Youngstown Vindicator

Conversation Centers on Cash, Public Officials

Following is an edited, abridged transcript of two tape recordings of Sheriff James A. Traficant Jr. conversing with reputed racketeers Charles and Orland Carabbia. They were recorded after the 1980 general election by Charles Carabbia at his mother's home in Struthers. Sam Traficanti, an aide in the sheriff's campaign, and Andy Chapella, a former Struthers council president, were present at both meetings; accountant Joseph Fortine Sr. attended part of the second.

Obscenities are abundant in the tapes but were eliminated from the transcript wherever possible. Asterisks (* * *) designate portions that were edited out because the conversation is unintelligible, repetitious or lacking in significance.

As the first tape begins, the participants are already engaged in conversation.

harles Carabbia: [unintelligible] said you borrowed \$15,000. Is that what you said, Sam? Sam Traficanti: Yes sir.

Orland Carabbia: What did you do with it?

S. Traficanti: Give it to Jimmy. James Traficant: We deposited it. C. Carabbia: Jimmy, can I ask you a

personal question?

J. Traficant: Go ahead. C. Carabbia: I think it was Andy, you brought Jimmy down to us guvs about in February or January, and said he's going to run for sheriff, is that right? September? That was last year when you talked to Orlie.

Andy Chapella: Yeah, in September. C. Carabbia: Now when Orlie came to me, Orlie made the remark about this guy run for sheriff and how much money you talkin' about. I was telling Orlie an' us three guys, me, him and Ronnie, we sat down, we sat down, we talked about \$25,000 or \$30,000. now it's what now. Jimmy, how much money did you spend on this election?

J. Traficant: I spent a lot of money, Charlie. C. Carabbia: But . . . the money you got from Brier Hill. He said he bor-

rowed 30. J. Traficant: He didn't spend none of

that money from Brier Hill. S. Traficanti: Now wait a minute, 15, look, shall we explain it to him [unintelligible] listen Charlie. The \$15,000 that I just gave is just for a coverup under expense account.

J. Traficant: On the front? S. Traficanti: That's all.

J. Traficant: That'll show where

these . . . S. Traficanti: It has nothing to do

with you or Orlie. J. Traficant: [Unintelligible].

S. TRAFICANTI: THAT money's gotta give he's gonna give it back. J. Traficant: Gonna give it back,

that's my responsible [unintelligible]. S. Traficanti: No, that has nothing to do with nothing else. He's going to funintelligible] to coverup it up. A his 15,000 plus interest and put in the loan (unintelligible) except for your partners effort, I [unintelligible]. Let's

forget that J. Traficant: Where did I get the money? Here's where I got my money. Otherwise we're running short on my money.

O. Carabbia: Okay, what did you

get from . . . J. Traficant: Every dime I got from

them I brought to you. O. Carabbia: Yeah but you got the to tell you.

money from Brier Hill. J. Traficant: Yeah.

O. Carabbia: I mean I just want to

know what steps. Sam got some from Chuck or what . . .

J. Traficant: The first time in the primary I got the money, I gave it to you. That's when you and the second time in the pri ... the second time in the general Sam got two hits of \$7,500 a piece and he brought it to you.

C. Carabbia: I thought it was 5,000 apiece.

S. Traficanti: No.

000 bundles.

O. Carabbia: No. It was 7,500 apiece.

C. Carabbia: 7,500 apiece. J. Traficant: Twice they gave it, the

first time . . . S. Traficanti: Those two bundles were supposed to have been two 10,-

C. Carabbia: Well, how come you only gave me 75.

S. Traficanti: He kept 2,500 in each bundle in order to pay the 5,000 lumber bill. He has receipts [unintelligible]. He did keep that out of there.

O. Carabbia: That's true be explained it before.

S. Traficanti: Yeah, right. C. Carabbia: But the first time that you got money was when you and I went out to the Calla Mar, sat with

Jimmy. J. Traficant: But I brought it to you. C. Carabbia: And that was nothing. And all I got to do is [unintelligible]

Traficant: Right. And the general • we took 15 and it turned out to be 20 because 5,000 for the lumber. Okay? So there's 20. All right. And we brought it down to you.

S. Traficanti: Just the way it was delivered to us.

J. Traficant: And then the last one was the 25,000 at his place and we brought it down here. O. Carabbia: Who give you that?

J. Traficant: Brief Hill.

O. Carabbia: Who was with him when he gave you that.

J. Traficant: Sam, and me.

O. Carabbia: And just him.

J. Traficant: Uh huh. O. Carabbia: All right, what about

the . . . C. Carabbia: See what we're trying to figure out Jimmy now, we got a little problem here. When we now when me an' Orlie sit down.

O. Carabbia: Wait a minute Sam, it's got to work, you know what I'm say-

C. Carabbia: We are going to do it

S. Traficanti: Right, absolutely.

C. Carabbia: Orlie and I's going to have to sit down with Joey Naples and Brier Hill, Jimmy . . . O. Carabbia: You know that.

C. Carabbia: And we're going to have to sit down with them and we're going to have to talk about the county the way it should be. And, after all, you are the sheriff. They got to know too. That you got to tell them, Jim. what we gave and you better just tell them we all sit down and you got to tell them listen, you four guys sit down here together and you four guys straighten it up.

O. Carabbia: Yeah.

C. CARABBIA: HERE, here let him tell you he's got to do that ... I told

him to do . . . He's got to do that, J. Traficant: I told you I'd do that but here's what we're talking about the same thing we talked about last

O. Carabbia: Yeah but we gotta ... J. Traficant: I told you the money we gave you last time.

O. Carabbia: But Jimmy . . . J. Traficant: Wait a minute where did he pay you the money we gave him last time. Do you guys think that I

got more money or something. C. Carabbia: No. J. Traficant: Okay. I told you 15, 15 and 25. O'Nesti said 5 for lumber. Every dime we got, I didn't even open it, I brought it right down here.

C. Carabbia: Where.

J. Traficant: Sam's \$15,000, because I gotta show where I got the money. O. Carabbia: Yeah, but [unintelligi-

ble]...

J. Traficant: Wait a minute, wait a minute. When I come to the report, they're gonna say, Traficant, where'd you get 30,000. I got to show where I made the income. Now it wasn't sellin' no tickets. Everybody was laying off of me because of the party. That's why Sam got the 15,000. I didn't need him to get me 15,000.

C. Carabbia: Right. J. Traficant: But now Sam got to get

O. Carabbia: Okay, but remember

J. Traficant: In fact it wasn't even Sam it was his brother-in-law. S. Traficanti: It went through Car-

O. Carabbia: Okay, but that's all right but the money you brought here you didn't give it and it was kept, it was his substitute is what I'm trying

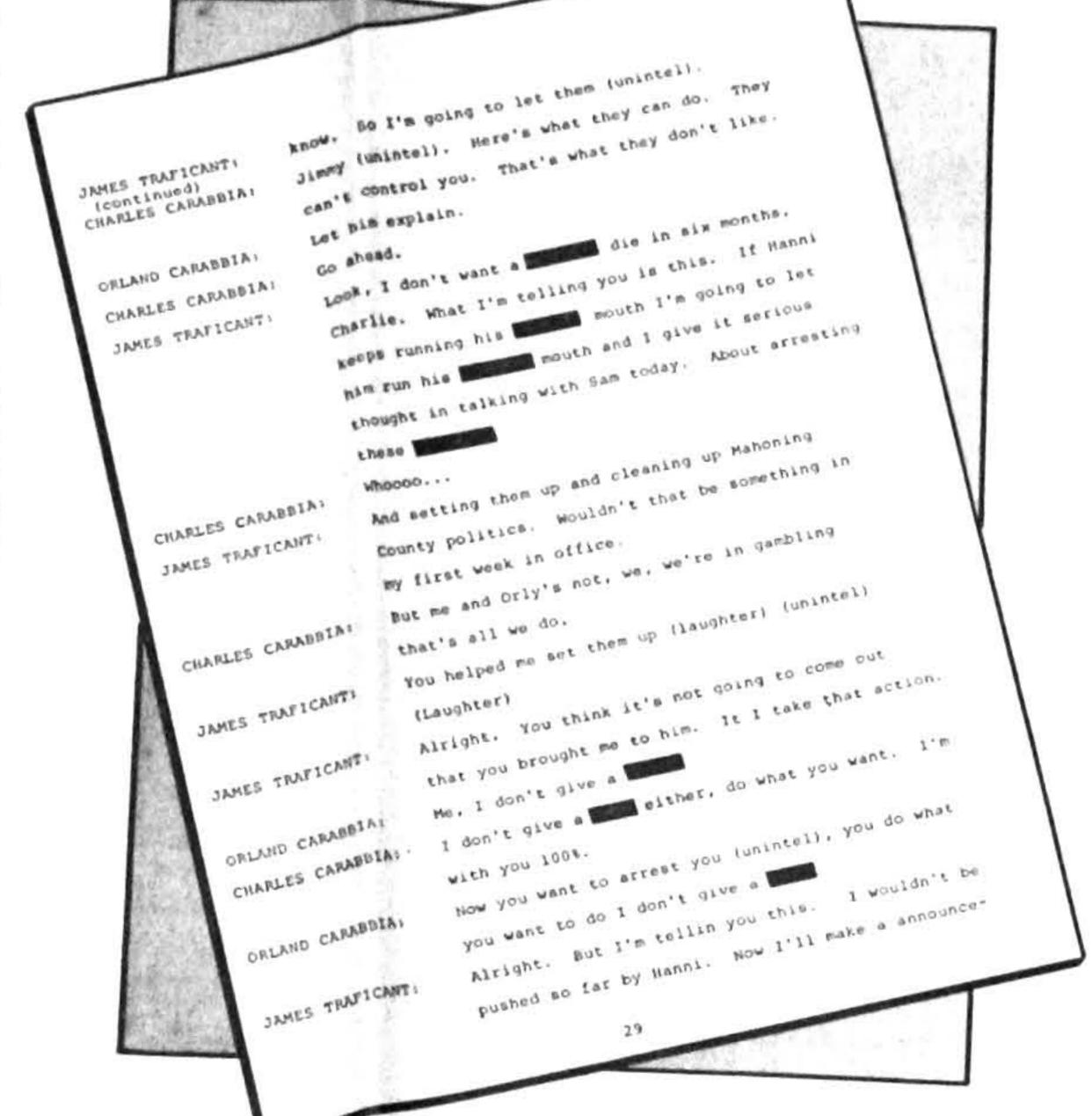
C. Carabbia: What do you mean, it was substituted.

Carabbia: Well, you know when • I put that 15 on the side I gave 15 up.

J. Traficant: Yeah.

O. Carabbia: When you gave me 75 and 75, I gave the 75 up. You know, you told me to keep it like that for a purpose.

J. Traficant: Yeah.



A page of raw transcript with obscenities marked. They have been deleted from the text.

O. Carabbia: But then I re ... replaced.

J. Traficant: Yeah . . . O. Carabbia: Do you understand what I'm talking about?

J. Traficant: Yeah. O. Carabbia: All we did was change money. But actually what you got is what we're figuring that when you sit down and the guy said okay. If you telligible]. got half a truck and I got half of a truck it's our truck. When we sit down we got a whole, it's half and a half. Now, if there's anybody else involved. Do you understand what I'm saying?

J. Traficant; Like there's nobody else involved. C. Carabbia: All right, this guy in Campbell that put the setup in Camp-

bell for you, what's his name. J. Traficant: Buccilli. C. Carabbia: Yeah. Buccilli took

care of all of Campbell for you. J. Traficant: Yeah.

C. Carabbia: All you're going to give

him is bonds, is that it? J. Traficant: Some bonds, yeah, That's all our deal was.

C. Carabbia: OK, barbut and all that [vulgarity] ain't got nothing to do . . .

J. Traficant: Ain't got nothing to do with that

O. Carabbia: All right, where does Vic Calautti come in with Joey? Where with you?

J. Traficant: He didn't give me no money. Now if he's in with those fellows, he's in with them.

O. Carabbia: He gave money [unin-

J. TRAFICANT: ALL the money I got I brought down here. And all the money we got came from, the first 15 was directly handed to me by the old man at his place. The last 25 was given to me at his place with Sam there. The two other packages of 7,500 apiece were given to Sam from O'Nesti from the old man from what I understand although he could have gotten it from Joey. I don't know.

C. Carabbia: Jimmy he made [unintelligible].

S. Traficanti: He made a remark that he says that the old man was out of town, he was in Arkansas somewhere.

J. Traficant: He was. S. Traficanti: He said I had to get the

Joey, O'Nesti says. J. Traficant: That's the last 7,500. S. Traficanti: That was the last

ah, ah.

