

Jimmy Hoffa FBI Files
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Related Material: International Longshoremen’s & Warehousemen’s Union Records, UAW Local 833 Records. Photographs of Hoffa can be found in the Tony Spina Collection.

Abstract

Jimmy Hoffa (1913-1982) was born in Brazil, Indiana. He was heavily involved with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters between the years 1932-1971, first as an organizer and then serving as the union's general president from 1958-1971. He played a major role in the development of the union, securing the first national agreement for teamsters' rates in 1964. In 1964, Hoffa was convicted of jury tampering, attempted bribery, and fraud. Hoffa was imprisoned in 1967, but released in 1971 in accordance with a pardon from President Nixon, which blocked him from participating in the union until 1980. After attempting to run for the union presidency again, Hoffa disappeared from the front of the Machus Red Fox restaurant in Bloomfield Township, MI in 1975 and was declared dead in absentia in 1982. As of 2013, his body had not yet been found.

The Jimmy Hoffa FBI Files contain FOIA request copies of FBI files related to the case of Jimmy Hoffa's disappearance. These files were acquired by the Detroit Free Press in response to the settlement and order in the matter of *Detroit Free Press v. Department of Justice*. The Free Press received pages from a prosecutive report dated May 13, 2002, and its attachments prepared by the FBI Detroit Field Office, as well as thousands of pages from the FBI Headquarters file 9-60052, relating to the disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa. The Free Press also received pages from files of the Department of Justice and other related FBI case files. Included in the collection are copies of reports that have not been redacted, given to Barbara Crancer by Mike Betzold, who found them in a discarded school locker and wrote about them in the Sunday Journal.

Important Subjects:

Organized crime.
Labor unions.

Important Names:

International Brotherhood of Teamsters.
Hoffa, James R. (James Riddle), 1913-
United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation
Betzold, Michael
Provenzano, Anthony
Crancer, Barbara

Arrangement

Files organized by reporting office and then by report page number, unless otherwise noted:

Detroit Field Office (Box 1). Every effort has been made to order numbered pages in their distinct groupings.

FBI Headquarters file 9-60052 (Boxes 1-6). Arranged in section order.

Department of Justice Criminal Division referrals, 1964-1988 (Box 6). Includes other related FBI files.

Barbara Crancer copies (Boxes 6-7).

Box 1

- 1 Detroit Free Press Settlement
- 2 Correspondence, 8/1990
- 3 Correspondence, 1990
- 4 Correspondence, 8/1990-9/1990
- 5 Summary investigative report, 2/4/1991
- 6 Correspondence, 11/1976-12/1989
- 7 Correspondence, 12/1990-7/1991
- 8 Correspondence, 2/1990-2/1993
- 9 Correspondence, 1993-1999
- 10 Correspondence, 12/1991-7/1992
- 11 Correspondence, 8/1992-5/2001
- 12 Correspondence, 1992
- 13 Correspondence, 5/1993-8/1993
- 14 Correspondence, 8/1993-3/1994
- 15 Correspondence, 4/1994-2/2001
- 16 Correspondence, 10/1990-1/1991
- 17 Correspondence, 9/1990-6/1993
- 18 Correspondence, 5/1997-1/2002
- 19 Correspondence, 4/2001-1/2002
- 20 Interviews, 8/1975-9/1975
- 21 Briefing book for Hoffex conference, 11/20/2000
- 22 Interviews, 8/1975-11/1975
- 23 Interviews, 8/1975-11/1976
- 24 Report, 7/30/1975-5/13/2002
- 25 Correspondence, 7/1975-11/1978
- 26 Correspondence, 8/1975

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- 1 Correspondence, 8/1975
- 2 Correspondence, 8/1975
- 3 Correspondence, 8/1975
- 4 Correspondence, 8/1975
- 5 Correspondence, 8/1975
- 6 Correspondence, 8/1975
- 7 Correspondence, 8/1975
- 8 Report, 7/31/1975-9/20/1975
- 9 Report, 7/31/1975-9/20/1975
- 10 Report, 7/31/1975-9/20/1975
- 11 Report, 7/31/1975-9/20/1975
- 12 Report, 7/31/1975-9/20/1975
- 13 Report, 7/31/1975-9/20/1975

- 14 Correspondence, 8/1975-9/1975
- 15 Correspondence, 8/1975-9/1975
- 16 Correspondence, 9/1975
- 17 Correspondence, 9/1975
- 18 Correspondence, 9/1975
- 19 Correspondence, 9/1975-10/1975
- 20 Correspondence, 9/1975
- 21 Correspondence, 9/1975-10/1975
- 22 Clippings, 9/1975
- 23 Report, 8/1/1975-9/18/1975
- 24 Report, 8/1/1975-9/18/1975

Box 3

- 1 Correspondence, 10/1975-11/1975
- 2 Report, 8/4/1975-10/29/1975
- 3 Report, 8/4/1975-10/29/1975
- 4 Report, 8/4/1975-10/29/1975
- 5 Report, 8/4/1975-10/29/1975
- 6 Correspondence, 11/1975
- 7 Correspondence, 11/1975-12/1975
- 8 Correspondence, 12/1975
- 9 Correspondence, 12/1975-1/1976
- 10 Correspondence, 12/1975-1/1976
- 11 Report, 8/7/1975-12/18/1975
- 12 Report, 8/7/1975-12/18/1975
- 13 Report, 8/7/1975-12/18/1975
- 14 Report, 8/7/1975-12/18/1975
- 15 Correspondence, 1/1976
- 16 Correspondence, 1/1976-2/1976
- 17 Correspondence, 2/1976
- 18 Correspondence, 2/1976-3/1976
- 19 Correspondence, 2/1976-3/1976
- 20 Report, 8/6/1975-3/2/1976
- 21 Report, 8/6/1975-3/2/1976
- 22 Report, 8/6/1975-3/2/1976
- 23 Interviews, 2/1976
- 24 Correspondence, 2/1976-3/1976
- 25 Correspondence, 2/1976-3/1976

