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**ARMAND HAMMER/
OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM**

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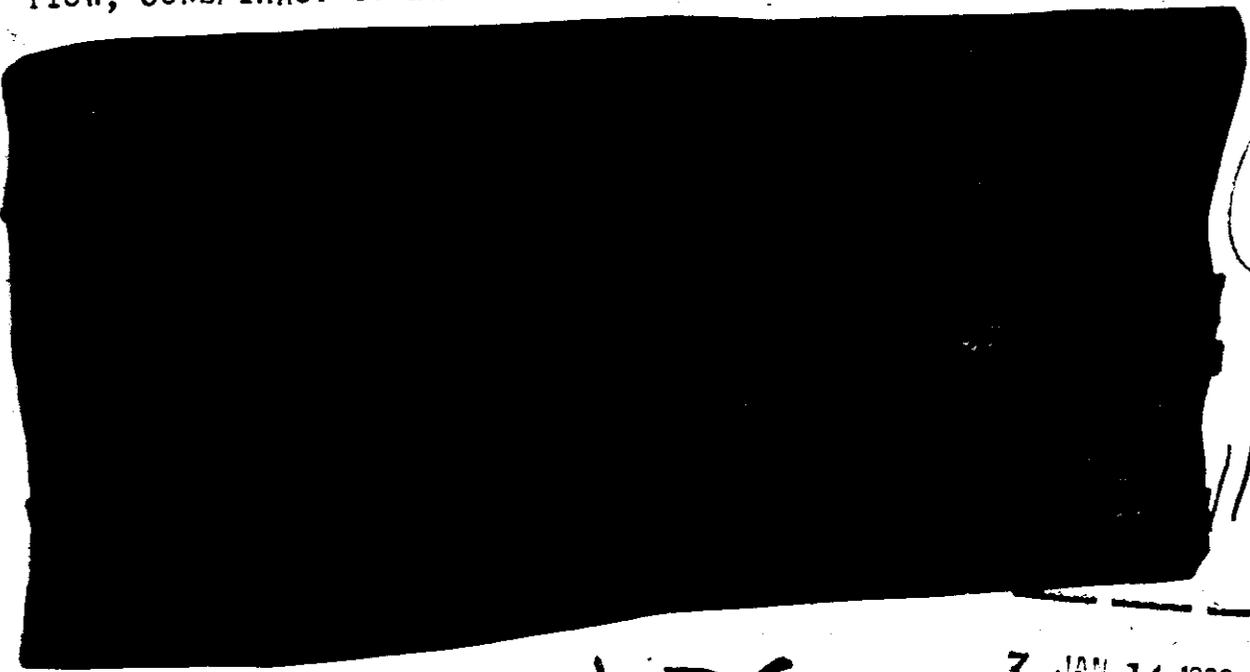
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SAC, LOS ANGELES PERSONALLY APPROVED INITIATION OF NECESSARY INVESTIGATION. AUSA DEAN B. ALLISON, CHIEF, SPECIAL PROSECUTIONS UNIT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT INFORMATION CONTAINED IN ALLEGATIONS WARRANTS FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

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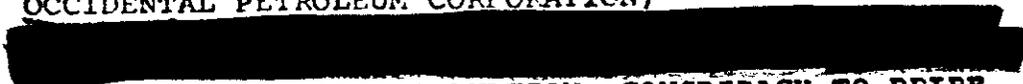
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From: Director, FBI

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DR. ARMAND HAMMER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD,
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (194-58) (P) (22)

RE: OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION;
 Dr. ARMAND HAMMER,
 Chairman of the Board,
 Occidental Petroleum Corporation;

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HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION; (P)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: WHITE COLLAR CRIME -
PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (194-58) (C) (22)

RE: OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION;

[Redacted] b7c

ET AL,
HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION
OO: Los Angeles

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an LHM dated 7/16/80, setting forth results of investigation pertaining to alleged wrongdoing on the part of Occidental Petroleum Corporation (OPC).

Pursuant to a conference with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) DEAN B. ALLISON, United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, California, it was concluded that there was insufficient evidence to warrant further investigation and a presentation of existing evidence to a Federal Grand Jury.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

July 16, 1980

In Reply, Please Refer to
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OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION;

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ET AL,

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTIGATION/

ATTEMPTED BRIBERY;

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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I. BACKGROUND

This investigation was predicated upon receipt of a letter dated October 10, 1979, from [REDACTED] of the United States Customs Service in Los Angeles. The letter set forth allegations pertaining to the attempted bribery of two members of the Los Angeles City Council. The information was forwarded to the FBI for whatever action deemed appropriate. After reviewing the contents of the letter and discussing the specific allegations with the United States Attorney (USA) Office in Los Angeles, it was determined that an investigation would be conducted to detail the nature and extent of the allegations and further to gather evidence that would corroborate the facts set forth in the allegation. The investigation was commenced by the Los Angeles Office in late October 1979.

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The information received from the United States Customs Service set forth the following allegations:

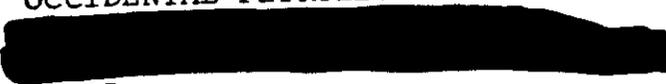
- (1) [REDACTED] Dr. Armand Hammer, Chairman of the Board, Occidental Petroleum Corporation (OPC), [REDACTED] entered into a conspiracy to bribe at least one and possibly two Los Angeles City Council members. The avowed objective of this group was to influence a vote before the Los Angeles

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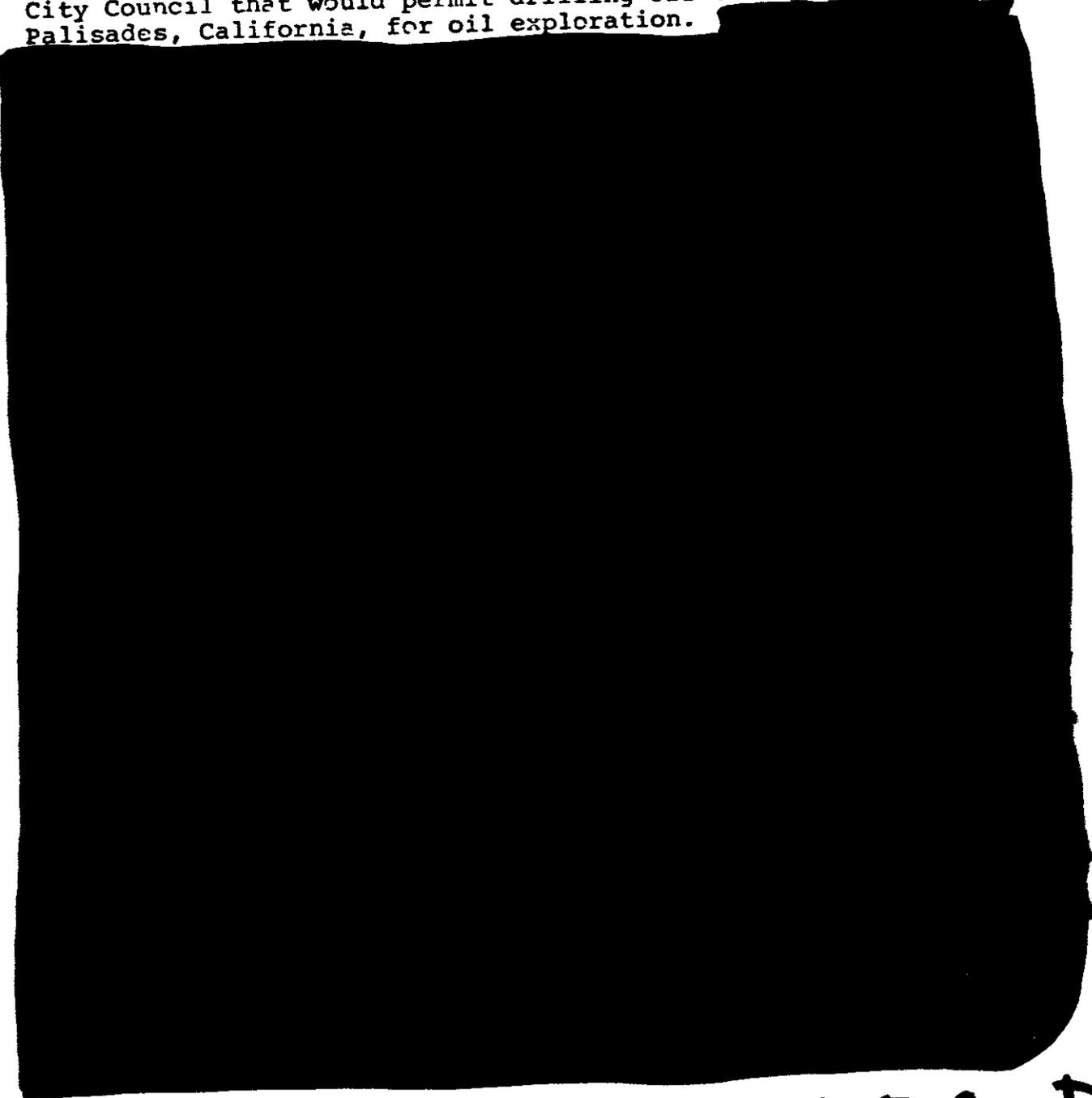
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OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION;

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Council that would permit drilling off the coast of Pacific Palisades, California, for oil exploration.



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OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION;
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL;
CONTINENTAL INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY;
ET AL,
MEMORANDUM OF INVESTIGATION/
ATTEMPTED BRIBERY;
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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Several interviews were conducted of individuals relevant to this investigation, including [redacted] and the conclusions of the resulting investigation is insufficient to warrant a presentation of testimony and evidence to to a Grand Jury at this time.

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On June 12, 1980, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Dean B. Allison, Special Prosecutions Section of the United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, California, conferred with Los Angeles FBI Agents and it was concluded that this investigation would be discontinued based upon the insufficiency of the information. It was agreed that if new information or evidence was disclosed to either agency that at that time a re-assessment would be made as to the status of this case.

Interviews and documentary evidence received during the course of this investigation are set forth herein (see index).

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Occidental Petroleum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 10/11/68

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc [Redacted] **WAC**

SUBJECT: OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY,
Portland, Maine
HOOKER CHEMICAL COMPANY

**Congressman Hale Boggs (Majority Whip of House) - Victim
BRIBERY**

M.C. MD. LA

Congressman Boggs called while I was at lunch today. I returned his call as soon as I came in. He asked that I see him as soon as possible. I went to his office at approximately 2 p.m.

In the office of Congressman Boggs (Majority Whip of the House, at the Capitol), papers were spread all over the entire floor. Congressman Boggs was walking around in an agitated manner. He sat down, took off his shoes, put them back on, and then took them off again. He told me he was under extreme pressure and that he had a story to tell me which would "knock the roof off the Capitol."

He stated, most importantly, that his story would definitely elect Hubert Humphrey as President of the United States. He then mentioned that he would make a speech on the floor of the House this afternoon, prior to the adjournment of Congress, which would be carried widely on radio and TV by all the news media. Congressman Boggs talked in a very disjointed manner; consequently it was difficult to follow him closely. Basically, this is what I got out of the conversation:

The State of Louisiana produces 1,000,000 barrels of oil per day. The State of Texas produces 3,000,000 barrels of oil per day. Taxes in both Louisiana and Texas, particularly of the real estate variety, are approximately 50% lower than in other, non-oil producing states, inasmuch as oil production in these states greatly assists in paying for education, road improvements, and other necessary large items of taxation. (As an example, Congressman Boggs told me he pays \$300 per year real estate tax in Louisiana, while in Montgomery County, Maryland, he pays \$1600 per year real estate tax on his home. The average, however, is usually approximately 50% difference.)

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Mr. Tolson

The Hooker Chemical Company recently bought Occidental Petroleum Company, according to Congressman Boggs. The Occidental Petroleum Company, of Portland, Maine, is responsible for legislation in Congress which would allow the importing of 75% more oil into the United States, and Occidental Petroleum under this legislation was to be the agent to bring such oil into the country. If such legislation passed, the price of oil in the United States would go down considerably. In the words of Congressman Boggs, "the bottom would drop out of the market."

As Majority Whip of the House, and as an influential politician from an oil-producing state (Louisiana), Congressman Boggs, of course, would have considerable responsibility with respect to legislation or any executive orders bearing on this situation. Officials in his state asked him to go to Portland, Maine, and confer with officials of that state in order to block action on the part of the Occidental Petroleum Company. He agreed to do this, but prior to going he called Secretary of Interior Udall, and Secretary of Commerce Smith. Both men assured him that, while it would be necessary to hold hearings, they would see to it that a negative ruling was given with respect to the desires of the Occidental Petroleum Company. Boggs, therefore, decided not to go to Portland, Maine.

Last Friday afternoon, October 4th, he went to his home state of Louisiana to make three speeches. While in New Orleans he was called by an influential state politician who has considerable oil holdings. This individual told him he should definitely go to Portland, Maine. Boggs indicated he would go; however, he knew that the "deal was dead." He stated he would agree to go on the basis that a Republican Congressman from the State of Texas would go with him. He requested that Presidential Candidate Nixon's campaign manager in Texas be called upon to send an influential Republican Congressman from that state, so that a bipartisan approach could be made with respect to blocking the Occidental Petroleum Company. Congressman Boggs told me that Mr. Nixon's campaign manager in Texas refused to send a Republican Congressman.

Congressman Boggs stressed the fact that the failure of the Republican Party to do this indicated that "Nixon's group" was in cahoots with the Occidental Petroleum Company and therefore wanted to "knock the bottom out of the market" of oil prices in the United States.

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Mr. Tolson

Congressman Boggs told me that shortly after his return from New Orleans, the President of the Hooker Chemical Company, the General Counsel of the Occidental Petroleum Company, and a third individual, called upon him in his office. Prior to the meeting he said he set up a tape recorder and arranged to have a hidden still picture taken while the meeting was in progress.

At this point in our conversation Congressman Boggs dramatically began to illustrate the manner in which the chairs in his office were arranged, identifying the individual who sat in each chair. He then stated that the President of Hooker Chemical Company advised him point-blank that it was realized that he, Congressman Boggs, needed money for his congressional campaign in Louisiana. Boggs admitted that he, in fact, did need money. This individual then told Boggs all he needed to do was to contact a certain individual (he named this individual), in Louisiana, and any amount of money that Boggs asked for, would be furnished him without question.

Boggs stated he immediately realized, of course, that this was a bribe, and for the purpose of the tape recorder he asked several sharp questions to draw these men out further. He also fully identified them in his own voice, so that proper identification would be picked up by the tape recorder.

After doing all this, Boggs stated he told these individuals, "You bastards are in trouble and I want no part of you." Boggs stated he then left the room, leaving these individuals with very stunned expressions on their faces.

Boggs stated the following day he traveled to Portland, Maine, where he succeeded in completely blocking the actions of the Occidental Petroleum Company.

I asked Congressman Boggs if the reason behind his advising me of the above facts was so that he could indicate to the Congress that the FBI had been informed of this situation. He did not answer me directly, but stated he had no objections to the Department of Justice being advised of these facts.

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Mr. Tolson

It should be noted that during the conversation with Congressman Boggs, Majority Leader Carl Albert walked into Boggs' office, at which time Boggs dramatically told him he should stay on the floor of the House this afternoon for one of the most earth-shaking speeches ever given. Congressman Albert indicated he would be there.

ACTION:

It is suggested that the General Investigative Division prepare a letter to the Department, giving a brief recital of the above-mentioned facts and indicating that the FBI is taking no action unless advised to the contrary by the Department. It, of course, could be that this entire matter is somewhat of a political set-up; consequently we should not be caught in the middle of it.

