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TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; LOUIS CLARK LINTEAU - VICTIM; JAMES PHILIP HOFFA - VICTIM UNSUB; JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ROBERT J. GARRITY	TYPED BY ltw
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION; MISSING PERSON; RICO; IMRDA of 1959 - IM	

REFERENCES: Detroit report of SA ROBERT J. GARRITY, 10/31/75.
 Detroit "summary" teletypes to the Bureau, dated
 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5 and 12/12/75.
 Numerous teletypes from Newark and Detroit to
 Bureau regarding investigation of New Jersey
 Teamsters.
 Chicago report of SA ANTHONY L. SAVARESE, 11/20/75.

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LEADS

Leads to auxiliary offices have previously been set forth in other communications to the Bureau and in interoffice communications. For purposes of brevity, these leads are not being restated in this report.

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Will follow and report results of investigation.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report overlaps that of referenced report. This was necessitated due to the fact that at the time of dictation of referenced report, the results of a significant amount of investigation which had been conducted by the Detroit Division was not available for inclusion in referenced report. Also, the Detroit Office was not in receipt of results of investigation conducted by other offices.

As the Bureau is aware, a voluminous number of teletypes and other communications have been sent by the Detroit Division to the Bureau and other field offices and have been received at the Bureau and Detroit from these offices. For purposes of brevity, these communications are not being referenced in this report.

Copies of this report are being sent to offices which have had a continuous investigative interest in this case or are large centers of Teamster or organized crime activity. It should be noted that the copies are being sent to fewer offices than in the past.

It should be noted that this report contains results of extensive investigation conducted by the Detroit Division as well as other divisions; however, the report is not all inclusive due to the fact that this matter is receiving continuous extensive investigation. Results of additional investigation by Detroit and other divisions will be included in subsequent reports submitted by Detroit.

The Detroit and other Divisions have conducted investigation based on information received from concerned citizens and secret witness-type programs wherein information has been received reporting either sitings or possible burial sites of JAMES R. HOFFA. Even though extensive investigation has been conducted as a result of this type of information, no positive results have been generated. For the purposes of brevity, much of this type of investigation, as well as the identities of individuals interviewed, is not being set forth in the details of the report, but will be maintained in the Detroit file concerning this case.

On 11/4/75, HOLBERT HALL O'DELL (protect) was interviewed with the aid of a Polygraph after he stated that he had observed JAMES R. HOFFA (JRH) in a burgundy Mercury near the Machus Red Fox Restaurant the afternoon of 7/30/75, the date of JRH disappearance. O'DELL further advised that CHARLES L. O'BRIEN was also in that vehicle. After a review of the Polygraph charts, it was the opinion of the examiner that O'DELL was telling the truth.

In a related investigation, CLARENCE N. MEDLIN was arrested in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 12/10/75, after he had defrauded Columbia Broadcasting Systems (CBS) of \$10,000.00, stating he knew the location of JRH body in the Key West, Florida, area. He subsequently "sold" the exclusive rights to this information to CBS. A free lance writer, PATRICK O'KEEFE, from Raleigh, North Carolina, acted as go-between for CBS and MEDLIN. After the plot was determined to be a hoax, a warrant was issued at Raleigh, North Carolina, and MEDLIN was arrested as an escaped Federal prisoner after

attempting to sell the same story to a New Orleans newspaper. Investigation regarding this case will be reported separately by those offices involved.

This report contains no investigation regarding the explosion to the automobile assigned to RICHARD E. FITZSIMMONS, Vice President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 299, Detroit on 7/10/75 (Detroit file 159-286), inasmuch as complete investigation was included in Detroit report of SA JAMES E. MICHAELS, dated 12/9/75. Investigation continuing in this case and is being coordinated among the FBI, the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms Division, and the Detroit Organized Crime Strike Force. To date, no direct link has been established between this explosion and the disappearance of JRH.

INFORMANTS

The following summary of informant information, which has been received since the last report, is being set forth below for background information and investigative utilization of receiving offices. Extreme care should be taken when utilizing this information in order not to possibly disclose sensitive FBI sources.

