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DAN MOLDEA, 981 West Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio, telephone number (216) 864-6550, provided the following information, which he gained secondhand primarily from one source, who he stated he was unable to identify at this time.

During this interview, MOLDEA played two tape recorded conversations with his source. He stated he was unable to provide interviewing Agents with duplicates of the tapes but he did consent to allowing the interviewing Agents to listen to them. In these conversations, his source told of the activities of an I.B.T. Task Force, headed by ROLLAND MC MASTER. He stated this Task Force had as its overt objective, organizing small non-union trucking firms, however, this source stated that its real objective was to stir up employee unrest and labor violence. Following a certain period of harassment and terrorizing, these victim companies would be approached by MC MASTER or his subordinate who would then attempt to extort payoffs from them in turn for guarantees of labor peace. This would often not be an unreasonable offer to a non-union trucker, who if unionized would have to begin regular contributions to union pension and welfare funds, in addition to having to otherwise negotiate with the union.

The source advised that between two and three million dollars was channeled down from the top rank of the Teamsters Union to operate MC MASTER's Task Force until approximately the end of 1973, when the Union became allegedly worried about its reputation. According to source, ALBERT EVANS was the person responsible for getting MC MASTER his operating money. EVANS allegedly came from the Baltimore area and was also with the Teamster International prior to coming to MC MASTER's Task Force. EVANS was the brains of the Task Force and MC MASTER was the muscle. EVANS would do much of the negotiating with the victim corporations and would actually call the shots when it was time to back off of the terrorist activities.

By way of the tape, source went on to tell of the following specific instances of harassment to various non-union truckers during the period of 1971 to 1973:

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In mid 1972, MC MASTER and MIKE BOANO sent members of the Task Force out to harass the Willis Shaw Trucking Company of Elm Springs, Arkansas. Source stated that Shaw trucks were sabotaged by putting something in the radiator that would foul the engines. This was done in Burley, Idaho. Source stated that Shaw Company was a division of Del Monte Food Corporation, and harassment was attempted to get payoffs from the Del Monte Corporation.

Source stated that MC MASTER wanted Fadler Produce Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, destroyed. He stated the Task Force put stink bombs in the produce warehouse to ruin the food because they were doing business with Shaw Trucking.

Source also advised that FRANK HAYES, also a member of the Task Force, got together with KENNY RITTMAN and First Name Unknown (FNU) EMMETT to harass Starr Delivery, out of Canton, Illinois. Source described RITTMAN as a business agent for Teamster Local 89, in Louisville, Kentucky, who was a business agent for Starr Delivery. He stated that Starr Delivery does a lot of business hauling equipment for International Harvester Corporation. The three of them arranged a situation where RITTMAN and EMMETT allegedly went out driving an unknown Kentucky State Senator's car just in front of a Starr delivery truck, and then as they approached an overpass, signaled a sniper stationed on the overpass by flashing their lights to shoot at the truck that was following them. However, the plan apparently backfired with one of the shots penetrating RITTMAN and EMMETT's car with the bullet creasing EMMETT's scalp. According to source, the FBI conducted an investigation on this matter.

Source could provide no specific instances of violence but he did know that JACK ROBISON of the Task Force went to Portage Trucking of Butler, Pennsylvania, to convince them not to buck the union. Portage Trucking hauls steel for Armco Steel and their workers have a strong allegiance with the Fraternal Association of Steel Haulers (FAST). He stated that ROBISON tailed Portage driver CARL BAUER to various steel plants in Ohio, harassing him at every stop.

Source stated he was approached by ROBISON sometime in 1972 or 1973, to enter into plans with ROBISON and brothers ROBERT CALDER, telephone number (412) 258-7705 and WILLIAM CALDER, telephone number (412) 384-4934, both of Teamster Local 872, in Washington County, Pennsylvania, to participate in a bombing at Interstate Trucking, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. MOLDEA did not know whether or not these two individuals were relatives to ALLEN CALDER, teamster member from Detroit, Michigan, however, MOLDEA did say that the CALDER brothers were friends of JACK ROBISON. MOLDEA stated Interstate Trucking was owned by ANGELO FONZI. Allegedly FONZI had been told by MC MASTER to keep his steel hauling business out of Detroit, Michigan. Because FONZI ignored these instructions, MC MASTER ordered his company to be bombed.

