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Enclosed herewith is a LHM containing information concerning DOMINICK EDWARD BARTONE and others. This information was obtained by Department Attorney, WILLIAM FRENCH, Detroit, from ROBERT C. MEISSNER. One copy each of the LHM is being furnished to Chicago and Miami for information inasmuch as MEISSNER resides in Chicago and BARTONE resides in the Miami Division.

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FEDERAL RESERVE ACT; INTERSTATE
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The following information, based upon statements reportedly made by Dominick Edward Bartone at various times in the past, was received by the Department of Justice from a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past:

In regard to money invested by Bartone in Niagara Crushed Stone (Humberstone) Ltd. (NCS) in 1959, Bartone advised that he had the money in a French bank in Panama and wrote a check for it in Canada, so that the money went from one foreign country to another without going through the United States. In regard to money borrowed from Public Bank for use in connection with the operation of the NCS quarry, Bartone stated this was bank money and not Union money. He also expressed the belief that Public Bank borrowed money from the Central States Teamsters organization at a low interest rate and then lent it out to Bartone and others at a higher rate. Bartone stated, however, that he was not certain about a lot of this information, but he had found out various things and then had "figured from there".

Bartone stated that when he was called before the Federal Grand Jury at Detroit in September, 1963, he "took the Fifth" because he did not want to get into trouble with

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the "racketeers". Bartone was apprehensive that he might be asked how he had got to Joseph F. Verhelle, former President of Public Bank, and why Verhelle had given him the loan. Bartone did not want to get involved in saying that James Hoffa told Verhelle to give the loan. Bartone said, however, that Verhelle was not tied in with the "racketeers".

U.S.A. Referring to ~~Louis "Babe" Triscaro and William Presser~~, Bartone stated he had let it be known that they had a twenty-five per cent interest in the NCS quarry but they actually did not. Bartone said they had probably received favors from James Hoffa but they did not "come up with the scratch". Bartone stated he, himself, had never been involved in any "payoffs" with Hoffa. After Bartone had additional financial problems with NCS, he reportedly had a discussion with Hoffa during which Bartone became angry and "exposed his people" in front of Hoffa but Hoffa did not do anything about it. Hoffa subsequently told Bartone that it looked like Bartone had a "bad deal" and not to blame Hoffa but to blame "your people". Hoffa said they did not know how to count up to a million, let alone borrow a million, and they did not know how to do business. Hoffa indicated Bartone should have come directly to Hoffa rather than going through them, and Bartone said he did not cut corners and it was through them that he had met Hoffa.

U.S.A. Bartone indicated that in 1961 when he was trying to obtain new financing for NCS and was having a survey made by ~~Meissner Engineers, Inc. (MEI)~~, Verhelle either would not release the necessary information or else gave Bartone and MEI incorrect figures. Verhelle finally gave some papers to MEI after an official of the Continental Bank in Chicago (with which Verhelle was formerly associated) had been requested to contact Verhelle concerning the matter. Following the MEI survey there was a proposal that Salk, Ward and Salk provide additional financing but they did not do so because they knew Verhelle and he promised he was going to let somebody else buy it and they would "get a piece", according to Bartone. Bartone expressed the opinion that Salk, Ward and

Salk were "crooks"; that if they lent money they wound up with a piece of it; and they would try to get forty or fifty per cent of a deal if they knew the borrower was in a disadvantageous position.

P.S. A Bartone said that Alvin A. Naiman had led government agencies to believe that Bartone had no authority to try to get additional financing for NCS, establish letters of credit, etc.; but Bartone had made records available to show that he had such authority through Powers of Attorney and other documents giving him the right to go out to seek private financing through Elliot Janeway, MEI, Salk, Ward and Salk, or any other source Bartone wanted to use. *M.S.A.*

Bartone said that the present owners of the NCS quarry are going broke on the operation and want to give it back to Bartone "on a platter". Bartone said the quarry had only been producing about 300,000 tons a year and nobody will do business with them; that Bartone had "knocked them out" of about 700,000 tons; that after Alvin Naiman had lost the sales and distribution business for NCS in the Cleveland area, it was given to a former Naiman associate (probably named Barricelli) who used to haul for Sandusky Crushed Stone; that there had been a shortage in payments; and "they ought to do business with us this year".