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The Attorney General

October 14, 1968

Director, FBI

**OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY
HOOKER CHEMICAL COMPANY
BRIBERY**



On the afternoon of October 11, 1968, at the request of Congressman Hale Boggs, an FBI official met with the Congressman at the latter's office. Congressman Boggs stated he had a story to tell that would "knock the roof off the Capitol." After stating that he intended to air this matter through a speech on the floor of Congress on the afternoon of October 11, 1968, Congressman Boggs related the following:

The Hooker Chemical Company (Hooker) recently bought the Occidental Petroleum Company (Occidental) of Portland, Maine. The latter company is responsible for legislation in Congress which would allow the importation of seventy-five per cent more oil into the United States. Occidental would be the agent that would bring such oil into the country. If this legislation passed the price of oil in the United States would drop considerably.

Congressman Boggs was asked by unnamed officials of the State of Louisiana to travel to Portland, Maine, and confer with officials of that state in an effort to block action on the part of Occidental. Congressman Boggs initially intended to do this but changed his mind after conferring with Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall and Secretary of Commerce C. E. Smith.

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Congressman Boggs traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 4, 1968, and while there he was asked by an influential state politician who has considerable oil holdings to make the trip to Portland, Maine. The Congressman agreed to do so provided he was accompanied by a Republican Congressman from the State of Texas which, like Louisiana, is a major oil producing state. He asked that the Texas campaign manager of Presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon be called and

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NOTE: See Memorandum DeLoach to Tolson 10/11/68, captioned, "Occidental Petroleum Company, Portland, Maine; Hooker Chemical Compsny; CDD:csh."

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requested to send an influential Republican Congressman from Texas so that a bipartisan approach could be made in an effort to block Occidental. Mr. Nixon's Texas campaign manager refused to accede to this request. Congressman Boggs concludes from this that "Nixon's group" was acting in concert with Occidental.

Shortly after Congressman Boggs' return to Washington, D. C., from New Orleans the President of Hooker, the General Counsel of Occidental, and a third individual, unnamed, called upon the Congressman in his office. Prior to this meeting Congressman Boggs had set up a tape recorder and arranged to have a hidden still picture taken while the meeting was in progress. During this meeting the President of Hooker stated point blank he realized that Congressman Boggs needed money for his Congressional campaign in Louisiana. Upon the Congressman's admission that this was true, the President of Hooker stated that all the Congressman needed to do was to contact a certain named individual in Louisiana and any amount of money requested by the Congressman would be furnished him without question.

Congressman Boggs immediately realized that this was a bribe offer and since the tape recorder was operating he asked several sharp questions to draw out these men further. He also fully identified these individuals in his own voice so that proper identification would be picked up by the tape recorder. After this was done, Congressman Boggs told these persons that they were in trouble and he wanted no part of them. The Congressman then left the room. The following day Congressman Boggs traveled to Portland, Maine, where he succeeded in completely blocking the actions of Occidental.

Congressman Boggs stated that he had no objection to our advising the Department of Justice of the facts as set out herein. This is for your information and no action will be taken by the FBI unless contrary advice is received from the Department.

Attached is a copy of an article from "The Wall Street Journal" issue of October 11, 1968, reporting that

The Attorney General

at a Commerce Department hearing in Portland, Maine, concerning a proposal by Occidental to build an oil refinery at Machiasport, Maine, Congressman Boggs stated he was pressured by Hooker Chemical Company not to testify against this project.

Enclosure

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General (with enclosure)**
- 1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General (with enclosure)**

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The Attorney General

October 15, 1968

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Bolz
- 1 - Mr. Bezdek
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

**OCcidental PETROLEUM COMPANY
HOOKER CHEMICAL COMPANY
BRIBERY**

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I am enclosing for your information a copy of an article appearing in the October 14, 1968, issue of "The Wall Street Journal," which reports that Congressman Hale Boggs has stated that he has asked the FBI to look into the legal aspects of a meeting in which he was offered unlimited campaign funds.

My letter to you of October 14, 1968, contained information furnished to this Bureau by Congressman Boggs concerning an offer of a bribe made to him at a meeting in his office attended by representatives of Occidental Petroleum Company and Hooker Chemical Company. As stated in that letter, no action is being taken by the FBI concerning the information furnished by Congressman Boggs unless contrary advice is received from the Department of Justice.

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- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General (enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General (enclosure)

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NOTE: This communication and the news article are being furnished to the Attorney General so it is absolutely clear to him that the FBI is not conducting any investigation of Congressman Boggs' allegations that a bribe in the form of unlimited campaign funds was offered to him.

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Angry Charges Traded At Opening Hearings On Maine Oil Refinery

Louisiana's Rep. Boggs Says He Was Pressured Not to Testify Against Occidental's Project

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter

PORTLAND, Maine—Opposing sides traded angry charges in the first day of hearings before a Commerce Department examiner's committee on Occidental Petroleum Co.'s controversial proposal to build a 300,000-barrel-a-day refinery at Machiasport, Maine, that would operate wholly on foreign crude oil.

Rep. Boggs (D., La.), House Majority Whip, an opponent of the project, accused Hooker Chemical Co., recently acquired by Occidental, of "pressuring" him not to attend the hearings. He said Hooker has a chemical plant in his Congressional district. Mr. Boggs, who comes from a major oil producing state, charged the Maine project "could mean the end of the domestic oil industry."

All top officials of Hooker Chemical were out of town yesterday and unavailable for comment on Congressmen Boggs' charge.

Maine's Democratic Gov. Curtis, a major proponent of the refinery, declared that major oil companies are opposing the project to keep a "stranglehold" on petroleum product prices in New England. He said he approached Occidental to undertake the project "because the major oil companies haven't in the past shown themselves sufficiently attuned to the interests of New England."

Occidental must receive approvals from both the Commerce and Interior Departments for the project. The hearings, expected to run through tomorrow concern establishment of a "foreign trade zone" that would include a sub-zone in which the refinery would be built. A foreign trade zone is on U.S. soil, but is considered outside the U.S. for customs and trade purposes. The Commerce Department rules on establishment of such zones.

Interior Department's Role

However, foreign crude oil can't enter such zones without approval of the Interior Department, which runs the Federal oil import controls program. Interior also must approve the proposed sale by Occidental in U.S. markets of 100,000 barrels a day of heating oil and gasoline to be produced at the refinery.

Opponents of the project say it would wreck the import program because the crude oil would be equal to more than half the total amount that can be imported at present by all refineries east of the Rockies, and the product quotas would nearly equal all product quotas currently permitted in the same area.

In a letter to Interior Secretary Udall yesterday, Dr. Armand Hammer, chairman of Occidental, asserted that the product quota would only be New England's fair share of foreign oil. He noted that there are no oil refineries in New England now, while the area consumes 9% of the petroleum products used east of the Rockies.

In a letter to the examiner's committee here yesterday M. A. Wright, chairman of Humble Oil & Refining Co., chief domestic subsidiary of Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey), charged the product quotas would be a \$35 million a year preferential subsidy for Occidental. Other oil companies have charged the overall project would be worth as much as \$65 million a year in foreign oil benefits to Occidental.

Thomas Wachtell, Occidental vice president, previously charged that the U.S. oil industry has received "a \$5 billion windfall" from the first 10 years of the import program. Humble's Mr. Wright asserted that these benefits have been available to all oil companies on the same basis, while Occidental's windfall would be awarded on a noncompetitive basis to one company.

New England Council's Role

A. Thomas Easley, executive vice president of the New England Council, an economic development group backing the project, charged at the hearings that New England home owners paid \$50 million more than they should have the last two winters for fuel oil due to low supplies and "unreasonably high" prices in the area. He asserted the project would stimulate economic growth in New England by bringing fuel costs down.

A spokesman for Mobil Oil Corp., which opposes the refinery, noted, however, that Occidental's promised \$26 million a year price cuts on home heating oil and gasoline would be made at the refinery to independent ocean ter-

minal distributors. If those independents have agreed to engage in joint price cuts, "serious questions of legality" are raised, he asserted. If they haven't agreed, he added, then it isn't certain whether these price cuts will be passed on to consumers.

An additional hearing before the examiners committee is scheduled for Tuesday in Washington for Congressmen and Senators to testify.

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Boggs Asks FBI Study Of Occidental's Alleged Campaign Money Offer

Concern Denies Any Wrongdoing Involving Lawmaker's Position Against Oil Refinery in Maine

WASHINGTON — (AP) — House Majority Whip Boggs (D., La.) said he has asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation to look into the legal aspects of a meeting in which, he said, representatives of Occidental Petroleum Corp. offered him unlimited campaign funds. The company denied any impropriety.

Rep. Boggs told a news conference these visitors admitted, under his questioning, that they didn't want him to go to Maine, where Mr. Boggs was to testify against the proposed establishment of a foreign trade zone as a location for Occidental to build a refinery.

But he also displayed a letter from one of the men, stating emphatically, "There is no relationship between the discussion regarding the campaign contribution and the Maine refinery."

Dr. Armand Hammer, chairman of Occidental, issued a statement in Los Angeles denying what he termed "the false and outrageous charges made by Congressman Boggs."

"We deny emphatically any impropriety," Dr. Hammer said. He said Occidental hasn't contributed to Rep. Boggs' campaign funds and said the Congressman's allegations were "wild" and "untrue."

Maine has asked the Commerce Department's Board of Foreign Trade Zones to establish a subzone at Machias, into which foreign materials could be brought duty-free for processing.

The Board would then allow the materials to be shipped to the refinery in Maine, where they would be refined and then shipped to the U.S. for marketing.

Mr. Boggs said constituents had asked him to oppose the foreign trade zone at a hearing in Maine because the Louisiana oil industry opposes the oil imports sought by Occidental.

Rep. Boggs testified against the proposed trade zone at the hearing in Portland last week.

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Maine Oil Plant Zone Urged

By Frank C. Porter
Washington Post Staff Writer

A battle that has raised tempers in the Congress and the oil industry grew even hotter yesterday as three New England Senators pleaded for a free trade zone in northeastern Maine to process foreign crude oil.

Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass.) pictured the \$145 million Occidental Petroleum Corp. refinery storage facility and deepwater port planned for Machiasport near the Canadian border as an economic bonanza for the energy-poor six-state area and a boon to the Nation as a whole.

But other major petroleum companies as well as legislators and governors from the many oil and gas producing states claim it would wreck the domestic industry.

Party Lines Crossed

And the political overtones are loud and clear although the issue crosses party lines. As might be expected, Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, Democratic candidate for Vice President, is a strong backer of the project. But the opposition is led by a Democrat—House Majority Whip Hale Boggs from oil-rich Louisiana.

Boggs has asked the FBI to investigate his charges that officials of Occidental and a subsidiary offered him campaign contributions while seeking to persuade him not to testify against the scheme—a charge vigorously denied by the company.

Brooke Lists Advantages

Brooke told the Foreign Trade zone Board yesterday that the Machiasport complex would:

- Cut heating oil costs for the 70 per cent of New England homes that use it by 10 per cent.
- End shortages that have plagued the area during the cold winters of the past few years.

• Stimulate the region's industry by furnishing cheaper and more abundant fuel.

• Help revive New England's stagnant shipping industry and benefit the Nation's lagging merchant marine.

• Create a New England petrochemical industry that would help fend off imports.

• Reduce the Nation's balance of payments deficit by an estimated \$50 million a year.

• Cut down on air pollution because of the lower sulphur content of the Libyan oil Occidental hopes to import.

• Furnish \$7 million a year to a six-state foundation for research into marine resources.

• Reduce the country's vulnerability to military attack by dispersing its refinery facilities.

Would End 'Bondage'

The latter point was stressed at yesterday's hearing by Sen. Thomas J. McIntyre (D-N.H.). Sen. Abraham A. Ribicoff (D-Conn.) said the project would end what he called New England's economic bondage to trucks and ships for oil, the Associated Press reported.

Rep. Peter N. Kyros (D-Maine), who protested the Board's decision not to hear him since he had testified at an earlier hearing in Portland, ripped into Boggs after the hearing.

"He patronized us, telling us we might better pay attention to oceanography and our lobsters," Kyros said of Boggs' appearance at last week's hearing in Portland, according to United Press International.

The Maine proposal would create a free trade zone at Portland and a sub-zone at Machiasport. Foreign materials and goods may be brought into a free trade zone duty-free. There they may be packaged, processed or used in manufacturing and reshipped as exports or distributed in the United States subject to duty. There are presently eight free trade zones and five sub-zones in the Nation.

If dental obtains approval from the Free Trade Zone Board, composed of the Secretaries of Commerce, Treasury and the Army, it must then obtain permission from the Department of the Interior to bring in its Libyan crude oil under the oil import quota program.

The advantages of foreign crude are readily apparent since domestic crude costs almost twice as much at nearly \$3 a barrel.

Although Occidental claims it only wants a share of existing oil import quotas, the \$300,000 barrels a day it would consume is more than half the total presently allowed all refineries east of the Rockies. Other oil firms fear additional quotas might be created for Occidental, thus threatening markets for higher-priced domestic oil.

Gov. John Love of Colorado told the Portland hearing last week that the quota program supposedly is limited to 12.2 per cent of domestic production. But so many exceptions have been made, he said, that imports now total more than 26 per cent of home output.

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TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY
HOOKER CHEMICAL COMPANY
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OO: WFO

This will confirm telephonic instructions of today for mature and experienced Special Agents to initiate investigation of captioned matter and to obtain pertinent available documents from the Bureau prior to contacting Congressman Hale Boggs.

The following documents were furnished to SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 10/18/68: Copy of Wall Street Journal article of 10/14/68, copy of pages H10017 through H10022 of the Congressional Record for 10/14/68, a copy of letter to the Bureau from Congressman Boggs dated 10/16/68, together with a copy of each enclosure thereto, and a copy of a request for investigation from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, dated 10/17/68.

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Congressman Boggs was to be contacted 10/18/68, to obtain full information in his possession regarding the alleged bribe offer and specifically to obtain a copy of the tape recording of the alleged bribe incident, a copy of the picture he alleges was taken with a concealed camera, a copy of a letter to Congressman Boggs from one of the men allegedly present at the meeting, and a copy of the speech he intended to give on the floor of the House of Representatives on 10/11/68.

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Advise Bureau 10/18/68, results of contact with Congressman Boggs.

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This investigation is to be most thorough and is to receive daily expeditious investigative attention so that it is completed in its entirety at the earliest possible date. A report is to be submitted within ten days.

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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (58-229)

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY;
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OO: WFO

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 10/18/68.

b7c [redacted] Office of Congressman HALE BOGGS, Federal Building, 600 South Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised Congressman BOGGS not expected to be in New Orleans office 10/22 or 23/68. **b7c** [redacted] advised Congressman BOGGS will go to Washington, D.C. for Friday, 10/25/68, and expects to return to New Orleans the same day.

b7c [redacted] advised she was aware of the FBI's prior contact with Congressman BOGGS' Washington, D.C. office relative to this matter and Congressman BOGGS' request that his New Orleans office be contacted regarding a tape recording; however, this was a matter which Congressman BOGGS had handled personally and any decision would have to come from him.

b7c [redacted] advised it was her impression that Congressman BOGGS would not desire to be contacted in Washington, D.C. on Friday, 10/25/68, due to lack of time and it was quite possible he was not going to be available at his New Orleans Office for the remainder of the current week.

b7c [redacted] advised she would attempt to communicate with Congressman BOGGS as soon as possible and would advise the New Orleans office when and where Congressman BOGGS could be contacted relative to this matter.

