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Report of:  
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April 10, 1969

Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

Title:

RICHARD T. GOSSER

Character:

APPLICATION FOR PARDON  
AFTER COMPLETION OF SENTENCE

Synopsis:

RICHARD T. GOSSER of Toledo, Ohio, and Hollywood, Fla., was convicted on a plea of not guilty on 2/28/63 at Toledo, Ohio, for violation of Title 18, USC, Sec. 371, arising out of an Internal Revenue matter. Applicant's appeal was denied on 10/11/65 and he commenced a 3-year sentence on 11/23/65 and was paroled 11/23/66 and his parole expired on 11/22/68. Applicant submitted petition for pardon on 1/11/69, advising his reason was that a sickness from which he was suffering is terminal and he wants a pardon. Applicant interviewed and background information obtained and set out.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon receipt of a letter from T. OSCAR SMITH, Pardon Attorney, dated February 20, 1969, which enclosed a petition for pardon dated January 11, 1969, for RICHARD T. GOSSER. GOSSER stated in his petition that he was sentenced on February 28, 1963, to three years imprisonment in the Northern District of Ohio at Toledo, Ohio, after pleading not guilty to a conspiracy to defraud the United States in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 371, arising from an Internal Revenue matter. His appeal was denied on October 11, 1965, and he commenced serving a three-year sentence

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on November 23, 1965, in the United States Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Indiana. He was released on parole November 23, 1966, and his parole expired November 22, 1968. Applicant advised that he has no subsequent arrests since his release from parole but stated he had previously been sentenced at the age of 20 to the Michigan Reformatory for robbery and was paroled December 7, 1923, after 2½ years. He was arrested on November 19, 1939, as a disorderly person and paid costs and on July 26, 1949, for reckless driving, paid \$5 and costs, and on August 18, 1920, he paid costs as a suspicious person. He stated that he was retired as the international vice-president of the United Auto Workers and that he has served as a consultant for the Toledo Health and Retiree Center in Toledo and is still so employed. He stated he desired his pardon because he is suffering from a deteriorating physical condition which is terminal. Applicant attached character affidavits from Msgr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Toledo, Ohio, from [REDACTED] Avenue, Toledo, and from Mr. [REDACTED] Road, Maumee, Ohio.

Applicant's wife was contacted at her residence in Hollywood, Florida, on March 11, 1969, but the applicant was in a weak condition and could not be interviewed. He was interviewed on April 3, 1969, and volunteered the following information:

He stated that since his release, he has been employed as consultant by the Toledo Health and Retiree Center, Toledo, Ohio. He stated he receives \$25,000 a year in this capacity. He stated he has had no other employment since his release. Applicant stated he spends the winter months at 408 Lawn Acres Court, Hollywood, Florida, and the summer months at his permanent residence, 311 West Woodruff Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Applicant stated that he entered a guilty plea at the time of his arrest as he did not believe he was morally guilty of the charges against him but that quite possibly he may have been technically guilty and he did not wish to involve a lot of other people. He stated it concerned an income tax matter and that in the civil action, he was reimbursed by the Government. He stated

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he desired a pardon, not for any business reason but because he believes he is suffering from a terminal illness and he wants to die with a clear name. Applicant advised that he makes \$25,000 a year in salary and he has income from other investments, Applicant stated that because of his illness, he is confined to his home except for automobile rides, in which his wife drives the car, and that he does not have any outside interests. He stated he conducts his business by correspondence and by personal contacts of interested parties. He said ~~his~~ only associates would be Father JAMES GROGAN of Heather Downs Boulevard, Toledo, Ohio, and Msgr. JEROME SCHMIT, head of the CYO in Toledo, Ohio. Applicant stated that he has no matters pending with any federal or state government. He stated he has had no arrests since the one for which he is applying for pardon.

Applicant advised his parole officer in Toledo Ohio, was a Mr. FRENCH (first name unknown).