In regard to \$50,000.00 which had been posted with bankruptcy officials in Canada in connection with an attempt to regain control of NCS in 1961, Bartone advised that the money was sent back and Bartone gave \$25,000.00 to the Metropolitan Bank for the benefit of Don Ross and others, and Bartone used the other \$25,000.00 for Janefield Village and other interests of Bartone. He referred to Janefield Village as potentially a 2 3/4 million dollar Florida real estate development in which he has over \$100,000.00 and has a twenty-five per cent interest. Two brothers and the widow of the original owner have the other seventy-five per cent. Bartone said he has been working on it over a year and a half and recently has been *M.S.A.*

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negotiating with ~~Advance Mortgage Company~~ of Detroit to borrow money to buy out his partners and finance improvement of the property, which is about 1½ miles west of Cypress Gardens. Bartone indicated that Advance Mortgage was going to put up the development money and Bartone may have a quarter million dollars "preliminary money". Bartone said that in regard to this matter he was staying away from Hoffa and that if Bartone's present plans work out Bartone would not need assistance from Hoffa or others.

Bartone also advised that he recently was involved in borrowing \$155,000.00 in connection with a frozen food plant in Miami and also is involved in a \$125,000.00 deal through which equipment would be purchased possibly for an oil field development in Guatemala. He indicated he is involved with a bonding company and has a partner by the name of Wysockie (phonetic) who may have some racketeer connections. Bartone indicated that he has people who can go to a bank and get loans on their signatures provided Bartone can post a guaranteed bond for them. Through this means, it cost Bartone \$23,000.00 to borrow \$175,000.00. He advised that he had supplied some property as collateral so that Wysockie could write a \$100,000.00 bond and that Bartone had been selling a few lots for expense money to get around.

In early 1961 Bartone claimed he owned the Playboy Club franchise in Mexico City, Mexico, and in the summer of 1961 he said that he had or could get 10,000 M1 rifles. He recently indicated he has banking connections at the Royal Bank of Canada in Nassau and has an interest in the ~~"British Colonial Savings and Loan"~~ in Nassau, in which he had 100,000 shares when the stock was a dollar a share. This savings and loan organization had made mortgage loans of over \$100,000.00, had reinvested about \$25,000.00 savings deposits, and kept its money in the Royal Bank of Canada at a good rate of interest.

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Bartone allegedly travels only at night and by automobile. He has recently been accompanied on some of his business trips by Nicholas (Nick) Morris. Morris reportedly resides in Miami with his father and has a sister who is employed by the State Department and is married to Gregory Pahules, a Miami attorney. When Bartone was in Chicago about 1961, he and some of his associates, particularly Morris, were believed to be carrying guns. Also about that time Bartone reportedly stated that he was connected with Hoffa and got a new Cadillac every year. Bartone subsequently claimed to have "told off" Hoffa and to have fallen into disfavor. When in Chicago in the past, Bartone reportedly was in contact with Barney Baker, Joe Glimco and Tony Accardo. *F.L.A.*

Bartone was associated with Don Ross at one time in the ownership of a catering business, now defunct; and in 1962 Bartone allegedly owed \$67,000.00 to Ross. Ross reportedly was "started out" in Chicago by Dave Yaras; operated an automobile dealership and had other business interests in the Chicago area; and recently had something to do with a juke box enterprise in California.

Bartone once said that there had been some "shenanigans" between P. D. Maktos and Peter Clayton regarding promising, or getting legal fees, to get Union loans for people. Bartone was skeptical about individuals who claim they can get a loan from Hoffa. According to Bartone, the Central States committee recommends whatever Hoffa recommends and it has to be a "good legitimate deal" but Hoffa makes the decision. *U.S.A.* *U.S.A.*

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