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SUBJECT Richard T. GOSSE

FILE NUMBER 44-21100



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

December 7, 1962

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
[REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT
RICHARD T. GOSSER - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

This will confirm discussions on December 6, 1962, between Mr. [REDACTED] of the Civil Rights Division, Mr. [REDACTED] of the Criminal Division, and Mr. [REDACTED] of the FBI.

[REDACTED] Toledo, Ohio, has written the President under date of November 18, 1962, complaining that FBI Agents violated Gosses's civil rights when they searched a building without a search warrant, held a sixty-one-year-old man at gun point and terrorized a nineteen-year-old girl who happened to be a secretary.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he is familiar with the raid described by [REDACTED], but that it was conducted by Internal Revenue Agents rather than FBI Agents, and that there is no basis for the allegations that the Agents conducted themselves improperly. Mr. [REDACTED] also advised that Gosses is presently under Federal indictment in connection with the investigation conducted by the Internal Revenue Service.

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In view of the fact that Gosses is under indictment and since the civil rights complaint was not forwarded by him, Mr. [REDACTED] requested that no action concerning the alleged civil rights violation be taken by the FBI at this time. Mr. [REDACTED] concurred with the request of Mr. [REDACTED].

No investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department. One copy of [REDACTED] letter is enclosed for your information.

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ENCLOSURE
1 - Mr. Herbert S. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)

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NOTE: See [REDACTED] call to DeLoach, 12/7/62, captioned "[REDACTED] Toledo, Ohio, Allegations Re FBI Arrest of Richard T. Gosses."

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Nov 16, 1962

Dear Pres. Kennedy,

I am writing this letter to voice my protest against the invasion of Civil Liberties, which took place in Toledo, Ohio. When a horde of Federal men invade a private institution -- conduct themselves in the manner in which they did. I was of the opinion that men that worked for the Federal Government would be well versed in an individuals rights under the Constitution.

They had the audacity to attempt to search a building without a search warrant. They also held a 61 year old man at gun point and terrorized a 19 year old girl who happened to be a secretary.

I have always been very proud to be born in the United States. We have our Constitution to protect our rights. I don't want to believe that you have knowledge of this disgraceful affair as I have been and still am a staunch supporter of you and your administration.

I am talking about the way that F. B. I. men came into the Union Retiree Center and behaved. They were certainly no credit to you.


Mr. Gosser has appeared before every kind of an investigating committee and has never reverted to the 5th amendment. They have never proved any thing on him and I think it is time that he quit being persecuted.

I resent the treatment he is receiving, but that is not the text of this letter.

We are in the United States, not a foreign country. Please do not allow our liberties to be violated. Lets keep United States a free country. We love it that way.

I would very much like to know the individual or individuals responsible for this outrage.

Very Sincerely


Pkwy.
Toledo, 5, Ohio.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	✓
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-7-62

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
TOLEDO, OHIO
ALLEGATIONS RE FBI ARREST
OF RICHARD T. GOSSER

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 [REDACTED]

BACKGROUND:

Under date of 11-16-62, captioned individual sent a letter to President Kennedy which was subsequently referred to the Bureau by the Department on 12-5-62. [REDACTED] alleges that FBI Agents invaded the Union Retiree Center in Toledo without a search warrant, held a 61 year-old man at gun point and terrorized a 19 year-old secretary, and violated the civil liberties of "Mr. Gosser." [REDACTED] wants to know the person or persons "responsible for this outrage."

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

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[REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles. Bufile 159-1287 reflects that on 11-19-62, the Criminal Division of the Department advised the Bureau that Richard T. Gosser, International Vice President of the United Auto Workers Union (UAW) and President of UAW, Local Twelve, Toledo, Ohio, is currently charged with others with conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Gosser was arrested by IRS on 11-12-62 for conspiring to obtain information from IRS. The Criminal Division further advised that one [REDACTED] UAW headquarters, Detroit, Michigan, allegedly had and was willing to deliver information concerning a violation of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act by Gosser, and requested that the Bureau interview [REDACTED]

Upon interview by Detroit Office, [REDACTED] advised that he served as Gosser's administrative assistant from 1950-59; that he had no information whatsoever to furnish concerning Gosser; and that he knew of no violation by Gosser of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act. This information was furnished to the Department on 12-4-62.

DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT:

On 12-6-62, SA [REDACTED] of the Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division, discussed this matter with Mr. [REDACTED] of the Civil Rights

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Morrell to Mr. DeLoach memo
Re: [redacted]

Division and Mr. [redacted] of the Criminal Division. Mr. [redacted] stated he was thoroughly familiar with the raid described by [redacted] but that it was conducted by IRS Agents rather than FBI Agents and that there is no basis for the allegations that the Agents conducted themselves improperly. He also advised that Gosser is presently under Federal indictment in connection with the investigation conducted by IRS. Mr. [redacted] further advised that the Department has received information indicating that approximately 100 officers of various union locals attended a meeting in Ohio at which it was discussed that letters of the type written by [redacted] be prepared and sent to President Kennedy and the Department. Mr. [redacted] indicated the Department has already received several similar communications and expects to receive more.

Mr. [redacted] requested, and Mr. [redacted] concurred, that no action concerning the alleged civil rights violation be taken by the FBI at this time in view of the fact that Gosser is under indictment and the civil rights complaint was not forwarded by him. Accordingly, no investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

OBSERVATIONS:

Since [redacted] has alleged improper action on the part of FBI Agents, it is felt she should be written and set straight on this matter. Since her letter apparently was instigated at the direction of UAW officials in Ohio, however, it is not deemed advisable to advise her in any way concerning the civil rights aspects of this situation or the Department's decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the attached letter be sent to [redacted]
2. That the attached memorandum be forwarded to Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall of the Department confirming the discussion between Messrs. [redacted] and SA [redacted]
3. That the attached airtel be sent to Cleveland and Cincinnati Offices advising them of this situation.

4. That this memorandum be referred to Liaison Section in order that the appropriate official at IRS can be advised of pertinent information concerning this matter.

Inspection Service advised 12-1-62
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SUBJECT Richard T. GOSSE

FILE NUMBER 72-1470



Federal Bureau of Investigation

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CLEVELAND	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CLEVELAND	DATE 2/5/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/30/63 - 2/2/63
TITLE OF CASE UNKNOWN SUBJECT - United States versus BOSSER, ET AL		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY dkb; jib
		CHARACTER OF CASE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE	

REFERENCES

Cleveland teletype to Bureau, dated 1/31/63, *7/1 2-13-63*

Bureau teletypes to Cleveland, dated 1/31/63 and 2/1/63, *7/1 2-13-63*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, TOLEDO **b7c**

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: CLEVELAND, OHIO
Date: 2/5/63

Field Office File #: 72-47 Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT - United States versus GOSSER, ET AL

Character: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Synopsis:

b7c On 1/30/63, an anonymous telephone call was received at Toledo, Ohio Resident Agency of the FBI. Caller stated that one [REDACTED] (phonetic) described by caller as "close to officials of Local 12, UAW", had stated that someone had made contacts to insure that there would be a hung jury in the GOSSER trial.

* RICHARD T. GOSSER, V-P, UAW, DONALD L. PINCIOTTI, GOSSER's administrative assistant, and TED MAISON, all Toledo, presently on trial USDC, Toledo, on charge on Conspiracy to Defraud U.S. Government, in that they obtained confidential documents, reports, and records from Intelligence Division of IRS, Toledo, in violation of Section 371, Title 18, U.S. Code. Review of Toledo Directories and credit and criminal checks failed to reflect any [REDACTED] residing in Toledo Area. Information concerning telephone call furnished to AUSA, and subsequently, at his request, to IRS, Toledo. On 2/2/63, [REDACTED] Parkway, Toledo, Ohio, [REDACTED] Local 12, UAW, advised he had made statements to numerous people stating he believed the GOSSER case would result in a hung jury, basing such belief upon his own opinion formed by reading newspaper accounts of the case. [REDACTED] denied any knowledge of anyone attempting to influence any member of the jury in the GOSSER case and denied that he had ever made any statement indicating that such had happened. He denied calling the Toledo Resident Agency Office on 1/30/63 and denied knowing of anyone else making such a call. AUSA, Toledo, advised of results of [REDACTED] interview.

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DETAILS:

At Toledo, Ohio

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On January 30, 1963, SA [REDACTED] received an anonymous telephone call at the Toledo, Ohio Resident Agency Office of the FBI. The caller, who would not identify himself, advised that one [REDACTED] (phonetic), described by the caller as "close to officials of Local 12, UAW", had stated that someone had made contacts to insure that there would be a hung jury in the GOSSER trial. The caller furnished no other information and hung up the telephone after furnishing the above.

It is to be noted that the Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Toledo, Ohio, during the latter part of 1962, conducted extensive investigation of RICHARD T. GOSSER, Vice-President, United Auto Workers (UAW), DONALD L. PINCIOTTI, GOSSER's Administrative Assistant, and TED MAISON, a reported numbers racket figure, all of Toledo, Ohio.

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As a result of the above investigation, these three persons were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Toledo, on November 28, 1962, which charged them with Conspiracy to Defraud the U.S. Government in that they obtained confidential documents, reports, and records from the Intelligence Division of IRS, Toledo, in violation of Section 371, Title 18, U.S. Code.

* From evidence presented in U.S. District Court, as reported by the Toledo "Blade" newspaper, investigation originally was instituted in this matter when IRS Agents learned that Mrs. [REDACTED], a Clerk in the Office of the Intelligence Division of IRS, Toledo, was furnishing information from confidential IRS records to TED MAISON.

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[REDACTED] subsequently confessed to IRS Agents that she had been furnishing records relating to RICHARD T. GOSSER's income tax file to MAISON, who in turn, was furnishing this information to GOSSER's assistant, DONALD L. PINCIOTTI.

With the cooperation of [REDACTED] IRS Agents, on November 9, 1962, observed [REDACTED] pass government papers to MAISON, who subsequently gave them to PINCIOTTI. On November 12, 1962, PINCIOTTI was observed by IRS Agents entering GOSSER's office and shortly thereafter IRS Agents and a Deputy United States Marshal entered GOSSER's office, arrested PINCIOTTI, and on a search warrant, searched GOSSER's office and located the government papers in GOSSER's desk. GOSSER was then arrested, and subsequently MAISON was also arrested by IRS Agents.

Trial in this case commenced in United States District Court, Toledo, Ohio, on January 29, 1963, and is presently in progress.

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On January 31, 1963, Assistant United States Attorney JOHN G. MATTIMOE was advised of the receipt of the anonymous telephone call at the Toledo Resident Agency. He requested the FBI to conduct investigation to identify [REDACTED]. He was advised that since the original investigation in this case was conducted by another Government Agency, that his request would have to be relayed to the Bureau for discussion with the Department.

On February 1, 1963, Assistant United States Attorney MATTIMOE was advised that since this matter was investigated by Internal Revenue Service, who should be thoroughly familiar with all persons involved and attendant facts, it would appear that that agency would be well equipped to handle any investigation requested and that any investigation desired should be requested of Internal Revenue Service.

On the same date, at the request of Assistant United States Attorney MATTIMOE, the information concerning the anonymous telephone call was furnished to Inspectors [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of Internal Revenue Service.

Subsequently, on February 1, 1963, Assistant United States Attorney MATTIMOE was advised that at the request of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, investigation would be conducted in an effort to identify, locate, and interview "[REDACTED]"

On February 2, 1963, a check of the Toledo Telephone and City Directories failed to reflect any listing for [REDACTED] residing in the Toledo area.

On the same date, [REDACTED] Bureau of Identification, Toledo Police Department, and [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Toledo, advised they could not locate any record for a [REDACTED] in their files.

Inasmuch as no [REDACTED] could be located, a check was made of the Toledo City Directory for similar sounding names. During this review it was noted that one [REDACTED] Parkway, employed by [REDACTED] Toledo, was listed.

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On February 2, 1963, Mr. [REDACTED] Toledo, advised [REDACTED] Parkway, had maintained a [REDACTED] since January, 1953. He advised that the records reflected that [REDACTED] was employed as a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], and had been employed by them since [REDACTED]. He resides with his wife, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Parkway, and formerly lived at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The file reflected that [REDACTED] came to Toledo from [REDACTED] Connecticut, and had [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was a white, male, age [REDACTED]. He stated that the credit record was completely favorable, no suits or collections being noted.

On February 2, 1963, [REDACTED] Bureau of Identification, Toledo Police Department, advised a check of his files failed to reflect any record identifiable with [REDACTED]

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On February 2, 1963, [REDACTED] Bureau of Identification, Toledo Police Department, advised a check of his files failed to reflect any record identifiable with [REDACTED].

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On February 2, 1963, Assistant United States Attorney JOHN G. MATTIMOE was advised of the results of interview with [REDACTED] and stated he felt no further investigation was necessary at this time.

SAC, Cleveland

February 5, 1963

Director, FBI

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Immediately advise Bureau results of interview with [redacted] as well as name of reporting Agent and date of report setting forth results of such interview.

