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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (62-0)
JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
INFORMATION CONCERNING

AUSA [redacted] provided the following information which he obtained from a confidential source. AUSA [redacted] stated that the source is a credible source and that he is one of the individuals who attended the meeting referred to hereafter:

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[redacted] stated that JAMES R. HOFFA was recently in Las Vegas in connection with his prison reform organization. While HOFFA was in Las Vegas, he held a meeting with approximately 20 individuals, all of whom are major casino executives and who have Teamster loans or who have had business dealings with the Teamster's organization in the past. At the time of this meeting, HOFFA stated that he was surprised at the small turnout of individuals at this meeting because he stated there were a lot more than 20 people in Las Vegas who owed him favors.

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Among the [redacted] discussed were contributions to his fund for prison reform. The Stardust Hotel was one hotel who gave at least \$3,000 to HOFFA for this campaign and it is not known the amounts given by any of the other hotels. According to [redacted] source, the persons who organized this meeting were HERMAN "HANK" GREENSPUN, who is the owner and publisher of the "Las Vegas Sun", and JAY SARNO, the president of Caesars Palace Hotel and Casino.

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[redacted] stated that his source went on to relate that HOFFA discussed his future plans which included getting back into the Teamster organization and obtaining control of this organization at a future time. The source stated that HOFFA is attempting to subtly sabotage the efforts of the current Teamster president, ~~FRANK~~ FITZSIMMONS, until he can no longer control the organization.

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HOFFA stated that some time in the near future, believed to be around the end of April, 1973, there is going to be an Israel bond rally in Washington, D. C., in honor of FRANK FITZSIMMONS. It is expected at that time that all of the Jewish leaders and friends of the union will turn out and purchase large amounts of bonds for Israel.

At the Las Vegas meeting, GREENSPUN and SARNO, along with HOFFA, stated that they thought one of the ways which would take some of the importance out of this forthcoming meeting was to have an Israel bond rally in Las Vegas in honor of HOFFA. This way, many of the purchasers who would have normally purchased Israel bonds at the FITZSIMMONS rally would have possibly contributed and purchased bonds at the HOFFA rally cutting down on the importance of the rally in honor of FITZSIMMONS.

The above information is being submitted for the Bureau's information.