S. Traficanti: Yeah, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

C. Carabbia: So, they're partners. S. Traficanti: Certainly they are.

that's about it. J. Traficant: We didn't use a dime of their money. All their money came

O. Carabbia: You keep saying you

didn't use a dime of their money. J. Traficant: No, we brought it down here.

You keep saying you didn't use a dime of their money. They gave you that money. All I did was, just like I told you, this is the way it is, right? But then when he come and get the money where you think he got the money.

A. Chapella: The last package, I think, had 15.

A. Chapella: 18.

Carabbia: And, ah, you got the • money Andy?

C. Carabbia: I'll take it.

J. Traficant: I don't even know the exact ...

Jimmy. J. Traficant: Amounts. No thanks.

C. Carabbia: Joe? Ah, er, Sam.

S. Traficanti: No, thank you. J. Traficant: . . . the exact amounts in

O. Carabbia: I do. J. Traficant: Okay, I'm sure you do,

and I accept whatever you said it was. O. Carabbia: No, he's, he's . . . J. Traficant: I didn't, I never wrote

showed him everything that was

wrote it down or nothin'.

O. Carabbia: Well, the only thing is, like you were saying before, you said that Joey, they called them people and Joey got these people and they got their judges and they got these guys and ... uh, who did you say brought you right in the back there?

J. Traficant: Leskovyansky. O. Carabbia: You believe they got all them people?

J. Traficant: Yes I do. I know they

got Vukovich. C. Carabbia: Oh, they definitely got

J. Traficant: I know they got Leskovyansky, I know they got Haynes, I

Gilmartin. O. Carabbia: Wait a minute.

C. CARABBIA: THEY don't have

C. Carabbia: Go ahead.

O. Carabbia: Go ahead, I want to see these guys. J. Traficant: I don't know all of

them. But I know it's a fist full. C. Carabbia: Starks, she said they

got Starks. J. Traficant: They definitely got

Starks. O. Carabbia: Why do you, what makes you think that?

J. Traficant: Well I know that Jerry bought the car for Starks for his testimonial. That's Starks. I know they got Haynes. I know they got Leskovyansky. I know they got Bushel, I know they got Repasky, I know they got Palermo, I know they got Bindas and Barrett.

O. Carabbia: How do you know that Jimmy.

J. Traficant: I know it for a fact.

O. Carabbia: Cause they said it? J. Traficant: I can just read it all. [unintelligible]. . I also know this, that Cafaro and the Old Man are real close.

O. Carabbia: Cafaro? J. Traficant: And the old man are

real close. O. Carabbia: Who?

J. Traficant: Bill Cafaro. O. Carabbia: Is close to who?

J. Traficant: Jimmy. C. Carabbia: Brier Hill?

O. Carabbia: No. J. Traficant: Maybe he isn't.

O. Carabbia: No. J. Traficant: I know the fight they had with Richley was over that housing they're building downtown, and Calautti fell out with Richley over

that. O. Carabbia: Aw, but that doesn't mean.

didn't know that till about a week ago. I never knew who had Richley. But I know now. Naples and Jimmy had him through Flask. That's definite. C. Carabbia: Through Eddie Flask?

J. Traficant: They have Richley. I

 Meshel. They had Meshel. They had Tablack. Who else is there? O. Carabbia: Well . . . J. Traficant: Give me an officeholder's name, I'll tell you if they got 'em. Tucker DeBerardi come to me, Mike

Traficant: Yeah, Yeah, they had

Don't make a mistake, go sit with the old man. O. Carabbia: Well, I don't know who they got and don't give a ...

Pope come to me and says go sit down

with the old man, he's a good guy.

O. Carabbia: What's your plans? S. Traficanti: Let's put it this way

Orly, we're here, right? O. Carabbia: Right, S. Traficanti: We went together, right?

O. Carabbia: That's right. S. Traficanti: That's the end of the

story. O. Carabbia: What happens in the future?

J. Traficant: The future, as far as I'm concerned is whatever deal you make now. You tell me what it is.

O. Carabbia: And how are you going to figure this out. We don't want to go sit every day. We got a misunderstanding, we got this, we got that. In other words, where do you belong or where do you stand and, you know what I'm saying? We talk, we talk, we

C. Carabbia: Jimmy, what he's trying to say, are you with us, or are you with Brier Hill and Joey Naples?

J. Traficant: How many times do we got to talk ...

O. Carabbia: That's all we want to [unintelligible].

S. Traficanti: Let's get something straight.

C. Carabbia: Do you know what I mean? S. TRAFICANTI: CHARLIE, excuse

me. If he went with, Charlie, with

those guys, I'd go home right now. A. Chapella: Sam told me that. Male: No. [unintelligible]

J. Traficant: Wait a minute, let me say this, okay? Let me say this. You must be insecure. How many times have I told you Charlie?

C. Carabbia: I agreed with you. J. Traficant: How many times did I tell you?

A. Chapella: Well. Jimmy I believe you but ... C. Carabbia: At the last minute you went out there, you went out there at

out us knowing. That's what got us worried. J. Traficant: That was a decision.

the last minute with them guys with-

C. Carabbia: We're not worried about the power. J. Traficant: That was a decision we had to make.

S. Traficanti: I would be thinking, Orlie, the same way as you. C. Carabbia: Okay, then you know

why we're talking. S. Traficanti: I have been there, and believe me he is with you.

O. Carabbia: With us. J. Traficant: You know, if I would pull that, I would have gone there, gotten \$25,000, took it home. Did the

money come down here? C. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: Just the way it was delivered?

C. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: How long after? C. Carabbia: You gave it to me, sit-

ting right here. J. Traficant: How long after I picked it up I brought it to you? C. Carabbia: Well, right after you

picked it up. J. Traficant: Not very long after.

[unintelligible]. Am I right Sam? (Continued on Page A-24)





Orland Carabbia

AS THE SPOOLS TURNED - Twice after his election in 1980, Sheriff James A. Traficant Jr. met with these two men, Charles Carabbia (top) and his brother, Orland. The conversations Charles Carabbia secretly committed to tape became the building blocks for a two-count federal indictment against the sheriff for bribery and income tax evasion. Traficant says he was investigating the mob on his own.

7,500. C. Carabbia: Well, Brier Hill was in S. Traficanti: Hot Springs. C. Carabbi: Hot Springs, Arkansas.

money, I went down and got it off of

O. Carabbia: So there Jim ... so

O. Carabbia: What do you mean?

J. Traficant: Well, the last package that you got had how much?

O. Carabbia: No. A. Chapella: 18, 18, yeah 18. J. Traficant: I got 18.

A. Chapella: Yeah, right here, Char-

C. Carabbia: You want some more

the general nor the primary that you gave us. I don't even know the exact amount.

it down. O. Carabbia: I did. I showed him, I

there. J. Traficant: Okay. I never even

J. Traficant: Yeah. O. Carabbia: You really believe

Vukovich.

know they got Morley, I know they got Gilmartin.

Traficant 'Not Supposed to Have Any Problems as Sheriff'

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S. Traficanti: Absolutely. J. Traficant: You got it just the way it was. Now I've been feeling some (vulgarity). I could have taken the money with me.

Carabbia: Can I say something to we you? Can I say something? I want you, I want you first of all to know how we feel. There's him, Ronnie and me. We're three brothers. Even though there may be times that Orly and I or Ronnie and I or Ronnie and Orly who may have a misunderstanding, we're only human, we're not infallable. We can make mistakes and disagree. We're brothers. We don't want you to feel as though we don't trust each other. We also don't want you to feel as though you're with, those guys are the kings.

J. Traficant: No. You're not saying that Charlie.

C. Carabbia: No. There was a time ... I was going to tell you about 15 or 20 years ago, but why go into the

J. Traficant: No, all I'm tellin' you is this. Here's the situation.

C. Carabbia: Your cousin Patty, your uncle Tony was my 'goomba', he

J. Trafficant: I know that.

C. Carabbia: Him and his daughter, him and his wife [unintelligible]. Patty and Ronnie are just like two brothers and we feel that you're like a brother to us and we feel very close to you,

J. Traficant: And we are. C. Carabbia: We don't want you to make any mistakes which would cause us to have go out [unintelligi-

blel. No. J. Traficant: Here's what I'm saving. They do have in Mahoning County a broad base of connections and power with officeholders. That they have,

C. Carabbia: They who? J. Traficant: You're going to have to take into consideration all of that and cut whatever deal you're going to make. If you consider them as having nothing ... [unintelligible].

C. Carabbia: No. . . [unintelligible]. J. Traficant: ... you're going to have big problems with those guys. I don't want any problems.

C. Carabbia: No.

J. TRAFICANT: I DON'T want any problems [unintelligible]. Whatever you've arranged is a good business deal so that I don't have people chasing me. I'm not even in office and I got people, you know, starting their mouths on me.

C. Carabbia: Jimmy, as the sheriff that ain't supposed to be none of your problems. That's up to us guys to straighten up.

J. Traficant: I know that.

C. Carabbia: Me and Orly will. But it's up to us and Brier Hill and Joey Naples, that's up to us to straighten out. You're not supposed to have any problems as the sheriff.

J. Traficant No.

C. Carabbia: And we don't want you to have [unintelligible]. J. Traficant: I know that Charlie

[unintelligible]. I could go ahead and tell you a lot of [vulgarity]. C. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: I'm telling you pretty

[vulgarity] sure what I think is hap-

C. Carabbia: Let me tell you about most of them politicians in Mahoning County. Most of the pol. .look at some of them. Look at Bindas, look at Olenick Look at Barrett. I mean I'm not putting them guys down, but look at them guys. They're only in their position because they got the party behind, and the party's [obscenity] up. You know that. But them guys, are they really politicians, are they really people that, do people come to those guys? I mean, look at the party, look at the party. Look at Hanni, he's

a chairman. O. Carabbia: All right, [obscenity] that party, what we're doing here, [unintelligible].

C. Carabbia: We're all together, Orly, put it altogether and figure it

O. Carabbia: I know. But ... J. Traficant: There's still the power there. There's still the power.

Carabbia: They could just. And Us you want to know something I told Orly the other night? He was up there and somebody come and he said watch Channel 27, And when Hanni come out there and he says, and he said he wanted you to come up and take under oath where you got your money. I told Ruby, I said, I'd be a [vulgarity] I knew he was going to come up with that. Hanni, when he come up with that.

O. Carabbia: Let's get back on what where we're going, Jimmy. That's what I want to know. It's not that anybody wants to make a wrong deal. The only thing I'm telling is whatever deals is made, I'm telling you we're standing by the deal, but sh, ain't no double cross going on.

J. Traficant: No [unintelligible]. O. Carabbia: Well there's double

crosses going on before. J. Traficant: Like what?

J. Traficant: What would a double O. Carabbia: Well ...

crocs be? Give me an example. O. Carabbia: We're involved over there, I'll give you a example.

C. Carabbia: Tell the truth. O. Carabbia: I, uh we, Danny Hurite

OK? [unintelligible]. C. Carabbia: Let's go back to Tom

O. Carabbia: You understand? Tom Beil, he had Tom Beil, then he had a few problems and then Jimmy started paying Tom Beil, and pretty soon before you know it Tom Beil, he told Tom Beil out, you come and see me, this and that, that's how you steal a guy, you understand. C. Carabbia: He stole him.

Reporter's Notebook —

Short Takes from 3 Weeks in Court

By MARY BETH NORD

A few observations about the bribery and tax evasion trial of Sheriff James A. Traficant Jr. from one reporter's notebook:

At the start of the trial spectators sit shoulder-to-shoulder in the gallery of the tiny federal courtroom in Cleveland. Behind the defense table is a cluster of Youngstown residents with an obvious dislike for the sheriff.

The courtroom is hushed before the proceedings begin, save some whispered conversation. A tune, barely audible, floats

from the group of opponents. "Goodbye, Jimmy," one of them is singing.

Atty. Charles French is fairly new to the Cleveland Strike Force on Organized Crime and Racketeering, the arm of the U.S. Justice Department that prosecutes racketeering cases.

The blond, bespectacled young man is helping Atty. Stephen Jigger prosecute the Traficant case. He has a quick wit, a sly smile and a conservative look that could let him pass for a preacher. He used to be a Cuyahoga

O. Carabbia: I could give you more,

C. Carabbia: [Unintelligible] Mike

O. Carabbia: Mike Yarosh is the

same thing. Took him out there did the

same thing. Danny, Hurite down here.

He was down here every year. Where

O. CARABBIA: NO, where did he

A. Chapella: ... with you always.

Chuckie with you always, then he

O. Carabbia: Then Nick gets him . . .

C. Carabbia: They steal people.

O. Carabbia: Ain't no [obscenity]

O. Carabbia: I mean they ain't gon-

J. Traficant: But you see [unintellig-

O. Carabbia: That's why I'm saying.

you as your own man - and believe

me, Andy knows, I believe in that -

you as your own man have to really

know what you're saying over here.

