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Subject: Gene Wheaton faxl.Irving Davidson/Nick Popich info requests

i ve run searches on the these two muividuals and secured corresponding documents from Archives II. i in noid the documents for you pending your return. Popich - the only document I've found referencing him is a 12/09/77 interview summary done by HSCA investigator R. Buras of an interview with William Dalzell. In the interview, Dalzell claims to know Popich and the Marcello family well; he says Popich owned land across Lake Ponchatrain from New Orleans where anti-Castro Cubans may have trained. Dalzell also claimed Popich owned gambling operations in pre-Castro Cuba. Popich, says Dalzell, also owned land in Lacombe, LA, which he subsequently sold to Salvador "Sammy" Marcello (the same Sammy Marcello identified as participating in meetings with Thomas Beckham where the assassination of JFK was discussed). The memo ends with "Mr. Dalzell and his connections with...Nick Popich [among others] will be investigated further," but I found no other documents referencing Mr. Popich.I. Irving Davidson - my search yielded six documents (two of which were identical); Davidson identifies himself as someone who is close to Jimmy Hoffa; he also acknowledged to HSCA investigators in 1978 that he had known Carlos Marcello for "20 years." He also knew G. Gordon Liddy.Davidson sought an interview with the FBI on 10/28/67 which the FBI agents involved interpreted as an attempt by Davidson to secure -- from the agents -- information regarding George DeMohrenschildt's possible role in the assassination. This attempt was ultimately related, the agents believed, to an effort by one Hugh McDonald to "solve" the assassination mystery in order to earn "a ton of money" from an "Eastern group." McDonald was alleged to know that LBJ had prior knowledge of the assassination and that DeMohrenschildt was part of the conspiracy. Davidson referenced to the agents an Edward Cohen, a former Washington Post reporter, who had planned to write a book on the assassination and had 100 pages of research material -including a lot on DeMohrenschildt. During his 1967 interview, Davidson claimed to have heard of a photograph of Jack Ruby and N.O. Teamster official Edward Grady Partin together. Later, in 1978, Davidson provides HSCA staff with a memo on DeMohrenschildt which he obtained from one of his contacts in the 1967 episode, a Leonard Davidov. He was interviewed by HSCA staff on 11/02/78. In 1978, however, Davidson strongly contested the FBI's version of his meeting with its agents in 1967 -- denying that he had been seeking information the Bureau might have on DeMohrenschildt. One of the Davidson documents references an unrelated input the Bureau received from a representative of the Netherlands Television Company on 04/03/67, also tagging DeMohrenschildt as a key player in an assassination conspiracy. Davidson was a registered agent for the governments of Haiti and Indonesia There is a State Dept. document acknowledging that it utilized Davidson to transmit messages to J. Balaguer in the Dominican Republic. Davidson's relationship

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