

FYIs re LATimes Hoffa-Fitzsimmons-Nixon-Mafia story: glad to get (yesterday). If most of it is not new, some is and it is put together well. Let me give a few explanations, above what you know that prompted sending it. From the time Hoffa went to jail, there was a detectable (detected) change in attitude toward he. Him was no longer the unquestioned, revered godfather. I had my own experiences and I know those who had theirs. From the first his hand-picked started picking his bones, with the flesh living...Essentially, the Mafia links and the deals on the funds are not new. They were part of the Senate (Bobby K ) investigation. They are in Sheridan's book...That spa-links near San Diego also not new. What may interest is that in I think 1968, and it had to be before election day, the last I was in Calif., I heard that Loran Eugene Hall had gone to work for the Mafia, there. The Mafia seems be in egardless of what faction is in. Hoffa had similar relations and deals, set up by the same guy who set up the Fitz. arrangements this story reports. Hoffa's lawyer, Bufalino, comes from a Detroit Mafia family. Hoffa seems to trust him still, although in the Ray matter he has not done what Hoffa directed him to do in Lesar's presence and has not returned Lesar's calls. (I do not say this is a measure, but I suggest it can be. I was surprised at his disinterest in what could have served Hoffa's purposes in 1966-7, when I saw him)...Note that Partin did not come forward within 10 days, as Hoffa had said he would. (Nixon has enough problems without worrying about keeping deals.) Adds up to worth watching. Thanks for thinking. HW 6/6/73

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