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New Orleans will maintain contact with Congressman BOGGS' office, obtain decision relative to tape recording and subsequent interview of Congressman BOGGS.

Bureau and WFO will be kept advised.

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Brief Facts covering case
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Director, FBI (58-6817)

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ReBuairtel 10/18/68, containing instructions that Congressman Hale Boggs be contacted in this matter and that a tape recording of the alleged bribe incident was to be obtained.

The above-mentioned tape recording, actually an IBM memo belt, was received in the Laboratory on 10/23/68. A copy of this recording, suitable for playback on WFO equipment, was made on 1/4-inch magnetic tape at 7 1/2-inches per second. No increase in intelligibility could be secured through filtering due to the nature of the recording.

The Laboratory does not normally make tape recording transcriptions, inasmuch as investigative personnel more familiar with names, dates, facts, and other matters pertinent to the investigation are ordinarily better able to resolve questionable portions of the recording.

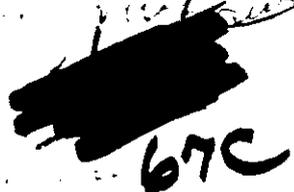
The IBM memo belt and the copy made on a 7-inch reel of magnetic tape are being hand-delivered to SA [redacted] of the Washington Field Office.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The attached memorandum from the Criminal Division, which has just been received, requests a full and complete investigation into an alleged attempt to bribe Congressman Hale Boggs (D.-La.) through an offer of unlimited campaign funds which reportedly was made at a meeting in the Congressman's office attended by representatives of Occidental Petroleum Company and Hooker Chemical Company. Initial information concerning this incident was furnished to Mr. DeLoach by Congressman Boggs on 10/11/68. We furnished the details to the Attorney General by letter dated 10/14/68, with the advice that no action was being taken by the FBI unless contrary advice was received from the Department.

On 10/17/68, we received a letter from Congressman Boggs (also attached) formally requesting a full and intensive investigation of this bribe attempt. WFO Agents, today, will attempt to contact Congressman Boggs and initiate the requested investigation. At this time the receipt of the Congressman's letter by the Bureau will be orally acknowledged. WFO is being instructed to assign this case to mature and experienced Special Agents and it will be closely supervised.

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Memorandum

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: October 17, 1968

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FROM : Nathaniel E. Kossack,
Deputy Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Occidental Petroleum Company
Hooker Chemical Company
Bribery

With regard to the above captioned matter, we have been informed that the Portland, Maine hearing referred to in your memorandum dated October 14, 1968, was a hearing conducted by examiners of the Foreign Trade Zone Board, Department of Commerce. Therefore, the allegations of Congressman Boggs involve a possible violation of Federal law under Section 201, subsection (d) of Title 18, United States Code. Accordingly, we hereby request a full and complete investigation into the alleged bribe attempt.

Congressman Boggs indicated that he has possession of a tape recordings of the alleged bribe incident and possibly a picture from a concealed camera. An attempt should be made to obtain copies of the tape and picture. Likewise, a copy of the letter to Congressman Boggs from one of the men allegedly present at the meeting where this incident occurred, such letter being referred to in the Wall Street Journal account of this matter dated October 14, 1968, should be obtained.

Further, a copy of the speech that Representative Boggs intended to give on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 11, 1968 should be obtained. This speech is mentioned in the Bureau Memorandum to the Attorney General dated October 14, 1968. The New York Times of October 14, 1968, page 73, reports that this speech was never given.

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HALE BOGGS, M.C.
2D DISTRICT, LOUISIANA

ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER

BARBARA RATHE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

DISTRICT OFFICE:
638 FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

October 16, 1968

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Boggs

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am herewith formally requesting a full, complete and intensive investigation of an attempt to bribe me by the Occidental Petroleum Corporation and its agents.

I charge specifically a violation of Title 18, Section 201 of the United States Code annotated.

I am asking that your top people begin this investigation today.

Very truly yours,

Hale Boggs
HALE BOGGS, M.C.

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CC: Honorable Henry H. Fowler
Honorable C. R. Smith
Honorable Lawrence C. McQuade
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DISTRICT OFFICE:
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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October 16, 1968

Honorable Manuel F. Cohen
Chairman
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have strong reason to believe that Occidental Petroleum Corporation and its officers violated the Insider Rule when it acquired the Hooker Chemical Corporation as reported in the Wall Street Journal of July 25, 1968.

I am herewith formally requesting an immediate intensive and full investigation of all members of the New York Stock Exchange to get the names of persons who traded in Hooker Chemical stock for a period of two months before and after the acquisition of Hooker by Occidental.

Very truly yours,

HALE BOGGS, M.C.

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CC: Honorable Henry H. Fowler
Honorable C. R. Smith
Honorable Lawrence C. McQuade
Honorable Stanley R. Resor
Honorable Stewart L. Udall

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Congress of the United States
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL
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October 10, 1968

Honorable Manuel F. Cohen
Chairman
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Would you be good enough to advise me on all transactions involving the purchase of Hooker Chemical Company stock by Occidental Petroleum Corporation for a period two months before and after the acquisition of Hooker by Occidental Petroleum.

I would appreciate having this information as soon as possible.

I want all of the names of the purchasers or those who exchanged one stock for the other. I want the inquiry to be made of all members of the New York Stock Exchange who sell securities.

Very truly yours,

HALE BOGGS, M.C.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (58-NEW) (P)

④ OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY;
 ① HOOKER CHEMICAL COMPANY;
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 (OO:WFO)

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ReBucall to WFO this date and WFO airtel to Bureau this date, copy of which is being furnished for the information of New Orleans.

Transmitted also to New Orleans are copies of (1) Congressman HALE BOGGS letters to the Bureau and SAC, (2) a copy of the Congressional Record of 10/14/68, containing BOGGS' comments and insertion in the Record of numerous documents allegedly relating to instant matter, (3) copies of two Wall Street Journal articles, and (4) the Departmental letter to the Bureau dated 10/17/68, requesting specific investigation. It will be noted that the letter referred to in the Wall Street Journal article of 10/14/68, is set forth on Page 10014 of the enclosed Congressional Record.

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New Orleans is immediately requested to contact the office of Representative BOGGS, Room 638, Federal Building, South Lafayette Square, New Orleans (telephone 527-2274), for the purpose of arranging an interview with Representative BOGGS in order to obtain from him his decision as to making available copies of the tape made of the alleged bribery attempt. After review of this and enclosed material, BOGGS is to be thoroughly interviewed relating to the circumstances leading up to and including the alleged bribery incident.

The Bureau has instructed that this investigation be handled by mature and experienced agents. This case should receive preferred and continuous attention and the Bureau and WFO should be promptly advised of pertinent developments in order that appropriate leads may be expeditiously handled.

10/19/68

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This relates to the request - of the Department of Justice received 10/18/68 to initiate full and complete investigation into alleged attempt to bribe Congressman Hale Boggs (D. - La.) through an offer of unlimited campaign funds which was reportedly made at a meeting in the Congressman's Office attended by representatives of Occidental Petroleum Company and Hooker Chemical Company. By letter received 10/17/68, Congressman Boggs requested FBI conduct such an investigation.

Efforts were made to contact Congressman Boggs for purposes of acknowledging receipt of his letter and for full details concerning the alleged bribe offer and also to obtain copy of tape recording of the meeting and a picture thereof, both arranged for by Congressman Boggs. This matter will receive thorough and expeditious attention.

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Date: 10/18/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
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Mr. Gale	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (58-NEW) (P)

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY;
HOOKER CHEMICAL COMPANY;
BRIBERY
(OO:WFO)

Original

ReBucall to WFO this date.

Contact with office of Congressman HALE BOGGS (D. - L.A.) this date determined that Congressman BOGGS is in New Orleans, Louisiana, for an indefinite period.

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[REDACTED] to Congressman BOGGS, was advised that the purpose of the visit by Bureau agents was to acknowledge the Congressman's letter to the Bureau, and, in response to the Department of Justice request of the Bureau, obtain (1) copies of the photograph or photographs of the alleged bribe, (2) copies of tape recordings of the bribe incident, and (3) a copy of a letter referred to in the 10/14/68, edition of the Wall Street Journal. [REDACTED] stated she would advise Congressman BOGGS telephonically of the requests and would advise WFO of BOGGS' decision.

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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

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Later this date, [REDACTED] advised she had contacted Congressman BOGGS and he stated that a copy of the photograph and the letter would be made available by his office to WFO. He desired that he be contacted at his New Orleans office concerning the request relating to the tape.

Copies of background documents, along with requests for investigations by New Orleans, is being set forth this date by a separate communication. The Bureau will be kept promptly advised of pertinent developments.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE WASHINGTON FIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN WASHINGTON FIELD	DATE 10/28/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/18 - 28/68
TITLE OF CASE OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP.; HOOKER CHEMICAL CORP.		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7C	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE BRIBERY	

REFERENCES: Buairtels to WFO dated 10/18 & 24/68.
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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will conduct investigation set forth in reairtel from WFO dated 10/28/68.

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will interview [REDACTED] to Congressman HALE BOGGS, relative to the circumstances leading to the establishment of an appointment for officials of Hooker Chemical Corporation with Congressman BOGGS on 10/1/68. b7c

(2) Will interview [REDACTED] Hooker Chemical Corporation, relative to the circumstances leading up to and the details concerning his meeting with Congressman BOGGS on 10/1/68. b7c

(3) Upon completion of the foregoing investigation and investigation requested of the New Orleans and New York Divisions, will discuss this matter with the USA, Washington, D.C., for the purpose of obtaining his prosecutive opinion.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Washington, D.C.

Report of: [REDACTED] b7C

Office: Washington, D.C.

Date:

10/28/68

Field Office File #: 58-1104

Bureau File #: 58-6817

Title:

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION;
HOOKER CHEMICAL CORPORATION

Character:

BRIBERY

Synopsis:

Congressman HALE BOGGS in speech before House of Representatives on 10/14/68, alleged that on 10/1/68, representatives of Hooker Chemical Corporation offered campaign contributions to induce him not to testify at hearing on Foreign Trade Zone application for Occidental Petroleum Corporation, parent corporation of Hooker Chemical. Partial transcripts of taped conversations allegedly taking place between BOGGS and Hooker officials on 10/1/68, meeting set forth. BOGGS and [REDACTED] presently in New Orleans until after 11/5/68. b7C

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

This investigation is predicated upon receipt of a memorandum directed to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by Deputy Assistant Attorney General NATHANIEL E. KOSSACK, dated October 17, 1968, which memorandum requested an investigation relating to an alleged bribe attempt made upon Congressman HALE BOGGS, by officials of Hooker Chemical Corporation.

This memorandum further indicated that the Department desired copies of photographs and a tape recording allegedly

taken during the bribe attempt as well as a copy of a letter to the Congressman from one of the men allegedly present at the meeting where this incident occurred. This memorandum further requested a copy of the speech that Congressman BOGGS intended to give on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 11, 1968.

The "Congressional Record - House," of October 14, 1968, from page H10007 through H10022, contains comments by Congressman BOGGS and copies of documents inserted into the record by BOGGS at the time of his speech. Pertinent portions of these comments are set forth as follows:

... "On Friday night I attempted to recount to my colleagues events surrounding a public bribe as well as what was involved in an application by the State of Maine and the Occidental Petroleum Corp. for a foreign trade zone in Maine, where they could build a 300,000 barrel per day capacity refinery.

"I was unable to do this because the distinguished Republican gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA) insisted on a quorum and knew that one could not be obtained, and therefore I would not be able to say what had to be said on the floor."...

... "To say the least, he was discourteous. Thereafter, I immediately called a press conference in my office in the Capitol where I said what I would have said on the floor. There was one difference, however. What I said there was not covered by congressional immunity. Had I made the speech on the floor there would have been immunity. Despite this, however, the New York Times on Sunday devoted a full column on the matter which I attach herewith, and the papers throughout the country, including the New Orleans States-Item, had a front page news story about the matter.

"Dr. ARMAND HAMMER, chairman of the Occidental Petroleum Corp., following my press conference, called the charges outrageous and false. I thereupon invited him, in view of the fact that I did not have congressional immunity, to sue me in a court of his choice for libel or slander or both. Should he do so the facts will be documented. The Occidental Petroleum Corp. unquestionably sought to bribe me."...

... "Here is the story. On September 25, before the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association I made a speech in New Orleans. The speech is attached. I said in that speech after examining the Occidental plan for its refinery in Maine in a foreign trade zone that I would go to Maine to oppose the granting of such a zone by the Foreign Trade Zone Board composed of the Honorable C. R. SMITH, the Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable HENRY H. FOWLER, the Secretary of the Treasury; and the Honorable STANLEY RESOR, Secretary of the Army."...

... "Here is roughly what Occidental proposes to do in a foreign trade zone in Maine. It would import from Lybia 300,000 barrels of crude oil and it would build in the foreign trade zone, an enormous refinery where the crude would be refined. There much of the 300,000 barrels would be converted into so-called residual fuels. Residual fuels come in free. Such fuels are not subject to the import quota. Much of the balance would be converted into jet fuel. This jet fuel would then be moved from Maine to Kennedy International Airport in New York and other international airports. It would be sold to airlines headed out of the country and thereby pay no tax of any kind to our Government, or to any State or city. We cannot impose taxes on exports. These sales would be considered exports. Thus Occidental would be given a tremendous competitive advantage over every other major company."...

... "I left Washington on Friday morning September 27, at 8:35 a.m. on Delta flight No. 937, from Friendship Airport. I arrived in New Orleans at 9:50 a.m. central daylight time. I went immediately to the Roosevelt Hotel. There I received a telephone call from a very good friend of mine who represents the petro-chemical industry in my district. He told me in essence that he had told some people, meaning Occidental, that if he represented the Second District of Louisiana that he would do exactly as I was doing; namely, going to Maine.

"I asked what was their interest.

"He said they own Hooker Chemical Co.

"This was the first time that I knew that Occidental owned Hooker Chemical.

"I refer here to the news story in the Wall Street Journal on Occidental's acquisition of Hooker. It was then that I began thinking that I had to go to Maine whether or not any Republican from Texas went or not.

"Now what happened? My friend undoubtedly reported back that I was going to Maine.

"Shortly thereafter a telephone call came to my office in Washington from the treasurer of Hooker Chemical, Mr. E. W. MATHIAS, saying that they wanted to help me in my campaign.

"I learned of this call later that afternoon, and I told my Washington office to tell the Hooker Chemical people to see me.

"They came to see me on Tuesday morning, October 1, at 10 a.m. They met with me in the

whip's office. In between the Friday telephone calls, and the Tuesday meeting in the whip's office in the Capitol, I went on Sunday, September 29, to a Saints football game in New Orleans, and I had as my guest a very fine gentleman named JULIUS 'DICK' SELLERS, the assessor of St. Charles Parish, who determines how much taxes Hooker Chemical has to pay on its giant plant there.

"During the game I casually asked SELLERS about the Hooker Co. He said that they were fine people. I asked no further questions."...

... "Now returning to the meeting in the whip's office on Tuesday, October 1. Present were Mr. JAMES BALDWIN of Occidental Petroleum Corp., Mr. E. W. MATHIAS, treasurer of Hooker Chemical Co., and Mr. O. A. MATTISON, Washington manager of Hooker, and my whip administrative assistant, Mr. GARY HYMEL.

"When the gentlemen walked into the office we made a picture and then Mr. HYMEL listened very carefully to the conversation.

"I said in effect I am glad to see you gentlemen. I have much to do. What can I do for you?

"They replied in effect we understand that you are in a campaign; we want to help you.