It's got to be that way because we're

not unfair, but if there's a little static

or a little argument or grumbling and

it comes over there, then it's up to

you, you got to be your own man. Let

me tell you one thing. You may have

donated this, you may have gave this

to him or this and that, but I'm going

to tell you something. That's where I

J. Traficant: Oh, I told him he could

go further than that. I'd tell them I've

taken your money and giving it to

Orly and Charlie because they didn't

trust you double crossing [obscenity]

in my election. Now look. I did take

your money though, and you do have

an interest, and I'll work it out, and I

J. Traficant: I'll tell them just like

O. Carabbia: You, tell them that,

want no problem from anyone.

sat. That's where I sat.

stealing anybody this time. I'm gonna

and this and that.

did he go, Andy.

[unintelligible].

went with, ah.

They're thieves.

tell you that.

ible] ...

na play no joke.

A. Chapella: No where.

C. Carabbia: That's it.

Yarosh.

County prosecutor.

that?

They called him "the Cuyahoga Crusher."

It is silent in the courtroom one morning before the trial begins. Most spectators have wandered into the hall or taken to the coffee shop to pass the time.

From outside and below a window in the rear of the room comes a rapid, crackling noise.

Courthouse employees and visitors scurry to the first floor. In the doorway lies a woman, bleeding from gunshot wounds near her stomach.

Her ex-husband's wife had shot her on the courthouse steps because of a domestic dispute.

An ambulance spirits the woman to a hospital. But the crowd lingers near the doorway, where blood is still spattered on the floor.

Traficant, who is acting as his own lawyer, is cross-examining Dr. Albert Celec, brother-in-law of reputed mobsters Charles and Orland Carabbia.

the same room?" the sheriff asks. Atty. Jigger rises from his chair.

"Do you and your wife sleep in

"Objection, your honor," he in-

C. Carabbia: He said did you tell him

J. Traficant: I told you I'll tell them

that. And I'll still tell them that. I took

your money because I sense a double

cross. I knew what was going on. Now

you work it out. You gave me this and

I'll honor what you gave me, and this

is what they gave me and this is my

family. I told you this all along, you're

O. Carabbia: Now was Joey there?

Traficant: Joey was there when I

C. Carabbia: They were at, Sam you

J. Traficant: They're like family.

O. Carabbia: What they got to do is,

they give you money but they're like

they're going to go and they're going

to start. I think you said something

about, we talked about it the last time

that somebody went to Don Digeno-

O. Carabbia: And Jimmy asked al-

C. Carabbia: Here's what I can't un-

J. Traficant: Tabby's civil service,

nothing against Tabby. I'm just saying

how he's starting, you understand

C. Carabbia: But he hated Tabby.

O. Carabbia: You know what

mean? How he starting to say 'okay I

want this, I want that', and this is

what I'm saying. He has no demands.

S. Traficanti: He asked for one job

J. Traficant: No. There's no commit-

O. Carabbia: Well I'm just saying

J. Traficant: They're going to try

ments on any jobs at all. They had

and Jimmy never honored that, that

O. Carabbia: No, now wait a minute, in.

. told him that, Joey and Jimmy.

just like family to me.

place, at your truck stop.

C. Carabbia: On Tabby.

S. Traficanti: Yeah.

family.

derstand.

now Tabby can't.

J. Traficant: No.

commitment to him.

nothing. That's it. That's it.

how they they're payments.

terjects sharply. "That is uncouth."

Reporters linger in the courtroom, complaining about a delay in the start of the trial. Court was scheduled to begin

more than a half-hour earlier, but Judge Aldrich has yet to start the proceedings. "This court," one newsman ob-

serves, "runs on Aldrich time."

Every day, a small group of court watchers gathers in the back row of the courtroom. They listen to the testimony and huddle during recesses to discuss Traficant's performance that day.

"Go get 'em, Jimmy," one remarks quietly with a smile as he leaves the courtroom one day.

William Pearch, a Mahoning County deputy, is on the witness stand. His voice is raspy; he says it hurts to talk. He had been cheering at a softball tournament the previous weekend.

The jury and the spectators strain to hear his hoarse whisper. Just before a break, the judge produces a remedy: a bottle of

throat spray. A steady noise drones into the

courtroom from the floor above

and work on me and [obscenity] my

mind up like Yarosh. Now this is what

you better help me so I won't end up

J. Traficant: You know what I

J. Traficant: That's why we're here.

Because I know what these guys are

going to do. As soon as they get the

word they're going to sit down, 'I told

you.' That's exactly what the old man

with this kid. Not even gonna move.'

he never promised them one thing.

J. Traficant: I never promised him

S. Traficanti: What about the 36

J. Traficant: Yeah they want to give

S. Traficanti: Well if they won, if

J. Traficant: Win or lose, Yeah. Win

J. Traficant: 36,000 that we had in.

J. Traficant: That the two of us had

S. Traficanti: We didn't take no

J. Traficant: No. We didn't want any

J. Traficant: 'If you can't give us the

big figure don't give us anything."

Then they come at the last minute

double cross so we thought it was the

best thing to do. We took the 25, and

O. Carabbia: What about 36,000?

J. Traficant: We told them we had

S. Traficanti: Personally. Personally

J. Traficant: And we wanted

money. We gave him a big figure to

nothing. But I think that they gotta ...

O. CARABBIA: NAME it pal.

O. Carabbia: Name it.

at Woodside, too.

they promised.

36,000.

Sam Traficanti: Yeah.

they won, if we won.

C. Carabbia: Who does?

or lose. Who [unintelligible].

[obscenity] their mind up.

S. Traficanti: That's right.

we brought the 25 down here.

36, in and we needed 100,000.

we had 36 in.

S. Traficanti: He would give.

S. Traficanti: The 36,000 ...

mean?

explains to the sheriff that a carpet-scraping machine is in use upstairs. "You know I have an inner ear problem, don't you?" Traficant asks him.

during a lunchtime break. Bill

Johnson, the courtroom deputy,

"You do?" Johnson savs. "Yeah," the sheriff replies. "I

also have hemorrhoids." FBI agents and government prosecutors are busily preparing to play tape recordings of Trafi-

cant and the Carabbias for the jury. It is the climax of their case against the sheriff. So they fuss with the recorder and headphones, trying to make sure that

everything is just right. Before playing the tapes, they flip in a test cassette to make sure

the jury has no trouble hearing. Out comes the sing-song strains of the Oak Ridge Boys' country tune, Elvira.

On the afternoon of the day the tapes played, a throng of highschool students appear. Eagerly, they crowd into the back of the courtroom.

The tape they hear is punctuated liberally with profanity.

After a little while, they leave.

136,000. And we figure we're never going to come up with that kind of

Carabbia: Did they say how's · how's the sheriff race ever going to cut this?

J. Traficant: Oh yeah. [unintelligible). He said this is the most expensive sheriff's race in the history.

S. Traficanti: He went crazy. J. Traficant: I says, well, we never had such a double cross going against the party, I kept [obscenity] their

going to say. 'No conclusion, nothing mind up, okay? Successfully. S. Traficanti: Last Wednesday, Or-S. Traficanti: Orlie, all the time he lie, we could have walked in there sat down with them that I was there, pick up \$36,000 if we wanted it.

S. Traficanti: Brier Hill Jimmy . . .

O. Carabbia: Where?

J. Traficant: Oh, there's no problem with that. O. Carabbia: Wednesday?

S. Traficanti: The day after the elec-

J. Traficant: The day after. O. Carabbia: Wednesday what the [obscenity]. If I was the other way and you come to me I'd say the same thing. Yeah, you know.

J. Traficant: Yeah but. C. Carabbia: Come up to the bed-

room. We'll get you, ah, 200,000. J. Traficant: He did say, he did say. win or lose.

S. Traficanti: Win or lose.

J. Traficant: Give you the 36,000. C. Carabbia: You bet, Jimmy. If you would have lost the sheriff's race.

J. Traficant: I know that. C. Carabbia: The 36,000.

J. Traficant: I know that, I know that. We didn't take no money. What we took we brought down to you. Now, they have X amount of money in, you have your money, now you guys got to sit down. Now, what I'm worried about is them saying ... 'I ain't going to check with Charlie, play no dice.' He made that statement right at Sam's place.

O. Carabbia: Well, what is Charlie

C. Carabbia: [unintelligible]. O. Carabbia: What did you say?

going to check with no Charlie, play no dice, no one [obscenity] with the Calla Mar. No one gonna [obscenity] with the Calla Mar. C. Carabbia: He's a scared [obscenity].

J. TRAFICANT: HE said 'I ain't

I said no one will mess with the Calla Mar. That was my commitment, No one would mess with his Calla Mar. O. Carabbia: But if he has a game

J. Traficant: And here's what I said.

over there, what's it's all his? J. Traficant: Well see now, this is you guy's business.

C. Carabbia: That's right, Orlie. J. Traficant: This ain't my business. O. Carabbia: That's all right,

J. Traficant: This is my business. O. Carabbia: But when you said nobody is going to mess with it, you got to make that understood, too. You

know what I mean, Sam?

S. Traficanti: Well I understood that nobody was going to [obscenity] with him or nothing.

J. Traficant: No [unintelligible] right now. No one would tell him what to do with Calla Mar. C. Carabbia: Let me say this.

J. Traficant: No. I did say that. Nobody's going to [obscenity] with your Calla Mar. I never answered that many questions on the other thing. S. Traficanti: I was on that 15 that

you got the first time. J. Traficant: Yeah. C. Carabbia: Yeah. That's when we

sat down there. Me, you and Jimmy. J. Traficant: Tell me what you guys are going to do so I'll know what you're going to do. O. Carabbia: Well. What we want to

know is what, like you said like what you want to do, so if you're not going to go and make no other meets, then that's fine, then you get protection all the way.

Traficant: No I ain't going to meet and take no more money. I may ey. Now that's it. I'm not going to take another dime. Now I ain't takin' the money. The only reason I ever took money from them was to win.

O. Carabbia: All right.

J. Traficant: To stop the double cross. But now, here's what I'm worried about. Now I'm going to be quite honest. When they get the real ... When the realism set in, they may think, 'How can we jackpot this [obscenity]? How can we hurt him? How can we get him out?' Now I'm going to tell you the truth.

O. Carabbia: Go ahead. J. Traficant: They might come out of

that game. O. Carabbia: How.

J. Traficant: I don't know.

C. Carabbia: I'm going to tell you one thing, Jimmy. You better quit with Hanni. You see what he come up

with the other night. C. Carabbia: They must have told Hanni they gave you money. Because they'll never get the Crabs to come

out say we gave you a dime.

O. Carabbia: You know what I mean, Sam? J. Traficant: As crazy as this

sounds, what's to stop me from taking that money, January the 5th, and having Jimmy and Joey and Calautti arrested? O. Carabbia: Takin' what?

J. Traficant: For conspiracy to obstruct political justice. [Laughter]. I'm

tellin you right now. O. Carabbia: Say that again, J. Traficant; [Unintelligible] ... with my mind. What's to stop me from takin', January the 5th and arresting all of those [obscenity] for giving me money illegally to influence the political campaign against an election law and for being corrupt and organized

J. TRAFICANT: YEAH, I bust Jimmy, Naples and Calautti. And I'll put O'Nesti in jail. [Laughter] I had him set it up for me. If you guys said anything to anyone else, I told you to tell it to him.

O. Carabbia: You mean ...

C. Carabbia: Who? We never said a word.

J. Traficant: You never told Jimmy and Big Dom you gave me money. C. Carabbia: Never, I swear on my

son and daughter. J. Traficant: Okay. So when you went out there with me you went out there with me to set them up

C. Carabbia: [Unintelligible]. J. Traficant: Yeah, Let them [obscenity] with me because you see, Hanni, I knew what Hanni's doing, I don't think its these fellows doing this. They don't want these problems.

O. Carabbia: They told him. C. Carabbia: They told him already. They mentioned in the primaries when [unintelligible].

O. Carabbia: I'll tell you real cute. They're trying to do that because they want you to run to them.

C. Carabbia: No. Orly, they hate Jim Traficant with a passion, Orly. O. Carabbia: Who? [unintelligible]. C. Carabbia: You don't think they

don't like you? Do you think they like you? J. Traficant: They're not happy with me. That's why if they had me they

would love me. O. Carabbia: Alright.

J. Traficant: They don't really have me, but they still don't know. So I'm going to let them [unintelligible]. C. Carabbia: Jimmy [unintelligible].

