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MEMORANDUM

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Date: June 24, 1997

To: Margaret Murphy

From: Shirley Wilson  
by direction from Judge Nickerson

Subject: ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSE-OUT

In Re: CV 90-970

Docket #: UNITED STATES v. LOCAL 295

The above-captioned case is hereby administratively closed without prejudice to re-opening upon application to the Court by any party to the case. Judge Nickerson retains jurisdiction during the implementation of the provisions of the January 1991 decision pertaining to Local 295, and the 1994 Consent Decree pertaining to Local 851.

All future quarterly reports by the Trustee and the Independent Supervisor are to be timely docketed. The case will be re-opened upon request of the parties when the Trustee and the Independent Supervisor determines that all provisions of the above mentioned orders have been met, or at any time that the United States Attorney determines that the case is ready to proceed.

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**STATUS REPORT**

June 19, 1997

Honorable Eugene H. Nickerson  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Local 295, et al.,  
Civil Action No. CV-90-0970

Dear Judge Nickerson:

The United States hereby responds to the Court's request for a status report. This is a civil action under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961-68, against Locals 295 and 851 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters ("Local 295" and "Local 851"), their executive boards, former officers, and other individuals. These two sister locals represent employees in the air freight business and had been exploited by the Lucchese organized crime family for decades. In its Amended Complaint, the United States seeks equitable relief.

As Your Honor may recall, on January 31, 1992, the Court granted the government's motion to place Local 295 in trusteeship, based upon evidence of extensive corruption. United States v. Local 295, et al., 784 F. Supp. 15, 19 (E.D.N.Y. 1992). The Court then appointed Thomas Puccio, Esq. to serve as Trustee to eliminate corruption and run all operations of that Local. Mr. Puccio's appointment, according to the Court's Order, lasts until the Trustee finds the Local is ready to conduct legitimate officer elections. Mr. Puccio reports to the Court on a quarterly basis as to the progress of his efforts to rehabilitate Local 295. A copy of Mr. Puccio's most recently filed report is attached for the Court's convenience.

In April 1994, the Secretary-Treasurer of Local 851, Anthony Razza, pleaded guilty to extortion. Thereafter, Local 851 entered into a Consent Decree with the United States. The Consent Decree provides for a Court-appointed Independent Supervisor to root out corruption, while a Union Trustee, chosen by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, runs the labor

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