Listed below is a summary regarding investigation conducted by the Newark Division based on information provided by RALPH PICARDO (protect), former long-time close associate of ANTHONY "Tony Pro" PROVENZANO and others from Teamster Local 560, Union City, New Jersey:

RALPH PICARDO (protect), white male, FBI Number 74 H, was incarcerated in February, 1975, pursuant to his conviction, Hudson County, New Jersey for second degree murder, and was sentenced to 15 to 20 years. This murder involved the gang-land style killing of NICHOLAS TROMBETTA in Hoboken, New Jersey. THOMAS JEFFRIES, Negro male, presently incarcerated Leesburg, New Jersey, after pleading guilty to same charge. RUSSEL CONBOY, white male, was tried with PICARDO and acquitted.

On 11/5/75, PICARDO began to furnish information to Bureau Agents regarding criminal activities of PROVENZANO, SALVATORE and GABRIEL BRIGUGLIO, THOMAS and STEPHEN ANDRETTA,

and others associated with Teamster Local 560. He advised that he was willing to provide information inasmuch as the PROVENZANO group failed to support his family during his incarceration, and that further, he was being cheated out of his company, Lift Van Transport Company. He requested protection for himself and his family as conditions of cooperation. On 11/13/75 PICARDO was removed from the New Jersey State Prison system and has been in the custody of the U.S. Marshal Service or the Bureau of Prisons since that time.

Investigation regarding PICARDO's information has been provided Newark Organized Crime Strike Force, who has been determining the uses of PICARDO's information. PICARDO's wife, GERALDINE, and two children have been admitted into the Federal Relocation Witness Program. On 12/9 and 12/10/75, PICARDO advised that he would cease to cooperate as a Federal witness unless the Federal Government committed itself to securing his release from State Prison on appeal bond. This was denied him in the presence and with full agreement of Bureau Agents and Strike Force Attorneys, who advised PICARDO the Government would make no recommendation of any kind on his behalf until he had fully discharged his obligations as a witness. On 12/10/75, he was appointed an Attorney, STEPHEN GREENBERG, former AUSA, Newark, who would represent him in the capacity as a witness and/or unindicted co-conspirator in Federal matters. In regard to HOFFEX investigation, PICARDO alleges that in mid November, 1973, he and STEPHEN ANDRETTA traveled to Miami, Florida, to consult TONY PROVENZANO on another matter. All three met at the Americana Hotel, Miami, and registered in true names. PICARDO witnessed an argument between PROVENZANO and HOFFA, and that on the following day, PROVENZANO ordered ANTHONY ROMANO, also known as Tony Rome, and ANDRETTA to kill HOFFA. On the same day, GABRIEL BRIGUGLIO was called to Florida by PROVENZANO to be advised regarding his intention to kill HOFFA, and that the message was to be delivered to SALVATORE BRIGUGLIO, who at that time was incarcerated Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, prison.

Miami investigation concerning the above incident has failed to locate registrations of PROVENZANO, BRIGUGLIO or ANDRETTA at Miami hotels during pertinent time period, and investigation at Eastern Airlines failed to confirm reservations of above individuals. Lewisburg, Pennsylvania investigation established GABRIEL BRIGUGLIO visited SALVATORE at Lewisburg during pertinent time period. Detroit investigation

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reflects that JRH's wife, JOSEPHINE, recalled that she and her husband were at their Bay Harbor Island, Florida, residence November, 1973. Philadelphia investigation shows that DANIEL SULLIVAN alleges that JRH told him PROVENZANO had threatened him in Florida during the winter of 1973-74.

PICARDO further alleges that two weeks subsequent to above incident, he met with TONY PROVENZANO in a North Bergen, New Jersey restaurant regarding another matter, and that PROVENZANO reported to PICARDO that JRH was destined to be killed, and that PROVENZANO was awaiting the right time.