Here's what they can do. They can't control you. That's what they don't O. Carabbia: Let him explain. C. Carabbia: Go ahead. J. Traficant: Look, I don't want to

die in six months, Charlie. What I'm telling you is this. If Hanni keeps running his mouth I'm going to let him run his mouth and I give that serious thought in talking with Sam today. About arresting these [obscenity]. C. Carabbia: Oooh . . .

Traficant: And setting them up and cleaning up Mahoning County politics. Wouldn't that be something in my first week in office?

C. Carabbia: But me and Orly's not, we, we're in gambling that's all we do. J. Traficant: You helped me set them up [laughter]. [Unintelligible.] [Laughter.] Alright. You think it's not going to come out that you brought me to him? If I take that action?

O. Carabbia: Me, I don't give a [obscenity]. C. Carabbia: I don't give a [obscenity] either. Do what you want. I'm with you 100 percent.

O. Carabbia: Now you want to arrest, you [unintelligible], you do what you want to do, I don't give a [obscenity].

J. Traficant: All right. But I'm tellin' you this. I wouldn't be pushed so far by Hanni. Now I'll make a announcement that I have a tremendous announcement to be made on January the 5th. And Don Hanni can wait for his debate till January the 6th. And if I have to, I'll do that. They're not going to [obscenity] and push me around. But they're not doing that. If I thought they were doing that, I'd be the first to tell you. They don't want that as much

as you don't want that. O. Carabbia: Jimmy, they want you

no matter what. J. Traficant: Yeah. But they don't want what Hanni's doing. They don't want Hanni. They want to sit with me on how to get rid of Hanni.

O. Carabbia: What?

J. Traficant: They want to sit down with me on how to get rid of Hanni. They do want to get rid of Hanni. They want to get rid of Hanni. Don't forget they got Vukovich in the city. They're worried about losing the city. They got a big problem.

O. Carabbia: Yeah, I'd say so. J. TRAFICANT: LOOK where all (Continued on Page A-25)

meet, but I ain't taking no more mon-







OTHERS WHO ATTENDED -Trucker Sam Traficanti (top, left), one of the sheriff's campaign aides in 1986, was present at both tape-recorded meetings. Andrew Chapella (above), a former Struthers city council president, is recorded briefly on both tapes; Joseph Fortine (left), a Boardman accountant, makes a short appearance in the second tape. The pictures of Traficanti and Fortine were taken from a television monitor.

Carabbias and Traficant Discuss Setup for Sheriff Dept.

(Continued from Page A-24) their contracts are coming.

C. Carabbia: Vukovich, I almost called him to sit down. O. Carabbia: Oh wasn't you telling

me that time. J. Traficant: He did.

O. Carabbia: Well, what did you say about that time, about the money that they got somebody in trouble. City. Something about some money, road money or something.

A. Chapella: Oh no, Sam, was referring to this ahh . . .

O. Carabbia: City.

A. Chapella: City contract with ah. O. Carabbia: Paving [unintelligible]

the councilman. O. Carabbia: You knew it.

C. Carabbia: Yeah. But Andy said they did something that would eliminate . . . [unintelligible].

A. Chapella: As long, remember this, as long as they got a change of order, which your board of control signs ahead of time, you understand. So it take the councilman off the hook. Now we had the same thing in Struthers, they didn't have a change of order. they tried to get council to pass it. That's the time they wanted 7,000 and he offered me a thousand and Carselli a thousand, you know.

O. Carabbia: Who offered you [unintelligible].

A. Chapella: No, no from a ... ah,

what's his name? C. Carabbia: Brier Hill.

A. Chapella: No [unintelligible].

O. Carabbia: Blackie.

A. Chapella: No. O. Carabbia: Eugene Butch.

A. Chapella: Butch, he gets, I want up there and I met with him and he said Centofanti wanted \$2,000. Mayor Centofanti, see? Wanted \$2,000. Carselli had been offered me a thousand for a change order.

C. Carabbia: That's what they was offered.

Chapella: Then what happened, A • all of a sudden, Policy gets into the picture. He wants a thousand just for his services. An ah . . . I told him.

C. Carabbia: The attorney? A. Chapella: Yeah, I said look, I don't want your thousand. What you do, you do it with anyone else, not with me. If it's legitimate, I'll get the change order. I'll get council to pass if it's legitimate. But what happened there, ah, when Policy wanted a thousand dollars, and I don't want nothing, the other attorney, I said get yourself another boy. I said I don't want no part of that. Butch told me he did the job legitimately. He proved everything. The, ah, engineer came over, Leo Buran, come over, showed me the tonnage slips and all what they used. And I said well, if you really used it and you're sincere, I don't care what you do, you're going to pay off.

J. Traficant: Yeah but this is . . . O. Carabbia: It has nothing to do [unintelligible].

J. Traficant: [Unintelligible]. It could be different in the city, their board of control, they're talking about multimillion dollar contracts over there. [Unintelligible]. I'm telling you this. They're afraid of losing Vukovich now. They know that Hanni can't help Vukovich. They're going to start losing the control in the city. They're losing it. Okay? Now, they want to get rid of Hanni bad. Believe me when I tell you, Hanni's a problem.

C. Carabbia: Jimmy, who did they say they want to put in? Did they mention anybody?

J. Traficant: They didn't mention anybody. Mmm.

C. Carabbia: They didn't talk about nobody.

J. Traficant: No, no they want to name the chairman.

C. Carabbia: But I mean, anybody but Hanni,

J. Traficant: They know that Hanni's got to go.

O. CARABBIA: WELL, in other words, then, you feel that you, what kind of problems you feel that they may cause you. What you saying

about [unintelligible]. J. Traficant: Well, let's say, let's look at it this way. Okay? They do have the judges. When I say the judges, I mean the key judges. They can get to the judges and get what they need done. Through, through Flask they have state power. They have the attorney general. They have the visiting judge and the visiting judge comes in. How do you think they took care of Lipari? Lipari would have been [unintelligible].

C. Carabbia: Visiting judge there. J. Traficant: What I'm telling you is Lipari sits there. Leskovyansky sits there. Haynes sits there.

O. Carabbia: With who?

J. Traficant: With all of these guys. C. Carabbia: He's right, J. Traficant: Listen to me, Orlie.

O. Carabbia: All right. J.Traficant: Don't, don't try and fabricate something it it's not there.

When I see something I'll tell you there.

O. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: They didn't have it. Okay? Now, what they don't have now is the sheriff, and they're hoping they do, and when they find out they are going, they suspected it. Now, they're not dumb. They been around a long time. No one hedges with them on money. Now I always hedge with them on money and put them off at the last minute, [obscenity] around with them. I'm sure of that. So now how else would it be if they were to show me of being a dirty crook, who pulled a big rip-off on the public? Including Georgie [unintelligible] and Hanni is not really a bad guy. Wouldn't that be something? And

t's not only that, you know, they haven't even thought this out all the way through yet. I'm a step ahead.

[obscenity] the sheriff.



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And that's the final step ahead. He's a thief, he's a crook, he's a mobster, he's in with the Carabbias. Do you understand their game? When they get the whole picture. So fine I'm waiting to see what they're going to do. I told Sam this today. I said I have witnesses, I have all their money, just the way it was given. It's evidence. I [unintelligible] law enforcement agent in the county. I arrest the Old Man, I arrest Joey, I arrest Calautti, who later comes into the deal who we trapped. I know they talking to Olenick on the phone, I know they talk to Rapasky. I'll blow their names. They'll never be brought into it, but I'll blow their names. All I need to say is Charlie took me out there. I asked him to, I didn't want no money. Never took no money. Raised all my own money. All the way through. These are my friends down here. And they were trying to get to me. So I had a witness right in the beginning. And my wit-

S. Traficanti: And that's all a legitimate loan. All on paper and every- have it. thing.

ness is Charlie Carabbia. If they come

with that [vulgarity] and my cousin

Sam took the money, he's part and

the money through Sam and Carmen

to help finance my campaign. I

money. I didn't bring it to you, I kept

their money and here it is.

O. Carabbia: Yeah, but you took the

took their money so when I became the sheriff I'll would stop this organized racketeering in Mahoning County. [Laughter]. Now, get an attorney. [Laughter]. 'Cause I'm for the Attroney General having broad powers, Strike Force ...

C. CARABBIA: JIMMY, I think you crazy. [Laughter].

S. Traficanti: Don't you [obscenity]

J. Traficant: Let me tell what, if There's one guy who worries me. they are going to [obscenity] with me and this and that, and if they are behind Hanni, I don't think they are right now. Hanni is just scrambling for his life. He did this so I would get a little nervous and back off.

O. Carabbia: Yeah, but when he mentioned this he got to know something. That [obscenity] ain't dumb. J. Traficant: Why didn't he?

C. Carabbia: Did you hear what he money so that he could [laughter].

J. Traficant: [Unintelligible] as soon you're . . . as I'm sworn in. January the 4th. 12:01 a.m. I pick these guys up ... Organized crime, obstruction of political doing it now? [Unintelligible], in Febpower.

C. Carabbia: How do you know you got all . . . all them deputies? All them

listen to you since you'e the new sher-

J. Traficant: I'll fire them if they don't. [Laughter]. I'll tell them to go make the arrest. Big thing will be to get the, uh, the arrest warrant from these judges.

C. Carabbia: Don't you worry about them. They'll give 'em to you because they figure, well, [unintelligible]. They're going to give them to you. They're going to work with you.

J. Traficant: That's the bottom weapon that I have. I never said you gave me money, to anybody. C. Carabbia: For us?

J. Traficant: Yeah. You never said to Dom and Jim you gave me money. C. Carabbia: [Unintelligible] Let me, I'll tell you, don't worry about us, Jimmy don't worry about us.

J. Traficant: Okay. C. Carabbia: We've been there before and we'll go back again (unintel-

Traficant: That's the final hammer • that I have, but remember this, have that hammer January the 5th.

parcel to it. And I went and borrowed O. Carabbia: All right, but you, J. Traficant: I don't have it any brought their money, I kept their longer.

O. Carabbia: What do you mean any

J. Traficant: January the 6th I won't

O. Carabbia: Why?

J. Traficant: They'll say why didn't you do it January the 5th you under-J. Traficant: I took the money. I stand. Unless there's some other people we want to set up. O. Carabbia: And then on January

> the 6th, what? What? C. Carabbia: That's up to us.

J. Traficant: I got to act on January the 5th, by January the 5th. If this is the final straw.

O. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: Which this would have

J. Traficant: Let me tell you what to be. O. Carabbia: Right.

J. Traficant: But if I take this action, a long, tough court battle. Okay

O. Carabbia: Who? C. Carabbia: Don't worry about it.

O. Carabbia: Who? C. Carabbia: Dee? J. Traficant: Yeah.

C. Carabbia: Don't worry about it. O. Carabbia: Wait a minute. Who . . .

J. Traficant: Dankers. O. Carabbia: Who,

J. Traficant: That is right, Dankers. C. Carabbia: Don't worry about said he's going to use? He took their that. The only thing is after January 5th you can't do that because then

J. Traficant: They'll say why didn't you go January the 5th? Why are you ruary.

O. Carabbia: Right. Right. Uh . . . J. Traficant: That would be a low



ernment accuses Traficant of taking \$60,000 from James Prato (left) and Joseph Naples (above), along with \$103,000 from the Carabbias. The Carabbias questioned Traficant pointedly about taking money from rivals Prate and Naples. Documents filed in federal court link Prato and Naples to the Pittsburgh-area mob faction, the Carabbias to one in Cleveland, Traficant mentions several times a plan to arrest Prato, Naples and others on his first day in office.

down dirty trick for me too, now let's be honest.

O. Carabbia: Yeah, That's what I'm saying to you. That would be a low down dirty trick.

(Traficant leaves.)

O. Carabbia: You see, Sam, what I'm trying to find, what I want to explain is, like, you know, even before I seen you and Joe, remember this. He come over here, that was in September. I took this guy and when he told me nobody, you know what I mean? And I admitted, I said, don't worry about the money, if I got to give you the money myself. Did I tell you that or not? I said but I'm sure that, you know, let me sit down with my brothers and this and that. I didn't worry about that because I know that whatever one of us do, we'll do together. But you're with him. He don't want to have a chief deputy. He wants to have this guy, this guy, this guy. I mean he's going to name all these guys. You know where do we come in? Now 1 gotta depend on you. Do you understand what I'm saying?

S. Traficanti: Right. O. Carabbia: Well, I shouldn't have to depend only on you.

S. Traficanti: No, you should have. O. Carabbia: I should depend on him. We should depend on him. You understand?

S. Traficanti: Right,

O. Carabbia: So if he talks to anybody and makes any kind of deal, he should say, this is where I'm at. Now you work with them [two claps] or

S. Traficanti: Well this is what he wants to do.

O. Carabbia: When the time comes that he has to say that, will he say that?

S. Traficanti: He just told you. C. Carabbia: Yeah, I think he's hon-

S. Traficanti: No, no he's honorable to you. You guys he's honorable. No, I, [vulgarity], I got to say this. I got to say it.

