

Mr. DOE. That is right, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You have not prior to this time ever made a loan from the Small Business Administration?

Mr. DOE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Obviously you cannot make them now having gone into bankruptcy with their loan still outstanding.

Do you have any further questions, Mr. District Attorney?

Mr. METZGER. No, sir; no further questions.

The CHAIRMAN. All right. Thank you very much, sir. We appreciate your testimony. You have been very helpful to the committee.

Mr. METZGER. Before Inspector Cottell speaks, I would like to just make a final reference to these conversations of May 26 and 28, 1966.

If you look at the first conversation—by the way, I must make reference to page 2, the bottom, the name Hogan is mentioned. You have to understand the context in which this was mentioned.

These two, the shark and the strong-arm man, are discussing crews and mobs. And who is strong and who is not. They are making what they consider a funny reference to Mr. Hogan's office saying "That is a good crew, 27,000 strong." That is a reference to the police department of the city of New York. That is the number of policemen in New York. I do not want anyone to get any wrong impressions from this.

The substance of this conversation here is that—

The CHAIRMAN. Are you referring to the bottom of the page where it says—

Why don't you go tell the, Goldberg, Verone, and what do you call, told you, you ran into them, they said anybody goes near me I got a crew good, a very good crew, his name is Hogan.

The other says,

Hogan, ha-ha-ha Bags.

That's the greatest crew in the world.

It's a good crew 27,000 strong.

Yeah, that's right.

27,000 strong, did you hear any dirt, Bags?

How could I, I work hard, I don't.

Mr. METZGER. He is changing the subject at that point.

They are discussing one Harold Ashley, who is a loan shark victim who owes \$600, and the strong-arm man—there is a reference here to a Jerry Wolff. This is not the same Jerry Wolff as is involved in the Sackin case—there is no connection whatsoever.

In any event, the substance of this conversation, which we would introduce in evidence in its entirety, is that they are going to work on Ashley; in fact, if you look at page 4, towards the bottom the man on the outside says "All right, when are you going to work on Ashley to grab the 600?" And they discuss how they are going to do that.¹

Perhaps of more interest to this committee is a reference made, starting on the bottom of page 6—again I am referring to conversation No. 1, May 26, 1966—where one of the fellows says "Do you want to borrow \$3,000?" And the other fellow says "From where?" And the shark says—

This is the truth. One of the guys, what do you call it, is going tomorrow.

Where?

A bank.

How do you get it?

¹ The supplemental information submitted by Mr. Metzger begins at p. 73, *infra*.