"They said that they had helped me before. I learned that they had in a very small amount in 1966. This was 2 years prior to their acquisition by Occidental.

"I thereupon said, 'what do you mean?'

"They said, 'campaign funds.'

"Then Mr. MATHIAS asked me if I knew Mr. 'DUCK' SELLERS. He was the man I had taken to the football game. He is a fine gentleman, an intimate friend of mine, and one of the ablest and most effective young leaders in my State. I predict for him a very bright future in Louisiana politics.

"I said that I knew Mr. SELLERS. They said, 'Then we can make arrangements through him.'

"I said, 'You are saying you want to give me a campaign contribution through Mr. SELLERS?'

"They said, 'Yes.'

"I thereupon turned to Mr. BALDWIN; I asked him if Occidental wanted me to go to Maine and testify against its application for a Foreign Trade Zone; he blushed, but I asked him again, 'Just answer the question, yes or no.' He replied 'No.' I thereupon left the office and have not seen these gentlemen since that time.

"They immediately wrote me a letter signed by Mr. E. W. MATHIAS which is attached herewith. The letter is an obvious attempt to justify what happened in my office and to avoid the violation of the statute.

"There is no question about this being a violation of the law. This was why I meant it was a matter of honor."...

Inserted into the record by Congressman BOGGS was a copy of a newspaper article appearing in the "New York Times" on October 13, 1968, datelined Washington, October 11, 1968, which reportedly relates to a press conference held by Congressman BOGGS on the latter date.

"Representative HALE BOGGS, Democrat of Louisiana, accused three oil company executives tonight of seeking to 'bribe' him to head off his opposition to a major oil project in Maine.

"He said three men from the Occidental Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiary, the Hooker Chemical Corporation, sought to keep him from appearing yesterday at a hearing in Portland, Me., on Maine's application for creation of a foreign trade zone where Occidental Oil would build a refinery.

" 'There is no doubt in my mind that Republican politics is mixed up in this,' Mr. BOGGS said. He complained that House Republicans had not permitted him to speak on the House floor of a meeting with the oil executives.

"Mr. BOGGS, who is Democratic whip, held a news conference in his office after he was cut off on the House floor by a Republican call for a quorum.

"The three oilmen, he said, met with him last week in his office.

" 'They said, 'We want to help you with your campaign.' ' Mr. BOGGS related.

" 'I said, 'You mean a campaign contribution.'

" 'They said, 'Exactly'.'

" 'What sums are you talking about?' I asked,' he said.

" 'You spell it out, you name it', ' they said.

"Mr. BOGGS said he then asked them 'Do you want me to go to Maine?'

"They responded, he said, 'My, you drive a hard bargain.'

"Finally, they said 'they didn't want me to go to Maine,' Mr. BOGGS asserted.

"He said he replied, 'This is no bargain,' and then said, 'You're in trouble,' and walked out.

"Mr. BOGGS supplied newsmen with a copy of a letter written to him by EDWARD A. MATHIAS, treasurer of the Hooker Chemical Corporation, 277 Park Avenue, New York. The letter was dated Oct. 1, the day of the meeting described by Mr. BOGGS. Mr. BOGGS said the letter was an effort by the oil executives to get 'off the hook.'

" 'Lest there be any misunderstanding,' Mr. MATHIAS wrote, 'Mr. (JAMES) BALDWIN and I want it abundantly clear that there is no relationship between the discussion regarding the campaign contribution and the Maine refinery.'

" 'We assume,' Mr. MATHIAS went on, 'you will do what you feel is in the best interests of your constituents with regard to the Maine refinery, and we do not wish to influence your judgment in this matter in any way.'

"Mr. BOGGS, who said he held some Occidental stock, testified yesterday at the Portland hearing that the proposed Occidental refinery would wreck the domestic oil industry.

"The Maine Port Authority has applied to the Federal Government for a foreign trade zone at Portland with a sub-zone at Machiasport. Occidental would build a \$150-million refinery at Machiasport if the zones are approved. The refinery would handle 100,000 barrels of foreign oil a day to turn out 300,000 barrels a day of refined products, including home heating oil, gasoline and jet airplane fuel.

"The project is being bitterly fought by the domestic industry, which views the plan as an attempt to circumvent the oil import quota program, depress prices and wreck the domestic oil economy.

"Charges Called 'Outrageous'

"Dr. ARMAND HANNER, chairman of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation, last night denied Mr. BOGGS' charges as 'false and outrageous.'

"Dr. HAMMER, in a statement released in Los Angeles, said: 'We deny emphatically any impropriety.'

"He said he expected that 'the major oil companies' would use 'every desperate means to protect their monopoly' and avoid the competition Occidental would give them by building in Maine.

"The stakes are high for the major oil companies,' he said. 'They have made \$5-billion in the last nine years from the oil import quota.'

" 'Now,' he continued, 'when New England wants its fair share of that quota and Occidental is cooperating to achieve it, we are subjected to every scurrilous attack that unscrupulous minds can concoct. However, we did not anticipate that they would use a Congressman as a tool.'

"Answering charges against Hooker Chemical executives, he said that careful inquiries had been made of each of them and that 'they are outraged by the falsity of the accusation.'

"Dr. HAMMER described arrangements that he said were initiated by Mr. BOGGS' office to set up a meeting between Mr. BOGGS and Hooker Chemical executives.

" 'If, according to Mr. BOGGS' statement, he considered that he had been 'approached' in an improper manner,' Dr. HAMMER said, 'why did he wait 10 days and why has he decided to break the news only when he knows that the hearings on Maine's application for a foreign trade zone are going badly for the major oil companies?'"

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On October 18, 1968, [REDACTED] for Congressman HALE BOGGS, advised that Congressman BOGGS was in New Orleans, Louisiana, for an indefinite period. [REDACTED] was advised that the purpose of the visit by Bureau Agents was to obtain in response to the Department of Justice request of the Bureau (1) copies of the photograph or photographs of the alleged bribe, (2) copies of tape recordings of the bribe incident and (3) a copy of a letter referred to in the October 14, 1968, edition of the "Wall Street Journal," purportedly from one of the individuals who was present during the alleged bribe attempt. [REDACTED] advised that she would contact Congressman BOGGS and advise him of the Bureau's request and would advise the Washington Field Office of BOGGS' decision.

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Later on the same date, [REDACTED] advised that she had contacted Congressman BOGGS and he had stated that a copy of a photograph and the letter requested would be made available but desired that he be contacted at his New Orleans office concerning the request relating to the tape.

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On October 21, 1968, [REDACTED] made available a copy of a photograph in which there appeared Congressman BOGGS and three other male individuals, apparently taken in posed fashion.

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[REDACTED] also made available a copy of a letter dated October 1, 1968, from Hooker Chemical Corporation, Washington, D.C., which is set forth in its entirety as follows:

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"Dear Congressman BOGGS:

"In view of our conversation I thought it would be useful to provide you with information regarding the sequence of events which led to our meeting today.

"As you know, several of the employees of the Taft-Louisiana plant of Hooker Chemical Corp., including myself, contributed small sums to your campaign two years ago. This year, not having heard from you, I called your secretary to inquire concerning where the contributions should be sent. Your secretary, Miss BARBARA RATHE, did not have the information, but she called me yesterday morning to suggest a meeting with you. I felt this was unnecessary, but she said that you insisted upon it. I confess I was a little perplexed by this insistence, for I do not consider myself a major contributor. However, I acceded to her request in view of the urgent way in which she presented it, and asked Mr. JAMES BALDWIN to accompany me so that he could meet you. I also asked the manager of our Washington office, who knows you, to join us.

"When we arrived you had a photographer take several pictures of us, and I am grateful for this. I hope you will send me a copy. After the pictures were taken I told you what I had told your secretary and we had a general discussion about how your campaign was progressing. You indicated you needed help, and, as I told you, I will be glad to make whatever contribution I can.

"This general discussion was concluded, and I was preparing to leave the office when you inquired whether Occidental Petroleum owned Hooker Chemical Corp. Of course they do. You then asked whether Hooker had an interest in the Maine refinery. To the extent that Hooker is a part of Occidental, it has an interest in

the Maine refinery. Your third inquiry puzzled me somewhat. You raised the question whether you should testify or not. In fact, I did not know until this that you had an interest in the Maine refinery. I had not considered this before. Mr. BALDWIN, who told me later that he thought you were concerned about whether there was a conflict of interest, responded in the negative. Before Mr. BALDWIN could elaborate or explain his reason you terminated the meeting and asked us to return at 4:00

"Lest there be any misunderstanding, Mr. BALDWIN and I want it abundantly clear that there is no relationship between the discussion regarding the campaign contribution and the Maine refinery. We assume you will do what you feel is in the best interests of your constituents with regard to the Maine refinery, and we do not wish to influence your judgment in this matter in any way.

"Campaign contributions are personal matters, and not at all related to any company policies or programs. I repeat, please understand that our only reason for responding to your request for a meeting was a matter of courtesy. We had no intention of raising or discussing the Maine refinery.

"Yours sincerely,

/s/ E. W. MATHIAS, Treasurer"

On October 22, 1968, [REDACTED] Office of Congressman HALE BOGGS, Federal Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised Agents of the New Orleans Office, FBI, that Congressman BOGGS was not expected to be in the New Orleans Office on October 22 or 23, 1968. [REDACTED] advised that Congressman BOGGS was to go to Washington, D.C., on Friday, October 25, 1968, and to return to New Orleans the same date. b7c b7

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She further advised that she was aware of the FBI's prior contact with Congressman BOGGS' Washington, D.C. office relative to this matter, and Congressman BOGGS requested his New Orleans office be contacted regarding tape recordings. However, she stated this was a matter which Congressman BOGGS had handled personally and any decision would have to come from him. [REDACTED] further advised it was her impression that Congressman BOGGS would not desire to be contacted in Washington, D.C., on October 25, 1968, due to the lack of time and it was quite possible that he would not be available in his New Orleans office for the remainder of the week.

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On October 23, 1968, the "tape", actually an IBM memo belt, of the meeting in BOGGS's office on October 1, 1968, was turned over to the Bureau by [REDACTED] to Congressman BOGGS, along with a partial transcript of that tape, apparently prepared by BOGGS's office which read as follows:

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?: "I know Ducky Sellers."

Boggs: "I know him very well. He went to the football game with us."

?: "Yeh. I think Ducky would, if I worked with Ducky, would probably, would you know, put the bee on some of your other corporate clients, and... uh... and get some of the ammunition that you're probably going to need."

?: ???

Boggs: "I never handle the money. The Committee handles the money.
I never ...??
I have..... I lost....."

?: "Last time we made the check out to Kohlmeyer. He'll be the Chairman again this year."

Boggs: ?

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Boggs: "Well I appreciate that very much. (pause) Occidental owns Hooker. They own Hooker Company?"

?: "Yes, that's right."

Boggs: "Does Hooker Chemical Company have any interests in the Maine application?"

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Boggs: "You would like to see that license application granted?"

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Boggs: "You think that would be helpful to Occidental?"

?: ???

Boggs: "Would you want me to go to Maine to testify against the application?"

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Boggs: "What's the answer? (pause) Say yes or no. (pause) You don't want me to go?"

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Boggs: "Answer the question."

?: "Well,..... I don't...uh...???"

Boggs: "Now look fellas, I want to tell you something. You set up this appointment, I didn't... ??"

A monitoring of an FBI Laboratory-produced copy of the memo belt furnished by [REDACTED] to SA [REDACTED] of the Washington Field Office is set forth as follows: b7

UNID (UNIDENTIFIED) MEN chatting at the beginning of the tape.

1st: Present time in (Washington?)

2nd: (First part garbled) Stick it in...In the bottom here....In the bottom here....Stick it in here.... In this little (notch?)...It's got to go down....

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1st: It's got to have a little thing...a little (garbled)
...the white thing.

2nd: It's on.

1st: Yeh...

2nd: Right

(Garbled)

1st(?): When you depress it you stick that little knob.....

OTHER UNID VOICES fade in at this point and a voice is heard
to say,

1st UNID VOICE:a bunch of people were forced (out?) of
town (Congo?) area, but.....

UNID VOICES: Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha.....

2nd UNID VOICE: I know (Ducky)...I would think that.....

1st UNID VOICE: (Garbled)....to watch football games.....

2nd UNID VOICE: Yea. I think Ducky would..if I worked with
Ducky then we probably would get it up...Put the
bee on some of your to her other corporate clients..
and ah...This probably....some of the ammunition that
you are probably going to need.

1st UNID VOICE: (Garbled)...I haven't handled the money...
The committee handles the money...(I am never
notified?)...(I am at a loss without?)...(Garbled)

2nd UNID VOICE: Right. Right. I agree with that. I realize
that.

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3rd UNID VOICE: (Last year it was close to 10,000???)

1st UNID VOICE: (That's right?) (Garbled)

2nd UNID VOICE: (You will be the chairman?????)

This portion of tape unintelligible.....

1st UNID VOICE: You would like to see the license application (granted?)...(In fact that it would be?) helpful to Occidental....

4th UNID VOICE: (Not with Occidental?) (Garbled)

1st UNID VOICE: Would you want me to go to (Maine?) and testify against you...(Garbled)

Portion of tape that is unintelligible.

1st UNID VOICE: (Stay here fellows?)..I want to tell you something. You're all in trouble....

Portion of tape unintelligible....

1st UNID VOICE: You called my office and asked to see me (garbled) and God bless you..

UNID VOICE: (Representative?) (garbled)

End of tape.

On October 28, 1968, [REDACTED] to Congressman BOGGS, advised that she had not discussed with Congressman the Bureau's request to interview her, but would advise of the results of such a contact with him on October 29, 1968. She stated that Congressman BOGGS [REDACTED] would be in New Orleans until after Election Day, November 5, 1968. **b7c** **b7**

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On the same date [REDACTED]
Hooker Chemical Corporation, advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of Hooker Chemical Corporation, and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Hooker Chemical Corporation,
were located at that corporation's offices at 277 Park
Avenue, New York, New York.

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- Mr. DeLoach ✓
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TO DIRECTOR 58-6817 AND WASHINGTON FIELD 58-1104

PLAINTEXT

FROM NEW YORK 58-1631 2P

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION; ET AL, BRIBERY,
OFFICE OF ORIGIN; WASHINGTON FIELD.

[REDACTED] b7c

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE, OCTOBER TWENTY NINE,
NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

[REDACTED] ADVISED OCTOBER THIRTY,
NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, HE REPRESENTS **[REDACTED]**

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[REDACTED] SAID HE DESIRED TO CONSULT WITH HIS CLIENTS AND
CONDUCT HIS OWN INQUIRY INTO THIS MATTER PRIOR TO MAKING
A DECISION AS TO WHETHER THEY SHOULD CONSENT TO BE
INTERVIEWED BY THE FBI. HE SAID THAT ORDINARILY HE
WOULD ADVISE ^{THE} ~~AND~~ ACCUSED NOT TO CONSENT TO BE INTERVIEWED
BUT THAT THE ALLEGATION IN THIS MATTER ^{IS} ~~ARE~~ SO FANTASTIC
THAT HE FEELS AT THE MOMENT THAT HE WILL ADVISE **REC-9**
PARTIES TO CONSENT TO BE INTERVIEWED. HE REQUESTED **58-6817-11**

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TO BE RECONTACTED ON NOVEMBER SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT NOV 1 1968
AT WHICH TIME HE WILL HAVE MADE A DECISION IF HIS
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INQUIRY INTO THIS MATTER HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

NEW YORK WILL FOLLOW THIS MATTER CLOSELY AND WILL
SUREP IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION.