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Date: 2/7/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (72-47)
RE: UNSUB;
US vs GOSSER
ET AL
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Re your letter to CV, 2/5/63.

Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/5/63, CV, sent to Bureau that date.

Investigation Toledo failed to locate anyone having name [redacted] phonetic name of anonymous caller. Based on similarity of above name, [redacted] Parkway, Toledo, employed as [redacted], and member Local 12, UAW, located and interviewed. He denied making anonymous call to Toledo RA and denied knowing identity of anyone who may have made such a call. He likewise denied possessing any info indicating that anyone had attempted to approach any members of the jury sitting at GOSSER's trial. [redacted] did admit he has been closely following GOSSER case through local news disseminating media and has stated to many people with whom he has talked, about this case, that it is his belief the trial will end in a hung jury. He stated, however, this is solely his own opinion formulated through his study of the case in the papers and based solely on such a study.

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AUSA, Toledo advised of inquiry conducted this matter in Toledo as set forth in re report.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, CLEVELAND

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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REURTEL AND BUTEL BOTH JANUARY THIRTYONE, SIXTYTHREE,
CAPTIONED QUOTE ██████████ OOJ UNQUOTE.

REQUEST RECEIVED TODAY FROM CRIMINAL DIVISION THAT ██████████
██████████ BE INTERVIEWED REGARDING ALLEGATIONS MADE IN ANONYMOUS
CALL MENTIONED IN YOUR TEL LISTED ABOVE. CRIMINAL DIVISION
REQUESTS NO GENERAL INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER APART FROM
INTERVIEW OF ██████████

SUCH INTERVIEW SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY AND THE
RESULTS THEREOF FURNISHED TO AUSA MATTIMOE, TOLEDO. SUREP
WITHIN FOUR DAYS.

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NOTE: Cleveland teletype 1/31/63 reported receipt of anonymous
call to effect that one ██████████ who was allegedly close to
United Auto Workers officials had said someone had made contacts
to insure there would be hung jury in current tax trial involving
Richard T. Gosser, United Auto Workers Vice President and two
others. Tax case was investigated by IRS. AUSA Mattimoe, Toledo,
requested investigation to identify ██████████. Cleveland instructed
to point out to USA that IRS because of familiarity with case and
principals involved should be well equipped to handle investigation.
Memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Miller, Criminal Division,
2/1/63 requests specific interview as set forth above.

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TO SAC CLEVELAND
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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REURTEL AND BUTEL BOTH JANUARY THIRTYONE, SIXTYTHREE,
CAPTIONED QUOTE [REDACTED] OOJ UNQUOTE.

REQUEST RECEIVED TODAY FROM CRIMINAL DIVISION THAT [REDACTED]
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RESULTS THEREOF FURNISHED TO AUSA MATTIMOE, TOLEDO. SUREP
WITHIN FOUR DAYS.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

February 1, 1963
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Herbert J. Miller, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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I have been advised that an anonymous caller told the FBI office in Toledo that a person named [REDACTED] had stated that several of the jurors in the aforementioned trial had already been contacted and that as a result of these contacts they were going to vote an acquittal for the defendant Gossler. Although it is realized that the matter before the court was handled by the IRS, it would be appreciated if you could have agents of your Bureau interview [REDACTED] about this matter. No general investigation of this matter is being requested apart from this interview. This request is made because of the extreme importance of this case.

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TO: SAC, CLEVELAND

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI 72-1470-5
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REURTEL JANUARY THIRTYONE, SIXTYTHREE.

THE ALLEGED OOJ VIOLATION IN THIS INSTANCE ARISES OUT OF A MATTER INVESTIGATED BY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN TRIAL. BECAUSE OF THE FAMILIARITY OF IRS WITH PRINCIPALS INVOLVED AND ATTENDANT FACTS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THAT AGENCY SHOULD BE WELL EQUIPPED TO HANDLE ANY INVESTIGATION REQUESTED AND THAT REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE MADE OF THEM BY USA.

CONTACT AUSA MATTIMOE, TOLEDO, AND POINT OUT THE FOREGOING TO HIM. ADVISE BUREAU RESULTS OF SUCH CONTACT.

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NOTE: Cleveland teletype 1/31/63 sets forth request of AUSA John G. Mattimoe for investigation to identify one [REDACTED] who according to an anonymous telephone caller had made contacts to insure that there would be a hung jury in a current tax fraud trial involving Richard T. Gosser, United Auto Workers Vice-President, his administrative assistant Donald L. Pinciotti and Ted Maison, a Toledo racket figure. All investigation in the tax fraud case was conducted by IRS and Cleveland teletype does not show that USA has requested that agency, which should be familiar with all facts and persons involved in case, to undertake investigation. Such action would seem logical and Cleveland therefore being instructed to suggest it to AUSA Mattimoe.

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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, CLEVELAND /72-NEW/ 3-P

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

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ON JANUARY THIRTY, SIXTYTHREE, TOLEDO RA OFFICE RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL IN WHICH CALLER ADVISED THAT ONE [REDACTED] PAREN PHONETIC END PAREN, DESCRIBED BY CALLER AS [REDACTED] OFFICIALS OF LOCAL TWELVE, UAW UNQUOTE, HAD STATED THAT SOMEONE HAD MADE CONTACTS TO INSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE A HUNG JURY IN THE CURRENT TRIAL IN USE, TOLEDO, INVOLVING RICHARD T. GASSER AND TWO OTHER CO-DEFENDANTS. THE ANONYMOUS CALLER FURNISHED NO FURTHER INFO AND HUNG UP PHONE AFTER FURNISHING ABOVE.

NO IDENTIFIABLE RECORD [REDACTED] CLEVELAND INDICES. NO SUCH NAME LISTED IN TOLEDO TELEPHONE OR CITY DIRECTORIES.

AUSTIN JOHN G. MATTIMOE, TOLEDO, WAS ADVISED OF ABOVE ANONYMOUS CALL AND HE REQUESTED FBI TO INSTITUTE INVEST. IN EFFORT

[REDACTED] WAS CONDUCTED BY ANOTHER [REDACTED] HIS REQUEST WOULD HAVE TO BE RELAYED TO THE BUREAU FOR DISCUSSION WITH

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FOR INFO OF BUREAU, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, TOLEDO, OHIO, DURING LATTER PART OF SIXTYTWO, CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE INVEST OF RICHARD T. GOSSER, VICE-PRESIDENT, UAW, DONALD L. PINCIOTTI, GOSSER-S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, AND TED MAISON, A NUMBERS RACKET FIGURE, ALL TOLEDO, OHIO.

AS RESULT OF ABOVE INVEST THESE THREE PERSONS WERE INDICTED BY FGJ, TOLEDO, NOV. TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYTWO, AND CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD US GOVT. IN THAT THEY OBTAINED CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, AND RECORDS, FROM INTELLIGENCE DIVISION OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, TOLEDO, IN VIOLATION OF SECTION THREE SEVEN ONE, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC.

b7c INVEST ORIGINALLY INSITITUTED BY IRS AGENTS WHEN THEY LEARNED THAT MRS. [REDACTED] CLERK IN OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, IRS, TOLEDO, WAS FURNISHING CONFIDENTIAL IRS RECORDS TO TED MAISON.

[REDACTED] AFTER INTERVIEW, CONFESSED TO IRS AGENTS SHE HAD BEEN FURNISHING RECORDS RELATING TO GOSSER-S INCOME TAX FILE TO MAISON, WHO IN TURN; WAS FURNISHING THIS INFO TO GOSSER-S ASSISTANT, DONALD PINCIOTTI.

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WITH COOPERATION OF ██████████, IRS AGENTS, ON NOV. TWELVE, SIXTYTWO, OBSERVED ██████████ GOVT. RECORDS TO MAISON, WHO LATER GAVE SAME TO PINCIOTTI, PINCIOTTI WAS THEN OBSERVED ENTERING GOSSER-S OFFICE AND SHORTLY THERAFTER IRS AGENTS AND DEPUTY USM ENTERED GOSSER-S OFFICE , ARRESED PINCIOTTI, AND ON SEARCH WARRANT SEARCHED GOSSER-S OFFICE AND LOCATED MARKED GOVT. PAPERS IN GOSSER-S DESK. GOSSER WAS THEN ARRESTED AND SUBSEQUENTLY MAISEN WAS ALSO ARRESTED BY IRS AGTS. TRIAL IN THIS CASE COMMENCED USDC, TOLEDO, JAN. TWENTYNINE, SIXTYTHREE.

IN VIEW OF FACT THIS MATTER HAS BEEN HANDLED FROM ITS INCEPTION BY IRS, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT MATTIMOE BE ADVISED THAT AFTER CLEARING WITH JUDGE, ANY INVEST. DESIRED BY HIM SHOULD BE REFERRED TO IRS FOR HANDLING.

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FROM DIRECTOR 1 P
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THE ALLEGED OOJ VIOLATION IN THIS INSTANCE ARISES OUT OF A MATTER INVESTIGATED BY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN TRIAL. BECAUSE OF THE FAMILIARITY OF IRS WITH PRINCIPALS INVOLVED AND ATTENDANT FACTS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THAT AGENCY SHOULD BE WELL EQUIPPED TO HANDLE ANY INVESTIGATION REQUESTED AND THAT REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE MADE OF THEM BY USA.

CONTACT AUSA MATTIMOE, TOLEDO, AND POINT OUT THE FOREGOING TO HIM. ADVISE BUREAU RESULTS OF SUCH CONTACT.

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RADIOGRAM

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TO: SAC, CLEVELAND

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, U. S. VS. GOSLER, ET AL., OOJ.

REBUTEL FEBRUARY ONE, SIXTYTHREE.

SURAD IMMEDIATELY SUMMARIZING RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] ALSO ADVISE NAME OF REPORTING AGENT AND DATE OF REPORT SUBMITTED SETTING FORTH RESULTS OF THIS INTERVIEW.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: February 11, 1963
HJM:W
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FROM: Herbert J. Miller, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: United States v. Gosser, et al.

Richard T. [redacted]

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I have been advised that an anonymous caller told the FBI office in Toledo that a person named [redacted] had stated that several of the jurors in the aforementioned trial had already been contacted and that as a result of these contacts they were going to vote an acquittal for the defendant Gosser. Although it is realized that the matter before the court was handled by the IR, it would be appreciated if you could have agents of your Bureau interview [redacted] about this matter. No general investigation of this matter is being requested apart from this interview. This request is made because of the extreme importance of this case.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

As result of investigation by Internal Revenue Service, Richard T. Gosser, United Auto Workers vice president, and two others were tried by jury and found guilty of tax fraud in U. S. District Court, Toledo, Ohio, on February 8, 1963. Foreman of jury, [REDACTED] on 2-13-63, reported to Assistant U. S. Attorney, Toledo, that she had received threatening phone calls. This was reported to Judge Kloeb who was judge at above trial who requested Toledo Resident Agent to afford protection to Mrs. [REDACTED] by surveillance of her home. Judge Kloeb was advised protection not function of FBI and suggested he contact U. S. Deputy Marshal or local police. Judge later advised that U. S. Deputy Marshal would conduct surveillance at [REDACTED]

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CC MR. TOLSON

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, CLEVELAND /72-47/

UNSUB SEMICOLON UNITED STATES VS GOSSER, ET AL., OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

REREP SA [REDACTED] FEB. FIVE LAST AT CLEVELAND.

ON FEB. EIGHT LAST RICHARD T. GOSSER, UAW VICE

PRESIDENT, FOUND GUILTY USDC, TOLEDO, TOGETHER WITH TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS OF CONSPIRING TO DEFRAUD INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

[REDACTED] A TOLEDO RESIDENT, WAS FOREMAN OF JURY THAT CONVICTED GOSSER AND SHE REPORTED TODAY TO AUSA JOHN G. MATTIMOE, TOLEDO, SHE HAD RECEIVED NUMEROUS THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS SINCE VERDICT WAS RETURNED. MATTIMOE REPORTED THIS TO JUDGE FRANK KLOEB, PRESIDING JUDGE AT TRIAL, WHO REQUESTED TOLEDO RA TO AFFORD PROTECTION TO MRS. [REDACTED]

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MAINTAINING SURVEILLANCE ON HER HOME. JUDGE KLOEB WAS DIPLOMATICALLY ADVISED PROTECTION WAS NOT FUNCTION OF FBI AND SUGGESTION MADE THAT HE REQUEST US DEPUTY MARSHAL OR TOLEDO PD TO AFFORD PROTECTION. JUDGE KLOEB SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISDE THAT

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US DEPUTY MARSHAL WOULD MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE ON [REDACTED]
RESIDENCE.

SINCE THIS IS INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CASE NO
FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED, UACB.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /72-1470/

FROM SAC, CLEVELAND /72-47/

Unknown Subject

UNSUB, US VS GOSSER, ETAL, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU FEB. THIRTEEN, SIXTY-THREE.

FOLLOWING FOR INFO. OF BUREAU.

