

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: August 2, 1961

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: ALLEGED SOURCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
JAMES HOFFA, TEAMSTER UNION PRESIDENT

While talking with the Attorney General on the evening of August 1, 1961, he referred to the Director's letter of August 1, 1961, relative to [REDACTED]. This letter reported information from a confidential source that [REDACTED], a close associate of Hoffa and other Teamster officials in Cleveland, had a relative reportedly employed as an attorney in the Justice Department. (b)(7)(c)

This recalled to the Attorney General information which he had previously received indicating that Hoffa had two contacts in the Criminal Division of the Department. One of these was suspected to be [REDACTED]. The identity of Hoffa's other alleged source in the Department is not known. The Attorney General has removed [REDACTED] an old-line Departmental employee, from any work which would give him any knowledge regarding departmental action concerning Hoffa. (b)(7)(c)

An additional indication that Hoffa may have a source in the Department is information received from one of our informants in San Francisco on July 27, 1961, to the effect that Hoffa had said it would be inadvisable for certain people to be seen contacting him as he knew the Department was having his activities closely checked. It is noted this information was received within two days after the Attorney General personally asked for a surveillance of Hoffa and prior to the time that the surveillance was actually instituted, as we had to investigate to determine Hoffa's whereabouts. He was located in San Francisco.

The Attorney General is now in receipt of further information that [REDACTED] an attorney who has represented Hoffa, plans to come to Washington next Monday, August 7, 1961, to meet with his contact in the Justice Department. There is no legitimate business which [REDACTED] would have with the Justice Department, accordingly, the Attorney General feels this contact will be surreptitious with one of Hoffa's reported sources in the Department. [REDACTED] is to stay at the Carlton Hotel. (b)(7)(c)

The Attorney General asked that the Bureau conduct appropriate surveillance of [REDACTED] while he is in Washington for the purpose of identifying (b)(7)(c)

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by contact with a Departmental employee.

ACTION BEING TAKEN

The SAC, Washington Field Office, is being advised of the request received in this instance from the Attorney General and is being instructed to secure full background data on [REDACTED] from the Detroit Office in order that the appropriate surveillance can be conducted. A misur covering the hotel room will be of material assistance and a survey to determine the technical possibility of this will be made.

(b)(7)(c)