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10/31/68

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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All offices were instructed
10/29/68 to complete all investigation
in this matter 10/31/68. Advice of
[redacted] in attached shows
completion will be delayed since his
decision as to availability of

[redacted] for interview will be made
11/6/68 at the earliest. b7C

These officers attended a
meeting with Congressman Hale Boggs
during which, according to Congressman
Boggs, they and a representative of
Occidental Petroleum Corporation
attempted to bribe him through
offering unlimited campaign funds.

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Date: 10/31/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT **b7C**
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TO: DIRECTOR (58-6817) AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS (58-229) AND
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FROM: SAC, WFO (58-1104)

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION; ETAL; BRIBERY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE OCTOBER TWENTYNINE LAST.

b7C [REDACTED] TO CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS, ADVISED ON OCTOBER TWENTYNINE LAST THAT SHE RECALLS INITIAL TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] **b7C** HOOKER CHEMICAL CORPORATION, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN LAST INQUIRING AS TO HOW DONATION COULD BE MADE TO CONGRESSMAN BOGGS' POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. AFTER SEVERAL TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH CONGRESSMAN BOGGS [REDACTED] ON SEPTEMBER THIRTY LAST, PURSUANT TO BOGGS' INSTRUCTIONS, SHE INFORMED [REDACTED] **b7C** THAT BOGGS EXPECTED TO SEE A REPRESENTATIVE OF HOOKER IN HIS OFFICE ON OCTOBER ONE LAST. **58-6817-12**

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CONTACTS WITH HOOKER CHEMICAL CORPORATION WASHINGTON
OFFICE ON OCTOBER TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY DETERMINED THAT

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[REDACTED] OUT OF TOWN. ON OCTOBER THIRTYONE INSTANT,
HIS OFFICE ADVISED THAT CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CONCERNING THE BUREAU'S REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

NEW YORK HANDLE.

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Special Agent in Charge

October 24, 1968

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TO: SAC, WFO
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6817)
SUBJECT: OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY
HOOKER CHEMICAL COMPANY
BRIBERY
OO: WFO

Rebuairtel 10/18/68.

This will confirm advice given telephonically today to SA [REDACTED] that the tape referred to by Congressman Boggs was made available by [REDACTED] to Congressman Boggs, to the Bureau on 10/23/68. A copy of that tape is currently being prepared by the FBI Laboratory after which the original and copy will be forwarded to WFO for retention as evidence and use during this investigation.

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Upon receipt, the tape should be promptly transcribed and a copy furnished to the Bureau by airtel.

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NOTE: Abovementioned telephonic advice furnished by SA [REDACTED]. The tape was furnished to SA [REDACTED] Crime Records Division, on 10-23-68 by [REDACTED] who requested he be furnished a copy (presumably a copy of transcript) for Congressman Boggs. When copy of transcript is received from WFO, appropriate memo will be prepared recommending copy be furnished [REDACTED] by Crime Records Division.

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REPORTING OFFICE WASHINGTON FIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN WASHINGTON FIELD	DATE 11/1/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/29 - 10/31/68
TITLE OF CASE OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION; HOOKER CHEMICAL CORPORATION		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY
		CHARACTER OF CASE BRIBERY	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] at WFO dated 10/28/68.
 Bureau teletype dated 10/29/68.
 WFO teletype to Bureau dated 10/31/68.

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Information copies of this report are being furnished New York and New Orleans in view of pending investigation those divisions.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will upon completion of requested investigation discuss this case with United States Attorney in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of obtaining his prosecutive action.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-United States Attorney, Washington, D.C.

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Washington, D.C.
Date: November 1, 1968

Field Office File #: 58-1104 Bureau File #: 58-6817

Title: OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION;
HOOKER CHEMICAL CORPORATION

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis: [REDACTED] to Congressman HALE BOGGS, advised on 10/29/68, that she recalled the initial telephone call received from [REDACTED] Hooker Chemical Corporation, New York, on 9/27/68 inquiring as to how donation could be made to Congressman BOGGS' political campaign. After several telephone conversations with Congressman BOGGS [REDACTED] pursuant to BOGGS' instructions, she informed [REDACTED] that BOGGS expected to see a representative of Hooker in his office on 10/1/68. [REDACTED] Hooker Chemical Corporation, requested Bureau contact with [REDACTED] prior to interview.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date November 1, 1968

b7c [redacted] for Congressman HALE BOGGS, was interviewed in the offices of Congressman BOGGS, Room 2207, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Concerning the sequence of events which resulted in representatives of Hooker Chemical Corporation meeting with Congressman BOGGS in his Whip's office in the Capitol on October 1, 1968, [redacted] advised that the following is her best recollection:

She stated that she received a telephone call from [redacted] Hooker Chemical Corporation, New York, New York, on September 27, 1968, advising that he or they wanted to help out Congressman BOGGS' campaign and that he either asked to whom the check should be made payable or to whom the check should be mailed.

She said that Congressman BOGGS called his office on Saturday, September 28, 1968, to discuss other matters at which time she told him of the [redacted] call and asked him what he wanted to advise [redacted] pursuant to his request. BOGGS told her that he wanted to meet [redacted] in the Whip's office on the following Tuesday morning, October 1, 1968. [redacted] stated that this was not unusual since most of Mr. BOGGS' meetings with individuals while Congress was in session were made in this office.

She said that she called [redacted] on Monday advising him of Congressman BOGGS' desires whereupon [redacted] advised her that he could not be in Washington on Tuesday since he was due to be in Canada. He suggested an alternate time later in the week. She stated she checked BOGGS' schedule according to her records; and, since it appeared to be full for the rest

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On 10/29/68 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 58-1104

by SA [redacted] b7c Date dictated 11/1/68

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of the week, she called Congressman BOGGS; and he verified that the only time available was 10:00 AM, October 1, 1968.

She then called [REDACTED] again and advised him of the unavailability of any other time; and [REDACTED] indicated that perhaps the Executive Vice-President, name unknown, would be in a position to make the meeting. He called back shortly thereafter and advised that this individual could not make the meeting since he had been called out of the country. She again called BOGGS whereupon BOGGS insisted that a representative of Hooker be there, and she so advised [REDACTED]

She said, when 5:30 came and she still had not received a definite confirmation from [REDACTED] that any representative would be there, she called him again at which time [REDACTED] advised that he did not know who would make the appointment but that the appointment would be kept by someone.

Examining a photograph which she had made available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on October 21, 1968, [REDACTED] identified the individuals where possible from left to right as follows: Congressman BOGGS, Unknown individual, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that she recalls that [REDACTED] individually may have made one or two personal contributions to Mr. BOGGS' campaign during the last election.

She said that so far as she knows no memoranda or written record was made by Congressman BOGGS concerning the October 1, 1968, meeting which he had with these representatives of Hooker Chemical Corporation.

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A telephonic contact was made by Special Agent [REDACTED] to the Hooker Chemical Corporation office in Washington, D.C., on October 29 and 30, 1968, at which time [REDACTED] secretary was advised of the Bureau's desire to fix an appointment for an interview with [REDACTED]. On October 29, 1968, [REDACTED] was out of the office. A call was received later in the day advising he would be out of town on the thirtieth and would be in touch with the Washington Field Office on October 31, 1968.

After an earlier attempt to reach [REDACTED] on October 31, 1968, his secretary advised that [REDACTED] stated that contact should be made with [REDACTED] concerning the Bureau's request for an interview of [REDACTED].

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *TD*

DATE: October 30, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION
HOOKER CHEMICAL CORPORATION
BRIBERY

1 - [REDACTED]

The dictaphone memo belt, made available on 10/23/68, to the Crime Records Division by [REDACTED] Administrative Assistant to Congressman Hale Boggs, which Boggs claimed recorded a meeting during which representatives of Occidental Petroleum Corporation and Hooker Chemical Corporation attempted to bribe him, has been transcribed by the Washington Field Office. It was a poor belt and nothing of significance appears in the transcription. Since [REDACTED] in making the belt available, requested a copy be furnished him (presumably a copy of the transcription) it is recommended that the Crime Records Division deliver the attached copy of the transcription to [REDACTED]

Congressman Boggs claimed that the bribery offer was in the form of unlimited campaign funds. We initiated investigation at request of the Department dated 10/17/68. Upon receipt, the dictaphone belt was furnished to the Laboratory where exhaustive efforts were made through filtering and other technical approaches to improve the intelligibility. However, because of the nature of the garbles, it was not possible to improve substantially the intelligibility. Upon completion of Laboratory processing, the best possible copy of the dictaphone belt was prepared on magnetic tape; and this copy was furnished expeditiously to the Washington Field Office for transcription along with the original dictaphone belt.

According to the transcription made by the Washington Field Office there is nothing on the memo belt identifying any of the four individuals present at the meeting in Congressman Boggs' office; most of the conversation on the belt is garbled or unintelligible to determine what was said; and there is no transcribable portion indicating any offer was made to Congressman Boggs for campaign contributions or otherwise, which would be evidence of a bribe offer.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Crime Records Division deliver the attached copy of the transcription to [REDACTED] to Congressman Boggs. The investigation requested by the Department is being expedited and it is anticipated it will be completed 10/31/68.

Enclosure

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN WASHINGTON FIELD	DATE 11/1/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/30/68
TITLE OF CASE OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION; HOOKER CHEMICAL CORPORATION		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE BRIBERY	

REFERENCES:

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Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 10/28/68, at Washington Field.
 Washington Field airtel dated 10/28/68.
 Bureau teletype dated 10/29/68.
 New York teletype dated 10/31/68.
 Washington Field teletype dated 10/31/68.

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NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Info copy of report designated for New Orleans due to their investigative interest in this matter.

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APPROVED: **[REDACTED]** SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 1. Will contact [REDACTED] on 11/6/68, and if appropriate, will immediately interview [REDACTED] and immediately surep. b7c
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2. Will notify WFO of [REDACTED] decision pertaining to interview of [REDACTED] b7c

3. Will keep Bureau and WFO currently informed of all developments.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Washington, D.C.

Report of:

[REDACTED] b7C

Office: New York, New York

Date:

11/1/68

Field Office File #: 58-1631

Bureau File #: 58-6817

Title:

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION;
HOOKER CHEMICAL CORPORATION

Character:

BRIBERY

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Hooker
Chemical Corporation, referred interviewing Agents to [REDACTED] advised he desired to consult with his clients and conduct his own inquiry into this matter prior to making decision as to whether clients should consent to be interviewed by FBI. [REDACTED] requested to be re- contacted on 11/6/68, at which time he will have made a decision if his inquiry into this matter has been completed. b7C b7C

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DETAILS:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/1/68

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[redacted] Hooker
Chemical Corporation, 277 Park Avenue, New York City, at the
outset of the interview, read a form entitled "Interrogation;
Advice of Rights" which form was made available to him
by Special Agent [redacted] After reading this
form [redacted] advised he desired to telephonically
contact [redacted]

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[redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted]
[redacted] after which time he advised that arrangements
to interview him [redacted]
[redacted] Hooker Chemical Corporation, pertaining to their
October 1, 1968 meeting with Congressman HALE BOGGS,
would have to be made through [redacted]

On 10/30/68 at New York City File # 58-1631

by [redacted] *b7c* Date dictated 10/31/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/1/68

[REDACTED] advised as follows: b7c

He represents [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] of Hooker Chemical Corporation. He desires to consult with his clients and conduct his own inquiry concerning the meeting his clients had with Congressman HALE BOGGS on October 1, 1968, prior to making a decision as to whether they should consent to be interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Ordinarily, he would advise an accused not to consent to be interviewed, but the allegations in this matter are so fantastic that he feels at the moment that he will advise all parties to consent to be interviewed. He requested to be recontacted on November 6, 1968, at which time he will have made a decision of his inquiry into this matter has been completed.

On 10/30/68 at Telephonically-New York City # 58-1631

by [REDACTED] b7c 30 Date dictated 10/31/68

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Date: 10/24/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS (58-229)

FROM: SAC, WFO (58-1104)

b7c [Redacted]

① OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY; ET AL, BRIBERY, OO: WFO.

RE NEW ORLEANS' AIRTEL, ⁵⁸⁻⁶⁸¹⁷⁻⁴ OCTOBER TWENTY TWO, LAST AND BUREAU ^{NR} CALL TO WFO THIS DATE. CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS TURNED OVER ORIGINAL TAPE TO BUREAU REPRESENTATIVE, OCTOBER TWENTY THREE, LAST AND TAPE CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED BY FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION LABORATORY.

IN THE EVENT INTERVIEW OF CONGRESSMAN BOGGS REQUIRED, IN NEW ORLEANS, NEW ORLEANS' OFFICE WILL BE PROVIDED TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE RECORDING AND INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AREAS TO BE COVERED. BUREAU COPY BEING FURNISHED BY MAIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6817)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (58-229) (RUC)

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OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP;
HOOKER CHEMICAL CORP.
BRIBERY
OO: WFO

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Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 10/28/68, and Bureau teletype, 10/29/68.

67C Enclosed herewith are three copies each of the report of SAA [redacted] dated 11/1/68 at New Orleans, for the Bureau and Washington Field pursuant to instructions in reButel.

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Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN WFO	DATE 11/1/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/30/68 - 11/1/68
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		CHARACTER OF CASE BRIBERY	

REFERENCE:

WFO airtel to Bureau, 10/28/68.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: USA, Washington, D. C. *b7c*

Report of: SAA [REDACTED] Office: NEW ORLEANS
Date: November 1, 1968

Field Office File #: NO 58-229 Bureau File #: 58-6817

Title: OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION;
HOOKER CHEMICAL CORPORATION

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

HALE BOGGS advised knowledge of [REDACTED] prior to meeting of these men with BOGGS on 10/1/68, supplied by BOGGS. BOGGS [REDACTED] set up tape recorder and meeting of BOGGS and these three men recorded without knowledge of anyone except BOGGS. [REDACTED] said BOGGS terminated meeting by asking [REDACTED] to return to his office later, said they were in trouble and walked out. [REDACTED] later instructed by BOGGS to contact [REDACTED] apologize for BOGGS' rudeness and to advise BOGGS was not going to pursue bribery angle. BOGGS changed mind after Maine meeting and made bribery allegations. [REDACTED] acquainted with [REDACTED] as friend and supporter of BOGGS but had no knowledge of [REDACTED] having anything to do with BOGGS' position as to Occidental application for Maine Foreign Trade Zone. [REDACTED] advise BOGGS he did not want BOGGS to go to the Maine meeting and testify against Occidental's application. Congressman HALE BOGGS identified [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] friend who called him at Roosevelt hotel and said Occidental Petroleum people did not want BOGGS to go to Maine and testify against Occidental's application. BOGGS identified individuals speaking and amplified conversations from transcript of tape recording prepared by [REDACTED] BOGGS said [REDACTED] definitely stated, "Of course, I don't want you to go." in response to question as to whether or not [REDACTED] wanted BOGGS to go to Maine and testify against Occidental's application. BOGGS said he did ask [REDACTED] to

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Synopsis continued:

call [REDACTED] and say he was not going to pursue bribery charges but after trip to Maine bribery attempt became matter of honor and he changed his mind. [REDACTED] denied any contact made by anyone to influence BOGGS. [REDACTED] verified he called BOGGS to advise BOGGS of Occidental's Louisiana interests. [REDACTED] declined to identify Hooker Chemical Corp. employee who asked him to call, but denied any further contact other than his call to advise BOGGS of Occidental's Louisiana interests.

