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 are 4, 2 and 2 copies respectively of a letterhead  
 memorandum containing information furnished by ROBERT C.  
 MEISSNER on 2/18/64.

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Chicago, Illinois  
February 19, 1964

JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA;  
DOMINICK EDWARD BARTONE;  
ET AL.

*Just*  
Robert C. Weissner, 312 Princeton, Hinsdale,  
Illinois, appeared at the Chicago Office of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation on February 18, 1964 shortly  
after he had a brief meeting with Joseph Verhelle, in  
Chicago, and furnished the following information: *9/11-*

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He has been talking to Verhelle by telephone  
on an average of two or three times a week for the past  
month or so. During these conversations, Verhelle  
mentioned that four people would probably testify for the  
defense at the Chattanooga trial of Hoffa and if these  
people testified he, Verhelle, would also probably  
have to testify. The testimony was believed to introduce  
in the Hoffa trial that the Justice Department would  
stop at nothing to get Hoffa, and as an example, would  
refer to the situation at the Public Bank of Detroit  
which was ruined by the fact that a horde of examiners  
came into the bank which caused Verhelle to leave the  
bank with the result that the inefficient new management  
caused the bank's downfall. Verhelle blames the Justice  
Department for ruining the Public Bank.

Verhelle mentioned today that a State of Michigan  
Banking Commissioner went to Washington, possibly recently,  
and visited the Justice Department and talked to the  
Attorney General and let it be known that he believed the  
Justice Department was carrying on a vendetta against  
Hoffa which, in turn, caused the persecution of the  
Public Bank of Detroit.

No identities of new potential defense witnesses  
were mentioned by Verhelle, however, Verhelle stated that  
it was decided that he now would not testify in Chattanooga.

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Re: JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA; Etc.

Meissner got the impression, however, that someone will probably testify as to the Public Bank of Detroit situation to show that the government is going all out against Hoffa and it could be possible the above mentioned Banking Commissioner will be the person to testify.

He and Verhelle met with ~~Robert Cole~~, of the Chicago realty firm of Hogan and Farwell, in Cole's office, today, regarding the possible purchase of the Sinclair Building in Chicago. Cole told them that the New York Life Insurance Company could not take a parallel mortgage on this building, therefore, it appears there will be no further action on the purchase of the building by Verhelle or himself. Cole also mentioned a New York City building which he did not identify in which Verhelle expressed an interest and Verhelle is to recontact Cole in the next week or two. Verhelle also mentioned to Cole that if other properties having a good yield were located, that he, Verhelle, would buy them.

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