ON FEB. TWENTYFIRST, SIXTYTHREE, ^{-U. S. Marshal} USM R. BEN HOSLER, CLEVELAND, ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED AN ^{Long Distance} LD CALL THIS DATE FROM CHIEF USM JIM MC SHANE, WASHINGTON, DC, WHO ADVISED HOSLER THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION OF THE DEPT. IN CHARGE OF USMS WAS CONCERNED OVER THE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY BEING EXPENDED BY THE MARSHAL-S OFFICE TO HIRE SEVERAL SPECIAL DEPUTIES ON A ROUND-^{U. S. Marshal} THE -CLOCK BASIS TO GUARD [REDACTED] OF TOLEDO, WHO WAS FOREMAN OF THE JURY THAT CONVICTED GOSSER AND THE OTHER CO-DEFENDANTS.

MC SHANE REQUESTED HOSLER TO DETERMINE IF FBI, CLEVELAND, HAD NOTIFIED THEIR WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS CONCERNING ^{U. S. District Court} USDC JUDGE KLOEB-S REQUEST FOR PROTECTION OF [REDACTED]

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HOSLER WAS INFORMED THAT ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION
HAD BEEN IMMEDITATELY FORWARDED BY THIS OFFICE TO OUR HEADQUARTERS
IN WASHINGTON ON THE DATE JUDGE KLOEB-S REQUEST WAS RECEIVED.

HOSLER ADVISED HE WOULD SO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISE
MC SHANE.

IT WAS THOUGHT THE BUREAU MIGHT DESIRE THIS INFO. IN
THE EVENT ANY REQUESTS ARE MADE BY THE DEPT. OF THE BUREAU FOR
THE FBI TO ENTER THE CASE.

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SAC, Cleveland (72-47)

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If the U. S. Attorney requests any investigation concerning threats received by Assistant U. S. Attorney Mattinoe or Department attorney William Lynch in connection with the prosecution of Richard T. Gosser, Cleveland should suggest to the U. S. Attorney that it would appear more appropriate for any investigation deemed necessary to be conducted by the Internal Revenue Service since it handled the investigation of the substantive case and would be familiar with the individuals involved and the attendant facts. Bureau also should be advised in this event.

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Date: 11/20/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (72-1470)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (72-47)

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On 11/19/65 AUSA JOHN G. MATTIMOE, Toledo, O., furnished the following information:

Mr. MATTIMOE and WILLIAM LYNCH, Department of Justice Attorney, prosecuted RICHARD T. GOSSER, former Vice-President United Auto Workers, on a conspiracy charge in connection with obtaining confidential IRS documents with all investigation having been conducted by IRS Agents. GOSSER was convicted 2/25/63 and a series of appeals failed, culminating in early 11/65 when the U. S. Supreme Court refused to consider GOSSER's appeal. GOSSER's arrest is imminent.

On 11/19/65 MATTIMOE's wife received an anonymous telephone call at MATTIMOE's residence to the effect that MATTIMOE and LYNCH made a mistake in prosecuting GOSSER and they were going to get what was coming to them in the way of a present that could not be sent through the mail. MATTIMOE mentioned that he had received similar calls of a threatening nature during the course of the trial and was not too concerned about this one. He anticipated additional calls after GOSSER's arrest. MATTIMOE did not request any investigation and no action will be taken UACB.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Cleveland Division, by teletype 1/31/63 reported receipt of this anonymous call and requests of Assistant U. S. Attorney Mattimoe, Cleveland for investigation to identify ██████████. Since subject matter of anonymous call concerned contact of jurors hearing tax fraud case involving Richard T. Gosser, United Auto Workers Vice-President, and two others, which was investigated by Internal Revenue Service, Cleveland, was instructed to point out to the U. S. Attorney that Internal Revenue Service because of familiarity with case and principals involved, should be well equipped to handle investigation requested.

Pursuant to request of Assistant Attorney General Miller, Cleveland being instructed to immediately interview Lawlor. *gml*

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UAW Example to Follow

... Gossier's conviction for tampering with internal Revenue Service files, found guilty and sentenced to three years, charge had to do with paying off an clerk to gain access to the ...

Gossier's conviction, the UAW paid him an involuntary leave of absence and cut off his annual salary. ... shouldn't have done more ... Gossier has appealed. There is always

possibility that an appeal will reverse a conviction, and should that happen the UAW is in a position to restore Gossier to his job without prejudice. It could, with all propriety, reimburse him for the pay lost during his involuntary leave of absence.

If the conviction is upheld, the UAW can fire Gossier out of hand.

The arrangement gives him all the justice he is entitled to expect from it at this juncture, and doesn't put the union in the position of upholding a man who as of now is a felon in the eyes of the law—whatever he may turn out to be in the end.

It is an action which put the UAW in strong contrast with those elements of organized labor leadership which become truculently defensive when parallel embarrassments befall them. Were they to follow the UAW's example it would help greatly to revive the public's flagging sympathy with the unions.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

4A Detroit Free Press
— Detroit, Mich.

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Date: 3/9/63
Edition: Metro
Author:
Editor: Lee Hills
Title:

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Submitting Office: Detroit

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Convicted UAW Officer, Gosser, Won't Run Again

Convicted on a federal fraud charge 13 months ago, UAW Vice-President Richard T. Gosser said today that he does not

plan to run for reelection at the union's national convention in Atlantic City March 20.

Gosser, who is appealing his conviction on charges of conspiring to steal federal income tax records, said in Hollywood, Fla., that he has written UAW President Walter P. Reuther of his decision.

Solidarity-House sources here said the letter has not been received yet.

They added that the 26-man executive board, of which Gosser had been a member, decided informally late last month

to move to abolish his position should he run for reelection.

Gosser said in Florida that he was retiring on advice on his doctor's for reasons of health. Gosser, 64, a UAW vice-president for 47 years, is resting there.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

15A Detroit News
Detroit, Mich.

Date: 3/4/64
Edition: 4 Star Final
Author:
Editor: Martin S. Hayden
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SUBJECT Richard T. GOSSE

FILE NUMBER 73-16498



Federal Bureau of Investigation

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: February 20, 1969

FROM : T. Oscar Smith
Pardon Attorney

SUBJECT: Richard T. Gosser
Applicant for pardon

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Attached is a petition for pardon of the above subject. I would appreciate your authorizing the usual clemency investigation concerning the conduct and record of Mr. Gosser and sending two copies of the report to this office. Please return the petition when the investigation has been completed.

see index

*orig petition
& related documents
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SAC, Cleveland

February 26, 1969

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RICHARD T. GOSSER

Application for Pardon After Completion of Sentence

OO: Bureau

BUDED: 4-11-69

Conduct investigation of captioned individual. See instructions Sect. 16, Vol. II, M of I, and Chap. 5, Part III, FBI Handbook. Do not disclose nature of investigation to interviewees. Submit original and 2 copies of report to Bureau.

Show predication of investigation as applicant's petition for pardon. Check records of court in which petitioner was convicted and include following information in report under caption "Court Records": (a) name under which applicant convicted (b) date of sentence (c) sentence imposed (d) the number of indictment or information (e) nature of charge and citation of statute or public law violated (f) if fines, costs, or penalties were imposed, whether or not they have been paid (g) nature of plea (h) brief summary of facts.

Interview applicant, obtain names of close relatives, set out appropriate leads, including criminal check on close relatives, and furnish Bureau pertinent background data in pending report by 3-12-69. If relative deceased, furnish Bureau sufficient background data to make intelligent name check.

Submit FD-165 and fingerprints (marked for the attention of Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section) to place flash notice and obtain Identification Record. This is to be done in all cases, including up-to-date investigations.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Pardon Attorney. The enclosed petition and related documents must be returned to Bureau as enclosures to your report.

See your file 73-

Conduct up-to-date investigation.

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J. Edgar Hoover
 Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Toledo Ohio	Richard Thomas Gosser #10067	7-2-20	susp ✓	7-6-20 rel
SRef Ionia Mich	Richard Grosser #694	6-16-21	hwy robb ✓	2½ - 15 yrs
SPol Erie Mich	Richard Thomas Gosser #45 2526	11-19-39	DP ✓	PG costs \$8.69 or 10 days (paid out)
SOS Army	Richard Gosser #27-WOT	electrician 6-19-42		
Deputy USM Toledo Ohio	Richard Thomas Gosser #319	11-12-62	T 18 Sec 371 conspiracy to defraud U.S (Int Rev. Service)	
USP Terre Haute Ind	Richard T Gosser #23162-TH	Inquiry 12-C-65		
Medical Center For Fed Prisoners Springfield Mo	Richard T. Gosser #15970-H	12-5-65 USPen Terre Haute Ind	conspiracy to defraud the US Gov't by obtaining confidential documents from Int Revenue Service	3 yrs 11-23-66 par
SO Fort Lauderdale Fla	Richard Thomas Gosser #CR #316	12-22-66	Vol Criminal Registration	

2 cc's to Pardon Department of Justice
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	FLASH BY BUREAU: Richard T. Gossier Any info or inq rec regarding this individual prior to 4-7-71 should be referred to The Employees Security & Special Inquiry Sec. Div 9 inf rec BFD Miami 4-7-69 their file #73-1168			

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MIAMI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 4/11/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/11 - 4/3/69
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD T. GOSSER		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY sl1
		CHARACTER OF CASE APACS	

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REFERENCES: Bureau letter to Cleveland dated 2/26/69.
Cleveland airtel to Miami dated 3/8/69.

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ENCLOSURES: TO BUREAU

Enclosed for the Bureau are letter from Pardon Attorney, applicant's Petition for Pardon, three character affidavits, personal oath and FD-165.

LEADS -

Search to 4/23/69
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CLEVELAND
AT TOLEDO, OHIO

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1. Will review court record on applicant.
2. Will contact parole officer, Mr. [REDACTED]
3. Will conduct arrest checks on applicant's relatives in the Toledo area.
4. Will conduct arrest and credit checks on the applicant and his wife.
5. At the Toledo Health and Retiree Center, will verify subject's employment, review personnel file and interview staff members who know him.
6. Will interview applicant's references.
7. Will conduct neighborhood investigation at 317 West Woodruff.
8. Will interview applicant's associates, Father JAMES GROGAN, Heather Downs Boulevard, and Msgr. JEROME SCHMIT, head of the CYO in Toledo.

AT CURTICE, OHIO

Will conduct arrest checks on applicant's sister, [REDACTED] and her husband, [REDACTED] Billman Road.

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AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

1. Will conduct neighborhood investigation at 408 Lawn Acres Court.
2. Will conduct credit and arrest checks on applicant and his wife.

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Applicant, when interviewed, was in a very feeble condition from advanced stages of kidney deterioration that requires constant medical care. He is confined to a wheelchair. His condition reportedly is terminal and it was

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not considered feasible to attempt to fingerprint him
as his lack of mobility presented difficulties in
fingerprinting him.

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<u>at the time.</u>			

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:

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Office: Miami, Florida

Date:

April 10, 1969

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

Title:

RICHARD T. GOSSER

Character:

APPLICATION FOR PARDON
AFTER COMPLETION OF SENTENCE

Synopsis:

RICHARD T. GOSSER of Toledo, Ohio, and Hollywood, Fla., was convicted on a plea of not guilty on 2/28/63 at Toledo, Ohio, for violation of Title 18, USC, Sec. 371, arising out of an Internal Revenue matter. Applicant's appeal was denied on 10/11/65 and he commenced a 3-year sentence on 11/23/65 and was paroled 11/23/66 and his parole expired on 11/22/68. Applicant submitted petition for pardon on 1/11/69, advising his reason was that a sickness from which he was suffering is terminal and he wants a pardon. Applicant interviewed and background information obtained and set out.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon receipt of a letter from T. OSCAR SMITH, Pardon Attorney, dated February 20, 1969, which enclosed a petition for pardon dated January 11, 1969, for RICHARD T. GOSSER. GOSSER stated in his petition that he was sentenced on February 28, 1963, to three years imprisonment in the Northern District of Ohio at Toledo, Ohio, after pleading not guilty to a conspiracy to defraud the United States in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 371, arising from an Internal Revenue matter. His appeal was denied on October 11, 1965, and he commenced serving a three-year sentence

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on November 23, 1965, in the United States Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Indiana. He was released on parole November 23, 1966, and his parole expired November 22, 1968. Applicant advised that he has no subsequent arrests since his release from parole but stated he had previously been sentenced at the age of 20 to the Michigan Reformatory for robbery and was paroled December 7, 1923, after 2½ years. He was arrested on November 19, 1939, as a disorderly person and paid costs and on July 26, 1949, for reckless driving, paid \$5 and costs, and on August 18, 1920, he paid costs as a suspicious person. He stated that he was retired as the international vice-president of the United Auto Workers and that he has served as a consultant for the Toledo Health and Retiree Center in Toledo and is still so employed. He stated he desired his pardon because he is suffering from a deteriorating physical condition which is terminal. Applicant attached character affidavits from

██████████ Toledo, Ohio, from ██████████
██████████ Avenue, Toledo, and from Mr. ██████████
██████████ Road, Maumee, Ohio.