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DETAILS:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date November 1, 1968

[REDACTED]
 HALE BOGGS, Room 638 Federal Building, 600 South Street, advised any knowledge he had concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] prior to the meeting with Congressman BOGGS at his Washington, D. C. Office on October 1, 1968, had been furnished him by Congressman BOGGS prior to the arrival of these three men at the office and was hearsay; however, in order to understand his actions and the small part he played in events which subsequently took place in Congressman BOGGS' office he wanted to relate information given him by BOGGS as follows.

According to BOGGS he had received a telephone call from a representative of the petro-chemical industry from the district of Louisiana which Congressman BOGGS represents and this individual had told BOGGS Occidental Petroleum people did not want him to go to Maine and testify against Occidental being granted a Foreign Trade Zone, which was the purpose of the Maine meeting. This individual said he had told such people if he represented the Second District of Louisiana as Congressman BOGGS did then he would go to Maine and testify against the granting of this Foreign Trade Zone just as he expected BOGGS was going to do. BOGGS said this was right and he was going to Maine. Next in the sequence of events, BOGGS said his

[REDACTED] had received a telephone call from Hooker Chemical Corporation, who BOGGS told [REDACTED] he knew was owned by Occidental Petroleum Corporation saying they had not been contacted for a contribution to Congressman BOGGS' campaign and since they had previously made contributions they wanted to know how it should be handled. [REDACTED] told the caller she would talk to Congressman BOGGS and recontact them. The call to [REDACTED] was the same day as the prior conversation had by Congressman BOGGS with the representative from the petro-chemical industry and BOGGS felt they were attempting a new tactic after being told by the petro-chemical industry that BOGGS was going to Maine.

BOGGS instructed [REDACTED] to set up the dictaphone machine to record the conversation between all parties when they arrived because he had instructed [REDACTED] to have the Hooker Chemical Corporation people come to see him at his office. [REDACTED] also instructed to listen closely to the conversation which was to transpire.

On 10/30/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 58-229

by SAA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] *67C* Date dictated 10/31/68

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On arrival at the office of Congressman BOGGS, [REDACTED] gave [REDACTED] business cards but none was received from [REDACTED] who was introduced to them.

[REDACTED] believed he had previously met both [REDACTED] but did not believe he had previously met [REDACTED] stated it was his impression Congressman BOGGS had previously met either [REDACTED] but was not well-acquainted with either of them and had never met [REDACTED]

Following introductions Congressman BOGGS had [REDACTED] the Democratic photographer for the House of Representatives, come in and take pictures of [REDACTED] and Congressman BOGGS.

[REDACTED] following the taking of the photographs he had recorded the conversation which took place between BOGGS, [REDACTED] although they were not aware such conversation was recorded. [REDACTED] had also dictated the transcript made from the recording and furnished to the FBI in Washington, D. C., previously, but could not identify conversation by individuals, other than the voice of Congressman BOGGS. [REDACTED] had been seated so his vision of part of the individuals present was blocked by a lamp and although he would have no difficulty in testifying all of the conversation on his transcript did transpire, he would have to say he could not say which individuals other than BOGGS were talking at any time on the transcript.

[REDACTED] did not desire to elaborate on any portion of the taped conversation and would rather any questions on this be asked Congressman BOGGS.

[REDACTED] would also prefer not to answer who the petro-chemical industry representative was who called Congressman BOGGS in order to allow Congressman BOGGS to identify this individual.

[REDACTED] later in the same day of the meeting in BOGGS' office, a letter was delivered to BOGGS office signed by [REDACTED] disclaiming any impropriety at the earlier meeting at BOGGS' office.

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██████████ stated BOGGS had terminated the earlier meeting in his office by informing all three men they were in trouble, asked them to return to his office at 4:00 p.m., that same afternoon, and then walked out.

██████████ did subsequently come back to BOGGS' office and after waiting for approximately one to one and a half hours, BOGGS ██████████ advised ██████████ there would be no additional meeting on this day.

██████████ he could not recall whether the same or the following day, BOGGS had him call ██████████ apologize for BOGGS' rudeness at their prior meeting in BOGGS' office and to advise him the Congressman was not going to pursue the bribery angle further as he had previously indicated by saying they were in trouble.

██████████ was also supposed to have called ██████████ with the same message but to his recollection he had not been able to locate ██████████

Later BOGGS reversed himself and wanted the FBI to investigate a bribe attempt on the basis of the meeting in his office with ██████████ BOGGS at this time said the statement relative to his rudeness and that no further action was to be taken said it had been ██████████ statement and not his own.

██████████ any information as to the apparent changing of Congressman BOGGS' mind on action to be taken as a result of the meeting at his office would have to come from Congressman BOGGS.

██████████ had no knowledge of ██████████ as pertained to anything connected with Congressman BOGGS position in relation to Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Hooker Chemical Corporation or the meeting between Congressman BOGGS and officers of these corporations.

██████████ did know ██████████ was a personal friend of Congressman BOGGS, and had been actively supporting BOGGS in the current election as well as having supported him during the previous election.

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1Date November 1, 1968

[REDACTED] to Congressman MALE BOGGS, Room 638 Federal Building, 600 South Street, advised he wanted to state he had a definite recollection of BOGGS in a meeting on October 1, 1968, at BOGGS' office in Washington, D. C., having asked the question of whether [REDACTED] wanted BOGGS to go to the Maine meeting to testify against Occidental's application and [REDACTED] definitely answered "Of course, I don't want you to go."

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Date November 1, 1968

HALE BOGGS, Democratic Member of Congress, Second District of Louisiana, Room 638 Federal Building, 600 South Street, advised he had previously made available through his office in Washington, D. C., to the FBI copies of the congressional record, a letter of [redacted] of Hooker Chemical Corporation, copies of photographs taken of himself, [redacted] at his office in Washington, D. C., all of which pertained to an attempted bribe to keep him from going to Maine to testify against the granting of a Foreign Trade Zone in Maine to Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

BOGGS stated he had an extremely busy schedule and, since the aforementioned material contained the background in detail for this matter, he did not desire to reiterate the same information.

BOGGS stated he had the finest lawyers research this matter and there was no question that the actions of [redacted] constituted an attempted bribe of him as defined by the Federal Statutes.

BOGGS stated he did want to emphasize the sequence of events as they led up to the eventual meeting of [redacted] at his office on the date of October 1, 1968.

BOGGS said he left Washington, D. C., Friday morning, September 27, 1968, aboard Delta Airlines Flight 987, arrived on time at the New Orleans Airport and went directly to his suite, Suite 762, at Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. No one else was in the room with him after his arrival at the hotel and he either received a telephone call from or placed a return call to [redacted] whose office was located in [redacted] telephone number [redacted] and who resided at [redacted]

BOGGS stated while talking to [redacted] said to him that the Occidental Petroleum Corporation people did not want BOGGS to go to a meeting on the Foreign Trade Zone

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application for Occidental in Maine and he had told these people if he were BOGGS and represented the Second District of Louisiana he would do exactly as BOGGS was and go to Maine and testify against granting of the Foreign Trade Zone.

BOGGS said he confirmed to [REDACTED] that he was going to Maine and during the remainder of the conversation he had learned for the first time Occidental Petroleum Corporation had purchased Hooker Chemical Corporation.

BOGGS stated he wanted to point out that [REDACTED] was a representative of the petro-chemical industry in Louisiana, and was a close personal friend of his, and was identical to the individual he previously referred to in the congressional record without stating his identity and [REDACTED] had in no way attempted to influence him in his course of action in this matter or made any further contact of himself at that time.

BOGGS stated he had no doubt that [REDACTED] confirmed to the people he represented that BOGGS was going to the Maine meeting.

BOGGS stated on September 29, 1968, he had attended the New Orleans Saints football game in New Orleans, Louisiana, taking as his guest [REDACTED] a personal friend, and an individual who has actively campaigned for him during current election efforts as well as during the previous election.

BOGGS stated Hooker Chemical Corporation had a large plant in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, and [REDACTED] had within his authority the determination of how much taxes Hooker Chemical Corporation was to pay.

BOGGS stated since it was on his mind that Hooker Chemical Corporation had been purchased by Occidental Petroleum Corporation and he was about to go to Maine and attempt to have an important and potentially money making move of Occidental's killed, he had inquired of [REDACTED] what the situation was with the people at Hooker Chemical Corporation. [REDACTED] replied they

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were fine people and he thought the majority of Hooker Chemical employees from the St. Charles Parish plant would support BOGGS in the coming election,

BOGGS stated he had not asked anything further from [REDACTED] concerning Hooker Chemical Corporation.

BOGGS stated in talking to [REDACTED] on Saturday morning, September 28, 1968, he determined she received a telephone call from [REDACTED] of Hooker Chemical Corporation on Friday, September 27, 1968, and [REDACTED] he had made a campaign contribution to BOGGS' campaign during the previous election and although he had not been contacted about the current campaign he wanted to make a contribution and wanted to know how to go about it. [REDACTED] told BOGGS she had been vague because [REDACTED] said he had made a prior contribution and she knew from newspaper articles that Occidental Petroleum Corporation had acquired Hooker Chemical Corporation and she told [REDACTED] she would talk to BOGGS and let him know later.

BOGGS said as a result of his prior conversation with [REDACTED] he, too, knew of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation purchase of Hooker and he instructed [REDACTED] to schedule a meeting with [REDACTED] at his office at 10:00 a.m., October 1, 1968.

BOGGS stated on October 1, 1968, [REDACTED] had first gone to his congressional office where they had been instructed to go to his House Whip's Office and it was at the Whip Office that their meeting occurred.

BOGGS said he had first had the Democratic photographer for the house take pictures of himself with [REDACTED] then he had advised them [REDACTED] usually took care of campaign committee matters and for this reason he had asked him to be present for their meeting.

BOGGS said at this point he wished to stop and point out he had instructed [REDACTED] to set up a tape recorder to record whatever conversation might transpire and the tape made had been turned over to the FBI in Washington, D. C. However, this tape was purely for verification, and was not to be used as evidence since he and [REDACTED] could both testify from first person knowledge as to the conversation which did transpire.

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BOGGS said to use the tape as a guide, using a transcription previously made by or dictated by [REDACTED] the conversation in sequence had been as follows:

BOGGS following the taking of the photographs indicated he was a busy man and understood they wished to see him.

[REDACTED] said he had previously made contributions to BOGGS and wanted to help him again.

BOGGS inserted as a question that [REDACTED] meant a political campaign contribution. (BOGGS had previously checked and determined \$200.00 had been contributed by [REDACTED] during the previous campaign.)

[REDACTED] then asked if BOGGS knew [REDACTED]

BOGGS answered he knew [REDACTED] well and [REDACTED] had been to a football game with him the previous weekend in New Orleans.

[REDACTED] answered he thought if he, [REDACTED] worked with [REDACTED] would put the bee on some of BOGGS' other corporate clients and get some of the ammunition he was going to need.

(BOGGS said at this point he had been infuriated. [REDACTED] question or statement was "loaded". First he was making reference to getting money from corporations for a political campaign which was illegal and secondly, he was inferring [REDACTED] could be used to put the bee on them, meaning if such corporations did not come through with money, [REDACTED] BOGGS said he was stunned and decided to get a direct statement about what they wanted or whether the meeting had anything to do with his going to Maine.)

BOGGS said he told them he never had anything to do with the handling of campaign fund contributions, never had at all, and the campaign committee handled such for him.

[REDACTED] remarked he had made a check payable to the [REDACTED] the previous time and wanted to know if he was still chairman.

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BOGGS stated [REDACTED] was still chairman and then turning to [REDACTED] stated he appreciated their coming to his office, but wanted to inquire as to Occidental's interest in Hooker Chemical Corporation or if Occidental Petroleum Corporation owned Hooker Chemical Corporation.

[REDACTED] verified that Occidental Petroleum Corporation owned Hooker Chemical Corporation.

BOGGS then asked [REDACTED] if he would like to see the Maine license application granted and if it would be helpful to Occidental.

BOGGS stated [REDACTED] made no answer. He then asked [REDACTED] if he would want BOGGS to go to Maine and testify against him. BOGGS said [REDACTED] again gave no answer, but blushed and BOGGS then said he wanted an answer, to say yes or no, that he did not want him to go or to answer the question.

BOGGS stated [REDACTED] then quite plainly to both himself and [REDACTED] said, "Of course, I don't want you to go."

BOGGS said at this point he walked out.

BOGGS said he had told them they were all in trouble as he walked out.

BOGGS said he later felt sorry for [REDACTED] particularly [REDACTED] since they were Hooker Chemical people and probably acting under orders from Occidental Petroleum Corporation. BOGGS said [REDACTED] did not say anything during any part of the conversation and he had talked entirely with [REDACTED] to the point where he turned to [REDACTED] and from that point on his conversation had been with [REDACTED]

BOGGS said as a result of feeling sorry for [REDACTED] after getting [REDACTED] letter he told [REDACTED] to call [REDACTED] and advise them he was not going to take any legal action as he had previously indicated.

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BOGGS stated he had not intended for any apology to be given these men.

BOGGS stated unfortunately when he did go to the Maine meeting, Occidental Petroleum made statements and insinuations that he had been paid by the major oil companies to take the stand he did against the Occidental application or that he could be bought; therefore, it became a matter of honor that he make the complaint on the bribe attempt to him and pursue it vigorously.

BOGGS stated he thought most highly of [REDACTED] and had no reason to believe [REDACTED] had in any way been a part of the bribe attempt.

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[REDACTED] advised he considered himself a personal friend of Congressman HALE BOGGS who represented the Second District of Louisiana of which St. Charles Parish was a part.

[REDACTED] stated he is actively campaigning for BOGGS in the coming election and he was active in BOGGS' campaign at the time of his prior election. [REDACTED] stated he had attended a New Orleans Saints professional football game on September 29, 1968, as a guest of BOGGS and recalled while there BOGGS had inquired about Hooker Chemical Corporation. [REDACTED] said he had thought BOGGS was inquiring as to whether he would get the support of the Hooker Chemical Corporation employees at the Taft, Louisiana, plant and assured BOGGS such employees would vote for him. [REDACTED] said he recalled no further mention of Hooker Chemical Corporation on this date.

[REDACTED] stated he had not contacted officials of Hooker Chemical Corporation during the past or present election campaign for contributions.

[REDACTED] stated to his knowledge he had never met [REDACTED] but was acquainted with [REDACTED] who in the past has handled the tax work for Hooker Chemical Corporation and he has met [REDACTED] on several occasions

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] doing the tax work for Hooker Chemical Corporation and contacts relative to Hooker Chemical Corporation's taxes was the extent of his association with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he was very much aware of his name having been used by Hooker Chemical Corporation personnel, presumably [REDACTED] and Congressman BOGGS in a meeting between BOGGS and Hooker Chemical Corporation personnel at BOGGS' Washington, D. C. Office on October 1, 1968, and the resulting bribery charges leveled by BOGGS. [REDACTED] stated he had in fact received a complete copy of the congressional record wherein BOGGS detailed the meeting at his office and events prior and subsequent to the meeting of BOGGS with Hooker Chemical Corporation and/or Occidental Petroleum Corporation personnel at BOGGS' office on October 1, 1968.

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[REDACTED] stated he could say he had not been approached by Hooker Chemical Corporation or Occidental Petroleum Corporation at any time concerning BOGGS and BOGGS' position toward the Foreign Trade Zone being applied for by Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

[REDACTED] stated he had been one of the people meeting BOGGS' airplane at the New Orleans Airport when BOGGS returned from the Maine meeting. [REDACTED] then was with BOGGS at the airport and drove BOGGS in [REDACTED] car to an appointment which BOGGS had at Laplace, Louisiana.