Box 4

- 1 Correspondence, 3/1976-4/1976
- 2 Correspondence, 3/1976-4/1976

- 3 Report, 10/20/1975-3/23/1976
- 4 Correspondence, 4/1976
- 5 Correspondence, 4/1976
- 6 Correspondence, 4/1976
- 7 Report, 8/5/1975-4/7/1976
- 8 Report, 8/5/1975-4/7/1976
- 9 Report, 8/5/1975-4/7/1976
- 10 Correspondence, 3/1976-4/1976
- 11 Correspondence, 4/1976
- 12 Correspondence, 4/1976-5/1976
- 13 Correspondence, 5/1976
- 14 Report, 11/1/1975-6/4/1976
- 15 Correspondence, 5/1976-6/1976
- 16 Report 12/17/1975-6/11/1976
- 17 Report 12/17/1975-6/11/1976
- 18 Report 12/17/1975-6/11/1976
- 19 Correspondence, 6/1976
- 20 Correspondence, 6/1976-7/1976
- 21 Correspondence, 7/1976
- 22 Correspondence, 7/1976-8/1976
- 23 Correspondence, 7/1976-8/1976
- 24 Correspondence, 8/1976-9/1976
- 25 Correspondence, 8/1976-9/1976

Box 5

- 1 Report, 8/13/1975-9/14/1976
- 2 Report, 8/13/1975-9/14/1976
- 3 Report, 8/13/1975-9/14/1976
- 4 Correspondence, 9/1976-10/1976
- 5 Correspondence, 9/1976-10/1976
- 6 Correspondence, 10/1976
- 7 Report, 3/25/1976-10/6/1976
- 8 Correspondence, 11/1976-12/1976
- 9 Correspondence, 11/1976-12/1976
- 10 Correspondence, 12/1976-1/1977
- 11 Report, 5/14/1976-12/14/1976
- 12 Report, 5/14/1976-12/14/1976
- 13 Report, 5/14/1976-12/14/1976
- 14 Correspondence, 12/1976-3/1977
- 15 Report, 1/29/1973-2/9/1977
- 16 Report, 1/29/1973-2/9/1977
- 17 Correspondence, 3/1977-4/1977

- 18 Report, 6/4/1976-4/8/1977
- 19 Correspondence, 3/1977-4/1977
- 20 Correspondence, 4/1977-8/1977
- 21 Report, 11/19/1976-6/10/1977
- 22 Report, 11/19/1976-6/10/1977
- 23 Correspondence, 6/1977-10/1977
- 24 Correspondence, 10/1977-11/1977
- 25 Report.1/11/1973-9/10/1973
- 26 Correspondence, 8/1977-12/1977
- 27 Correspondence, 11/1977-1/1978

Box 6

- 1 Report, 4/28/1977-1/5/1978
- 2 Report, 4/28/1977-1/5/1978
- 3 Correspondence, 2/1978-5/1978
- 4 Correspondence, 5/1978-8/1978
- 5 Correspondence, 8/1978-10/1978
- 6 Correspondence, 10/1978-11/1978
- 7 Correspondence, 12/1978-2/1979
- 8 Correspondence, 3/1979-3/1980
- 9 Correspondence, 3/1980-1/1981
- 10 Correspondence, 5/1981-3/1989
- 11 Report, 4/29/1980
- 12 Hoffex correspondence file, 1975-1981
- 13 Correspondence, 12/1988-1/1992
- 14 Correspondence, 12/1988-1/1992
- 15 Correspondence, 12/1988-1/1992
- 16 Correspondence, 8/1991-2/1994
- 17 Correspondence, 1964-1975
- 18 Correspondence, 1975-1979
- 19 Correspondence, 1/1976-10/1988
- 20 Correspondence, 8/1975
- 21 Correspondence, 8/1975- 9/1975
- 22 Correspondence, 9/1975-1/1976
- 23 Correspondence, 8/1975-1/1976
- 24 Correspondence, 10/1975
- 25 Line up; Teamster suspects, 12/1975
- 26 Clippings, 1975
- 27 Clippings, 1975
- 28 Report; not redacted, 8/4/1975-10/29/1975
- 29 Report; not redacted, 8/4/1975-10/29/1975
- 30 Report; not redacted, 8/4/1975-10/29/1975

31 Report; not redacted, 8/7/1975-12/18/1975

Box 7

- 1 Report; not redacted, 8/7/1975-12/18/1975
- 2 Report; not redacted, 8/7/1975-12/18/1975
- 3 Report; not redacted, 8/7/1975-12/18/1975
- 4 Report; not redacted, 7/31/1975-9/20/1975
- 5 Report; not redacted, 7/31/1975-9/20/1975
- 6 Report; not redacted, 7/31/1975-9/20/1975
- 7 Report; not redacted, 7/31/1975-9/20/1975