

COMMITTEE FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

Honorable John N. Mitchell

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A pretext attempt was made to book exposition space in the Fontainebleau. The reply was that all Fontainebleau space has been booked and that the only space remaining is in Convention Hall.

On March 14, 1972, T-1 described as an experienced political correspondent for major news media in the Miami area, but who has not reported previously and whose reliability is, therefore, untested, advised as follows:

The GFC (Florida-Askew) raised one million dollars. He advised further that the Democratic National Committee is receiving a 25 per cent kickback from the funds raised through the exposition to be held at the Fontainebleau Hotel and Convention Hall during the Democratic National Convention to be held in Miami Beach in July, 1972.

A transcription of the tape-recorded interview of T-1 is attached at Tab A.

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Investigation at Miami and Miami Beach continues.

*Used more info*  
*[Signature]*

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM TO THE HONORABLE JOHN N. MITCHELL

FROM: G. GORDON LIDDY *4*

SUBJECT: Democratic National Convention Finance Investigation

Below is a summary of the results to date of the investigation, which began March 12, 1972.

Howard Bant reported on March 13, 1972: *✓*

The following individuals are members of the Tourist Development Authority and in addition to donating funds themselves to the DMC they have served as conduits for other funds.

- 1) Jesse Weiss - owner of Joe's Stone Crabs Restaurant
- 2) Bob Olin - Seville Hotel
- 3) H. Bant - Seville Hotel
- 4) Jack Gordon (Chairman of the Authority)
- 5) Hans Marcuse - Algiers Hotel
- 6) Herbert Kolbin - Carillion Hotel
- 7) William Leonard (not further identified)
- 8) Ben Grenold (owner of a number of drug stores)

Information indicates that the exposition areas will be located in two places: the Fontainebleau Hotel and Convention Hall. The Mancraft Agency, a national organization specializing in such expositions, is the agent for booking space. However, all space bookings must go through, and have the approval of, James Teague, an employee of the Democratic National Committee, whose business telephone number for Miami is 305-538-5375.

Mancraft has an agent, one Barry Block, at the Fontainebleau, but he can do nothing without Teague's approval.

Bant advised further that the Spanish language (Cuban) radio in Miami is carrying a news item to the effect that the Republicans are "looking around town" to "get something on the Democrats," in connection with the convention.