[REDACTED] stated BOGGS, characterized in its mildest form, was in a rage over statements made to and about BOGGS at the Maine meeting by the head of Occidental Petroleum Corporation, ARMAND HAMMER, and particularly [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said BOGGS felt his honor was at stake and HAMMER, along [REDACTED] had made it appear BOGGS was bought by the major oil companies to oppose Occidental Petroleum Corporation's application for the Maine Foreign Trade Zone.

[REDACTED] stated he had tried to advise BOGGS against making the bribery charges against Hooker or Occidental personnel on the basis it was ill-timed politically and could result in loss of votes for BOGGS. BOGGS would not listen and said he could not let the record remain looking as if he had been a party to anything illegal, immoral, or unethical, and conversely for him to remain silent about the bribery attempt would be wrong.

[REDACTED] said BOGGS proceeded to call newspaper personnel and file a story with them concerning the alleged bribery of himself.

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[REDACTED] advised he was familiar with the application filed by Occidental Petroleum Corporation for a Foreign Trade Zone in Maine, and Congressman HALE BOGGS' opposition to the granting of the application.

[REDACTED] stated he received a telephone call from a friend of his, who he declined to identify other than to say he was an employee of Hooker Chemical Corporation, and the friend wanted [REDACTED] to inform BOGGS that Occidental Petroleum Corporation had substantial interests in Louisiana in that Occidental Petroleum Corporation owned both Hooker Chemical Corporation and Jefferson Lake Sulphur Company. The friend wanted BOGGS informed of this because BOGGS in opposing Occidental's application for the Foreign Trade Zone had made many statements which left doubt in the friend's mind that BOGGS was aware of Occidental's interests in Louisiana.

[REDACTED] said he told his friend that he was not about to take a position one way or the other on the issue since he represented oil and chemical interests on both sides but would say if he was in BOGGS' position he did not see how BOGGS could take any stand other than the one he had taken.

[REDACTED] stated he did tell his friend with Hooker Chemical Corporation that he would contact HALE BOGGS and on September 27, 1968, he telephonically contacted BOGGS at BOGGS' hotel room in the Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana.

[REDACTED] stated following his identifying himself to BOGGS over the telephone he had told BOGGS he had been asked to call him and BOGGS in his usual flowery manner said no one ever had to ask [REDACTED] to call BOGGS, he was an old friend and BOGGS enjoyed hearing from him at any time. [REDACTED] stated at this time he made a point of the fact he had been asked to call BOGGS and point out to BOGGS that Occidental Petroleum had sizeable interests in Louisiana. BOGGS then asked what these interests were and [REDACTED] informed BOGGS Occidental Petroleum Corporation owned both Hooker Chemical Corporation and Jefferson Lake Sulphur Company. [REDACTED] said he went on to tell BOGGS he had told the people who wanted BOGGS advised of Occidental's interests that he did not see that BOGGS could assume any

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position other than being against granting of the Maine application for Occidental and he felt sure BOGGS was going to go to Maine and voice his opposition. BOGGS then told [REDACTED] he was the greatest and [REDACTED] was absolutely right that BOGGS was going to Maine and oppose the Occidental application.

[REDACTED] stated he called his friend from Hooker Chemical Corporation and confirmed that he had brought Occidental Petroleum Corporation's Louisiana interests to the attention of Congressman BOGGS and BOGGS was definitely going to Maine to oppose the Occidental application as [REDACTED] had thought he would.

[REDACTED] stated he had not had further contact with anyone concerning the Maine application of Occidental.

[REDACTED] stated he knew [REDACTED] of Hooker Chemical Corporation but did not know either [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he was acquainted with many people associated with the Hooker Chemical Corporation plants in Louisiana but was not acquainted with anyone from Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-6817)

FROM: SAC, WFO (58-1104)

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~~HOOVER CHEMICAL CORPORATION~~
~~BRIBERY~~
(OO:WFO) *CHANGED*

Title has been marked "Changed" to reflect official names of such corporations.

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Transmitted herewith for the information of New York are copies of (1) Congressman HALE BOGGS's letters to the Bureau and SEC; (2) a copy of the Congressional Record of 10/14/68, containing BOGGS's comments and insertions in the Congressional Record of numerous documents allegedly relating to instant matter; (3) copies of two "Wall Street Journal" articles; and (4) the Departmental letter to the Bureau dated 10/17/68, requesting specific investigation. Also furnished for the information of New Orleans and New York are copies of the Hooker Chemical Corporation letter to BOGGS dated 10/1/68, which was obtained from BOGGS's office on 10/21/68.

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On 10/23/68, the "tape" actually an IBM memo belt, of the meeting in BOGGS's office on 10/1/68, was turned over to the Bureau by [redacted] to Congressman BOGGS, along with a partial transcript of that tape, apparently prepared by BOGGS's office which read as follows:

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- 2- New Orleans (58-229)
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? : "I know Ducky Sellers."
Boggs: "I know him very well. He went to the football game with us.

?: "Yeh. I think Ducky would, if I worked with Ducky, would probably, would you know, put the bee on some of your other corporate clients, and... uh ... and get some of the ammunition that you're probably going to need."

?: ???

Boggs: "I never handle the money. The Committee handles the money.
I never ...??
I have..... I lost..... "

?: "Last time we made the check out to Kohlmeyer. He'll be the Chairman again this year?"

Boggs: ?

? : ?
Boggs: "Well I appreciate that very much. (pause) Occidental owns Hooker. They own Hooker Company?"

? : "Yes, that's right."

Boggs: "Does Hooker Chemical Company have any interests in the Maine application?"

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Boggs: "You would like to see that license application granted?"

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Boggs: "You think that would be helpful to Occidental?"

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Boggs: "Would you want me to go to Maine to testify against the application?"

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Boggs: "What's the answer? (pause) Say yes or no. (pause) You don't want me to go?"

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Boggs: "Answer the question."

?: "Well,.... I don't...uh...???"

Boggs: "Now look fellas, I want to tell you something. You set up this appointment, I didn't... ??"

WFO's monitoring of an FBI Laboratory-produced copy of the memo belt developed the following:

UNID (UNIDENTIFIED) MEN chatting at the beginning of the tape.

1st: Present time in (Washington?)

2nd: (First part garbled) Stick it in...In the bottom here....In the bottom here.....Stick it in here.... In this little (notch?)...It's got to go down....

1st: It's got to have a little thing...a little (garbled) ... the white thing.

2nd: It's on.

1st: Yeh...

2nd: Right...

(Garbled)

1st(?): When you depress it you stick that little knob.....

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OTHER UNID VOICES fade in at this point and a voice is heard to say,

1st UNID VOICE:a bunch of people were forced (out?) of town (Congo?) area, but....

UNID VOICES: Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha.....

2nd UNID VOICE: I know (Ducky)...I would think that.....

1st UNID VOICE: (Garbled)....to watch football games.....

2nd UNID VOICE: Yea. I think Ducky would..if I worked with Ducky then we probably would get it up...Put the bee on some of your to her other corporate clients.. and ah...This probably....some of the ammunition that you are probably going to need.

1st UNID VOICE: (Garbled)...I haven't handled the money... The committee handles the money...(I am never notified?)...(I am at a loss without?)...(Garbled)

2nd UNID VOICE: Right. Right. I agree with that. I realize that.

3rd UNID VOICE: (Last year it was close to 10,000???)

1st UNID VOICE: (That's right?) (Garbled)

2nd UNID VOICE: (You will be the chairman?????)

This portion of tape unintelligible.....

1st UNID VOICE: You would like to see the license application (granted?)...(In fact that it would be?) helpful to Occidental....

4th UNID VOICE: (Not with Occidental?) (Garbled)

1st UNID VOICE: Would you want me to go to (Maine?) and testify against you...(Garbled)

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Portion of tape that is unintelligible

1st UNID VOICE: (Stay here fellows?)..I want to tell you something. You're all in trouble....

Portion of tape unintelligible....

1st UNID VOICE: You called my office and asked to see me (garbled) and God bless you..

UNID VOICE: (Representative?) (garbled)

End of tape

On this date, [REDACTED] Congressman BOGGS, advised that she had not discussed with Congressman the Bureau's request to interview her, but would advise of the results of such a contact with him on 10/29/68. She stated that Congressman BOGGS [REDACTED] would be in New Orleans until after Election Day, November 5, next.

[REDACTED] advised today that [REDACTED] of Hooker Chemical Corporation, and [REDACTED] of Hooker Chemical Corporation, were located at that corporation's offices at 277 Park Avenue, New York, New York.

After a review of enclosed background material, New York is instructed to immediately interview [REDACTED] concerning circumstances leading up to and the details concerning their meeting with BOGGS on 10/1/68, during which alleged bribe offer was made.

New York should develop what, if any, part [REDACTED] had or what part was anticipated that he have concerning any campaign contributions to BOGGS or BOGGS's affiliated campaign organizations.

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New Orleans will immediately arrange for interviews with Congressman BOGGS and [REDACTED] concerning alleged bribe attempt. New Orleans should also thoroughly interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] concerning contacts with him by Congressman BOGGS or representatives of Hooker Chemical Corporation relating to instant matter. Determine whether he has been requested or has acted as a go-between for political contributions to or on behalf of Congressman BOGGS and specifically whether he was contacted and under what circumstances and by whom, relating to instant matter.

WFO will interview [REDACTED] at earliest date and promptly report results. For the information of New Orleans and New York, the Bureau has instructed that this investigation be assigned to experienced and mature agents and is to receive daily expeditious attention. Requested investigation is to be immediately initiated within but not later than 24 hours of the receipt of this communication, and offices are to promptly surep results as an enclosure to an airtel. Initial report incorporating information developed to date is in transcript and will be submitted by WFO 10/29/next.

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'Retired' Oilman Rocks Industry With Northeast Refinery Plan

By Frank C. Porter
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Dr. Armand Hammer is a former president of a Moscow pencil factory, art dealer and whisky manufacturer who came out of retirement to build the most swashbuckling oil empire since Glenn McCarthy—or even, maybe, John D. Rockefeller Sr.

That empire, Occidental Petroleum Co., is now the center of a melodrama that has rocked the entire oil industry.

It could affect the future economy of the whole New England area. It has triggered charges of a bribery attempt from the No. 3 Democrat in the House of Representatives. And it sent repercussions into the presidential campaign, the White House and half a dozen Federal agencies.

Occidental, whose common stock has gone from a 1956 pre-split equivalent of 7 cents a share to today's \$45,

proposes to erect the world's largest built-as-a-unit petroleum refinery in a free trade zone sought for Machiasport, Maine.

Foreign materials or goods may be brought into a free trade zone, of which

there are about a dozen in the Nation, free of duty or quota restrictions. They may be processed or used in manufacturing in the zone, then exported to foreign nations or transferred from the zone to other parts of the United States. In the latter case, they are subject to American customs.

Because the Occidental project offers the promise of cheaper oil costs for fuel-poor New England—the company pledges to sell 10 per cent under prevailing prices—and a big boost to regional industry and commerce, the Governors and Congressional delegations of the six states have unanimously endorsed the \$140 million plan.

The joker in the deck is the 300,000 barrels of crude Occidental plans to import daily, most of it from its lush new oilfields in Libya. Dr. Hammer would have to secure an import quota from

the Interior Department for 100,000 barrels of this—an amount equal to nearly 20 per cent of the quotas presently allocated all other firms under the import program. (The other 200,000 barrels would escape quota restriction since they would wind up as exports or remain in the United States in processed forms, such as residual fuel oil and naphtha, which are "uncontrolled.")

Big Firms Opposed

The big companies such as Mobil, Shell, Jersey Standard and Texaco—as well as the smaller independents—are understandably riled by what they consider would be rank favoritism to an upstart competitor.

They further charge that the scheme would wreck the whole oil import quota program—already riddled with exceptions—and ruin the market for domestic crude, which at nearly \$3 a barrel sells for almost double the price of the imported variety. They find willing allies in the big petrochemical companies, starved for crude-derived "feedstocks," since Occidental's naphtha could go to its own subsidiary, Hooker Chemical Co., or other petrochemical plants created in New England.

The stakes are enormous. With quota authorizations, or "tickets," being traded among companies at \$1.25 a barrel, the worth of a 100,000-barrel-a-day allocation would be more than \$45 million a year not counting production cost advantages, such as the 53,000 barrels of foreign crude for making naphtha.

(Hammer disputes charges of a \$45 million "windfall," claiming much of it will be passed on in lower product prices, a 20-cent-a-barrel royalty to New England for marine resources research and other factors).

Famous Cast

Matching the dimensions of the stakes is the stature of the dramatic personae in the controversy. In addition to Hammer, it includes:

• Stewart L. Udall, the Secretary of Interior, who is the key to the whole drama: He has the power to grant or withhold the magic import quota, without which the Occidental dream would fall apart.

• Secretary of Commerce C. R. Smith, head of a three-man Cabinet committee that will decide on Maine's request for a free-trade zone at Portland and sub-zone at Machiasport. Although Smith reassured a Texas audience that the decision won't be rushed, Government sources except approval since the law makes licensing mandatory if export advantage is proved. Industry sources can't remember when such a request was denied.

• Rep. Hale Boggs (D-La.), House Majority Whip and a staunch supporter of the oil and petrochemical firms that operate in his State, most of whom are arch enemies of Occidental.

Boggs has charged to the Congressional Record that "the Occidental Petroleum Corp. unquestionably tried to bribe me." Hammer has flatly denied the charge and challenged Boggs to make public his campaign contributions from other oil

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- Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine), Democratic vice presidential candidate and leading proponent of the plan who has been accused by Republicans of using it to lure New Englanders to his party's standard in next week's election.
- Muskie has made strong representations for the project to Udall. And he has ties with Hammer, dating back to 1963 when he helped Hammer arrange the donation of Campobello, the summer home where Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio, to the United States and Canada. Hammer had bought it from Elliott Roosevelt.
- The Washington Post Times Herald
- The Washington Daily News
- The Evening Star (Washington)
- The Sunday Star (Washington)
- Daily News (New York)
- Sunday News (New York)
- New York Post
- The New York Times
- The Sun (Baltimore)
- The Daily World
- The New Leader
- The Wall Street Journal
- The National Observer
- People's World
- Examiner (Washington)

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• John K. Evans, a knowledgeable Washington oil consultant, who put the scheme together over five years, conferring frequently with Muskie and Gov. Kenneth M. Curtis of Maine. A longtime friend of Udall, Evans has sold out his interest, represented by New England Refining Associates, to Occidental and is committed to a hands-off policy at this point. But his handiwork lingers on.

• Louis Nizer, one of the Nation's most famous trial lawyers, author of "My Life In Court" and a close friend of Hammer. As counsel for Occidental, Nizer has his hands full, not only with the Machiasport project, but with a spate of pending lawsuits against Occidental charging, among other things, illegal insider profits and misuse of other firms' trade secrets. Nizer claims the company has "a meritorious defense to the claim (in each case) and should prevail."

Nizer is backed up by a prestigious Washington law firm with close ties to the Johnson Administration and the liberal establishment: Ginsberg and Feldman. David Ginsburg has performed a variety of important jobs for President Johnson, culminating in the executive directorship of the Kerner Commission, and is general counsel for the Democratic National Committee. Myer Feldman, a top White House aide under the last two Presidents, is a fellow trustee with Hammer of the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation.

• Actor Gary Merrill, defeated for the Maine Republican nomination for U.S. Congress this fall, enlivened a Portland hearing on the free trade zone petition by staging a Falstaffian confrontation with Majority Whip Boggs that no one would have dared on the House floor.

Udall in Key Role

But Udall occupies center stage. In oil and petrochemicals, in New England State capitals and Texas gentlemen's clubs, in Interior and Commerce the question is:

"Will he or won't he?"