Applicant's wife was contacted at her residence in Hollywood, Florida, on March 11, 1969, but the applicant was in a weak condition and could not be interviewed. He was interviewed on April 3, 1969, and volunteered the following information:

He stated that since his release, he has been employed as consultant by the Toledo Health and Retiree Center, Toledo, Ohio. He stated he receives \$25,000 a year in this capacity. He stated he has had no other employment since his release. Applicant stated he spends the winter months at 408 Lawn Acres Court, Hollywood, Florida, and the summer months at his permanent residence, 311 West Woodruff Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Applicant stated that he entered a guilty plea at the time of his arrest as he did not believe he was morally guilty of the charges against him but that quite possibly he may have been technically guilty and he did not wish to involve a lot of other people. He stated it concerned an income tax matter and that in the civil action, he was reimbursed by the Government. He stated

he desired a pardon, not for any business reason but because he believes he is suffering from a terminal illness and he wants to die with a clear name. Applicant advised that he makes \$25,000 a year in salary and he has income from other investments. Applicant stated that because of his illness, he is confined to his home except for automobile rides, in which his wife drives the car, and that he does not have any outside interests. He stated he conducts his business by correspondence and by personal contacts of interested parties. He said his only associates would be Father JAMES GROGAN of Heather Downs Boulevard, Toledo, Ohio, and Msgr. JEROME SCHMIT, head of the CYO in Toledo, Ohio. Applicant stated that he has no matters pending with any federal or state government. He stated he has had no arrests since the one for which he is applying for pardon.

Applicant advised his parole officer in Toledo Ohio, was a Mr. FRENCH (first name unknown)

From

The following is a description of the applicant as obtained from interview:

Name	RICHARD T. GOSSER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	December 13, 1900
Place of birth	Toledo, Ohio
Height	5'11"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars and marks	None
Wife	born [redacted]
	[redacted] Nebraska)
	since [redacted]
Ex-wife	[redacted] born [redacted]
	[redacted] residence [redacted]
	[redacted] Boulevard,
	Toledo, Ohio (two [redacted])
Sister	[redacted]
Brother-in-law	born [redacted]
	born [redacted]
	residence [redacted]
	[redacted] Road, Curtice, Ohio

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Deceased close relatives

Mother

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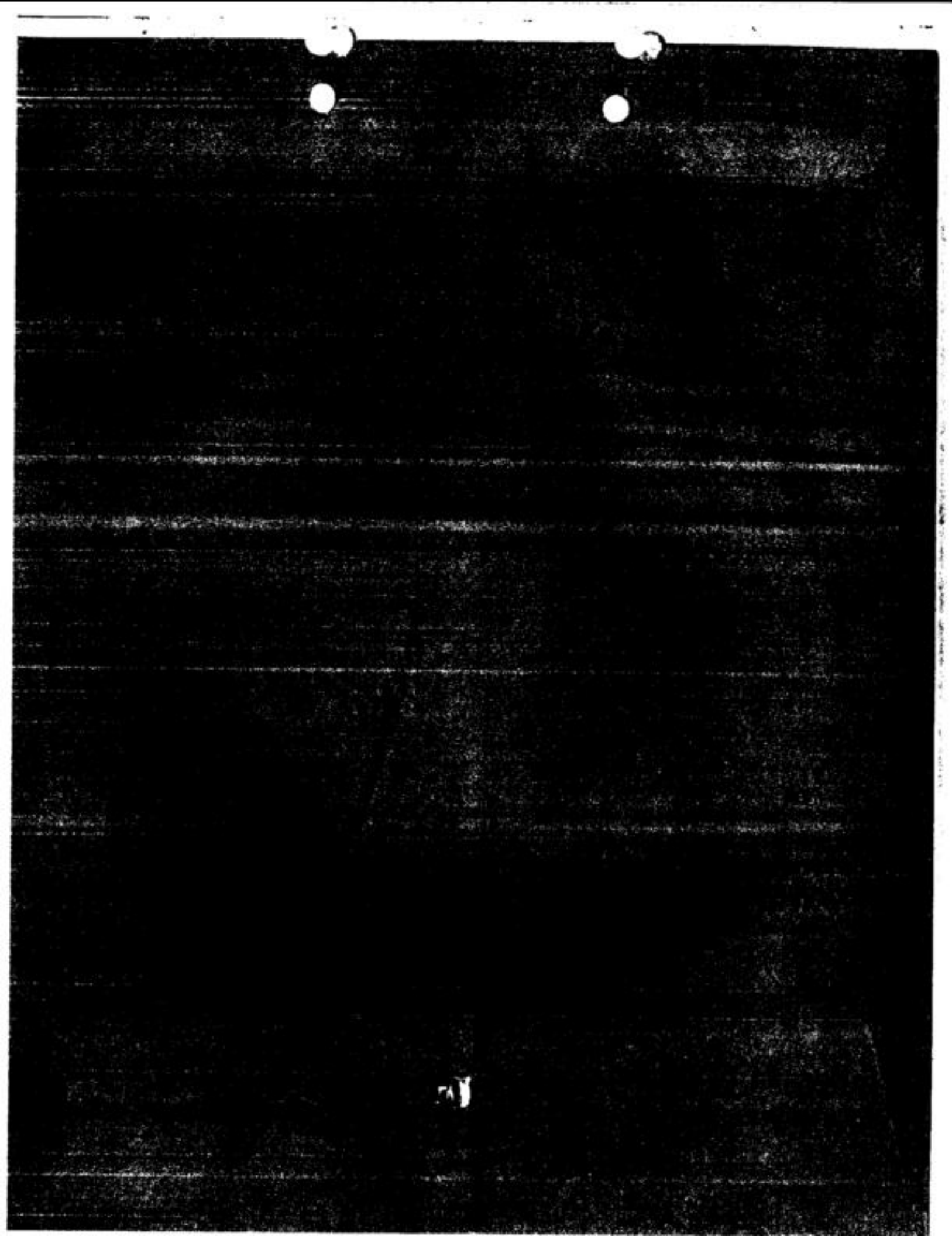
MAIZIE GOSSER MC MULLEN,

deceased 1940

JAMES GOSSER, deceased 1917

GEORGE MC MULLEN, deceased 1965

GEORGE GOSSER, deceased 1952



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PETITION FOR PARDON AFTER COMPLETION OF SENTENCE

The President of the United States:

Your petitioner, RICHARD T. GOSSER

a citizen of the United States, residing at 317 W. Woodruff Avenue,
(Give full correct address)
Toledo, Ohio, respectfully prays your Excellency to grant him
a pardon.

Petitioner states that he was convicted on a plea of not guilty in the United States District
(guilty, not guilty)
Court for the Northern District of Ohio W. Dist. at Toledo, Ohio of the crime of
conspiracy to defraud the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C. Sec. 371, in
that Mr. Gosser, with 2 others, secured certain information from the files of the
Internal Revenue Service
(State specifically, accurately, and fully)
relative to Mr. Gosser's income tax returns from and through an employee of Internal
Revenue Service.
and was sentenced Feb. 28, 19 63, to imprisonment for three (3) years
(Date) (imprisonment, probation) (Length of sentence)
in the (see below) at _____
(Name of institution)
and pay a fine of \$ (none) and \$ _____ costs.

Petitioner states that the case was taken on appeal to the United States Circuit
(appeal, writ of error)
Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, where the judgment was affirmed
(affirmed, reversed)
December 8, 19 64; after which it was taken to the Supreme Court of the United States
(Date)
on a petition for writ of certiorari, where the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals
(State whether on petition for writ of certiorari, or how)
was _____, 19 _____; or, the petition for writ of certiorari
(affirmed, reversed) (Date)
was denied October 11, 19 65
(Date)

Petitioner states that he began the service of his sentence November 23, 19 65, in the
(Date)
U.S. Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind., at (transferred to U.S. Medical Center, Springfield,
(State the penitentiary or jail) Mo.
that he was released on parole Nov. 23, 19 66 on 12/6/65
(on parole, with credit for good time) (Date)
and was finally discharged by expiration of sentence Nov. 22, 19 68
(expiration of sentence, commutation by President) (Date)
The fine (does not) apply not been paid in full. _____
(If not paid, state why)

Petitioner alleges that he was 64 years of age at the time the crime was committed, and has no
prior or subsequent criminal record except as follows: (List here every arrest, giving date, disposition of
case, and name of Court—Municipal, State, or Federal) No subsequent arrests. At age 20, sentenced
to Michigan Reformatory for robbery; paroled 12/7/23 after 2 1/2 years; 11/19/39-disorderly
person—paid costs; 7/26/42-wreckless driving, paid \$5 and costs; 8/18/20-paid costs-
suspicious person;

that he is a married man, has 50 children, aged _____ years, respectively,
(is, is not)
and lives with and supports his family to the best of his ability. _____
(if divorced, or not living with, or separated)

family, explain the situation)

Petitioner states that he is now ~~employed by~~ retired as International Vice.Pres. of U.A.W.
of _____, in the capacity of _____

and has been so employed since _____, and that his prior employments since
release have been as follows: Since his retirement as U.A.W. Vice President, and before,
for that matter, Mr. Gosser has served as Consultant for the Toledo Health &
Retiree Center in Toledo. Although still employed in that capacity although
incapacitated so far as being ambulatory.

Petitioner further alleges that since his release he has at all times conducted himself in a law-abiding
manner, and promises in future obedience to the laws of this country, national and state, and loyalty to the
Constitution of the United States; in support of which he submits herewith his personal oath and the
three character affidavits required by the rules.

Your petitioner therefore respectfully prays that he be granted a full and unconditional pardon, and
for further reasons states as follows:

Since my release from the United States Medical Center, my physical
condition has deteriorated steadily until I am now an invalid to the
extent that I am confined to bed or a wheel chair. I am informed by
my doctors that my condition is terminal, as will be more fully explained
in an attachment hereto by my attending physician.

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Richard T. Gosser
(Signature of petitioner)

(Letters of recommendation may accompany the petition,
but all such letters or affidavits should be written on one
side of the sheet only, with marginal space at the top for
binding.)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Character Affidavit

I, Monsignor Michael J. Doyle, residing
(Please PRINT or TYPE)
at St. Anthony's Villa, 2740 W. Central Toledo, O., by occupation Director of Catholic Charities
depose and certify that I have personally known Richard T. Gosser for more
than 15 year (s) and to the best of my knowledge and belief he has, since his conviction, on or about
February 28, 1963, conducted himself in a moral and law-abiding manner.

Mr. Gosser is at present employed by Toledo Health & Retiree Center
of Toledo, Ohio in the capacity of Consultant and has been
employed by him since its organization / approximately 10 years. My knowledge of his activities and conduct since his
release from prison is as follows:
AGO. *

(Here state in full detail your knowledge of the applicant's conduct, etc., and also, specifically, whether, since his conviction, he has been arrested or has had any trouble with the public authorities or other persons.)

* (Mr. Gosser, at the time of his conviction, was an International Vice-President
of United Auto Workers. Thereafter, he retired and has been on pension by the
U.A.W. & Kayser Jeep Co., his employer before becoming an international officer.)

I have been closely associated with Mr. Gosser since the formation of the Toledo
Labor Management Citizens Committee of which he was one of the founders, and also in
connection with his founding and organization of the Toledo Health & Retiree Center
& Diagnostic Clinic. Despite the incident which brought about his present situation,
Mr. Gosser has been one of Toledo's most prominent and active citizens and almost
solely was instrumental in bringing labor peace and the return of a healthy
industrial community to Toledo.
I am also aware of the fact that his health has deteriorated to the point where
the continuation of his life is on a day-to-day basis.

This affidavit is made by me in support of the application of Richard T. Gosser
to the President of the United States for a pardon to restore his full civil rights.

(Signature) M. J. Doyle

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of June

A.D. 1969

Sherrill J. Brown
Notary Public State of Ohio

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Character Affidavit

I, Virgil Gladieux, residing
 at 2030 Mt. Vernon Ave., Toledo, Ohio, by occupation President of Ogdens Foods Corp.
 (Please PRINT or TYPE)
 depose and certify that I have personally known Richard T. Gosser for more
 than 25 year (s) and to the best of my knowledge and belief he has, since his conviction, on or about
February 28, 1963, conducted himself in a moral and law-abiding manner.
Mr. Gosser is at present/employed by The Toledo Health & Retiree Center
 of Toledo, Ohio in the capacity of consultant and has been
 employed by him for approx. 10 years. My knowledge of his activities and conduct since his
 release from prison is as follows:

(Here state in full detail your knowledge of the applicant's conduct, etc., and also, specifically, whether, since his conviction, he has been arrested or has had any trouble with the public authorities or other persons.)

I have been intimately acquainted with Mr. Gosser for many years and have personal knowledge that since this conviction he has not been arrested or in any difficulty with the law, but did, on the contrary, after his release from the U.S. Medical Center, resume the place of prominence he had in Labor-Management Relations in Toledo and as a Consultant in the Toledo Health & Retiree Center which he founded. He was active in these endeavors until his health failed and he became incapacitated.

This affidavit is made by me in support of the application of Richard T. Gosser
 to the President of the United States for a pardon to restore his full civil rights.