O. Carabbia: Alright, whatever you, you're with the guy.

C Traficanti: I'm not, no, hey. Take all those doubts away from your mind. He's one solid [vulgarity]. Now I'm going to tell you ... You got to remember one thing his statement was made to him, to the Old Man ... He wouldn't be bothered at the Calla-

O. Carabbia: Wait a minute, if anyone bothers him. C. Carabbia: Don't worry, we'll put

a building up next to it.

O. Carabbia: If they're not bothered right there he wants to go by them then he's got to tell them look, you don't want me to bother you over

here, they're not going to get us to

worry about Youngstown, You understand what I'm trying to tell you? We'll work that out. The only thing is I don't want him to go sit with that guy and then make some other kind of deal S. Traficanti: I'll shoot him myself.

(Traficant returns.) O. Carabbia: You said you wasn't going to name no chief deputy.

J. Traficant: No.

O. Carabbia: You're going to have just guys taking orders directly from

J. Traficant: Department heads. O. Carabbia: If these guys go make any deals and you find out about it.

C. Carabbia: What happens, Jimmy? J. Traficant: They'll come up swimming in the Mahoning River. They ain't going to do with that with me. Don't worry about that, O. Carabbia: All right.

J. Traficant: Don't worry about

O. Carabbia: In other words when

we're sitting down, we're talking like

gentlemen, but in the back of our mind we'll always know that the only place you're going to sit is here. J. Traficant: Is over here. O. CARABBIA: WHATEVER isn't fair and isn't right we just say okay, if

that's the way you want it, and then you, you do what you want to do and we say he don't like the deal and that's the way it is. If he closes, he closes. What's fair, I'm talking about.

J. Traficant: Yeah.

C. Carabbia: Listen Jimmy. J. Traficant: Once we show our hand, I can't arrest this guy, remember that. I think we ought to give it about a weeks time and see what brashmouth, Hanni does.

O. Carabbia: You mean you're going, you really want to take a shot

like that. J. Traficant: I will take that shot. O. Carabbia: Well, I don't give a

(obscenity) take it. C. Carabbia: Wait awhile. J. Traficant: He keep [obscenity]

with us. C. Carabbia: Wait awhile he said . . . J. Traficant: Let's see what they really got, they think they got a hammer on me? If I thought they were

O. Carabbia: How could you find that out?

behind it.

J. Traficant: I don't know. And I don't think they are behind it. I'm being honest with you. I told you all along they were in a double cross. I don't believe that they're behind us. O. Carabbia: Who do you mean Jim-

J. Traficant: They're embarassed

with Hanni and they ain't making no money with Hanni.

O. Carabbia: I think Jimmy and Hanni had an argument.

C. Carabbia: Orly, Hanni is with them. Hanni, here let me get it set up. Hanni and Jimmy had a misunderstanding. Hanni said, '[obscenity] that old guy' but then he went back out there. But Hanni is with Calautti and Joey Naples.

J. Traficant: Yeah, I believe that. Carabbia: Well then why • couldn't Joey or Vic Calautti

tell Hanni? C. Carabbia: Because they don't want to. They figure let him go out there. He's doing their fighting.

O. Carabbia: No. I'm saying, now, how do you know Vic Calautti and O'Nesti. [unintelligible].

S. Traficanti: Listen to this. One day after the primaries, O'Nesti came to me, he says, now we're going to need a lot of money. Jimmy's going to need a lot of money, understand? So we're going to have to sit down, get him this money. I said I don't think he's going to need anything. I says, you know, there will be a lot of donations and stuff like that. I says, he'll be able to get the money. No, no, no, he got to sit down, because he's in bad with Hanni. Hanni's gonna knock him, Hanni's going to fight him to the main election. I said, you know, Chuck. I had it up to here with the [obscenity], you understand? So I threw the shot at him. I said I'm gonna try to talk to Jimmy, sit down with Jimmy, go and make up with Hanni and [obscenity] everthing. 'Oh no! don't want do that, nobody likes Hanni, So help me up above.

C. Carabbia: He said that?

S. Traficanti: O'Nesti, 'no, no, don't do that, don't do that.' He said ... that's the worst thing you can do. He said they don't like him, they don't like Hanni, so we'll get you all the money you need. This is the remark

O'Nesti made out of me [obscenity] around with. O. Carabbia: What was he going to

get. He was gonna go there, there. S. Traficanti: He was going to go there. He don't want, he didn't want, you know, me talking to Jimmy. He said go ahead and make up with Hanni, get the Democratic Party behind you. But this, this is one reason why I knew that those guys weren't with Hanni.

J. TRAFICANT: BUT what happens if I would take that action and I charge that Hanni was taking money from these people to influence local political elections? I make the arrest. You understand. That the whole country will come into Mahoning County. The whole country would be in here. The whole state would be in here. Make the arrest and ask for Attorney General the complete evaluations although they got the attorney general.

C. Carabbia: The Attorney General would love for you to do this. J. Traficant: No they got Flask and

Policy. The Attorney General would hide. O. Carabbia: No he wouldn't.

C. Carabbia: He would love to [unintelligible], he hates Hanni with a

passion J. Traficant: Yeah he hates Hanni but Joey, Jimmy and those guys would give him a lot of money in his

campaigns through Flask. O. Carabbia: Yeah, but [unintelligi-

J. Traficant: Well, he'd have to, or he wouldn't be the governor.

O. Carabbia: Right. Do you know for sure Joey and them guys gave him the money for his campaign?

J. Traficant: I don't know for sure. I'm sure they did, through Flask. O. Carabbia: Yeah. I'm just saying.

J. Traficant: Don't forget now, see, I had taken \$10,000 down to Flask. O. Carabbia: Uh, for what? J. Traficant: 10 of our thousand down to Flask for him to give me

some checks to cover up some of my contributions. O. Carabbia: Oh. C. Carabbia: You worried about

him? J. Traficant: No, but I don't think he'd say anything if I took this action ... I'm telling you the truth. It sounds, sounds really crazy, but look, if they going to [obscenity] hurt me you understand, I'm going to see whose going to be trying to hurt me now. If they try too hard, I don't think Flask would say a thing.

Carabbia: Why, then, after this, . January the 6th, you can't say

C. Carabbia: Because of [unintelligible].

J. Traficant: I can't, they'll say why didn't he take action? Why are you taking action in February? Because he's getting heat from Hanni. See I have no powers now. What I can say is this. I trust no law enforcement agency in the county. Now I am sworn in. I'm taking the arrest warrants, I'm filing the affidavits as Jim Traficant seeking the office and now as Jim Traficant as sheriff serving these powers. Okay? Bang. [Unintelligible] Prato, Naples. Calautti came in near the end, now I don't know if he gave any money but he come in at the end. So actually the only people I can arrest would be Jimmy, Joey and

Carabbia: By the way, what • judge you going to have swear you in?

J. Traficant: I don't know.

C. Carabbia: I just wonder if you ever thought of it? J. Traficant: I'm going to ask for a

Republican judge. C. Carabbia: You're [vulgarity].

J. Traficant: No, I'm telling you the truth. C. Carabbia: Who are you going to ask for, Judge Osborne?

[Laughter] J. Traficant: Why? You don't like Osborne?

[Laughter] O. Carabbia: You do what's best for you, Jimmy. No, really. I mean, Wouldn't you say? Do what's best for you, make yourself stronger.

J. Traficant: I ain't going to get one

Democrat any, any attention, I'll tell you that. O. Carabbia: You might, you might be wise in thinking who would appreciate it and then be able to speak for

you. You know what I mean? C. Carabbia: Is that what you're going to get, a Republican judge, then? J. Traficant: Probably.

A. Chapella: He might go out of the city and out of the county. He might get Battisti or one of the clerks. J. Traficant: No, [obscenity] Battis-

A. Chapella: Or the federal appeal courts. Let an appeals judge come in. O. Carabbia: Well then, you feel then that any conversation comes to you. They say I want to talk to you, we can't get together, ba, ba, this and that, you figure that's up to you peo-

ple to work out. J. Traficant: Well that developed with Hanni was unexpected.

O. CARABBIA: YEAH. J. Traficant: I don't think they have anything to do with Hanni. I think they want Hanni out, Hanni is not good for business, he's getting all the people beaten.

S. Traficanti: No. ... J. Traficant: And he's going to get more beat, and they know it. Okay? C. Carabbia: Everybody's down on

him.

J. Traficant: Yeah. But [unintelligible) but if they think, if we can [obscenity] this sheriff up, maybe Hanni'd be a nice hero, wouldn't he, poor Don Hanni. Really, he's taking care of just some people isn't be, do (Continued on Page A-26)

FBI Listing of Those Mentioned in Tapes Following is a list of names mentioned in the Francisco 49ers, a National Football League Carmen Policy -attorney in the

tape recordings, as identified by the FBI at the trial of Sheriff James A. Traficant Jr. A few names that crop up in the tapes are

not included in the FBI's list. Thomas Barrett - retired Mahoning County commissioner.

George Bindas - Mahoning County

commissioner. William Calaro - chairman of the board, The Cafaro Co. Vic Calautti - president, National Builders

Corp.; associate of Vincenzo "Brier Hill Jimmy" Prato and Joseph "Little Joey" Naples. Charles Carabbia - brother of Orland and Ronald Carabbia, missing and presumed

murdered. Orland Carabbia - operator of Crown Music & Vending Inc. in Struthers. Ronald Carabbia - currently incarcerated

for murder.

Corp.

Jimmy Dankers - alias James Vincent Petrella. Edward J. DeBartolo Sr. -chairman and chief executive officer, Edward J. DeBartolo

Edward J. DeBartolo Jr. - president, San

franchise. Edward Flask - attorney in the

Youngstown firm of Flask & Policy. Vincent Gilmartin - Mahoning County prosecutor. Paul Grimes - retired highway patrolman: Republican candidate for sheriff in 1976.

defeated by Michael Yarosh. Don Hanni Jr. - attorney and chairman of the Mahoning County Democratic Party. Lloyd Haynes - Youngstown municipal

Jack Hunter - Republican mayor of Youngstown, 1970-78. John Leskovyansky - Judge of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Branch.

Dom"; uncle of Prato. Harry Meshel - Ohio state senator. Leo Morley - Youngstown municipal judge. Joseph Naples - also known as "Joey": operator of Youngstown United Music Inc. Stephen Olenick - also known as "Bushel"; Mahoning County auditor.

Dominic Mallamo - also known as "Big

Charles O'Nesti - chief, Youngstown Fire Department, 1980-present. John Palermo -Mahoning County commissioner

Youngstown firm of Flask & Policy. Michael Pope - Mahoning County treasurer. Vincenzo Prato - also known as "Brier

recorder.

1978-80.

Hill" and "the Old Man"; operator of Calla-Mar Manor restaurant and hall. William Repasky - Mahoning County

J. Phillip Richley -mayor of Youngstown,

Russell Saadey - Youngstown businessman active in the Democratic Party. Terrence Shidel - Republican candidate for sheriff in 1980; defeated by Traficant.

Youngstown city councilman. Anthony Tabachine - Mahoning County deputy sheriff captain. George Tablack -appointed sheriff after death of Michael Yarosh in 1979; defeated by

Herman Starks - also known as "Pete":

John Vitullo - Youngstown businessman active in Democratic Party. George Vukevich -mayor of Youngstown,

1980-present. Michael Yarosh -Mahoning County sheriff, 1976 to death in 1979.

Traficant in 1980 primary.

Traficant: 'I Don't Trust the Political System of Mahoning'

(Continued from Page A-25) you understand the far-reaching effects? They haven't even thought about that yet, believe me, they haven't thought of that yet. I've been waiting to see if they were going to show any inclination. I was going to wait and see what O'Nesti said.

C. Carabbia: Have you seen him af-

ter the election?

J. Traficant: I talked to him on the phone. I said I thought you guys had some control. He said what do you mean. I said what's Hanni spouting his mouth off for? 'Cause every time you guys talk to me you tell me all you can do, and, Chuck, tell your people you can't do a thing, and the sheriff can't count on them, did I tell him that? S. Traficanti: Yes you did.

J. Traficant: That's the message getting back to them.

O. Carabbia: What did he say? J. Traficant: Nothing. They want to sit. They want to get rid of Hanni.

S. Traficanti: [Unintelligible] were supposed to have called this morning. J. Traficant: 'Cause I don't want to sit with nobody.

