over whether the IUE or the teamsters union would represent the workers. About seventy crossed the picket line last Thursday with police escort in and out of the plant.

"IUE members have charged Local 945 of the teamsters union with importing workers in an effort to win a representation election.

"A twenty-man police detail, under the direction of Captain Stanley Nowah, remained at the plant today. Nowah suffered cuts and several other policemen were injured slightly in the outburst at the plant last Wednesday and Thursday. Four men were arrested each day.

NK T-13 advised that the conflict between teamsters and the IUE at the Duralite Corporation stems entirely from ANTHONY "TONY PRO" PROVENZANO's instructions to BOBBY LUIZZI, the organizer for this newly created teamsters local, to secure the contract from Duralite at all costs.

NK T-13 stated that "STRETCH" TRUSSO, the acting shop steward at either Roadway Express or Smith's Transportation Company, Jersey City, New Jersey, was in contact with the informant during the early part of September to determine whether he would be willing to earn \$25 a day protecting the employees of Duralite as they entered and departed the plant. NK T-13 stated that after indicating his willingness to assist in the Duralite strike, he proceeded to the Clifton plant on September 8, 1961, and there met TRUSSO, who appeared to be acting as the over-all boss of the teamsters men picketing the plant. While at Duralite NK T-13 observed a number of known Hoboken criminals in front of the building harassing the IUE pickets. Among those observed were JIMMY SKEENS, SAL SINNO, "CHIC" VANQUESO, CHARLES GWINNENT, "DUKE" BROWN, and TOMMY MANZI (PH).

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NK T-13 stated that he met TRUSSO at a restaurant located diagonally across the street from the Duralite plant and was there informed by BOBBY LUIZZI that all teamsters men were willing to take an active roll in combating the IUE pickets and would receive \$25 daily. NK T-13 stated that after surveying the situation, he concluded that violence would eventually break out and decided not to join the teamsters pickets.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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**CRIMINAL INFLUENCE IN
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD
OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 560,
UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY
ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Re report of Special Agent Norbert R. Linker
dated and captioned as above at Newark.

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

NK T-1 is an individual acquainted with hoodlums
in New York and New Jersey.

NK T-2 is an individual who has long been associated
with officials of the Teamsters Union 560.

NK T-3 is an individual acquainted with the
activities and associates of Salvatore Sinno.

NK T-4 is a member of Local 560.

NK T-5 is acquainted with the activities of Salvatore
Sinno.

NK T-6 is an individual acquainted with the under-
world element in New York and New Jersey.

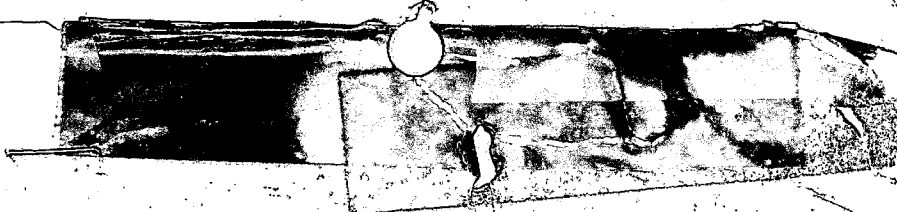
NK T-7 is an individual familiar with the
operations of Local 560, International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

NK T-8 is an individual acquainted with the
operations of the United States Glass and Chemical Company.

NK T-9 is acquainted with racketeers in the New
York underworld.

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NK T-10 is an individual acquainted with the hoodlum element in New Jersey.

NK T-11 is acquainted with the illicit activities of Salvatore Sinno.

NK T-12 is an individual familiar with the operations of Local 560, International Brotherhood of Teamsters.