(Signature) Virgil Gladieux
Virgil Gladieux

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January

A.D. 1969

Carolyn L. Barrett
 CAROLYN L. BARRETT
 Notary Public, Lucas County, Ohio
 My Commission Expires May 9, 1973

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Character Affidavit

I, Charles Ballard, residing at 7125 Coder Rd. Maumee, Ohio, by occupation, President-Toledo Health & Retiree Bd. of Trustees, depose and certify that I have personally known Richard T. Gosser for more than 30 year (s) and to the best of my knowledge and belief he has, since his conviction, on or about February 23, 1963, conducted himself in a moral and law-abiding manner.

Mr. Gosser is at present employed by our institution in the capacity of Consultant and has been so employed by it since its organization. My knowledge of his activities and conduct since his release from prison is as follows:

(Here state in full detail your knowledge of the applicant's conduct, etc., and also, specifically, whether, since his conviction, he has been arrested or has had any trouble with the public authorities or other persons.)

I was actively associated with Mr. Gosser for many years in the Union movement. I succeeded him as Regional Director upon his election as International Vice-President of United Auto Workers.

I am presently President of the Board of Trustees of the Toledo Health & Retiree Center which was founded under the direction of Mr. Gosser and which now serves the medical needs of approximately 50,000 union members in the Toledo area.

Mr. Gosser has not been arrested or been in any trouble with the public authorities or other persons since the conviction stated above.

This affidavit is made by me in support of the application of Richard T. Gosser to the President of the United States for a pardon to restore his full civil rights.

(Signature) Charles Ballard

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of February

A.D. 1964

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Notary Public, State of Ohio

Form No. 6-14
(Rev. 4-11-64)

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Personal Oath

I, RICHARD T. GOSSER, residing
at 317 W. Woodruff Ave. Toledo, Ohio, (presently
at 408 Lawn Acres Court, Hollywood, Florida,
swear that I will be law-abiding in future and will support and defend the Constitution of the United
States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I take this obligation freely and without mental
reservation of mind in me whatever, So HELP ME GOD.

(Signature)

Richard T. Gosser

Richard T. Gosser

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of January
A. D. 1964

[Signature]
Notary Public.

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
My Commission Expires Aug. 30, 1970
Bounded by American Bar & Canada, Inc.

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Cleveland (73-514)
From: Director, FBI (73-16498) -2

RICHARD T. GOSSER
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Rerep SA [redacted] dated 4-10-69 at Miami.

Buded is hereby advanced to 5-1-69 in view of inability to interview applicant for background data of his physical condition.

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 RE: RICHARD T. GOSSER
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Enc. herewith for Miami is 1 copy of Bulet to CV, 2/26/69. Also enclosed are copies of a let from the Pardon Attorney and applicant's petition and related documents.

Mr. [redacted] Toledo, Ohio, attorney, and acquaintance of applicant advised 3/7/69, that applicant in extreme poor state of health and presently residing with wife at 408 Lawn Acres Court, Hollywood, Florida.

In accordance with Bureau instructions as set forth in relet Miami should conduct appropriate interview of applicant at above address and furnish Bureau pertinent background data in pending report by 3/12/69.

Review of court records at Toledo, Ohio, being made by Cleveland Division.

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REPORTING OFFICE MIAMI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 4/23/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/21/69
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD T. GOSSER		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY jkj
		CHARACTER OF CASE APACS	

REFERENCE: Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 4/10/69, Miami.

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Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: 4/23/69

Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File #: 73-1168

Bureau File #: 73-16498

Title: RICHARD T. GOSSER

Character: APPLICATION FOR PARDON AFTER COMPLETION OF SENTENCE

Synopsis:

Neighbors in Hollywood, Fla., recommend the applicant and his wife as people of good character and habits. State applicant is an invalid and is generally confined to his home. No credit record on the applicant or his wife. No arrest record on applicant or wife [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] on April 21, 1969:

[REDACTED] advised she [REDACTED] GOSSERS for about three years. She stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She stated Mr. and Mrs. GOSSER seemed to be a very devoted couple. She stated Mr. GOSSER is confined to a wheel chair and has an extremely serious kidney condition which demands constant attention. She stated for that reason they do not [REDACTED] only [REDACTED] from Toledo, Ohio. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] them she would state they are people of good character and habits. She stated she knew nothing of Mr. GOSSER's business background.

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Mr. GEORGE DRISCOLL, a retired restaurant owner, 410 Lawn Acres Court, advised he has known the GOSSER family for about eight years. He stated that they come down and reside in a dwelling next to him for about six months in the winter and then return to Toledo, Ohio. He stated he understands that Mr. GOSSER was a leader in the labor unions in the Toledo, Ohio, area. He stated, however, that he is a very sick man and now his activities are limited to his home. He stated his wife has to push him on a kidney machine a couple of times a month. He stated that in recent years it seems to be that the only people who visited him are Catholic Priests from the Toledo, Ohio, area. He stated he doubts if Mr. GOSSER has been gainfully employed over the past several years. He stated, however, he appears to be a man of some substance and lives comfortably. He stated he would recommend him as a man of good character and habits as through the years he has gathered through innuendo that Mr. GOSSER has been involved in several charitable functions in the Toledo, Ohio, area.

Mr. GEORGE WIDMER, retired from Chrysler Corporation, Detroit, Michigan, now residing at 412 Lawn Acres Court, advised he has known the GOSSERS for about 10 years. He stated he only knows them to say hello to them, but they have always been excellent neighbors. He stated the GOSSERS are from Toledo, Ohio, and have never been engaged in any business in the Hollywood, Florida, area and they only use the Hollywood residence in the winter months. He stated they appear to be people of good character and habits and he would recommend them accordingly.

Credit and Arrest

Miss [REDACTED] Manager, Hollywood Credit Bureau, advised she had no record on RICHARD GOSSER nor his wife, RUTH GOSSER.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] of the Broward County Sheriff's Office also advised she had no record on the GOSSERS.

[REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Department, advised he had no record on RICHARD GOSSER, but that his files reflect that RUTH ANN GOSSER, born September 27, 1914, of 317 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio, [REDACTED]

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To: SAC, Cleveland (73-514)
From: Director, FBI (73-16498)
RICHARD T. GOSSER
APACS

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ReBulet 2/26/69 and report of SA [redacted]
dated 4/10/69 at Miami, carbon copies to your office.

To assist the Pardon Attorney in adjudicating
the applicant's request for a presidential pardon, the
Bureau is furnishing him a copy of a summary prepared at
the Bureau concerning Gosser's activities to March, 1957.

(62-103771-95)

You are requested to prepare a summary memorandum
of pertinent information appearing in your files relating
to the applicant's character and reputation from March, 1957,
to February, 28, 1963, the date of his conviction.

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Any pertinent information concerning applicant's
activities subsequent to his release from prison should, of
course, be included in your current APACS report.

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REPORTING OFFICE CLEVELAND	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 5/5/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/4/69 - 5/2/69
TITLE OF CASE RICHARD T. GOSSER		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY pas; emv
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REFERENCES

Miami report of SA **[REDACTED]** 4/10/69.
 Bureau letter to Cleveland, 2/26/69.
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ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU:

One 3-page letter to Mr. FRED VINSON, Assistant Attorney General, from **[REDACTED]** dated February 21, 1968; 3-page letter from **[REDACTED]** to former Assistant United States Attorney JOHN G. MATTIMOE, December 7, 1967, which was received by United States Attorney's Office, Toledo, on April 29, 1969.

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Instant report is being classified Confidential, inasmuch as information from [redacted] could result in the identification of an informant of continuing value and thereby compromise his future effectiveness.

FD 205 dated	4/30/65	From	CV
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RICHARD T. GOSSER

Character:

APPLICATION FOR PARDON AFTER COMPLETION OF SENTENCE

Synopsis:

Associates and references recommend GOSSER as person of good character, reputation and as a very active person in civic affairs. GOSSER and wife have satisfactory credit rating, no arrest record. Records of U.S. Parole and Probation Office, Toledo, set out. Source has known GOSSER since 1934, when GOSSER was leader of Autolite Strike, which caused numerous deaths and injuries. Source acquainted firsthand with many Toledo area politicians and indicated leaders of this area which included GOSSER had conferences deciding at that time that GOSSER would make concerted effort to win church leaders and organized labor support in any way possible. Source believes GOSSER set up [REDACTED] then used [REDACTED] to draw kickbacks and payoffs and emphatically stated [REDACTED] took fall for GOSSER. [REDACTED] conviction was recently affirmed by U.S. Supreme Court for income tax evasion). Source advised numbers are still being played at Kaiser Jeep and GOSSER is still getting his piece of the action, along with the top bosses in the numbers business. Source advised GOSSER still receives cut of bingo games in Toledo, however, may be doing this through his wife.

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DETAILS:

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

ASSOCIATES

Father JAMES BROGAN, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 4201 Heatherdowns Boulevard, advised on May 2, 1969, he had known RICHARD GOSSER intimately for the past eleven years. He said he became well acquainted with GOSSER after his appointment by the Bishop of the Church to chaplain for Local 12, United Auto Workers. He said that in this capacity he counseled officers and members of the union. He stated this was in addition to his usual parish duties. He added that GOSSER was instrumental in the organization of a summer childrens camp which is open to children of union members and to poor children in the area, with preference being given to children of union members.

Father BROGAN added that GOSSER was also instrumental in forming the Labor Management Committee in Toledo for the purpose of cementing relations between management and labor and which offers its services to Toledo industry and because of its effectiveness, the committee has gained a wide-spread reputation. He said GOSSER was instrumental in the founding of the Toledo Health and Retiree Center which is open to all retirees and families of union members. He said it services and benefits these people by offering craftwork to retirees and medication and pharmaceutical supplies to members as well as dental work, all at reduced prices. He advised the funds to operate the Center came from union assessments.

He added that GOSSER was extremely active in civic affairs and has been active since his release from federal prison. He said that he did not believe GOSSER was guilty of the crime for which he was convicted and was convicted because of his attitude when he took the stand as a witness in his own behalf. He noted GOSSER tended to be "iron fisted", rough and would use profanity and this hurt him in his trial. He advised that in his opinion, GOSSER alone, was responsibility for the Kaiser Jeep Corporation remaining in Toledo inasmuch as the company had talked of moving from Toledo and GOSSER induced management to remain in Toledo. He said he felt that many Toledo industrialists would support GOSSER. He stated GOSSER had a reputation as an honest and fair man. He stated he knew of no dishonest activities on the part of GOSSER and

said that any rumors to the contrary are purely rumors and have no basis in fact.

BROGAN said he is aware of the rumor that wide-spread gambling took place in the factories of the Kaiser Jeep Corporation and said that GOSSER would not have approved of such activities and he knew that GOSSER did not benefit from the gambling activities either directly or indirectly. He said he was sure that GOSSER would never give anyone approval to gamble or write numbers at Kaiser Jeep.

BROGAN said he would wholeheartedly recommend RICHARD GOSSER as an honest, responsible and active citizen.

Father JEROME SCHMIT, Catholic Youth Organization, 1601 Jefferson, Toledo, Ohio, advised SA ROBERT W. BURKETT on April 29, 1969, that he has known RICHARD GOSSER since high school days and has known him all these years as a very good man. He said GOSSER has been an active labor leader for many years who was recently convicted in federal court and spent a year in the Springfield, Missouri, federal hospital from which he was paroled. He said GOSSER was active in forming the children's summer camp, the Toledo Retiree Center and pension plans for union workers. He noted GOSSER was in complete control of the union movement in Toledo. He said that GOSSER has kidney trouble and the union purchased a kidney machine for him. He noted GOSSER was a man of his word. He noted that GOSSER and his union have been active in Catholic activities. He said Mrs. GOSSER was a very nice woman. He noted he has visited him in Toledo and also at his home in Florida. He noted GOSSER practices his religion and he would have no doubt as to the good character of GOSSER. He said he considers GOSSER to have an excellent reputation and added he knew of no derogatory information at all concerning him.

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Mr. [REDACTED] advised on May 1, 1969, he has known the GOSSER family for about 20 years and knows them as good neighbors. He said he would consider GOSSER's reputation to be good and noted GOSSER associates quite a bit with Catholic priests. He advised he knew of ARNOLD SHENOFKY, another neighbor of his as being employed as a bodyguard to GOSSER. He noted GOSSER used bad language and profanity and was not a polished individual. He said he had heard rumors concerning GOSSER but said he did not care to repeat them.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] formerly of [REDACTED] presently residing at [REDACTED], advised on May 1, 1969, that she presently is employed at the Toledo Health and Retiree Center, which was founded by GOSSER. She said she lived next door to him for about five years and has known him about twenty years as a social acquaintance. She said they have visited each other with their families and she has worked for him at the Retiree Center. GOSSER, she said, would never hurt anyone intentionally. She said she considers him as extremely honest and as a person who associates with priests, judges, county commissioners and with elderly people. She said she did not know of any bad associates of his and noted he has been helpful to members of the working class.