PICARDO further states that on 12/16 or 17/74, he was ordered by GABRIEL BRIGUGLIO to insure that a station wagon in his possession was in good running condition, and that the citizen's band radio be working. He was told to drive the vehicle by both BRIGUGLIO and TONY PROVENZANO the following day to TONY BENTRO's office in New York City. PICARDO advised that he delivered the above station wagon with the aid of THOMAS JEFFRIES and GERALD PALADINO, both PICARDO's associates. While at BENTRO's office, PICARDO overheard arrangements between HOFFA and PROVENZANO to have dinner at Ponte's Restaurant, New York City. PROVENZANO was to meet later that day with SALVATORE BRIGUGLIO and STEPHEN ANDRETTA. PICARDO alleges PROVENZANO told him on this occasion that HOFFA would be killed that day.

Regarding above allegation, investigation at Los Angeles, California, determined that CHARLES ASHMAN, JRH friend and television newscaster, has previously advised that he met with HOFFA in New York City on 12/17/74, and while there, JRH made two telephone calls, one of which was to TONY PROVENZANO. ASHMAN recalled that PROVENZANO and JRH discussed meeting one another. Additional investigation at New York determined PICARDO knowledgeable regarding BENTRO's offices.

PICARDO further alleges that in August, 1975, a few days after JRH disappeared, he was visited at the New Jersey State Penitentiary by STEPHEN and THOMAS ANDRETTA and MARTIN SHINDLER to transact business regarding Lift Van, Incorporated. STEPHEN ANDRETTA asked PICARDO if Federal Agents had been to see him and made admissions and references

that PROVENZANO's group involved in HOFFA disappearance and stated that body was brought back to New Jersey by Gateway Transportation Company. STEPHEN ANDRETTA stated that he was not present in Detroit, but had stayed in New Jersey to provide an alibi for TONY PROVENZANO.

Investigation at Newark shows that PICARDO was visited by ANDRETTA and SHINDLER at pertinent time period. During attempt to interview TONY PROVENZANO regarding JRH disappearance on 8/4/75, PROVENZANO claimed that he was with STEPHEN ANDRETTA on the day HOFFA disappeared and denied any contact with HOFFA telephonically or in person for several years.

PICARDO speculates that inasmuch as the ANDRETTAS and the BRIGUGLIOS are PROVENZANO's most trusted associates, that if PROVENZANO involved in the JRH disappearance, BRIGUGLIOS and ANDRETTAS would have been involved directly in the disappearance. It should be noted that during the line-up held 12/6/75 at Oakland County, Michigan, one eye-witness identified SALVATORE BRIGUGLIO as being alone in a car in the Machus Red Fox parking lot at approximately 2:00 PM, 7/30/75. Several of BRIGUGLIO's associates indicated that he was in the Local 560 Union Offices on 7/30/75.

PICARDO only speculates that HOFFA's body may be in Moscato dump in New Jersey and has no direct knowledge of the exact location.

It should be noted that in unrelated information concerning the illegal activities of Teamster Local 560, PICARDO has continued to provide good information. This information led to issuance of search warrants of Local 560 offices and bank safe deposit boxes controlled by Local 560 officers. Numerous loansharking records were obtained from Local 560 offices as PICARDO had indicated. In view of time spent investigating the JRH aspects of the information provided by PICARDO, Newark will continue to obtain information from PICARDO and will attempt to corroborate other information supplied by PICARDO.

Information which has been developed to date regarding the New Jersey Teamsters has not related directly to any Detroit LCN or Teamster participation; however, Detroit

sources, including DE 889-C-TE and DE 1049-C-TE believe that local LCN members involved in the disappearance, and further that JIMMY QUASARANO and PETE VITALE would know something about the disappearance. Detroit sources continue to indicate that if hit carried out in the Detroit area by local or out of town individuals, JOE ZERILLI, head of the Detroit LCN, would have knowledge.

Several other Detroit sources, including DE 6144-C, have noted that there has been little or no talk among Detroit local Teamsters, which lead the sources to believe that local Detroit Teamsters are not involved directly in JRH disappearance. Sources do believe, however, that disappearance of JRH directly resulted from his attempted re-entry into Teamster politics. On 10/20/75, DE 6143-PCI advised that Teamster Local 299 President DAVID JOHNSON is extremely upset and is afraid for his life. Source advised that JOHNSON would not put JAMES P. HOFFA, son of missing JRH, on the Union payroll for the purposes of having him run for an elected Teamster office at a later time. JOHNSON has spent little time at the Union office and is on "an extended vacation" leaving the administration of Local 299 to EARL GRAYHECK. (It should be noted that JAMES P. HOFFA, at the insistence of Local 299 members, was appointed to a Business Agent position after support was given to him by the rank and file members, thus relieving JOHNSON of the responsibility of making the HOFFA appointment directly).

