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MEMORANDUM
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Downey Rice
May 17, 1973

File: LEAD FILE
cc: ✓ Wiretapping File
James A. McHale File
Urella - Luchansky - Faiola Files

1. Interview WALTER F. JUNKINS and JAMES A. McHALE for pertinent information.
2. Ascertain from COLONEL BARGER whether or not any report of the matter appears in the files of the State Police.
3. Contact BELL TELEPHONE to see if any information or request ever came to their attention.

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Suspected Wiretap Incident

According to a reliable source whose attention was directed to this Committee owing to the Kapleau wiretapping hearings, there was a possibly related incident that occurred around the same time.

It seems that WALTER F. JUNKINS, Chief Investigator at the Department of Agriculture, was called in by Secretary of Agriculture JAMES A. McHALE "sometime" in September of 1972. In this connection, it will be recalled that the Kapleau wiretap came to light around September 6, 1972.

Reportedly, McHale wanted Junkins to check to see if his office telephones were being tapped. Junkins took a look around, didn't see anything, and reported to McHale, who then instructed him to get Commissioner Urella to check. Junkins called Urella, who laughed at the suggestion, but said he would take care of the matter and did not need any written request.

Two or three days later, LUCHANSKY and FAIOLA appeared and "did their thing" with a black box. Junkins observed the activity and gained the impression that not only did Luchansky and Faiola seem to be inept and ineffective, but the equipment they used was archaic. Obviously, the sweeping was unproductive.

Junkins had known Luchansky for some time, and also knew that the Army— from which Junkins had retired as a Major—operated some more sophisticated training schools in sweeping and electronics equipment at Camp Ritchie near Carlisle. Junkins said he might intercede to see if Luchansky could attend. Luchansky was interested. Junkins made the arrangements, but Luchansky got busy and never attended, and the entire matter stopped there.

The informant advised that McHale is regarded as a close friend and associate of Urella and is suspected of being a Shapp "bagman."

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James R. Malley
May 11, 1973

File: ROBERT LAW
cc: King of Prussia Case

The name of ROBERT LAW was first mentioned with the King of Prussia case by Walter Worth, attorney for Luchansky. He claimed that rumors have been floating to the effect that Law—without knowing the first name—was possibly identical with the fourth man in the King of Prussia affair, but had no information of substance to offer to corroborate the situation.

Information was next received from Kent Pollack by Mr. Rice that Law was supposed to be the fourth man in the King of Prussia case. On May 10, Pollack advised that he had talked to Robert Law at his residence at 140 Brownley Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. He stated that Law readily admitted that he was a friend of Curtis Guyette and, at one time, he and Guyette roomed together at the home of a mutual friend, Buck Taylor. Exact address not recalled in Norristown.

Pollack advised that the Crime Commission has apparently spent considerable time relative to checking out Law and had subpoenaed his personnel file at the TastyKake Baking Company where Law is employed as a route delivery man and works in New Jersey.

According to information Pollack received, the handwriting expert of the State Police had allegedly identified Law's handwriting with the handwriting on the registration card of Robert Best at the George Washington Motor Lodge on November 19, 1972, the first day of any of the activity there. In this connection, it is noted that the registration card gave the address of Kunkle, Pennsylvania, and the 1972 license No. 915 968 for a Ford automobile.

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Prior investigation of the Crime Commission showed the name of Best and the address, as well as the license number, as being fictitious. A check, however, on May 10, revealed that this license number was issued for a Ford automobile registered in the name of Marie and John Law, 5204 Arrowhead Lane, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. The serial number of the vehicle is 7E55C 217679, and the title number is A19146197.

When Pollack talked to Law, he claimed that he has never been at the George Washington Motor Lodge as a guest, a visitor, or even at the front office, the cocktail lounge, or the dining room. He told Pollack that the allegations that he was the fourth man at the motel and in the crawlspace above Room 175 were absolutely ridiculous.

Pollack states that his source in the Crime Commission told him that Law was not working on Monday, November 27, when maintenance man Sherr saw the man in the crawlspace. He also states that Law, from his observation, is pockmarked. He made the comment that Lt. Shuck, Crime Commission, has talked to Robert Law, and allegedly Major Rice is supposed to have told Law that his file at the TastyKake Baking Company is being subpoenaed.

Based on the foregoing, an effort was made to talk with Law on the evening of May 10 and to serve him with a subpoena to appear at Mr. Hepford's office on Friday, May 18, at 12 o'clock noon.

He was unavailable, having departed early in the evening for an unknown undertaking establishment in South Philadelphia where a fellow employee was being waked.

Mr. Malley remained at Law's home from 9:15 pm when Mrs. Law arrived at the house until 11:30 pm when Law called his wife to advise her that his sister lived just two blocks from the undertaking establishment and that he was remaining in Philadelphia in order to visit his sister for a while before coming home, and that she would not be returning from her employment until sometime between 11:30 pm and 12 o'clock midnight. He told his wife that it would take him at least 45 minutes to drive from his sister's home to his residence, thereby he would be quite late getting home.

His wife at that time mentioned that Mr. Malley was at the residence and desired to talk with him. He talked to him on the phone. Law was finally calmed down

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and stated that he was extremely upset over this situation. At the time of the court martial hearing on the King of Prussia affair, a broadcast by some of the news stations on television had been heard by Mrs. Law and himself, stating that a fourth man was involved. On the following day, when Mr. and Mrs. Law were eating, they had the television on and a news broadcaster said the fourth man had been identified as a Mr. Robert Law, a employee of the TastyKake Baking Company.

He stated that because of this, his entire family had been upset, including his parents, and that he has had a great deal of personal hazing as a result and that it has also caused his children some grief.

After considerable more discussion, he advised that he was perfectly willing to talk with Mr. Malley at a convenient time next week and that he first desired to contact his attorney. He suggested that he be called prior to any further contact. Telephone No. 215:265-4769.

Prior to departure from the Law residence, Mrs. Law commented that to the best of her knowledge, her husband had done nothing wrong in his life and it appeared he made one mistake in having a friend, Guyette, whom he had known for many, many years. She stated that the identification of her husband by the news broadcaster was subsequently retracted on a broadcast wherein he stated that there was no proof that they could offer for this identification, and that this was after serious objections had been made to the television station.

Mr. Law will be contacted in the near future.