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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: May 15, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Wick
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SUBJECT: EDWARD REID,
AKA, ED REID
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Ed Reid, a former newspaperman from Las Vegas, who has written several books concerning the hoodlum element and in the past has been described as an irresponsible newspaperman guilty of dishonest reporting, contacted an Agent of our Los Angeles Office.

Initial contact was telephonically made on 5/6/67 at which time Reid indicated he had information concerning John Roselli. On 5/9/67, our Los Angeles Agent met Reid at which time Reid displayed a rough draft manuscript of his new book "Jungle U.S.A.," described as a history and study of organized crime. Reid refers to Carlos Marcello and indicated there was a meeting on 9/11/63 at Churchill Farms, outside New Orleans, Louisiana, attended by several people including Marcello and Reid's informant. Marcello was alleged to have said that in order to get Bobby Kennedy they would have to get the President, and they could not kill Bobby because the President would use the Army and the Marines to get them. The result of killing the President would cause Bobby to lose his power as Attorney General because of the new President. Reid reported in his book that a person who attended this alleged meeting was interviewed by Agents of our Los Angeles Office and furnished them the information. Reid described his informant as reliable, and after leaving New Orleans, his informant traveled to Dallas and Los Angeles and several days later was interviewed concerning the Billie Sol Estes case, at which time he allegedly related to our Agents what he heard at Churchill Farms. Reid said his informant identified our Agents as Jim Eldridge and L. Blanton.

Based on this information, Los Angeles reviewed files concerning the Billie Sol Estes case which revealed Sas James E. Ethridge and Lanford L. Blanton interviewed Edward Nicholas Becker 11/26/62. In this interview, Marcello was mentioned, and other interviews contained no reference to Marcello. Therefore, it appeared that Becker is Reid's informant. In Becker's interview, Marcello was mentioned in connection with a business proposition

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and no mention was made of the Attorney General nor were other interviews conducted by these two Agents regarding this matter.

Agents who interviewed Reid told him that information regarding the Churchill Farms conversation was not received as he alleged. At this time, Reid refused to confirm or deny that Becker was his informant. It is noted Reid's informant indicated this information was received on 9/11/63; however, Becker's interview was conducted on 11/26/62, several months preceding. It is noted Edward Nicholas Becker is a private investigator in Los Angeles who in the past has had a reputation of being unreliable and known to misrepresent facts.

Reid declared although the FBI stated this information was not received from his informant, he intends to leave his story as it appears in his book as the book is now in the hands of his publisher.

In connection with John Roselli, Reid wanted to trade information concerning him which offer was refused. He mentioned he was concerned with Roselli's association with Attorney Edward Morgan of Washington, D. C. As you recall, Morgan was previously interviewed at the request of the White House concerning alleged information in his possession regarding the assassination. Also, Roselli was the connecting link between CIA and Robert Maheu who was hired by the CIA to approach Sam Giancana to have Castro assassinated. Roselli is also a member of the Chicago family of La Cosa Nostra who represents Chicago's interests on the West Coast and primarily in Las Vegas.

Carlos Marcello is a leading New Orleans hoodlum who was prosecuted in Federal Court for Fraud Against the Government - Conspiracy in connection with attempt to secure fraudulent birth records in Guatemala and was found not guilty 11/22/63.

The above information is set forth due to the fact the inaccurate information furnished by Reid will appear in a forthcoming publication.

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