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You need your real name?

Well, sure you got to go through a check-out with 3,000, what! They give it out, jerko. What a moron, if you want to pay it you pay it, if you don't want to pay it, don't pay it, but you got to go with your right name, you got good credit, dope.

What he is saying—they have a guy at the bank. You gave him a name and he will clear it, and then you can just not pay it back, or you can pay it back, depending on how you feel about it.

They give it to you, Bing, one, two, three.

Toward the middle of the page the fellow says "Where do you work, can you be self-employed? And he says, "Oh, no, you say you are working for Fleming or Lehigh Paint." These are a couple of companies associated with these people that any credit inquiry can be directed to, and someone will pick up the phone and say "Sure, he works here," and they will give phony information. And he says that a friend of Rocky put it through today—got a check for \$3,000.

They discussed whether or not they will pay the money back. At page 8, on the top, he is explaining "What is the difference. You only have to pay 4 percent a year on it."

The CHAIRMAN. This is a telephone call?

Mr. METZGER. Yes; it is, Senator. Of course the inference here is that they can get it by paying a very low interest rate, and then reloaning it out again. And then he says on 40th—that refers to the street—

On 40th you go over there and give them the statement; you give them, you're working for Fleming, you're working there eight years, you're making 15,000 a year, that's all and you're a salesman that all the guy said and he got it.

Yeah.

And they just, am I lying to you and they just called, they called up Lehigh, does Mr. work here? Yeah, how long, 15,000 a year period.

What he is saying is this is what Lehigh will say for him if he needs an ostensible credit rating. What is really going on is an official of this bank is knowingly making loans to these people knowing full well they have no credit whatsoever. And that to cover the situation, he makes these perfunctory telephone calls to a front, puts down the information, and this will cover him in the event the loan is not paid back, which is very likely, they will call up Lehigh, or something like that, and either find them nonexistent, or find some phony records—"Yes, he worked here, but he doesn't work here any more." This has to be done with the knowledge of the bank.

The CHAIRMAN. The implication is that there is a person in the bank who is in with these racketeers, right?

Mr. METZGER. It is absolutely sure.

The CHAIRMAN. If the loan goes bad, does not the bank check to see whether or not the one who recommended the loan called Lehigh, and if he did not could they not discover that the man in the bank was corrupt, and in connection with the loan shark?

Mr. METZGER. Well, the chances are, Senator, that he will say he made the phone call, that he spoke to a secretary, that they confirmed all the information he had put on the form, and that that is all he knows about it. A further check at this place of employment may show that there was a record showing he did work there, but just recently left for parts unknown.