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JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
FRANK J. MATULA, JR.

The following information was furnished from a source of information who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past:

Source stated ^{Source} that he has known FRANK J. MATULA Secretary of Local 396 of the Teamsters Union, Los Angeles, California, for approximately ten years. Source stated that when ~~FRANK BREWSTER~~ was president of the Western Conference of Teamsters, MATULA was a "runner" for BREWSTER. According to source, MATULA and BREWSTER were partners in a number of land development deals in the Los Angeles ^{Calif} area and noted that streets in the San Fernando Valley were named after MATULA and BREWSTER. Source stated that MATULA and BREWSTER were very friendly with ~~BABE MC COY~~ when MC COY was a prominent Los Angeles boxing promoter. Source said that when BREWSTER was in town he and MATULA spent a great deal of time with MC COY. ^{Calif}

Source stated that when JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA took over the Teamsters Union and took a lot of BREWSTER's power away, MATULA dropped BREWSTER and aligned himself with HOFFA. It is source's opinion that at the present time MATULA is as close to HOFFA as any teamster official in the Los Angeles area.

Source stated that a number of years ago MATULA was convicted on a perjury charge in Los Angeles and spent a short period of time both in the County Jail and at a county honor farm. Source stated that he has heard that while MATULA was at the county honor farm he became very depressed and actually cried on numerous occasions. As a result of his period of incarceration MATULA would do anything to prevent himself from ever being incarcerated again. Source said he has

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reimbursed by anyone else for these payments, ~~but said he was present when this subject was discussed between BLINCO and MATULA.~~ Source does not know if BLINCO reimbursed Local 598 with the money received from MATULA.

Source stated that MATULA and BLINCO are very friendly and that MATULA places a great deal of trust in BLINCO. Source has no definite proof but is of the opinion that BLINCO and MATULA are partners in some unknown business ventures and that BLINCO is holding property in BLINCO's name for MATULA.

Source stated that MATULA is a very close associate of Colonel JOHN O. GOTTLIEB of Beverly Hills, California, who source described as a very close associate of HOFFA. Source stated that MATULA and GOTTLIEB are engaged in various real estate deals, ~~and said on several occasions he was invited to participate in these deals.~~ Source stated that ~~these offers were made over one year ago and at this time he cannot recall exactly the property involved.~~ He does recall that on one occasion ~~he was invited by both~~ MATULA and GOTTLIEB ^{was interested} in the development of some real estate located on Wilshire Boulevard. He also ^{understands} recalls MATULA ^{made} making a statement to various people that when he gets his building built on Wilshire Boulevard he would give them a job.

Source ^{stated he had} ~~also recalls conversation between MATULA and GOTTLIEB which gave him the impression that MATULA and GOTTLIEB purchased some real estate from the Globe Laundry which, according to source, is owned by GOTTLIEB.~~

Source also suspected that BEN WEINGART, a prominent Los Angeles investor is involved with GOTTLIEB and MATULA in business dealings as source stated MATULA and GOTTLIEB spend a great deal of time together.

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