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JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA  
EARL SCHEIB; ET AL.  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)  
(OO:LA)

Re LAairtels 1/19/62 and 2/1/62; Buairtels 1/25/62 and 2/5/62; and SLairtel 2/6/62.

In view of the request by Department attorney Charles Z. Smith, the St. Louis Office is authorized to have two mature, experienced Special Agents interview Richard I. Kavner immediately.

This interview must be well-planned by the Agents assigned to conduct same and they must be thoroughly familiar with all the details of this matter. If at all possible, Kavner should be interviewed away from his place of employment or his home; in any event care and caution must be exercised to insure that the interview is not overheard or recorded. In addition, the interview must be conducted in such a manner so as not to reveal any information in Bureau files and so that Kavner will not become aware that LA 4381-PC and LA-4350-C have furnished information to us in this case.

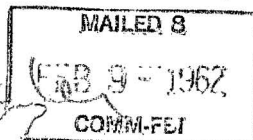
Should Kavner request that an attorney be present during the interview, you are to be guided by instructions as set forth on page 13C of the FBI Handbook.

The interview with Kavner should be confined to captioned matter. If, however, upon being interviewed he indicates a receptive, cooperative attitude and volunteers information pertaining to other matters same should, of course, be accepted.

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Bear in mind that LA-4350 -C has repeatedly advised Los Angeles that Kavner is disgruntled with the Teamsters Union and has tried to resign. Any such indication during the interview should be capitalized upon to the fullest extent possible, as Kavner undoubtedly could become a very valuable source of information should he see fit to do so.

Handle this matter immediately on a TOP PRIORITY basis and surad or airtel the same day the interview is conducted setting forth a succinct summary of the results.

NOTE: Kavner is an international organizer of the Teamsters Union who reportedly works directly under both Hoffa and Harold J. Gibbons, Executive Vice-President of the Teamsters Union. LA 4350-C (Meyer "Mike" Singer, former Teamsters Union official in Los Angeles, California, who is furnishing information to Los Angeles Office on a confidential basis) has repeatedly advised that Kavner is extremely disgruntled with the Teamsters Union and has been trying to resign. Within the last few weeks Kavner contacted LA 4350-C and requested his aid in seeking other employment so he could resign. LA 4350-C feels Kavner is "ripe for interview."

Kavner, according to LA 4350-C, was instrumental in effecting the transfer of Earl Scheib's contract with the United Automobile Workers of America to the Teamsters Union.

Interview with Kavner is a logical investigative step and the Department has now requested that he be interviewed.

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Date: 2/6/62

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 EARL SCHEIB; ET AL.  
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 (ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)  
 (OO: LA)

ReBuairtels 1/25/62 and 2/5/62 and Los Angeles  
 airtel 2/1/62.

On 2/6/62 HERBERT MORISSE, JR., Assistant Vice President, Southwest Bank, St. Louis, Mo., whose identity should remain confidential, stated the Teamsters Union in St. Louis has numerous accounts at the bank. A number of union employees of the Teamsters Union, including RICHARD I. KAVNER, have loans here. MORISSE has regular contact with CHARLES E. ROCKENMEYER, employed by the Teamsters, who brings in deposits, signature cards, payments on loans by officials, etc. On 2/6/62 ROCKENMEYER stated KAVNER has been out of town but was expected back in the office very soon. He stated that after a few days KAVNER will leave again on union business. He indicated KAVNER is still employed by the Teamsters and gave no intimation of possible resignation.

On 2/6/62 Mrs. RICHARD I. KAVNER was contacted by phone under pretext of being an old friend of her husband from the East employed by another union and passing through St. Louis. Mrs. KAVNER said he had just returned to town but expected to leave on business "soon." She said he might be contacted at MO 4-9800 (It will be noted this is the phone number of Teamsters Joint Council No. 13 and 11 locals all quartered at 1641 S. Kingshighway, St. Louis, Mo.). Mrs. KAVNER was specifically asked if her husband is still with the Teamsters and she answered in the affirmative.

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St. Louis files contain no recent information concerning KAVNER's possible resignation. They do not indicate any prior contact with KAVNER by Special Agents of this office.

SL 1130-C advised SA HOWARD C. KENNEDY on 2/1/62 and 2/2/62 he has no information re any change of KAVNER's status as a Teamster employee.

Inasmuch as the suggestion for interview stems from KAVNER's possible defection and since our inquiry does not substantiate this, St. Louis does not recommend interview.

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ET AL  
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(Accounting and Fraud Section)

(OO LOS ANGELES)

Re Bureau airtel to SACs, Los Angeles, and St. Louis,  
dated 1/25/62.

This case was discussed at length with Mr. CHARLES SMITH, Departmental Attorney at a conference held 1/31/62, concerning the HOFFA cases presently being handled by the Los Angeles Division. In regard to this matter, Mr. SMITH requested that RICHARD KAVNER be interviewed. He was advised that St. Louis was at this time, attempting to ascertain if KAVNER has resigned from, and is disgruntled with the Teamsters Union. Mr. SMITH said he desires to have KAVNER interviewed at this time even if he, KAVNER, is or is not still associated with the Teamsters Union. He feels that KAVNER, having handled the transfer SCHEIB Workers from the IWFL, Local 886, to the Teamsters Union, is the key to this case, and if KAVNER is willing to furnish information, he could also be the key to many other matters concerning the Teamsters and HOFFA.

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The above information is being furnished for the information and consideration of the Bureau concerning the KAVNER interview. It is noted that LA 4350-C, has been out of the Los Angeles area, and contact with him cannot be made at this time concerning re airtel.