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RE: JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA  
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Re: Bureau airtel to New York and Los Angeles, 3/30/62.

On 4/26/62, LA 4350-C advised that at the present time, informant has the following business interests in Honolulu:

(1) Informant holds 30,000 shares of stock in Waikiki Savings and Loan Association, which association was formed within the last nine months by PHILIP J. MATHEW, President and Chairman of the Board of Allied Empire Corp., which is a holding company located in Beverly Hills, California. Informant and MATHEW are very close personal friends.

Waikiki Savings and Loan Association opened for business in December, 1961, and has its office in the Unity House, 1956 Ala Moana, Honolulu. This association is chartered by the State of Hawaii, and with the exception of MATHEW, all of the officers and directors of this association are residents of Hawaii.

According to the informant, Unity House is a building owned as a co-op by the local Teamsters Unions, the Local Culinary Unions, and the local Plasterers Unions in Hawaii.

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According to Informant, in December, 1961, Waikiki Savings and Loan Association entered into an agreement with the various unions who are members of Unity House, where Waikiki Savings and Loan Association issued one share of stock of the association to each member of the various unions at Unity House, and the Unions agreed to open a \$5 account in the name of each member of the unions. Under the agreement, the individual members had complete control of their share of stock, and their \$5 account. Informant noted that many of the members have either sold their stock, and/or closed out their account since December, 1961. Informant does not know exactly how many shares of Waikiki Savings and Loan stock ~~are~~ were disbursed in this manner, but believes the figure to total between 6,500 shares and 8,500 shares.

Informant stated that prior to this distribution, the legal problems connected with such disbursement was discussed with various attorneys, and it was their opinion that the disbursement was entirely legal.

Informant said that no Teamsters money was involved in the setting up of Waikiki Savings and Loan Association, and that the Teamsters Union has absolutely nothing to do with the ownership and/or management of Waikiki Savings and Loan Association. Informant noted that some of the Teamsters locals located in Honolulu might have deposits in this association, however, he has no definite information on this point.

Informant said the only Teamster official who has any stock in Waikiki Savings and Loan Association is RICHARD KAWNER, a Teamster international organizer from St. Louis, Missouri. KAWNER was an original subscriber to 500 shares of the original stock of the association, which stock was sold at \$1.50 per share. Informant stated that at the present time, Waikiki Savings and Loan Association is a closed corporation; however, plans are under way to make a public offering of stock which will take place in approximately one year.

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(2) Informant advised that some time ago, MATHEW purchased a block of ~~Ewa Plantation~~ stock, and that informant joined MATHEW in this venture. According to informant, ~~Castle and Cooke~~, one of the big five in Honolulu, presently own 51 per cent of Ewa Plantation stock. Informant said that some time ago, MATHEW made a complete study of Ewa Plantation stock, and noted that the stock was selling for approximately \$20 per share. It was MATHEW's opinion that the stock should be selling at approximately \$100 per share, and he was of the opinion that Castle and Cooke was deliberately holding the price down. Since Castle and Cooke owned 51 per cent of the stock, they also had control of all of the Board of Directors of Ewa Plantation, and according to MATHEW, were able to run the company for their own benefit.

Subsequently, MATHEW began purchasing Ewa Plantation stock, and at the present time, MATHEW and his friends, who include the informant, own approximately 44 per cent of the stock, and at the next meeting of the stockholders, MATHEW's group intends to obtain two seats on the Board of Directors.

Informant stated that MATHEW has been having discussions with Castle and Cook, and has offered to sell Castle and Cooke all of the stock ~~and~~ controls at \$50 per share, or purchase all of the stock presently owned by Castle and Cooke for \$50 per share. Informant believes that this situation will be cleared up within the next three months, and that either Castle and Cooke will buy the stock controlled by MATHEW, or MATHEW will buy Castle and Cooke's stock.

Informant stated that nothing illegal is involved in this situation, and that MATHEW is a shrewd enough operator to be able to see that Castle and Cooke was deliberately depressing the Ewa Plantation stock, and is a big enough man in the financial world to take advantage of such a situation.

(3) Informant stated that he maintains two offices in the Unity House in Honolulu, out of which he is engaged in an import business, buying merchandise from Japan. Informant stated that he has just started this business

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within the last two or three months, and that at the present time, he is not making any money from this operation. Informant plans to expand this business venture in the near future.

Informant stated that other than the above, he has no other business interests in Hawaii.

Inasmuch as the information furnished above deals directly with the informant's business interests in Hawaii, and none of the information indicates any possible criminal violation, it is recommended that under no circumstances should any of this information be disseminated outside the Bureau.