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised on May 1, 1969, she has been a neighbor of GOSSER for about five years. She said he is a nice neighbor whom she only knew as a speaking acquaintance. She noted "he had a good wife who stood by him when he got into that trouble, whatever that was". She added he had done much for the union and in spite of his trouble with the law, he still had a good reputation. She noted he is on very good terms with many priests, having started a children's summer camp, the Retiree Center and being active in the Church. She said she would like to see him come back as a neighbor noting he no longer lives in Toledo.

EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION AND REFERENCE

CHARLES BALLARD, President, Toledo Health and Retiree Center, 310 W. Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio, advised on April 30, 1969, that he has known RICHARD GOSSER since 1937 and considers his character and loyalty to be without question. BALLARD knows GOSSER to be a personable individual, though he is a tough and hard bargainer. According to BALLARD, GOSSER has proven to be a very capable leader and has concerned himself both with rank and file and management, and as a result is very conscientious of the community as a whole. For example BALLARD indicated GOSSER's involvement in founding the Health Center, establishing a summer camp and being associated with various civic committees. Mr. BALLARD added that just to indicate what the people think of GOSSER, a chapel has been dedicated in his honor at the Children's Summer Camp at Sand Lake, Michigan.

Mr. BALLARD stated RICHARD GOSSER's moral character

is above reproach and that his associates are all outstanding individuals of the community. BALLARD knew of no involvement with the police or any derogatory information other than when GOSSER was involved in an auto theft back in the 1920's which he received one year in a reformatory.

Mr. BALLARD added that RICHARD GOSSER was one of the founders of the Health Center and has been a consultant since 1955. However, from 1955 until 1964 GOSSER did not receive any pay because at that time he was international vice president for the United Auto Workers. BALLARD then said that in 1964 GOSSER became a member of the public board that runs the Health Center and was then given a salary of \$30,000.00 per year as a consultant.

Mr. BALLARD stated that from 1947 to 1964 GOSSER spent most of his time in Detroit, Michigan, where he was associated with the United Auto Workers. From 1942 to 1947, GOSSER was regional director of the Auto Workers, Region 2B, Northwest Ohio, with the office located at 425 Winthrop, Toledo, Ohio. BALLARD added that from 1939 to 1942, GOSSER was the president of United Auto Workers Local #12 in Toledo, and prior to that was the shop chairman at the old Willis Overland Plant in Toledo.

Mr. BALLARD summed things up by saying he knows RICHARD GOSSER to be a very responsible individual whose honesty, integrity and reputation is of the highest caliber. As a matter of fact, added BALLARD, that if GOSSER gave his word, it was as good as a contract.

VIRGIL A. GLADIEUX, President, Ogden Foods Corporation, 2140 Ashland, Toledo, Ohio, stated on May 1, 1969, he has known RICHARD T. GOSSER since the early 1930's. GLADIEUX said he has seen GOSSER rise from a rank and file member of the United Auto Workers to regional president then to international Vice President and a member of the National United Auto Workers Board.

GLADIEUX added he has dealt with GOSSER on the business level as well as socially and knows him to be an independent and just person who always illustrated the highest leadership qualifications.

Mr. GLADIEUX stated prior to 1959 GOSSER was primarily

concerned with the rank and file members of United Auto Workers, but for the last ten years he has become involved in helping the community as a whole by attempting to save jobs and workers for the Toledo area and becoming involved in various community affairs.. GLADIEUX labeled GOSSER as a practical person who stood up for what he believed. GLADIEUX advised GOSSER was the type of man that pursued what he thought was right and as a result did many things that were not popular with labor or management.

GLADIEUX stated he knows GOSSER to be an honest and sincere individual and his recommendation for GOSSER would be of the highest order. Further, GLADIEUX advised he had no reason to question GOSSER's character or loyalty, did not know of any derogatory information and knew that GOSSER had a very stable and fruitful family life.

Mr. GLADIEUX finally added that many people do not know RICHARD GOSSER. All they remember is the old union days when things were rough. They do not consider the things that illustrate GOSSER's concern for the community, such as the Toledo Health and Retiree Center which was founded by him. This, according to GLADIEUX, is the real RICHARD GOSSER.

Monsignor MICHAEL J. DOYLE, Director, Catholic Charities, Toledo, Ohio, and Chairman, Labor Management Citizens Committee, Toledo, Ohio, advised on May 1, 1969, he has known RICHARD GOSSER for approximately 23 years, both in the arena of Labor-Management relations plus social contacts with committee members. Monsignor DOYLE said that across the table, GOSSER is a real hard bargainer but he is fair and just in dealing with labor and management. The Monsignor added that in 1964 he testified in GOSSER's behalf to the effect that he is a good, substantial and honest citizen in all his undertakings and DOYLE said that he still does not feel or believe that GOSSER was guilty as charged.

Monsignor DOYLE considers RICHARD GOSSER to be an honest person whose character and loyalty were never in question and feels that GOSSER is well respected and highly regarded especially in the labor field. According to DOYLE, Mr. GOSSER is a natural leader as indicated by his life; for example, he inspired the Toledo Health and Retiree Center and rose through the ranks from an electrician to Vice President of the International United Auto Workers under REUTHER. Monsignor added that except for his physical disability GOSSER is a very capable individual.

PROBATION RECORDS

A review of the records of the United States Parole Office of the United States District Court, Toledo, Ohio, on April 4, 1969, reflects the following concerning RICHARD THOMAS GOSSER, commonly known as RICHARD T. GOSSER, former International Vice President of the UAW-CIO, whose residences are shown as 317 West Woodruff, Toledo, and 408 Law Acres Courts, Hollywood, Florida. It was noted that since GOSSER's release on November 23, 1966, he has spent most of his time at his Florida residence. He is known to periodically come to Ohio for physical examination at the Cleveland, Ohio Clinic and for periodic conferences in regard to his present position as a consultant for the Toledo Health and Retiree Center, Toledo, Ohio, where he is currently employed as a consultant.

The record reflects that GOSSER was indicted on November 28, 1962, for conspiracy in that he conspired with others to obtain confidential documents of the Internal Revenue Service in violation of law. He thereafter

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had a jury trial and as a result of this trial a verdict of guilty was sentenced by the United States District Court Judge FRANK L. KDOEB, United States District Court, Toledo, to a sentence of three years. GOSSER appealed his conviction all the way to the United States Supreme Court, and upon the Supreme Court's denial of hearing, he was transferred to the medical center for federal prisoners at Springfield, Missouri, to serve his sentence on December 5, 1966. He was subsequently paroled on November 23, 1966 and was on parole to the United States Parole Office until November 22, 1968.

The following is a record of his arrest, as reflected in the court records:

July 2, 1920	Suspicion Auto Theft Released July 6, 1920
August 16, 1920	Suspicious person, 30 days and costs
June 16, 1921	Highway robbery 2½ - 15 years
November 19, 1939	DP cost or 10 days
November 12, 1962	Conspiracy to defraud Internal Revenue Service three years.
December 6, 1965	Inquiry United States Penitentiary, Terre Haute
December 5, 1965	Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri
December 22, 1966	Voluntary criminal regis- tration

The file reflects that GOSSER [REDACTED] who resided in GOSSER's home at [REDACTED] Toledo, Ohio. It is noted that though GOSSER owns this home he does not reside there himself.

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CREDIT

On April 30, 1969, [REDACTED], Toledo Credit Bureau, Toledo, Ohio, provided the following information concerning RICHARD T. GOSSER:

Name:	RICHARD THOMAS GOSSER
On record since:	October 22, 1934
Addresses:	317 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio; 3476 Drummond, Toledo, Ohio.

MARITAL STATUS

Divorced from [REDACTED] on April 1, 1968.
 Presently married to RUTH ANN BLEYTHING. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] listed as a consultant for the [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs.
 GOSSER listed as board members of the Toledo Health and
 Retiree Center, 317 West Woodruff. [REDACTED]

No suits or collections and no derogatory information on file concerning [REDACTED] RUTH ANN GOSSER and RICHARD T. GOSSER and their credit rating is considered satisfactory.

ARREST

Lucas County Deputy [REDACTED] checked the records of his office on April 28, 1969, and advised all of the following had no record with his office:



[REDACTED] said his records show that RICHARD GOSSER arrested on April 7, 1950, for Contempt of Court and was released on bond, no further disposition shown.

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Mrs. [redacted] Record Bureau, Toledo Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on April 30, 1969, that the following have no arrest record with her department:

RICHARD T. GOSSER

[redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] said that [redacted] was arrested on June 22, 1968, on a charge of Drunk and Disorderly and was sentenced to thirty days and costs and was fined \$20 on the disturbance charge filed at the same time. On June 28, 1968, he was fined \$25 and costs for using obscene language. On October 10, 1941, he was fined \$10 and costs for creating a disturbance.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was arrested on October 23, 1947, as a runaway juvenile. On June 28, 1959, [redacted] was arrested for Driving under the Influence and was fined \$25 and costs. On January 14, 1959, he was fined \$5 for running a red light.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. [redacted] also known as [redacted] Toledo, Ohio, advised on May 1, 1969, he has known RICHARD GOSSER for over [redacted] years. He stated they were "in college together", meaning they were in prison together in the 1920s. He said GOSSER "has done screwy things before", but never had any action in gambling activities. He advised he is a gambler and if GOSSER wanted any of the gambling he would have had to come to him, [redacted] and he would have known of it. He said GOSSER [redacted]

did

some personal gambling from time to time but does not realize any profit from gambling and has no control over it. He said GOSSER was a powerful force at the Kaiser Jeep Corporation and tolerated the numbers being played there, which could not have been done without his, GOSSER's permission. He said this all was part of being a labor union leader. He said GOSSER is a very close personal friend of his and he knows GOSSER is not involved in anything illegal.

Mr. [REDACTED] said he formerly was involved in gambling and had some control of it in Toledo as well as other activities so he knows firsthand that GOSSER is not involved, nor was he in the past, [REDACTED] in illegal activities. He said GOSSER was a rough, aggressive person, which he had to be in order to be a union leader. He noted GOSSER "was always on the muscle", which was his way of life and he felt that if GOSSER had not taken the stand in his federal court trial, he, GOSSER, would not have been convicted. He noted GOSSER used profanity on the stand and Judge KLOEB (the trial judge) would not tolerate this. He said he would recommend GOSSER as a civic minded man who did a lot for labor and for the church.

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[redacted] said there was no doubt in his mind that GOSSER [redacted] ROBERT RATH [redacted]

(RATH's conviction was recently affirmed by the United States Supreme Court for income tax evasion.)

[redacted] advised [redacted]

[redacted] advised [redacted]

He stated [redacted]

He added that GOSSER's [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that GOSSER would ever want any reference [redacted] that GOSSER would list the following:

- CHARLES BALLARD
- Father BROGAN
- Father SCHMIT
- Monsignor DOYLE

A review of the files of the United States Attorney's Office, Toledo, on April 29, 1969, reflects that ROBERT E. RATH was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on March 1, 1967, went to trial on October 16, 1967, and was convicted on November 7, 1967, of 8 counts of income tax evasion totaling \$50,000 for 1960-1962. On March 10, 1969, the United States Supreme Court denied certiorari.

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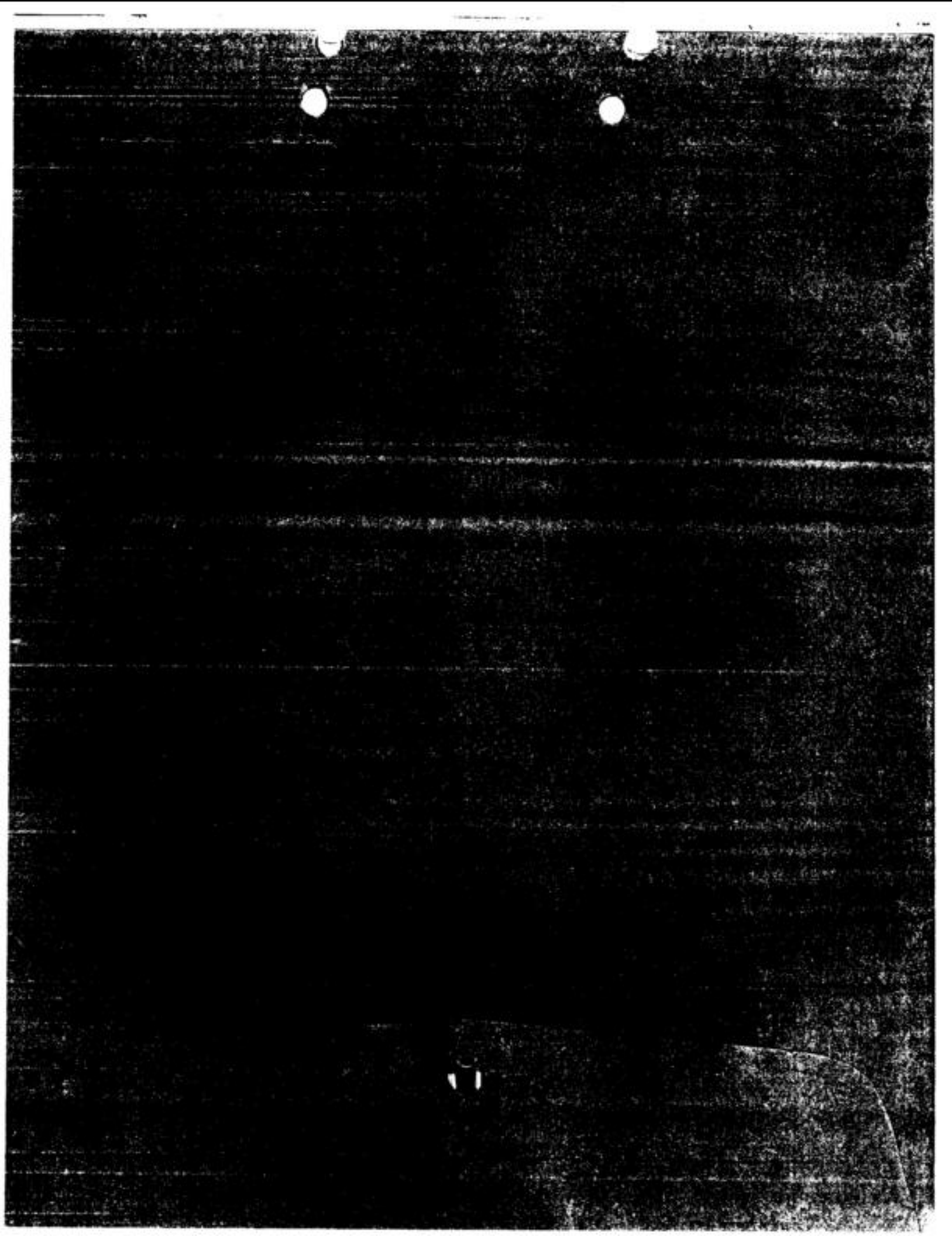
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Cleveland, Ohio
May 5, 1969

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Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above at
Cleveland, Ohio.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.



Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

February 21, 1968
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5-57-5357

Henry E. Petersen, Chief
Organized Crime and Racketeering Section

Grant of Immunity Under the Communications Act of 1952 -
Robert E. Rath

Departmental Attorney Edward T. Joyce has requested authorization to apply for a grant of immunity to Robert E. Rath who will be called before a session of the Federal Grand Jury in Toledo, Ohio set for the first week of March, 1968, in connection with suspected violations of 18 U.S.C. §1951, 18 U.S.C. §371, 29 U.S.C. §186, and 26 U.S.C. §7201, by Richard T. Gesser, retired Senior International Vice-President, United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO, and certain officials, once connected with Kaiser Jeep Corporation (formerly Willys Motors, Incorporated), Edwin G. McCleary, Cruse Moss, and Leo McKay.

Robert E. Rath (no FBI number) admitted during cross-examination at his recent trial for income tax evasion that while he was a supplier of non-production items (i.e. paint, paper towels) to Willys Motors, Incorporated, he consistently overbilled Willys for material and made payoffs to union leader Richard T. Gesser. These activities were carried on pursuant to a deal allegedly worked out between Gesser and the above-named executives in the Willys management. Rath's demeanor at trial and the lack of cooperation displayed by Rath's attorney in every portion of the former proceedings indicate that he will probably invoke his Fifth Amendment privilege at subsequent Grand Jury hearings, and refuse to testify. This was confirmed by Rath's negative remarks to a probation officer when he was asked if Assistant United States Attorney John Mattinoe could question him concerning the payoff scheme. Mr. Mattinoe believes that Rath will invoke his Fifth Amendment privilege and refuse to testify should he be called before the Grand Jury.

Mr. Rath is presently appealing his conviction on November 7, 1967, for income tax evasion. He was sentenced to serve 5 years. There are no charges pending against him. Mr. Joyce believes that if Robert E. Rath is granted immunity he will testify to the details of his role in the scheme to overbill the Willys Motors Corporation and pay off Gossar. Further he should be able to implicate both Gossar and the Willys executives in a conspiracy to set up this scheme by testifying about phone calls which he made to the principal conspirators. Mr. Mattimore also believes that Rath was present at meetings between the prospective defendants.

Until the decision of the Supreme Court in Katz v. United States, 389 U.S. 347 (1967), immunization of a man who was appealing his conviction was inadvisable because of the probability that the Sixth Circuit would adopt the reasoning of the District of Columbia Circuit in United States v. Frank, 347 F.2d 486 (D. C. Cir. 1965). In the Frank case a grant of immunity under 47 U.S.C. §409(2) would vacate the conviction of any defendant who was immunized, and compelled to testify concerning the subject matter of his conviction, while his case was still in the appellate process. However, the Katz decision (footnote 3, p. 349) rejected this reasoning. Immunity under 47 U.S.C. §409(2) does not relate to prior prosecutions and adjudications of guilt despite the fact that these convictions may be appealed. Immunity statutes protect witnesses only as to future prosecutions. Reika v. United States, 364 U.S. 507, 513 (1960). Since Katz did not construe the immunity to be transactional, but saw it as prohibiting the fruit of the compelled testimony from being used against the witness in any future trial, it would seem that a retrial of an immunized witness would be permissible in the event that an appellate court reversed the original conviction. The only limitation on the government on retrial would be the prohibition against introducing evidence of the compelled testimony or its fruits. In the Rath case, the appeal is not based on the substantiality of the evidence against him at trial, but, rather is directed at alleged irregularities in the Grand Jury which indicted him. In the event that a retrial is necessary, the government will have no need to rely on evidence compelled by a grant of immunity.

Moreover, the government will be able to demonstrate that all of its evidence was obtained independantly of Rath's compelled testimony at the upcoming Grand Jury.

The testimony of Robert E. Rath will be important in securing indictments of Gosser and other individuals who participated in the conspiracy and the substantive violations. Moreover, a check of the records indicates no reason why the Department of Justice should hesitate in granting Mr. Joyce's request. Therefore, it is recommended that his request for authorization to apply for a grant of immunity be granted.

County Jail
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Mr. John Mattinoc
U.S. Attorney
Federal Court House
Toledo, Ohio 43602

Dear Mr. Mattinoc:

I have had a great deal of time to think in the 30 days here in the County Jail, while my competitors and poor management have knocked down my sales by 80% with no decrease in expenses. With 15 years' work virtually "down the drain" my responsibility to my family looms larger than my loyalty to others, so I have decided to write this letter to you, largely as a matter of conscience.

I realize it is your duty to prosecute the law vigorously, but I have trouble believing that the IRS did not know that the whole French matter was being badly exaggerated. I never was a "playboy" as was pointed in the courtroom, having worked from 20 to 40 hrs. per week in most of the past 15 years. I've had trouble to keep my record clean from cheating through. Another reason why I have been hostile is the fact that I was associated with ~~Raymond and~~ ~~James~~ and ~~the~~ ~~company~~ ~~which~~ ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~subject~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~prosecution~~ ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~not~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~justify~~ ~~the~~ ~~property~~ ~~seizures~~ ~~which~~ ~~led~~ ~~to~~ ~~my~~ ~~being~~ ~~sent~~ ~~to~~ ~~prison~~ ~~and~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~forced~~ ~~to~~ ~~change~~ ~~to~~ ~~settle~~ ~~on~~ ~~a~~ ~~civil~~ ~~basis~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~time~~. I admitted most of the major items involved. They surely gave us the impression that we would make a settlement, when they ask us to file no more amendments. So much for the why of my hostile attitude towards the Federal.

I am sure you are aware that with the preferential dividend treatment plus penalty, some of the income which I never got is being taxed at up to 16% which will end up taxing twice my wife and I saved over a 16 year period, although I still believe final carryback losses will offset most of the supplemental income.

I made a series of cash payments to Kaiser over a substantial period. They were relatively small. However, until about 1961 when the system of giving us surplus-salvage rights on excess materials furnished us under Willys packing contracts, went into effect. This is what has been described as "shortages", which is the way it was always handled by Duke Raymond, long before I arrived on the scene, as I am told. However, it was originally a legitimate deal as transacted by top company officials at the Park Lane suite of Kaiser in Dec. 1960.

We had produced a smaller cube in the 20' pack and saved considerable packaging materials so that the amounts of strapping, lumber, nails, tapes, and packaging papers furnished under standard cost allowances were substantially more than was being used. When Seaway and Pac-Rite started selling these items it was agreed that we could ship short and the credits for materials due us would make up the difference. These under shipments were all to be charged against the export depts. who had amounts owed us under "materials furnished" provisions of the packing contracts. This worked like the international gold exchange. The materials were moved from one pile to another and ownership was relabelled in order to eliminate unnecessary handling. The deal was unusual, but not illegal, except

that female and waitresses were added as well as many more
employees over my objections.

I was given the impression that it was still legitimate
in force with George Meese, but I do not believe he or Lee Mackay
were ever really involved or brought up to date because they seemed
to be deliberately exposing it, and I was trying to shut it off for
that reason for several months, although it was deliberately pushed.

Also, the tax-free money was Raymond's own idea and
demand: I told him 10 times, at least, that I could not pay his
income tax for him, and can bring at least 3 witnesses that will
verify this. I'm sorry I borrowed \$3,000.00 to help him after he
was caught, because it is another co-signed note that he's never
paid anything on, and most of which I still owe to the Lucas County
State Bank. He did actually help in increasing my releases with
delivery information, and as you can see the method saved thousands

Some of the other things that I did for Raymond's situation
are clearly "mistakes" on my part. I was not my intention to give
the impression that I did intend to help him, but I was sure that
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trucking costs which would have been paid for
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 The trucking costs were paid by the
 defendant, and the trucking costs were
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Mr. [redacted] please deliver this

To: Mr. John Mattison
Federal Court House
Toledo, Ohio

Dec. 7, 1967

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To: SAC, Cleveland (73-514)

From: Director, FBI (73-16498)

RICHARD T. GOSSER
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Rerep SA [redacted] dated 5/5/69 at Cleveland.

Review court records regarding conviction for which applicant is seeking a pardon and report using the following: (a) name under which applicant convicted (b) date of sentence (c) sentence imposed (d) the number of indictment or information (e) nature of charge and citation of statute or public law violated (f) if fines, costs, or penalties were imposed, whether or not they have been paid (g) nature of plea (h) brief summary of facts.

On page nine of SA [redacted] report the name of applicant's sister, [redacted] is not listed as having been checked through the records of the Lucas County Sheriff's Office. *dh*

If an arrest check has been conducted concerning [redacted] submit an amended page nine to include her name. If the appropriate arrest checks have not been conducted, handle immediately and include in supplemental report furnishing results of review of court records. Report and corrected page, if amended, must reach the Bureau by 5/16/69.

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TITLE OF CASE RICHARD T. GOSSER		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY b7c mls
This report completes the investigation.		CHARACTER OF CASE APACS	

REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] 5/5/69, at Cleveland.
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To the Bureau (3):

Three copies of amended Page 9 of rerep reflecting the record check at the Lucas County SO re [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 5/15/69

Office: CLEVELAND

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Title: RICHARD T. GOSSER

Character: APPLICATION FOR PARDON AFTER COMPLETION OF SENTENCE

Synopsis:

Records, USDC, Toledo, Ohio, reflect GOSSER was indicted on 11/28/62 for violation of Title 18, Section 371, USC; was convicted after jury trial on 2/8/63 and was sentenced to three years imprisonment on 2/28/63.

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DETAILS:

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

On May 14, 1969, a review of the records of the U.S. Attorney's Office and the docket of the U.S. District Court, Toledo, Ohio, reflects the following information concerning Mr. RICHARD T. GOSSER:

Name Under Which Applicant Convicted

RICHARD T. GOSSER

Date of Sentence and Term of Sentence

GOSSER was convicted by a jury trial which lasted approximately two weeks and a verdict of guilty was handed down on February 8, 1963. He was sentenced on February 28, 1963 to a term of imprisonment of three years.

CV 73-514

Indictment Number

GOSSER's indictment and subsequent legal proceedings are filed in the U.S. District Clerk's Office, Toledo, Ohio, under Criminal Docket No. 62-120. He had been indicted on November 28, 1962.

Nature of Charge

GOSSER was charged with a conspiracy to defraud the United States under the provisions of Title 18, Section 371, of the U.S. Code.

Fines, Costs and Penalties Imposed

There were no fines or costs assessed by the Court and the sentence of three years imprisonment was the only penalty imposed.

Nature of Plea

GOSSER entered a plea of not guilty in the U.S. District Court, Toledo, Ohio, on December 7, 1962, to the charge of violation of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code.

Summary of Facts

The indictment charged a conspiracy from October 12, 1962 to November 12, 1962 to defraud the United States in the administration of the Internal Revenue laws. Co-conspirators were DONALD PINCIOTTI and TED MAISON. GOSSER was the senior vice president of the United Automobile Workers Union and MAISON was a local gambler who was known to an Internal Revenue Service worker whom he bribed to unlawfully steal and convey confidential Internal Revenue documents to him. PINCIOTTI was the administrative assistant to GOSSER. The purpose of the conspiracy was to obtain from the Internal Revenue files copies of reports of a fraud investigation which was being conducted in regard to GOSSER's returns. All three conspirators were convicted after a two week jury trial on February 8, 1963; all appealed their respective cases; GOSSER's and PINCIOTTI's went to the U.S. Supreme Court.