Plat. Oilgram, a McGraw-Hill trade letter, says its sources claim the "White House has been won over to the project as being in interest of six New England states" and that Interior will grant 50 per cent of Occidental's import request.

Other sources say no, claiming the issue will not be decided until after Jan. 20, when a new Administration takes over. Should Richard M. Nixon be installed, Occidental would likely lose out, some say, because they expect he would be oriented more toward the view of the "majors" than that of Occidental.

But an Administration official well acquainted with Udall believes "he'd like to do it," pointing out that the Secretary has nothing to lose since he expects to go out of office in three months.

Needed Boost

This informant believes Udall is intrigued by the developmental aspects of the project and the stimulus it would give New England, where oil costs are the highest in the Nation and which lacks a single refinery. The Machiasport complex, situated in one of the more depressed areas in the country, would undoubtedly offer a strong offset to the region's flagging activity in textiles, shoes, commerce and shipping.

One neutral takes pencil in hand to show how Udall could grant nearly 60 per cent of Hammer's import request—if he were so inclined—without taking away from existing company allocations or adding new quotas to the authorized total, which would probably require a presidential proclamation. (Some Occidental supporters concede privately they don't expect to get the full 100,000 barrels the company is asking.)

Some 21,000 barrels could come from a Defense Department quota, unused because the Pentagon buys higher-priced domestic oil to avoid deepening the balance of payments deficit. Another 37,000 would represent unused carryover quotas from the Suez crisis when foreign crude was in short supply. The din from companies enjoying these quotas before Suez would be deafening if

they were diverted. Hammer instead of being reallocated to their former users.

For the Consumers

Tough luck, says Occidental Vice President Thomas Wachtell in effect. "What the case comes down to is that the present quota holders are being asked to move over so that Occidental can take better care of the New England consumer than they have done or are likely to do."

The question of whether these concessions to Occidental would undermine the whole import quota program and destabilize the domestic price structure is hotly debated.

President Eisenhower instituted the mandatory import control program in 1959 at a time when low-priced crude imports had been increasing an average 10 per cent yearly. The basic rationale was that a continuation of the import trend would wither the domestic industry and discourage further home exploration, leaving the country crippled in time of war. Under the Eisenhower proclamation, import quotas were set a 12.5 per cent of estimated domestic production.

(Domestic prices are nearly double those of foreign crude, not because of higher labor costs, but because of uneconomic production. American wells average 12 barrels a day; Venezuela's, 225 barrels; Libyan wells, 2300 barrels.)

Many Exceptions

Speaking for the opponents of the Machiasport project, Gov. John A. Love of Colorado told the Portland hearing that exceptions made in the import control program have ballooned imports to 26 per cent of domestic production.

Love used a figure from a majority report of the House Committee on Interior Affairs earlier this year. A minority report criticized the computation for including residual fuel oil, which has been decontrolled, and imports for California which consumes more than it produces. Leaving these items out, said the minority, imports have been on the

program target—between 12.2 and 12.7 per cent over the past 10 years.

Political Pressure

Apart from the technical arguments, the Machiasport controversy is at the center of "vast political pressure."

These recently broke into the open when Rep. Boggs said at a press conference and in the Congressional Record a fortnight ago that he had been improperly approached by an official of Occidental and two from Hooker, the Occidental subsidiary.

Boggs said in the Congressional Record the three offered to make a campaign contribution through a local Louisiana official. Boggs said he turned to one and "I asked if Occidental wanted me to go to Maine and testify against its application for a foreign trade zone; he blushed but I asked him again, 'Just answer the question, yes or no.' He replied 'No.' I thereupon left the office and have not seen these gentlemen since that time. . . ."

"There is no question about this being a violation of the law."

After the meeting, one of the Hooker officials wrote Boggs that they had not sought the meeting, that Boggs' secretary said he insisted on it, that they had not known Boggs was interested in the Maine refinery before the meeting and that there was no connection between their offer of a contribution and Boggs' attendance at the meeting.

Hammer, is not unused to the rough and tumble of politics and high-stakes business. The son of a Russian-born gynecologist and socialist, Hammer received a medical degree from Colum-

his in 1921 but never practiced.

With earnings from selling drugs while in medical school for a firm partly owned by his father, he bought a surplus Army field hospital and went to war-ravaged Russia. But he found the Soviets needed food more than medical help and arranged a legendary trade: a million bushels of wheat for furs and caviar.

Starts a Factory

At a time when the Bolsheviks tolerated some private enterprise to bolster their shaky economic start, Hammer was allowed to set up the A. Hammer Pencil factory in Moscow. The Soviets took it over in 1930 and renamed it the Sacco and Vanzetti Pencil Factory, paying him off in Russian notes.

Hammer returned to the United States with a huge collection of Czarist art treasures picked up during his Moscow residence and established the Hammer Galleries in New York City. During a brief sojourn in Paris he bought up more Soviet notes at discounts ranging up to 72 per cent and cashed in when the U.S.S.R. paid them off in full.

In quick succession Hammer wrote a book, "In Quest of the Romanoff Treasure," raised a herd of Angus cattle, arranged a deal whereby Gimbel's sold much of William Randolph Hearst's art collection, made barrels for breweries out of staves imported from Russia after Prohibition ended and produced J. W. Dant bourbon.

He sold out his distillery to Schenley for \$8.5 million and went out to Los Angeles to retire in 1956.

Busy Retirement

A friend suggested Hammer get into oil but he passed up an opportunity to buy Occidental when he decided its net worth was only \$34,000, less than a third its stock valuation. Later, he lent the firm \$50,000 to drill two wells and both hit.

He lent the company another \$500,000, taking over options which eventually led to stock holdings now worth \$75 million. As the company's largest stockholder, he was installed as president in 1957.

Under Hammer, Occidental went on a merger binge, developing into a broad natural resources complex by adding sulphur, phosphate, fertilizer, coal and chemicals. His biggest coup came when he won a big oil concession from the Libyan government and made a major strike on land already unsuccessfully explored by other oil producers. Estimates of the potential size of his Libyan operations run as high as 1 million barrels a day.

If Hammer has his way and pulls off the Machiasport deal, his little \$34,000 company—with annual revenues already pressing the \$2 billion mark—could well rank up with the majors.



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[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY THAT HE
IS WILLING TO MAKE HIS CLIENTS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW
"TOMORROW OR FRIDAY" UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS...

THAT HE BE PRESENT DURING THE INTERVIEWS.

THAT A COURT REPORTER BE PRESENT TO RECORD THE INTERVIEWS
SO THAT BOTH HE AND THE FBI HAVE A TRANSCRIPT OF THE
INTERVIEWS.

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TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER CONDITIONS SET BY [REDACTED]

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OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION; ET AL., BRIBERY,
OO: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

RE NEW YORK TEL TODAY.

AUTHORITY REQUESTED RE INTERVIEWS IN PRESENCE OF [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] AND COURT REPORTER DENIED. ADVISE [REDACTED] b7c

RESTRICTIONS HE HAS IMPOSED ON INTERVIEWS WITH HIS CLIENTS
ARE BEING REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, D.C.,
FOR ADVICE AS TO WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE CONDUCTED UNDER THESE
CONDITIONS. ALSO, ADVISE HE WILL BE RECONTACTED IF DEPARTMENT
DESIRES INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED UNDER THESE CONDITIONS. WASHINGTON
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alleged he was offered bribe during meeting in his office by
representatives Hooker Chemical Corporation and Occidental
Petroleum Corporation by means of unlimited campaign funds.

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representing these individuals, agreeable
to interviews if he is present and court reporter prepares record
of interviews so he and FBI have transcript thereof. Authorization
not being granted and communication to Department being prepared
requesting advice as to whether interviews should be conducted under
conditions imposed by [REDACTED] b7c

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OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION; ET AL., BRIBERY,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

OO: WASHINGTON FIELD

REBUTEL NOVEMBER SIX LAST.

DEPARTMENT ADVISES IT HAS NO OBJECTION TO

PRESENT AT INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED] PROVIDED

HE DOES NOT IMPEDE SUCH INTERVIEWS. [REDACTED] HAMPERS, IMPEDES OR
INTERFERES WITH NORMAL INTERROGATION PROCESS, INTERVIEW SHOULD BE
TERMINATED.

DEPARTMENT ALSO ADVISES THERE IS NO BASIS OR PRECEDENT FOR
INTERVIEWS TO BE RECORDED BY COURT REPORTER. [REDACTED] CAN REQUEST AND
WILL RECEIVE COPY OF ANY WRITTEN STATEMENT MADE BY HIS CLIENTS AT
THE INTERVIEWS. [REDACTED] UNWILLING TO PERMIT INTERVIEWS OF HIS
CLIENTS ON THESE TERMS DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER OTHER LAWFUL
PROCEDURES CONSISTENT WITH DEPARTMENTAL POLICY TO OBTAIN THEIR
TESTIMONY IF NECESSARY.

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NOTE

This relates to allegation of Congressman Hale Boggs that representatives of Hooker Chemical Corporation and Occidental Petroleum Corporation attempted to bribe him. Company officials referred Agents to [REDACTED] who imposed restrictions on interviews. New York was instructed 11/6/68 to advise [REDACTED] Department would be advised of restrictions he placed on interviews. These restrictions were referred to Department for advice as to whether interviews should be conducted. Department letter 11/8/68 setting forth its advice received today, copy attached.

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11/12/68

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This relates to allegation of Congressman Hale Boggs that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of Hooker Chemical Corporation attempted to bribe him. In response to our request of 11/7/68 for advice as to whether interviews should be conducted of these individuals in view of conditions set by [REDACTED] the Department advised 11/8/68 that it did not object to [REDACTED] present during interviews and authorized interviews be terminated if [REDACTED] interfered. Department was not willing to have court reporter present during interviews stating copy of any written statements of [REDACTED] clients could be furnished [REDACTED] Department's advice furnished New York 11/8/68 and New York advised [REDACTED] now willing to make his clients available for interview in his office on 11/15 or 18/68, without court reporter present and he requested copies of any signed statements made by his clients. New York is being advised to be alert to the possible use of an electronic recording device by [REDACTED]

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1000AM SSSS URGENT 11-12-68 JJT
TO DIRECTOR 58-6817 AND WASHINGTON FIELD 58-1104 PLAIN
FROM NEW YORK 58-1631 1P

① OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION; HOOKER CHEMICAL
CORP., BRIBERY; ^{OFFICE OF ORIGIN, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE} (OO:WFO)

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REBUREAU ~~TEL~~ DATED NOVEMBER EIGHT, SIXTY EIGHT.
[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY HE WILL HAVE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW IN HIS
OFFICE ON FRIDAY OR MONDAY NEXT.

[REDACTED] SAID HE IS AGREEABLE TO HAVING CLIENTS
INTERVIEWED IN HIS PRESENCE WITHOUT COURT REPORTER
AND REQUESTED HE BE FURNISHED COPIES OF ANY SIGNED
STATEMENTS MADE BY HIS CLIENTS.

NEW YORK WILL SUBMIT REPORT IMMEDIATELY UPON
COMPLETION OF INTERVIEWS.

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

November 7, 1968

Director, FBI

① OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION
① HOOKER CHEMICAL CORPORATION
BRIBERY

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Reference is made to letter dated October 17, 1968, from Mr. Nathaniel E. Kossack, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, which requested an investigation of the alleged attempt to bribe Congressman Hale Boggs by representatives of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation and Hooker Chemical Corporation.

For your information, [REDACTED] all of Hooker Chemical Corporation are represented by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on November 6, 1968, that he is willing to make his clients available for interview but that he desires to be present during the interviews and he desires that a court reporter be present to record the interviews so both he and the FBI will have transcripts of the interviews. He indicated that his clients would be made available for interview on November 7 or 8, 1968.

It is requested that this Bureau be advised at an early date as to whether the above-mentioned representatives of Hooker Chemical Corporation should be interviewed under the conditions imposed by [REDACTED]

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Congressman Hale Boggs alleged he was offered a bribe by representatives of the Hooker Chemical Corporation and Occidental Petroleum Corporation by means of unlimited campaign funds. Representatives of Hooker Chemical Corporation who allegedly participated in the bribe offer referred New York Agents to [REDACTED] who is willing to permit interviews provided he is present and the interviews are recorded by a court reporter. Department advice in this regard is being requested. New York has been instructed to notify [REDACTED] his restrictions are being referred to the Department and that he will be recontacted if the Department desires interviews conducted under his restrictions.

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To: SAC, New York (58-1631)

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From: Director, FBI (58-6817)

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION;
ET AL.
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OO: WASHINGTON FIELD

Re New York tel 11/12/68.

This will confirm telephonic instructions of 11/12/68 that New York is to be alert to possible use of an electronic recording device [redacted] during the interviews of his clients [redacted]. This caution is appropriate in view of [redacted] desire to have a court reporter present to record the interviews.

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The above telephonic instructions were issued by [redacted] to Supervisor [redacted] New York Office.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This relates to allegation of Congressman Hale Boggs that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of Hooker Chemical Corporation attempted to bribe him. Department was requested by letter 11/7/68, to advise whether interviews should be conducted of these individuals in view of conditions set by [REDACTED] that he be present during interviews of these officials and that interviews be conducted with court reporter present.

Department in attached does not object [REDACTED] presence during interviews; however, [REDACTED] authorizes termination of interviews [REDACTED] interferes during course of interviews. Department is not willing to have court reporter present during interviews stating [REDACTED] can request and receive copy of any written statements by his clients. New York office instructed to proceed with interviews in accordance with Department's advice.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

- Mr. Tolson _____
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- Mr. Bishop _____
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TO : The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

NOV 8 1968

NSA
FROM : Nathaniel E. Kossack
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Occidental Petroleum Corporation
Hooker Chemical Corporation
Bribery



This is in reference to your memorandum of November 7 to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, concerning the proposed interviews of [redacted] of Hooker Chemical Corporation, New York, N. Y. and the conditions imposed by [redacted] for the interviews scheduled for November 7 or 8, 1968.

In accordance with the long established policy of your Bureau and this Division, interviews of witnesses in criminal investigations are to be conducted on an individual basis and counsel is normally not invited to participate or attend the interview. In the past on infrequent occasions where there is reasonable justification, we have requested that the interview be conducted when the witness insists on counsel being present. We emphasize that the interview is of the witness and not counsel. In this case we have no objection to [redacted] being present at the individual interviews provided that counsel does not impede the interview of the witness by your agents. You are authorized to terminate the interview if and when counsel hampers, impedes or interferes with the normal interrogation process. Also there is no basis or precedent for the interviews to be recorded by a court reporter. [redacted] can request and will receive a copy of any written statement made by his clients at the interviews, according to our normal and well established procedures. [redacted] is unwilling to permit his clients to be interviewed by your agents according to the above long established procedure, we will consider other lawful procedures consistent with the policy of this Department to obtain their testimony, if necessary.

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TO DIRECTOR 58-6817 AND WASHINGTON FIELD 58-1104 PLAINTEXT
FROM NEW YORK 58-1631 1P

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP., HOOKER CHEMICAL CORP.,
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RE NEW YORK TEL, NOVEMBER TWELFTH, LAST.

INTERVIEWS COMMENCED FRIDAY PM LAST AND ARE TO
COMMENCE AGAIN ON TUESDAY PM NEXT. IT IS ANTICIPATED
BY NEW YORK THAT INTERVIEWS INCLUDING THE OBTAINING
OF SIGNED STATEMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED BY THURSDAY NEXT
AND REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY NEXT.

NEW YORK WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS
IN THIS MATTER.

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