S. Traficanti: He didn't call back. J. Traficant: I'm gonna do what I have to do. I'm gonna do what I have to do. That's all I told him. But that's

what I have to do. O. Carabbia: Who know that Like your saying after the 6th. I mean, what if you have a problem after the 6th with them?

Carabbia: Orly, he could still take care of them.

O. Carabbia: What could you do then? I mean, they can't. I did this for YOU.

J. Traficant: No. I don't think that action the fifth, and they got Hanni banging away at me, causing me problems. By then, nothing's resolved, you understand?

J. Traficant: If you sit down and maybe strike a deal now, it might be premature. Joey's got to kick [vulgar-

J. Traficant: Good, that's why we're talking. Wait till we take office. To tell you the truth, it would be nice if Joey wasn't involved at all. Now I don't know that Joey gave any money, Jimmy gave money.

O. Carabbia: How could you hold a hammer over them after January fifth? For your protection.

J. Traficant: I can't. I got to act the fifth. But I'm going to tell you one thing. I come into office doing that, this whole town would full right in or-

[Laughter] O. Carabbia: We'll all be floating down the river.

J. Traficant: There'll be people floating. O. Carabbia: No you won't. No you

WOR'L C. Carabbia: You don't worry about

that O. Carabbia: You don't worry about

Laughter C. Carabbia: You guys got some people got judges, other people got

other people. [Laughter] C. CARABBIA: YOU guys worry

too much. J. Traficant: I didn't need the mon ey, they tried to give me the money. I

didn't need the money. C. Carabbia: I wish we could really talk to this guy, Orly, but go ahead.

J. Traficant: I don't know why you couldn't.

C. Carabbia: But go ahead.

O. Carabbia: No . . . you.

J. Traficant: You don't need to. But the guy I'd worry about would be Dankers [Petrella] if they had him on tape somewhere.

C. Carabbia: No, don't worry about

O. Carabbia: You worry about the least amount of things to worry about. J. Traficant: No, because Dankers we ought to pick him up at 12:01 a.m. That's all [unintelligible].

[Laughter] O. Carabbia: I'm gonna worry about how this guy's going to send 20 guys into ya, bugging ya ... and telling ya. J. Traficant: No, I ain't going to do

that. I'm not going to do that. O. Carabbia: You know what I

mean, Sam? J. Traficant: No. They know that I'm going to do that. That's what they're worried about. But this is what I was starting to think. The way things develop, what if they say we don't have this kid, we don't like this kid, we're going to blow everybody with Hanni Hanni's hard, he don't appreciate [unintelligible] for two years. What if Hanni could jackpot? Get this

kid dirty. C. Carabbia: He wouldn't. Hanni would jackpot all them guys. He don't have nothing on you, to save himself. He don't have nothin' on you, but Hanni would (obscenity) all of them. Believe me, I know he would.

J. Traficant: And they know that, but that [unintelligible]. C. Carabbia He might be either a

bigger [unintelligible] than you. Traficant: See, what I'm just J . thinking is that Hanni is no good for the business. Traficant is no good for their business. They know it. They sense it. That's why they took their shot the other way. You know that Okay?.

O. Carabbia: But you think, ah, do you know for sure if Vic gave Shidel the money or how, it was that? 5. Traficanti: That we don't know.

J. Traficant: We can't prove it.

...

J. Traficant: He can say what they want, they said they give him money. Yeah, I took their money. That's what I'm busting them for, 'Cause I don't trust the political system of Mahoning County, I don't trust it. And I'll wait



The Vivdiciator

WHERE THE RECORDER RAN - It was here, in the Struthers home of their mother, that the Carabbia brothers met with Traficant in November and possibly December 1989 and discussed politics, allegiances and Traficant's election as Mahoning County sheriff. The secretly made tape recordings later fell into the hands of the FBL Charles Carabbia disappeared not long after the second meeting.

until I become the sheriff. Now I'm arresting Jimmy Prato, such and such a date, for giving me money. I'm arresting. I'm arresting those'll be the arrest [unintelligible]

C. Carabbia: They're accusing you of taking money from us? Say I haven't taken a dime from them and question

me set up these people, if I have to.

A. Chapella: But, Charlie, there's no want to ask him. way in hell.

J. Traficant: Hey, they were trying to get to me. I know you guys were ... you guys had your brother in jail, and you just, I just told you, help me set these [obscenity] up. I've known this. you for a long time. That's all.

C. Carabbia: Good, I'll call your cousin and I'll. . .

J. Traficant: That's right. [Unintelligible]

J. Traficant: Take your dirty mon-

O. Carabbia: OK, what I'm saying Jimmy, after the fifth and the sixth comes, is the clout still liable for you? J. Traficant: No. The clout's not

good then, that because, yeah because they will never know where you're coming

from, Jimmy. C. Carabbia: No. J. TRAFICANT: NO. What I'm saying is this, look, at 12:01 a.m. if I went out and had him picked up, had Joey

picked up, had O'Nesti arrested, you O. Carabbia: Mummm. What do you

think, he's going to shoot at you? [Pause] Hanni?

J. Traficant: Now? [Unintelligible] gonna wait and see . . .

C. Carabbia: No, that's the only thing he can shoot at, what he did the other night. Let him go under oath and say where he got his money from. That's the only thing he's got.

J. Traficant: See what he's, what he's doing, what he's doing is he's, he says, look, this kid he got money OK? Just look at everybody else, he knows politics. OK? Whether anybody told him or not. He figures I make this statement, I back him off, OK? Now probably what they're going do is my enemies are going to be banging all over 'Open Mike' tomorrow.

C. Carabbia: Right. J. Traficant: OK, I ain't going to say [unintelligible].

C. Carabbia: You're right, it's going to come up.

J. Traficant: He said my report will be filed by the 19th of December, My reports have already been filed. Mr. Hanni is a clever attorney, he tried to get out from under the issue, he's an ineffective leader, he can't function. he destroyed the Democrat Party and he now has a Democrat who's asking him to resign. Now, he wants to wait for my report and he wants to put me under oath, he has no right to do elther, 12:01 a.m. I have an announcement for Mr. Hanni, At 12:01 a.m. January the fifth. And the whole town is going to start saying 12:01 a.m. January the fifth. What's he got?

[Unintelligible] J. Traficant then let him run his

O . him up the wall.

J. Truficant: Then let us see what these other [obscenity] are going to do because I ain't going to, let us see what all these guys are going to do.

O. Carabbia: What guys? J. Traficant: Vic.

C. Carabbia; Brier. J. Traficant: Joey.

S. Traficanti: They're all going to be

trying to find a hole. J. Traficant 'Cause what I'm going to say is this, I did my best. I didn't realize how extensive this is. But my action is being taken on official transactions. It didn't even begin, it's the tip of the iceberg. The many people involved, and I can't take official action. What do you mean, Mr. Traficant? I know that we're arresting

these people and that's it. That's an official documentable arrest procedure at this point. But I still have ongoing investigation into organized crime and the Mahoning County politics. I think Mr. Hanni should resign.

A. Chapella: Jim, let me ask you one

C. Carabbia: Andy, you been quiet J. Traficant: Nobody. They helped for an hour, why don't you stay quiet? A. Chapella: Just one question

J. Traficant: Yeah?

A. Chapella: Do you think Don Hanni could have possibly given someone money? Say like he give me money to give to Jim, and Jim doesn't report

A. Chapella: Could Hanni contribute to your campaign?

J. Traficant: Without me knowing A. Chapella: Without any knowl-

J. Traficant: The statement I can make is this. For all I know, the money I received from these people, I

can't even be sure that Don Hanni didn't have a piece of that money. O. Carabbia: Well, here, Jimmy, No. O. Carabbia: Well, you can still say now you went, you see a few people,

> C. CARABBIA: I'LL drink to that. You have got me drinkin' tonight.

O. Carabbia: (Unintelligible) attorneys. OK, now I'm sure Eddie DeBartolo won't get involved with this, right. You talk to Eddie by yourself?

J. Traficant: Mmhmm. O. Carabbia: You and the old man? J. Traficant: No, the young guy. O. Carabbia: Oh, you and Junior. You and Eddie Junior talked.

J. Traficant: Yeah.

O. Carabbia: So what he gave you he gave you just you and him. J. Traficant: That's it.

O. Carabbia: How about them attornevs and that? Maybe, you know what I mean. Like some of them checks and like that or whatever, Maybe he's like Andy, he's got a point.

J. Traficant: You see, all I have to do is tie Eddie and Carmen to this. Mr. DeBartolo gave me some cash, and Eddie, he told me to come see you, you'd take care of it. Now, this is the cash, Eddie, and you got me some checks for it. Now you couldn't get me all checks for it, the rest you gave me cash. Now if you want to get Mr. DeBartolo involved, open your mouth. So Eddie will be no problem.

O. Carabbia: Well, then you got him

J. Traficant: Eddie's OK. He's [unin-

telligible]. O. Carabbia: All right, who else? J. Traficant: I don't want to ask

[unintelligible]. C. Carabbia: Go ahead. Who else? J. Traficant: That's it, that's it.

O. Carabbia: You don't think anybody else can come in. He had a point there. You think he didn't? J. Traficant: No. And Hanni might

know of some people that may be giving a couple of hundred, I don't know, But when you see people getting arrested, do you think they're going to say anything?

J. Traficant: Do you think they're going to say anything? O. Carabbia: No.

I Traficant: They're going to say, . What did you give to who, when, That's illegal. [Pause] I don't want to do that. I told that to Sam today and he laughed, but I'm thinking shead right now. Andy is right . . . it's Hanni. I ask him to resign, he's fighting now OK? I probably should have said nothing about Hanni. But for all the information I have he's going to be indicted. If Hanni was indicted, I'm the guy who took Hanni on. I built a political base gonna be hard to [obscenity] with. You understand what I'm saying?

O. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: They say Traficant won and he did what he said he was going to do. That makes us powerful You know what I mean? And now for

all the indications I'm getting, people I'm listening to are supposedly getting all this information don't have any information. I don't think Hanni is going to be indicted on anything.

C. Carabbia: You don't think so. J. Traficant: Not I don't think he got a problem in the world.

C. Carabbia: He acts like he does. J. Traficant: Legally, No. He don't, but if he feels he does, now, he's going to get nailed. He might be so bitter he might self-destruct and try to hurt me. You understand? This is the only thing I'm getting. Second of all, when all this [obscenity] starts to come down, Joey and Jimmy and his people start thinking. They start saying, well ... let Hanni go. Let Hanni go, you know? Then they'll start thinking, you know, how far can he go, though What if this kid nails us? You understand? When I told him on the phone yesterday, I says, you know I've been hearing about all this help you're going to give me,

0. CARABBIA: TOLD who?

J. Traficant: O'Nesti, on all these saues, look, you either take care of this guy and straighten this out. If you can't do this, then I recognize that you have no power at all, and you tell your people that, and I'll do what I got to

O. Carabbia: That's a good uh. . . . J. Traficant: You understand. So let me see what they can do. Because I don't have to do anything till 12:01 the

O. Carabbia: Yeah, but he asked for you to debate. What are you going to do about that?

S. Traficanti: No, after the financial report is in.

J. Traficant: That's fine. I'll be glad to debate him. Maybe this would be good. If they can't slow him down and they're going to put me in this type of situation, say we set the debate up. Say the debate is set for the 20th. Maybe I'll have someone else arrest these guys on the 20th. Or that night

some announcements to be made on the fifth of January. O. Carabbia: Don't you think Joey will stop Hanni?

of the debate, I say, but I do have

J. Traficant: No one can stop Hanni.

O. Carabbia: You think so. J. Traficant: No, Joey and those guys don't control Hanni.

O. Carabbia: If they paid him.

O. Carabbia: Well, just think it now. Charlie's my friend, he says. C. Carabbia: Joey is not that type of

C. Carabbia: Orly, Orly, what are

H Joey ...

a guy, Orly,

O. Carabbia: I understand what yes). you're saying. But what I'm saying, who, who's Hanni with? Vic Calautti? You know [obscenity] well he was running the party, isn't that right?

J. Traficant: No they had Bushel [unintelligible]. When Hanni made his big move they never thought he'd beat them, when they beat him they got to Hanni.

Carabbia: All Hanni wants is Joey Naples and Joey Calautti.

J. Traficant: Yeah. That's after ... C. Carabbia: Bushel was out here

with these guys out here. O. Carabbia: What I'm saying, Jimmy, for your protection, that's all I'm thinking about ... what I'm thinking about is if they can't stop him, then you feel that I don't care if Joey or Vic did give Hanni any money, he's going to have a personal beef, with you. If they can't stop him, then that means he's tellin' them ...