CV 73-514

Upon his conviction being affirmed, GOSSER was committed to the U.S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, on November 22, 1965. He was paroled in November, 1966 and completed his parole period successfully in November, 1968.

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J. Edgar Hoover
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SPJl Erie Mich	Richard Thomas Gosser #45 2526	11-19-39	DP	PG costs \$8.69 or 10 days (paid out)
SOS Army	Richard Gosser #27-WOT	electrician 6-19-42		
Deputy USM Toledo Ohio	Richard Thomas Gosser #319	11-12-62	T 18 Sec 371 conspiracy to defraud U.S (Int Rev. Service)	
USP Terre Haute Ind	Richard T Gosser #23162-TH	Inquiry 11-2-65		
Medical Center For Fed Prisoners Springfield Mo	Richard T. Gosser #15970-H	12-5-65 USPen Terre Haute Ind	conspiracy to defraud the US Gov't by obtaining confidential documents from Int Revenue Service	3 yrs 11-23-66 par
SO Fort Lauderdale Fla	Richard Thomas Gosser #CR #816	12-22-66	Vol Criminal Registrati	73-16498 - NOT RECORDED
PD Toledo Ohio	Richard Thomas Gosser #10067	DECEASED 12-1-69		5 DEC 18 1969

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From
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
To

- The Attorney General
- The Solicitor General
- Deputy Attorney General
- Assistant Attorney General
- Director, Bureau of Prisons
- The Pardon Attorney **RE: RICHARD T. GOSSER**
- Chairman, Parole Board

- Assistant Attorney General for Administration
- Immigration and Naturalization Service
- Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs
- Office of Alien Property
- Chief - Accounts Branch
- Chief - Administrative Services Office
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- General Litigation Section, Civil Division
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 Inter-Division Information Unit

- A. No further action will be taken in this case in the absence of a specific request from you.
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- D. For your information.
- E. Please note change in caption of this case.

~~The attached memorandum was prepared in 1957 and is being furnished so you may have benefit of Mr. Gosser's background.~~

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- cc: Attorney General Deputy Attorney General
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *cmj* SAC, CLEVELAND (73-514)

SUBJECT: RICHARD T. GOSSER
APACS

DATE: 5/15/69

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Rerep of SA [redacted], 5/5/69 at Cleveland.

All files and references except 100 classification were reviewed and all relate to GOSSER's activities prior to March, 1957.

Cleveland's investigation of GOSSER in regard to the application for pardon after completion of sentence reflects GOSSER is presently residing in the State of Florida and apparently is in poor health. His income from the Toledo Health and Retiree Center, Toledo, Ohio is reported as \$30,000 as a consultant. His references and social acquaintances recommend GOSSER as a respectable citizen and as a leading citizen in organized labor circles.

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A Cleveland informant of known reliability advises GOSSER is involved in obtaining proceeds from the numbers rackets. [redacted], a former business associate, describes GOSSER as a sincere labor leader, but "a man whose integrity goes out the window where money is concerned."

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RICHARD T. GOSSER

Richard T. Gosser is a vice president and a member of the International Executive Board of the United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, AFL-CIO.

It has been reported that Gosser was born December 13, 1898, at Toledo, Ohio. It has also been reported that he was born December 13, 1900, at Toledo, Ohio.

According to information received, Richard Gosser attended the St. Francis De Sales School in Toledo, Ohio, and completed the eighth grade. It was stated that when Gosser was a small boy his father died, and when Gosser was a young man he associated with the hoodlum element in Toledo, Ohio.

It has been reported that Richard Gosser was employed as an electrician at the Willys-Overland Company, Toledo, Ohio, from January 12, 1924, to April 1, 1937, when he left for union business.

Richard Gosser was described as one of the first presidents of Local 12, UAW-CIO. He was reportedly elected international vice president of the UAW-CIO in 1947. It has been alleged that during his association with the UAW-CIO he has continued to be a representative of Local 12, UAW-CIO in Toledo, Ohio. Local 12, UAW-CIO has been described as the second largest local in the UAW and the world next to Ford Local 400. Local 12, UAW-CIO has been reported to embrace various large corporations and many smaller ones in the Ohio district. In 1950 it was alleged that Richard Gosser was in complete control of Local 12, UAW-CIO.

Richard Gosser has been described as ambitious, a lone wolf, absolutely ruthless and to be a known "fixer."

It has been alleged that because of Gosser's underworld connections and business associates and through intimidation and threat of bodily harm, Gosser ruled Local 12, UAW-CIO with an iron hand.

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Richard T. Gosser

It has been alleged that Richard Gosser's main contact with the underworld was reported to be [redacted]. [redacted] was described as Gosser's [redacted]. It was also reported that Gosser maintained [redacted] as a clerk at Local 12, UAW-CIO Headquarters in Toledo, Ohio. [redacted] was reported to have associated for years with members of the Licavoli mob in Toledo, Ohio, and Detroit, Michigan. It has been reported that [redacted] has a record at the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department.

It has been reported that Richard Gosser is a personal friend of the [redacted] and a close associate of [redacted]. [redacted] was described as chief lieutenant of the [redacted] and to have a record at the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department. It has also been alleged that [redacted] has been connected with the underworld in Detroit and Chicago, Illinois, and that Gosser has visited the Florida home of [redacted].

In 1950, it was alleged that [redacted] was working for Richard Gosser as a bodyguard. [redacted] was reported to have a record at the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department. In 1950, it was also alleged that [redacted] was Gosser's bodyguard. [redacted] was described as an ex-hoodlum from the Toledo, Ohio, area.

It has been alleged that for a number of years Richard Gosser controlled the numbers racket which reportedly had flourished in all industrial plants in Toledo, Ohio. It has also been reported that Gosser received a cut from [redacted] hoodlums, on all numbers written in Toledo factories. It has been reported in the past that Gosser received kickbacks from union representatives; profits from candy and cigarettes sold in factories and on slot machines operated in union establishments. It was also alleged that Gosser owned and operated twelve slot machines in union headquarters, and that he has collected, at his own personal direction, a flower fund for which no record is maintained.

In 1948, an allegation was made that Gosser controlled a newspaper numbers racket and prostitution in Toledo. It has been stated that [redacted] did Gosser's desk work and [redacted]

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Richard T. Gosser

It has been reported that on January 13, 1950, the "Detroit Free Press" indicated that the UAW-CIO had named a top-level committee to investigate land frauds in Toledo against a UAW vice president Richard T. Gosser and four other fellow unionists. The suit allegedly was filed by John A. Bolman, described as a member of Local 12, UAW. Allegedly the suit charged that the five, by manipulation through the Automotive Workers Building Corporation, which Gosser headed, had purchased a hunting and fishing reserve in Clare County, Michigan, and that a profit of \$21,000 was realized through the transaction at the expense of the Union membership.

It has been alleged that one Edward Duck, who was described as a former member of Gosser's staff, headed a drive to collect money for a cooperative store the union intended to open in Toledo. Allegedly all staff members had to contribute not less than \$25 or seek new employment.

In 1949 it was alleged that the books of Local 12 had been falsified and the Gosser attempted to place the blame for the falsification on [redacted] was described as the [redacted] of Local 12 and reportedly under Gosser's domination. It was subsequently reported that [redacted] was aware that Gosser had been thriving on union funds and receiving kickbacks.

It has been reported that Richard Gosser and [redacted] were the [redacted] "Colonial Hardware and Sports Goods Store" at 1854 West Central Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. Mr. [redacted] of Local 12, UAW-CIO, Toledo, Ohio. Allegations have been made that members of Gosser's union have complained because supplies and equipment were purchased through the "Colonial Hardware Store"; also that some of the equipment purchased was not new. It has been alleged that the January 12, 1950, issue of the "Daily Worker" under the by line of William Allan, who was described as the "Daily Worker" representative in Detroit, made reference to a divorce petition filed by Gosser's wife which stated that in addition to a salary from the Union Gosser drew \$10,000 a year from his ownership of the "Colonial Hardware and Sporting Goods Store," Toledo, and payments from dealings with labor and employers. It has also been alleged that [redacted] for "Colonial Hardware". [redacted] was also alleged to be a UAW attorney.

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It has also been reported that Gosser received profits from the Janis Press, allegedly secretly owned in part by Gosser and profits through manipulation of funds involving the UAW's summer camp.

In 1942 it was alleged that certain individuals in Local 12, Toledo, Ohio, were acquiring sums of money secretly from workers who desired positions in certain national defense plants in Toledo. Specifically, it was alleged that in the Willys-Overland Company many skilled workers had applied for positions in this company but were not permitted to work there inasmuch as they were members of other locals or, in isolated cases, were members refused to pay to Gosser a certain "initiation fee." Indications were received that "initiation fees" as high as \$50 per person were required by Gosser before beginning work in one of the plants which were under contract by Local 12.

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It has been reported that Docket No. 29444 in the files of the Lucas County, Ohio, Clerk of Courts reflects Richard Gosser filed for divorce from his wife, Ruth, on January 19, 1949. It was reported that the file relating to the above had been removed from the Court House files and its location was unknown. It was further alleged that on February 14, 1949, Ruth Gosser filed a cross petition for divorce which was granted to her on March 18, 1949. According to information received, Gosser's wife obtained the divorce on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

It has been reported that [REDACTED] publisher of the "Toledo Blade" caused a private investigation to be conducted on Gosser in 1949.

Information has been received reflecting that in the past Gosser has paid fines and penalties as a result of his failure to report in his income tax returns outside income from the "Colonial Hardware Store" at Toledo, Ohio.

It has been reported that Richard T. Gosser, with aliases, Richard Goffer, Richard Goofer and Richard McMullen, has the following record at the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department under number 10067:

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Richard T. Gosser

Arrested March 21, 1920, as Richard McMullen as a fugitive from justice and wanted in Monroe County for burglary. Disposition unknown.

Arrested as Richard Thomas Gosser July 2, 1920, on a charge of suspicion of auto theft; released July 6, 1920.

Arrested as Richard Gosser August 16, 1920, on charge of suspicious person. Disposition - thirty days and costs; days suspended on payment of costs on August 18, 1920.

Arrested March 18, 1921, and held to Grand Jury on charge of receiving and concealing stolen property. Indictment No. 12477 for receiving and concealing stolen property was filed March 30, 1921. Indictment No. 12477 was "nollied" on October 14, 1925.

Arrested as Richard Gosser May 1, 1921, as a fugitive from justice - wanted at Monroe, Michigan, for holdup and robbery. Gosser was turned over to Monroe, Michigan, authorities and pleaded guilty on June 6, 1921. He was sentenced to the Michigan Reformatory, Ionia, Michigan, to serve a term of 2½-15 years.

Richard Thomas Gosser was received at the Michigan State Reformatory, Ionia, Michigan, from Monroe County on June 16, 1921, on a charge of highway robbery and under sentence of 2½-15 years.

On December 7, 1923, first parole was granted for one year; not to leave the State.

On January 10, 1925, Gosser was "discharged."

On November 19, 1939, arrested as Richard Gosser by State Police, Erie, Michigan, on a charge of disorderly person. Disposition was listed as \$8.69 costs or ten days-paid out.

It has also been reported that when Richard Gosser, Toledo, Ohio, Police Department No. 10067, was arrested on May 1, 1921, he was arrested along with Lee Wigley, Tony Paul, Jake Case, Stacey Roberts and James Kennedy. According to the

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information received, all of the above-mentioned individuals were at that time charged with being fugitives from justice in that they held up and robbed [redacted] and three other individuals (names not given) in a touring car on the Dixie Highway near Erie, Michigan. It was further alleged that Lee Wigley, Tony Paul, Jake Case, Stacey Roberts and James Kennedy have arrest records at the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department.

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[redacted] has been reported to have associated with racketeers in and around Toledo, Ohio, for years. [redacted] has been reported to have been arrested and allegedly was incarcerated at the United States Public Health Farm at Lexington, Kentucky, in 1949. According to information received in 1950, [redacted] was at that time employed as a [redacted] in gambling houses operated by the [redacted] brothers and Tony Paul in Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio.

In the past Gosser has been reported to have a powerful influence in the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department.

Gosser's last reported address was 3476 Drummond Road, Toledo, Ohio.

During an official investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Richard T. Gosser was interviewed by FBI Agents. During the interview he admitted association as a young man with the [redacted] and [redacted]. He also admitted association with Tony Paul and the hoodlum element in Toledo, Ohio. He admitted a former sentence of twenty months in a reformatory. He denied ever having a bodyguard in Toledo and stated he only used bodyguards at conventions. He also admitted knowing [redacted].

Mr. Gosser stated that gambling did go on in Toledo plants but he alleged that he had made an effort to stop the gambling. He stated that allegations that he was tied in with the gamblers in Toledo were ridiculous.

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