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The following is a description of the applicant as obtained from interview:

Name	RICHARD T. GOSSER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	December 13, 1900
Place of birth	Toledo, Ohio
Height	5'11"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars and marks	None
Wife	born [REDACTED], Nebraska) since [REDACTED]
Ex-wife	born [REDACTED], residence [REDACTED] Boulevard, Toledo, Ohio (two [REDACTED])
Sister	born [REDACTED]
Brother-in-law	born [REDACTED], residence [REDACTED] Road, Curtice, Ohio

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[redacted] born  
[redacted] wife

born [redacted]  
residence [redacted]  
Toledo, Ohio,

Deceased close relatives

Mother

MAIZIE GOSSER MC MULLEN,  
deceased 1940

Father

JAMES GOSSER, deceased 1917

Stepfather

GEORGE MC MULLEN, deceased 1965

Brother

GEORGE GOSSER, deceased 1952

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Date: 11/20/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (72-47)

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On 11/19/65 AUSA JOHN G. MATTIMOE, Toledo, O., furnished the following information:

Mr. MATTIMOE and WILLIAM LYNCH, Department of Justice Attorney, prosecuted RICHARD T. GOSSER, former Vice-President United Auto Workers, on a conspiracy charge in connection with obtaining confidential IRS documents with all investigation having been conducted by IRS Agents. GOSSER was convicted 2/25/63 and a series of appeals failed, culminating in early 11/65 when the U. S. Supreme Court refused to consider GOSSER's appeal. GOSSER's arrest is imminent.

On 11/19/65 MATTIMOE's wife received an anonymous telephone call at MATTIMOE's residence to the effect that MATTIMOE and LYNCH made a mistake in prosecuting GOSSER and they were going to get what was coming to them in the way of a present that could not be sent through the mail. MATTIMOE mentioned that he had received similar calls of a threatening nature during the course of the trial and was not too concerned about this one. He anticipated additional calls after GOSSER's arrest. MATTIMOE did not request any investigation and no action will be taken UACB.

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Special Agent in Charge

Nov 16, 1962

Dear Pres. Kennedy,

I am writing this letter to voice my protest against the invasion of Civil Liberties, which took place in Toledo, Ohio. When a horde of Federal men invade a private institution -- conduct themselves in the manner in which they did. I was of the opinion that men that worked for the Federal Government would be well versed in an individuals rights under the Constitution.

They had the audacity to attempt to search a building without a search warrant. They also held a 61 year old man at gun point and terrorized a 19 year old girl who happened to be a secretary.

I have always been very proud to be born in the United States. We have our Constitution to protect our rights. I don't want to believe that you have knowledge of this disgraceful affair as I have been and still am a staunch supporter of you and your administration.

I am talking about the way that F. B. I. men came into the Union Retiree Center and behaved. They were certainly no credit to you.

Mr. Gosser has appeared before every kind of an investigating committee and has never reverted to the 5th amendment. They have never proved any thing on him and I think it is time that he quit being persecuted.

I resent the treatment he is receiving, but that is not the text of this letter.

We are in the United States, not a foreign country. Please do not allow our liberties to be violated. Lets keep United States a free country. We love it that way.

I would very much like to know the individual or individuals responsible for this outrage.

Very Sincerely



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Toledo, 5, Ohio.

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Morrell to Mr. DeLoach memo

Re: [REDACTED]

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Division and Mr. [REDACTED] of the Criminal Division. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he was thoroughly familiar with the raid described by [REDACTED] but that it was conducted by IRS Agents rather than FBI Agents and that there is no basis for the allegations that the Agents conducted themselves improperly. He also advised that Gosser is presently under Federal indictment in connection with the investigation conducted by IRS. Mr. [REDACTED] further advised that the Department has received information indicating that approximately 100 officers of various union locals attended a meeting in Ohio at which it was discussed that letters of the type written by [REDACTED] be prepared and sent to President Kennedy and the Department. Mr. [REDACTED] indicated the Department has already received several similar communications and expects to receive more.

Mr. [REDACTED] requested, and Mr. [REDACTED] concurred, that no action concerning the alleged civil rights violation be taken by the FBI at this time in view of the fact that Gosser is under indictment and the civil rights complaint was not forwarded by him. Accordingly, no investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

OBSERVATIONS:

Since [REDACTED] has alleged improper action on the part of FBI Agents, it is felt she should be written and set straight on this matter. Since her letter apparently was instigated at the direction of UAW officials in Ohio, however, it is not deemed advisable to advise her in any way concerning the civil rights aspects of this situation or the Department's decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the attached letter be sent to [REDACTED]
2. That the attached memorandum be forwarded to Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall of the Department confirming the discussion between Messrs. [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]
3. That the attached airtel be sent to Cleveland and Cincinnati Offices advising them of this situation.
4. That this memorandum be referred to Liaison Section in order that the appropriate official at IRS can be advised of pertinent information concerning this matter.

*Mr. [REDACTED] Inspection Service advised 12-17-62 b7C*

*V. A. JPM D. 1/17*