J. Traficant: No, if they can't stop him, then it's their problem. Do you know what I'm saying?

J. Traficant: 'Cause my statement is this, Hanni's not involved in any court case. Hanni has been asked by the sheriff-elect to resign. I'm not going to involve myself with Hanni now until the fifth of January. But I will debate him in front of the committee people. He's trying to skirt the issues. He's ineffective, he can't in fact elect an official, because the people don't trust him. And he should step down for the better of the party. That's the issue, and all this other smokescreen is just that. That's what my statement is going to be if they keep pushing this. But I'm just thinking in the back of my head, OK? Let's say, let's say, that we, ah, that we arrested the old man and then they come out of entrapment [pause] that I trapped them into this

J. Traficant: Take you out of that [unintelligible]. I say, yes, I did. I trapped them sure as [obscenity]. Let them get exonerated if the courts exonerate them, you understand. But

But if you look at all the angles of it . . .

O. Carabbia: You have to.

yeah, I trapped them. O. Carabbia: Yeah, but the other guy bugged you to no end. It wasn't

they're done. Yeah, I trapped them,

entrapment. J. TRAFICANT: THEY bugged us all the way through, bugged us all the way through. Trying to give me money, trying to give me money so when I did it, I always did it with somebody else. The first time I didn't know how else to do it. So, I utilized special agents, reserve detectives, VFW president Charles Carabbia from Struthers.

C. Carabbia: He laughs. J. Traficant: That's all have to say.

Unintelligible]

J. Traficant: I called you specifically and told you the situation, told you want I wanted to do. And you said you certainly have no part of it, but your brother's in jail. You don't want no problems. But you don't like the way people have tried to hurt your family. And you people done some good things you'll be glad to help the new sheriff, if you think this is out of hand. [Laughter] And I give you an award for the VFW.

C. Carabbia: What's the matter, can't you use Orly?

O. Carabbia: I don't know if . . .

J. Traficant: You were there. Hey, you were there, Charlie.

C. Carabbia: Go ahead, What do I

J. Traficant: Because the old man always says, "How come Charlie, he don't give you no money?" I said he don't have to give me no money, he's my friend, "Oh, he's your friend, he don't give you no money. Hell, I gotta give money."

S. Traficanti: That was the exact

statement. O. Carabbia: What?

S. Traficanti: To the old man to what he just got done telling you. Charlie don't have to give him no money.

J. Traficant: We're family, We're

S. Trafficanti: Hmm huh (Indicating O. Carabbia: That's right,

...

J. Traficant: It's all over the street that I'm with you guys. O. Carabbia: No, besides that. Ain't

nobody he, listen, he can't bring us in. Now think about it Jimmy, I don't give a [obscenity] what anybody, J. Traficant: No. But he said this I

think more less to intimidate me, O. Carabbia: No. J. Traficant: That I would get scared and I would crawl in the shell. This is

what I think he did. O. Carabbia: No. C. Carabbia: Maybe,

O. Carabbia: But if he's thinking that you say you're with us, thats one thing. But for him to ask where it came from. What are we going to say,

What are you, out of your mind? But

could be go and maybe get somebody

else that would say yes. You understand what I'm saying? J. Traficant: Let me ask you this. What I'm asking you, anybody else

who could say you gave money? C. Carabbia: No. J. Traficant: Then what are you

worried about?

O. Carabbia: Nobody. J. Traficant: The only guys who who gave me money are the guys I'll arrest if they keep [obscenity] with us.

O. Carabbia: That's what I'm giving you, information, that's all. J. Traficant: Yeah,

O. Carabbia: I mean I'm saying, who could have gave Hanni this? Hanni knows he couldn't get nothing out of

C. Carabbia: He knows that. Everybody know that you don't get nothin' out of us. O. Carabbia: Right, but now ...

some [unintelligible]. S. Traficanti: Somebody in our camp ... must have told Hanni something. O, Carabbia: From here?

[unintelligible] Sam. I'm saying that

crew. And the only one who could Lenny was helpin' Shidel, right? 1 mean Lenny, Lenny, right? C. Carabbia: The whole crew was

S. Traficanti: From there, From that

with Shidel. A. Chapelia: Absolutely. J. Traficant: And then they have Tablack come in and Meshel come

into it, and all these come into it. See, they [obscenity] around with us too much now, Here's what Hanni has to recognize. We'll see what he keeps saying. Because all I'm going to say is, Don has a way of trying to skirt the issue, trying to intimidate people. My report will be out and everybody can look at it. See, I am going to be under oath for Don Hanni. I have a lawsuit against the party. I assume when it comes to court we'll be under oath. Don is trying to skirt the issue, Don Hanni should resign. The best interest of the people, that's my [obscenity] statement, and then, then let them go on from there, let them go on from there. If no one does get to him and stop him, you understand if nobody

[Unintelligible] J. Traficant: No, if they don't, though, and he don't get indicted for playing their games then, they're going to stop him, or he gets indicted ... Fine. If it don't work out and that

then the last resort is that, you know, on January the fifth we'd have to arrest these guys. O. Carabbia: This [unintelligible]. J. Traficant: And I started to think about that last night. I mentioned to

[obscenity] goes all the way with it,

you the first thing today, didn't I Sam? S. Traficanti: Yesh. J. Traficant: I've been thinking about that strongly last night.

O. Carabbia: Well, that's the only thing that'll save you. S. Traficanti: Because I told him, I said [obscenity] this Hanni deal, let's

lay off Hanni. (Continued on Page A-27)

June 15, 1981 austintown, Ohio I James Treficent, make the fellowing free and voluntary statement to Robert & Kroner & and What & Surger, It. who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the Federal Buresus of Anvestigation. Il realize, and fully understand, that I do not have to make this statement, and that it and be used against me at a later time. During the period of time that I campuned for sherette of making Calinty Ohi, I accopted money from Orlando Cartobia, Charles Carabbia, Joseph naples and James Frate. This money was given to me with the undistanting that certain illegil activities would be allowed to take plate in making country after my election, and that as specife I would not interfale with those activities. I have read this statement, equisiting of this page and it is true and correct. VATORITURE Miles. Leveryer, A. SA, FEI, yrunghun, he 0/15/81 Howing SA FAT, Young town, Obis 6/15/81

THE DISPUTED CONFESSION - Traficant has attacked the authenticity of this statement, written by an FBI agent six months after the sheriff took office. The statement is an acknowledgement that Trafficant took money from the Carabbias, Prato and Naples in return for allowing "certain lilegal activities" to continue undisturbed. Traficant has accused the FBI of changing the content.

Charles Carabbia to Traficant: 'You Got to Watch Yourself'

(Continued from Page A-26) Traficant: Technically, I'm going • to tell you the truth. I withdrew \$5,000 out of my own account, my savings account. I borrowed \$4,000 from Dollar Bank in the primary. I made a \$15,000 loan through Sam and Carmen in the general election. I have \$24,000 plus all the money that I spent on my own, in my own campaign.

O. Carabbia: Then if that's the thing, then that's all you gotta worry about is that end.

J. Traficant: That's, I have no problem with.

O. Carabbia: That other end I'm talking about

J. Traficant: They can say well be said where he get his money, well fine I made the loan. What was the date of the loan. On October 25th.

O. Carabbia: No. I'm saying this . . . J. Traficant: Why do you arrange it on October 25th. And have it deposited to his account. Hanni's saying it

S. Traficanti: When did we have the last fund raiser.

J. Traficant: Yeah.

S. Traficanti: Two days, a day later, The following later. Two days later wasn't it.

O. Carabbia: Well Jimmy you know a lot of guys are going to come up to you tell you here you can have this you can have that you can have this you can have that, now. J. Traficant: Yeah.

O. Carabbia: You, you got to make up your mind.

J. Traficant: No, I ain't going to take anything. Because I don't know where these guys are coming from.

O. Carabbia: You right. You don't know what they may be covering up. You know that I mean. [Unintelligi-

C. CARABBIA: YOU got to watch yourself.

J. Traffcant: They can be a treasury agent, any thing.

O. Carabbia: How do you know.

J. Traficant: It can be FBL O. Carabbia: Like they may come

and say here give this to him, give this to him. That's all

O. Carabbia: What would they say to us. J. Traficant: I would get shot

through. O. Carabbia: That's what it would

come down to if the [Unintelligible] come out yeah. J. Traficant: Someone would shoot

me. C. Carabbia: By the way, I heard you use that ... I heard that your party up in Georgetown you had that big

O. Carabbia: That big stick.

J. Traficant: They gave me a stick. Yeah. O. Carabbia: What's that guy's

name. [Unintelligible] C. Carabbia: Buford, no, Buford

Musser.

J. Traficant: Pusser.

S. Traficanti: "Walking Tall." C. Carabbia: I heard at your party

that night they gave you a big club. Joey Cavino, Tony [Unintelligible] telling me that you was going like this here with it. Were you? J. Traficant: Yeah. [Unintelligible]

[Laughter]

S. Traficanti: [Unintelligible] a big one to that son of a

J. Traficant: That big club.

O. Carabbia: No you better . . . J. Traficant: Wouldn't be something that [Unintelligible] for nothin', pick him up.

O. Carabbia: I think that you got your problems someplace else sometime. Hanni's too friendly with too to do. Or I'll go to jail. many people Jimmy.

J. Traficant: I don't care who he's friendly with.

O. Carabbia: But I'm just saying. J. Traficant: Hanni keeps pushing it. That's the ultimate thing they have to take and we have the cash there. Just the way it was. Now I'll take it all apart and take the serial numbers and everything on every bill and have it documented and I'll have them dated on such and such a date and give you the document every bit of it and put it right back the way it was the say [clap] here it is now I'm going to

O. Carabbia: Well. That's all.

court.

J. Traficant: That's all. I don't know let's see what this guy does. I think they got to be ... I'm going to get out of town for about a week.

O. Carabbia: How did Chuck answer when you told him that.

J. Traficant: Well, they want to sit with you, they want to get rid of Hanni too, they want to sit down and help you. What do you mean they want to help me. I said I'm no charger, take care of them.

O. Carabbia: They don't have to sit with you to take care of it.

J. Traficant: Yeah. Oh I will sit with them. It's smart business for me to sit with them.

O. Carabbia: Why?

J. Traficant: If I duck and duck and duck I'm going to make a problem. I'm not going to take no money. Just don't worry about me.

O. Carabbia: How are you gonna . . .

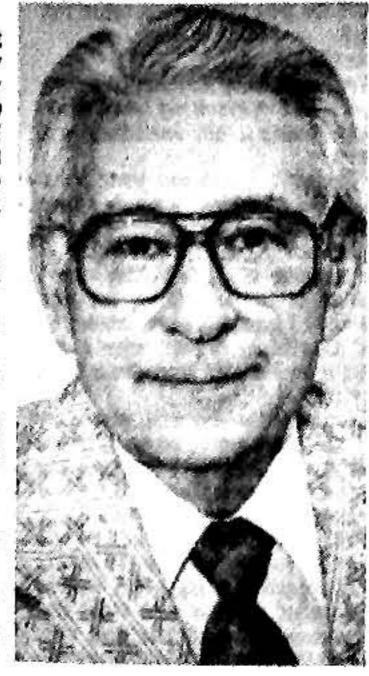
J. Traficant: If they ask to sit down with me okay now look they give What \$55,000? \$60,000? now if you give the guy \$60,000 thousand dollars. He won't pay you custody of meeting with you. What would you think. You're a businessman, what do you get.