MOLDEA provided a list of names and addresses of individuals who were members of MC MASTER's Task Force in February, 1973. These were given to MOLDEA by his source:

DON H. ENLOE (Director)
109 Bradley
Hoffman Estate
Illinois
Telephone number (312) 882-7512

ROBERT RUTLAND (Director)
3835 East Van Norman
Cudahy, Wisconsin 53110
Telephone number (414) 482-0587

JACK YEAGER (Director)
6912 East 58th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64129
Telephone unknown

MIKE BOANO (Director)
758 Truesdale Road
Youngstown, Ohio 44511
Telephone number (216) 782-8646

RICHARD ACHE (Director)
Rural Route 2,
O'Fallon, Missouri 63366
Telephone number (314) 327-6504

BILL JENKINS
627 J. Street
Davis, California 95616
Telephone number (916) 756-6706
(This individual is the only non-teamster
member of the Task Force)

HARRY J. BUDZYNSKI
260 Highland Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15229
Telephone number (412) 931-4063

FRANK HAYES
24430 Crowley
Taylor, Michigan 48180
Telephone number (313) 292-6713

HARRY JOYNER
1495 Amelia Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15229
Telephone number (412) 866-1947

JOHN LETO
8506 North Oketo
Niles, Illinois 60648
Telephone number (312) 965-2395

DWIGHT MITTER
28678 Couzens
Madison Heights, Michigan 48071
Telephone number (313) 547-8427

JOHN KALNICKI
7810 Parma View Lane
Parma, Ohio 44134
Telephone number (216) 842-2981

JOE MASSINGILL
Smith Drive
Route 1
Walker, Louisiana 70785
Telephone number (504) 665-2011

JOE MEYERS
434 Kathaleen
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15211
Telephone unknown (412) 431-8248

JACK ROBISON
6089 Route 88
Finleyville, Pennsylvania 15332
Telephone number (412) 348-5767

The following information, sometimes fragmentary in its content, was gained from listening to tapes made by MOLDEA in conversations with his source:

Source claimed that MIKE BOANO shot a teamster member in Youngston, Ohio, during a steel strike. He provided no further details.

Source stated that JACK ROBISON has had a reputation of being a dynamiter for some time. Allegedly, RAY BAKER, from Local 538 in Washington County, Pennsylvania, arranged for JACK ROBISON's son to carry dynamite from some location in Maryland to a local nearby construction site. The original source of dynamite dried up and ROBISON's son started getting the dynamite from Braken Construction Company, a company who did work on Route 28 in Pennsylvania. ROBISON's son allegedly drove the dynamite between its source and the local construction site where it was being used. Source also stated that ROBISON was a bomber who blew up United Dairies (location and date unknown).

Source stated that First Name Unknown (FNU) WILSON, a west coast organizer, was allegedly shot and JIM SHAW was hired to do that job.

Source stated that DAVID PREVIANT, a Milwaukee Attorney, who is counsel for the Central States Pension Fund, was assisting LARRY MC HENRY and JACK ROBISON, who were going to file suit against any favorable decision handed down by the United States Court of Appeals on the restrictions placed on JAMES R. HOFFA's commutation of his sentence by Ex-President RICHARD M. NIXON. Supposedly if the Appeals Court reversed the restriction decision, which had been rumored in newspapers, their suit would allege that since HOFFA had already drawn his pension and severed his union ties, he would no longer be eligible

for union office of any kind. Without being a union officer, he could not be a candidate for the Union Presidency in 1976.

Source also stated that MC MASTER owns some property on Manitoulin Island, Ontario, located on Lake Huron, close to the ferry drop. MC MASTER was rumored to be at Manitoulin Island after HOFFA's disappearance.

Source stated that MC MASTER had recently contacted him and wanted to know if he wanted to go to Detroit, Michigan, with JACK ROBISON in that he had a project going with unlimited funds. MC MASTER told source that he had to upset DAVE JOHNSON (Teamster Local 299 President) and disrupt his entire pro-HOFFA crew. Source stated that MC MASTER wanted to do this so he could get on the ballot as Secretary-Treasurer of Local 299, because he was certain that DICK FITZSIMMONS could carry Local 299 for the position of President. MC MASTER told source that if he came to Detroit, there would be no ceilings on expenses, but that they would have to succeed. Source claimed that he did not go to Detroit, Michigan, with MC MASTER at that time, but ROBISON did go in September, 1974. It was after this that JOHNSON's boat was blown up and a teamsters business agent was shot in the face. Source reported that MC MASTER was supposedly upset because ROBISON was in Detroit, Michigan, in his recognizable Cadillac, which was known to a lot of people in Local 299, and MC MASTER finally told him to get rid of the car. According to source, ROBISON bombed his own car in order to get rid of it, somewhere in Kentucky.

Source also stated that additional money is being made available to MC MASTER's Task Force, supposedly about two and one-half million dollars, to organize strip mining activity between West Virginia and the east coast.

Source also stated that ROY WILLIAMS, Teamster official from Kansas City, was supposed to oppose FITZSIMMONS for Union President in 1976. He stated WILLIAMS planned to merely serve as a figurehead and offer only token opposition so that FITZSIMMONS could be re-elected.