On 10/30/75, DE 5210-C-TE advised that he had been present at the Sixth Annual Frank Fitzsimmons Golf Tournament at LaCosta, California, from 10/7 to 10/12/75. Source reported that ALLEN DOREMAN was in attendance, and he, along with MOE DALITZ, had dinner with FITZSIMMONS on at least one occasion. Other individuals present at the golf tournament were WILLIAM E. BUFALINO, Detroit Teamster Attorney, TONY LEWIS, SAM, SALVATORE and ANGELO PROVENZANO, and also FRANK's sons, DONALD and RICHARD FITZSIMMONS. Source stated that on the morning of 10/9/75, "Chuckie" O'BRIEN registered at the golf tournament; however, the word was quickly passed by FRANK FITZSIMMONS that O'BRIEN was to leave, which, according to the source, he did by the evening of 10/9/75 and was not seen after that time. Source also stated that he had learned that HAROLD GIBBONS had sent in a reservation to attend the tournament; however, according to source, FRANK FITZSIMMONS personally had GIBBONS' money sent back to him, indicating

that he was not welcome, and that it was noted by source that GIBBONS did not attend.

Information received from Cincinnati source, CI 2770-PCI, provided information concerning the involvement of TONY GIACALONE and TONY PROVENZANO in the HOFFA disappearance. Source provided much information which may have been obtained from news media coverage; however, investigation is continuing at Columbus, Ohio, and Detroit to determine if information provided by source which indicates that a woman by the name of HELEN MASS, age 40 to 42 white female, who is somehow connected with NICK COLLICCI from New Jersey, may have been the driver of the vehicle which was used in the HOFFA abduction. Cincinnati source appears to know many Teamster and organized crime people and has indicated that JACKIE PRESSER may be directly involved in the disappearance.

On 11/9/75, New Orleans source, NO 1734-C-TE advised that he has not been able to develop any information concerning CARLOS MARCELLO, a New Orleans organized crime figure in the disappearance of JRH. Source contends that MARCELLO not involved at all in the disappearance.

On 12/8/75, Philadelphia source, PH 672-C-TE, advised that he was present during a conversation between PHILIP CHARLES TESTA (current underboss of the BRUNO family) and FRANK GAETION SINDONE, high ranking member of the ANGELO BRUNO family. SINDONE and TESTA were discussing JRH disappearance, and TESTA related that "if the 'Feds' begin digging at the proposed dump in New Jersey, they would hit pay dirt". SINDONE agreed with TESTA saying, "Yes, they sure will."

On 12/16/75, Albany source, AL 4622-PC, advised that he had learned that HOFFA's body is allegedly located in a 34 acre tract of land containing a dump owned by a friend of Teamsters Local 560. According to source, body was allegedly transported by a Gateway truck from Detroit, and that Teamsters officials are worried about the "barrel". Source advised that the dump has approximately 20 levels of abandoned cars above ground and at least 10 levels of abandoned cars below ground. Exact location of the dump was not given by the source.

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On 12/8/75, NY 2305-C advised that during November, 1975, NUNZIO PROVENZANO resigned as Secretary-Treasurer of Local 560 and was replaced by his brother, ANTHONY "Tony Pro" PROVENZANO. TONY's other brother, SALVATORE, then resigned as President of Local 560 and was replaced by NUNZIO, who is now the President of that Local. SALVATORE, however, did not resign his elected position as 8th National Vice President and member of the Teamsters General Executive Board. As a result of these maneuvers, all three brothers are on the Teamsters payroll. Source stated that under Local 560 bylaws, the above changes in local leadership were accomplished legally.

In view of the sensitive nature of the information and the fact that it is desirable to keep eyewitness identification confidential, the following investigation concerning HOLBERT HALL O'DELL and MARJORIE JANE BISSAILLON is being set forth in the administrative section: