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JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
FRANK J. MATULA, JR.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)
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A review has been made of the investigation conducted to date in this matter and the following observations are set forth for the Los Angeles Office in order that all information furnished by LA 4350-C can be fully and completely resolved.

It is noted LA 4350-C claimed to have met Matula at Lennie's Restaurant on the afternoon of 9/8/61, at which time Matula was supposed to have just returned from San Francisco with a large sum of money for delivery to Hoffa. Matula was accompanied by an unknown female at this time. Los Angeles should interview appropriate officials and employees at this restaurant in an effort to further develop details concerning this meeting and identify Matula's female companion.

Efforts should also be made to identify other associates and contacts that Matula may meet at this location. Los Angeles should set forth leads for the San Francisco Office to contact informants and other logical established sources in an effort to identify Matula's contacts in San Francisco. Consideration should then be given to interviewing these persons providing no reason exists for making these interviews inadvisable.

The source also related that Matula is very close to and has been in numerous real estate deals with Colonel John O. Gottlieb. He mentioned that Matula and Gottlieb were interested in the development of some real estate located on Wilshire Boulevard and that they had purchased some real estate from Globe Laundry. The source suspected that Matula is also involved with Ben Weingart and Gottlieb in some business dealings.

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In this regard the Los Angeles Office is presently conducting an investigation captioned "JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA; HOME SERVICE COMPANY; COLONEL JOHN O. GOTTLIEB; MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)" LA:OO, LA file 62-5136 and in an interview with Gottlieb he stated his acquaintanceship with Matula is purely social. Los Angeles should conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to resolve these points including an interview with Weingart. The results of Gottlieb's interview and review of records of Gottlieb and Home Service Company as relates to these points should be included in the next report submitted on Matula.

Los Angeles should check toll call records on phones to which Matula has access in an effort to further establish his contacts with Hoffa and others. Additional logical informants and established sources of the Los Angeles Office should be contacted to further explore Matula's activities and associations with Hoffa. The Los Angeles Office has not forwarded to the Bureau in letterhead memorandum form information furnished by LA 4381-PC relative to Matula. This should be submitted promptly, appropriately concealing the source of this information in order that it can be disseminated to the Criminal Division.

Investigation has indicated the following persons may have considerable information concerning Matula's activities and associates and these persons should be interviewed in detail providing Los Angeles files contain nothing making these interviews inadvisable:

- 1: Dave Pick, Beverly Hills attorney who allegedly was involved with Matula several years ago in some "shakedowns."
- 2: Joseph Sternbach, CPA, who has been Matula's accountant.
- 3: John B. Stevenson, former Teamsters attorney, who is reported to be holding money for Matula.

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NOTE: Matula is an International Trustee of the Teamsters Union. LA-4350-C has advised our LA office that when Matula served time in the County Jail and County honor farm several years ago in connection with a perjury conviction he became very depressed and actually cried. As a result of this Matula reportedly would do anything to prevent himself from being incarcerated again. This source stated that because of Matula's experience, he is very cautious in getting directly involved in situations that could cause him trouble with law enforcement. Matula is presently on parole in connection with this perjury conviction.

Matula has been contacted recently by our LA office in an effort to obtain access to Local 396 records in connection with case captioned "Mike Harabedian; Frank J. Matula, Jr. etal LMRA-IM Bufile 122-3019. Matula at time of this contact advised he would first have to contact the Union attorney to obtain permission. The Union attorney later advised our LA office that the General Council of the Union desired a subpoena be issued for the books and records.

It is felt the above facts indicate an interview with Matula as outlined in this airtel might be beneficial and should be conducted.