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(ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
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The following is being furnished the Bureau for information and possible investigation:

NY 3936-C advised that FRANK CRISONA, attorney and brother of former Democratic Queens County Borough President JAMES CRISONA; JOHN GLEASON, insurance broker and son of TEDDY GLEASON, President, International Longshoremen's Association and GEORGE LEVINE, associate of SAL GRANELLO, approached the informant and discussed with him the possibility of obtaining a loan for Rock Hill Lodge, Inc. Informant was furnished the following background information:

Rock Hill Lodge, Inc. obtained a \$500,000 loan from a Federal Savings and Loan Association in Washington, D.C. through a man named OGILVEY (ph), an official of this Federal Savings and Loan Association. OGILVEY had been recently honored as banker of the year in the Washington, D.C. area. OGILVEY was a contact of JOHN GLEASON, who controls 50 per cent of the ILA Welfare Fund premiums through G.B.M. Brokerage Corporation, 26 Beaver Street, NYC. This firm is operated by THOMAS and JOHN GLEASON, sons of TEDDY GLEASON. Informant was told that GLEASON distributed substantial amounts of the ILA premiums in the Federal Savings and Loan Association and was able to obtain loans through OGILVEY, who also received a commission on each loan he approved. Informant was told that one of these loans approved by OGILVEY was to Rock Hill Lodge, Inc.

Sometime in the past, a team of auditors or bank examiners reviewed the loans of this Washington, D.C. Federal Savings and Loan Association and found that the loans issued by OGILVEY were not in accordance with good practice. Subsequently, OGILVEY was discharged from his position in the bank and the bank pressed for a payment on the loan received by CRISONA's corporation.

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GLEASON contacted LEVINE and LEVINE told him he could probably get the loan for the corporation to repay the Savings and Loan Association. LEVINE did not produce for six weeks and a meeting came about in the informant's office. At this meeting, LEVINE indicated he wanted money. CRISONA agreed to put up \$10,000 in escrow. The informant stated that he would not accept escrow money. He felt that CRISONA, from the tone of his conversation, would realize there was a possibility LEVINE was attempting to con him. CRISONA readily agreed to furnish \$10,000. He wrote a check for \$10,000 to the informant, who, in turn, wrote a check to LEVINE for \$6,000. He stated he is holding \$4,000 for incidental expenses concerning this loan. Informant advised that LEVINE is sending STANLEY BERK, a New York attorney to Montreal, Canada, to attempt to get this loan from the National Canadian Bank.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the above information be used by the Bureau to institute an investigation in the Washington, D.C. area. It is possible that the Savings and Loan Association, through OGILVEY acted in violation of the banking laws in granting loans.

It is suggested that an attempt be made to identify OGILVEY and the Federal Savings and Loan Association with which he was connected. It is further suggested that appropriate bank officials be contacted at this institution and advised that information had been received from an anonymous source indicating improper activities on the part of OGILVEY.

It is believed that investigation in this matter, if instituted in the Washington, D.C. area, will not compromise the informant. However, it is suggested that no disclosure be made of this particular loan to Rock Hill to officials of this bank. Informant advised he has not engaged in any illegal activity concerning this loan, but has merely been the middleman in the transaction involving GEORGE LEVINE's attempt to obtain refinancing for this corporation.