O.Carabbia: All right,

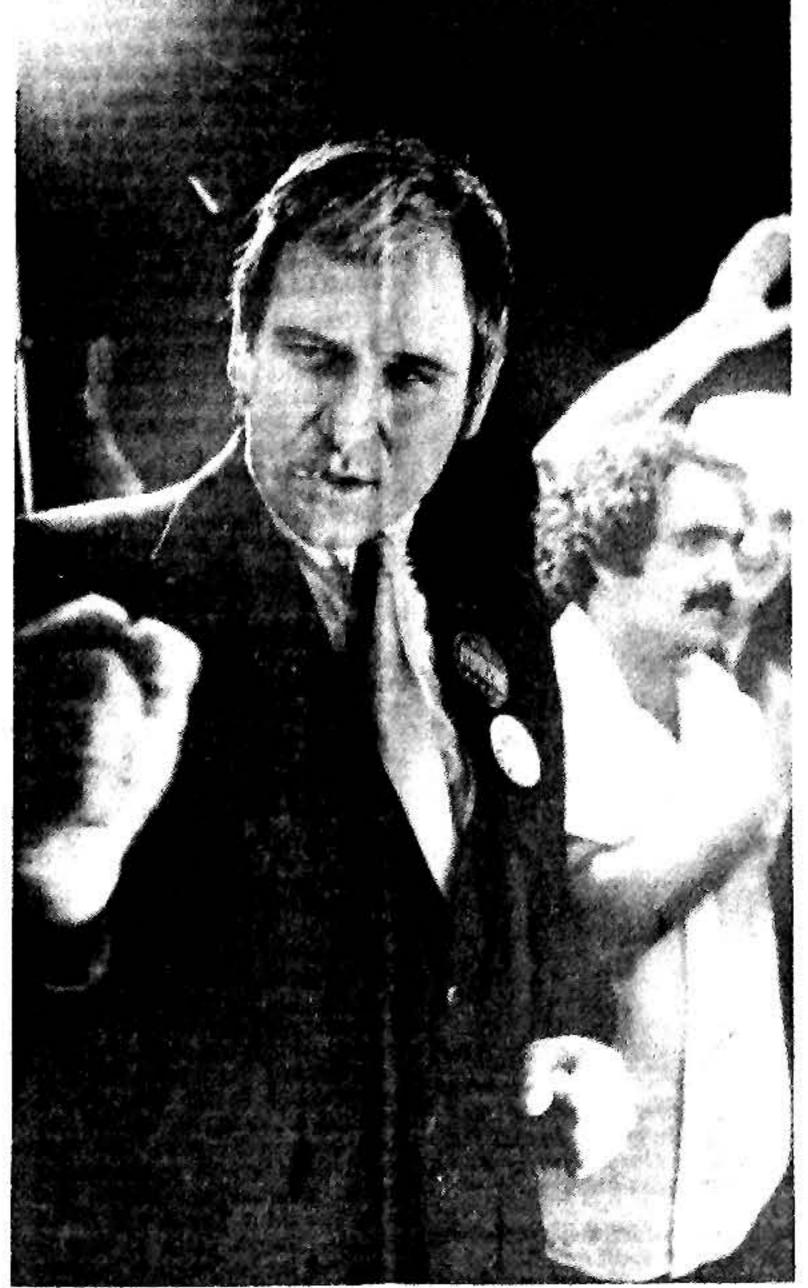
Traficant: Would you suspect · something.

O. Carabbia: You can tell them I came through, which I came because of that guy.

J. Traficant: Yeah but what I'm say-









OTHERS WHO WORE THE STAR - At various times, Traficant's predecessors and political opponents pop up in the Carabbia tapes. Traficant is shown here celebrating his victory over the incumbent sheriff, George Tablack (lower right), for the Democratic nomination in June 1980. Tablack, the endorsed candidate, had

ing though yeah, let's see what Han- meeting. You know there got to be a ni's doing now, let's see what he's doing. The time come we'll do that. Let's see what he's doing.

O. Carabbia: When they sit they [obscenity] your brain up and tell you, you can come back will give you this, will give you that.

J. Traficant: They's ain't fobscenity] my brain up at all. The election is over.

O. Carabbia: You got to tell . . . J. Traficant: I don't need no money "O." Didn't you tell me if I needed money to come here? O. Carabbia: Right

no money from . . .

O. Carabbia: You sit with them and they say this or they say that do you tell them where you got to sit where some time. you got to sit.

J. Traficant: I'm not going to tell them aything about ... until this is done with Hanni.

O. Carabbia: Well yeah. I'm saying

J. Traficant: When Hanni gets in- I'm going to tell you. dicted fine. Then go right at it. If he gets indicted and starts running his mouth I'm going set up to bust these guys. That's my only out. [Laughter] ... Hey I'm doing all this now this sound crazy and I'm not talking out of my ass ... This is what we might have

O. Carabbia: No. You . . .

J. Traficant: Now you want to know the truth of it. I can go right to jail disgrace my family, and that's what they'd like. I'll (obscenity) them. They made a big mistake. That illegal what

C. Carabbia: Giving you money.

J. TRAFICANT: OH, this Mahoning County has been corrupted for too many years. We got to put it in order. And I'll tell you something, you know what if you think about it, if I did that

C. Carabbia: You can run for Governor. [Laughter]

J. Traficant: We'd be very powerful. Sam Traficant: Believe it. You be the first sheriff to serve three days. J. Traficant: We serve three days I

get jackpotted someone would shoot me on Sharon Line. O. Carabbia: They wouldn't

[obscenity] with you, Jimmy. C. Carabbia: They wouldn't.

J. Traficant: They'd have somebody hit me. C. Carabbia: Are you crazy? They

don't know what it means if you want

C. Carabbia: Jimmy says I'm crazy, Charlie's crazy. He doesn't know nothin'.

J. Traficant: Alright I did make several statements to them so Sam under oath could say when they ask you what Carabbia, did they give you any money. Jimmy says they don't have they're like family, for year.

S. Traficanti: Put a lie detector test on that one.

detector test. [Laughter] S. Traficanti: I don't admit it for that, nothing Jimmy believes me.

J. Traficant: That's what was said under oath. They don't have to give me money. They say well what do you mean you have to give me money, I say yeah. Why did you say that Mr. Traficant. All they were my friends.

O. Carabbia: Alright then what you're saying now is when do you wanted to beat me anyway. I got to think we should see its like a waiting really think about all this. That's what game. You know there got to be a I'll give to O'Nesti, see. I hate to ee 19.

meeting, there got to be a sit down. J. Traficant: I'll sit down. I don't

think you should sit down. Wait and see, wait until January, what is the

O. Carabbia: There's no problem with us. You do what you want.

C. Carabbia: Don't worry about us Jimmy. You do worry about us. That's all I'm going to tell you.

O. Carabbia: And another thing ... C. Carabbia: You don't worry about us. We all three did time. All three of J. Traficant: All right. I don't need us ... [Unintelligible] None of them did time. And that one did a year down there and he was a [obscenity]. J. Traficant: Yeah, they should do

> C. Carabbia: But us three guys did time and we were men in the can Ill tell you that much. We sat with the best of them in the can and we was recommended by the best ... You don't worry about these family here

O. Carabbia: All I'm saying to you is regardless of what you do as long as you let us know whats happening.

C. Carabbia: You be honest with us and you got the strongest around right here us guys.

O. Carabbia: You get anything you

want. Believe me. C. Carabbia: There a guy up there proving it to the country. Right? S. Traficanti: Yes he is.

C. Carabbia: He's proving it to the country. He's loved all over the county. All over the country.

J. Traficant: Who's that. C. Carabbia: My brother Ronnie. Our brother.

J. Traficant: Well I'm going home. O. Carabbia: Alright then you want us to wait

C. Carabbia: Don't you worry about this guy.

J. Traficant: Yeah I do want you to wait now, what's going on.

Carabbia: This is what we're • talking this is why we're meeting. He don't want no sit down yet.

J. Traficant: No. Why do we have to sit down now for. We'll see what we got to do in January. [Unintelligible] Hanni is jackpotted and everything is talking, smooth. Then you guys sit down and work it out.

that's why we're talking so we'll sat down and then I got in the picture

C. Carabbia: We do what you say. That's right, you're the sheriff, what the [obscenity]. J. Traficant: I am, I've been thinking

about this. I started thinking about it January or so ... last night real hard. C. Carabbia: What? That you're the

sheriff, [Laughter] J. Traficant: What if I was to arrest

these [obscenity]. What if I was to arrest them. If they had something on What do you have to sit with them to give me money. They're friends, these people you see I'll tell you the sat down in September then? truth if they ever start hemming and having around aw gee you better election. watch yourself. Hanni knows this, J. Traficant: I don't admit to no lie Hanni knows that, you know.

C. Carabbia: Don't you take none of

J. Traficant: No, no, no, no ... Here's what I'll say. Oh does he? Yeah. A problem ain't it. Well it's evidence you guys can't do nothing for me. You did nothing for me at the fair you did nothin' for me anywhere else. All you try to do is (obscenity) my mind up, put pressure on my, you really

been the party's appointee to replace Michael Yarosh (upper right) when he died. Yarosh, a coroner's investigator, had succeeded a Republican sheriff, Ray T. Davis (upper left). Traficant defeated Republican Terry Shidel (lower left) in the November general election. Shidel is now Canfield police chief.

O'Nesti go to fail. He has to go to fail you know if we make this arrest.

O. Carabbia: What you mean you hate to see him. He was [obscenity]

you ... J. Traficant: Nooo, I hate to see him go to fail cause of his family and everything I wouldn't mind seeing the old man getting nailed, he's the only one I wouldn't mind seeing get hurt.

C. CARABBIA: YOU put this in your mind and when you go to sleep tonight. Don't you worry about this 19th and about the 15th, we went into family here.

J. Traficant: Charlie ... let me tell you this. I never did. You guys must have a few worries because you keep event. worrying. C. Carabbia: We worry about honor.

[Unintelligible] We love you we hate to see you go another way. C Carabbia: [Unintelligible] Now

o you said what, you don't want me to go talk to them? J. Traficant: No, till the fifth.

C. Carabbia: What, can you tell me what your reason is you didn't want, you didn't want nobody to talk with them till the fifth?

J. Traficant: I told you what my reason was. I shouldn't say that one more time in front of anybody else.

C. Carabbia: Well what I want to say do you think I should say it here or [unintelligible].

J. Traficant: No. No what I told you. You can say anything else you want but you shouldn't say what I told you the last time we were here. Do you disagree with that?

C. Carabbia: Well not that I really disagree. O. Carabbia: Disagree with what?

C. Carabbia: About me talking to ah Dominic or Jimmy or any of them

O. Carabbia: Well that's what I mean Jimmy. C. Carabbia: Well here, let me see

J. Traficant: Didn't we talk and didn't we say, because of what I said I might do that we wouldn't do that.

C. Carabbia: I don't think you're going to have to do that. J. Traficant: How do you know?

C. Carabbia: You're not. O. Carabbia: That's the idea of us

C. Carabbia: First of all, let me say this here. When you first went to run O. Carabbia: Okay. That's alright, Jim, that was you and Andy and Orlie and then after a while, Joe and Sammy got in the picture.

O. CARABBIA: THAT was when? What month? C. Carabbia: That was, well, hell, in

Male: [Unintelligible] S. Traficanti: [Unintelligible] September.

O. Carabbia: September? S. Traficanti: Yeah. O. Carabbia: You and I and Jimmy

S. Traficanti: That's prior to our C. Carabbia: Then you . . . then Orlie come up to me one time. He says ah, which I didn't know what was going on that's when Yarosh died. No, Yarosh was still living. Yeah. Yarosh was still, ah, no, anyway, he said Jim Trafi-

cant wants to run for sheriff? J. Traficant: Yarosh was still living. C. Carabbia: He was . . . Male; Right, right. Yeah, right.

O. Carabbia: Yeah. That was in September of '79. J. Traficant: Yarosh died. And I had

a fund-raiser planned for November

S. Traficanti: We canceled it. J. Traficant: I canceled it. I had,

then I ... C. Carabbia: When did he die? Do you remember? J. Traficant: I don't know the exact

date. I rescheduled it. I know that he was buried on November 19th but I think he died on the 16th or 17th. Because the day he was buried was the day that I was to have my event and they canceled in respect for the sheriff. And I rescheduled it for January business. He gave me some money. About the 15th of January, a week before that event. He bought out that

C. Carabbia: Ten thousand, I think. J. Traficant: No. Three thousand.

Carabbia: Yeah. That's right, three thousand.

J. Traficant: Three thousand. C. Carabbia: Right,

J. Traficant: And that's when we started. C. Carabbia: All right. But let's say this here. Now, first let's get a couple of things straight and then maybe, ah, if there's certain things that maybe

Orlie. I'm sure that these fellows wouldn't mind.

[Unintelligible conversation]. J. Traficant: Now wait a minute now. No here's what I want to say, There's one thing I want to say. You should never talk with nobody without first talking to me.

you want only talk about with me and

O. Carabbia: All depends. J. Traficant: OK?

C. Carabbia: Well I want to tell you why I went there . . . J. Traficant: Now wait a minute.

Wait a minute. You and I talked and we set up a plan.

O. Carabbia: Agreed. J. Traficant: OK. But then you went ahead and you did something outside that plan. And whatever you do is your business. I told you that before. But remember, you might be putting

me behind the eight ball. C. Carabbia: No.

O. Carabbia: Huh-uh.

put you behind the eight ball?

J. Traficant: Well, OK, good. C. Carabbia: If we ain't putting you behind the eight ball, you might be

putting us behind the eight ball. J. Traficant: No, I've never put you behind the eight ball. O. Carabbia: Well how, how did we

J. Traficant: You're taking away my play on January the 5th if I would decide to do that. O. Carabbia: You can't. You won't

have to do that. J. TRAFICANT: OK. I can't do that. If you went ahead and did that.

C. Carabbia: You, you want to know something. I'm going to tell you something Jimmy and this is the God's truth. Without me messing it, I think you should stop [obscenity] with Han-J. Traficant: I'm not [obscenity]

with Hanni. C. Carabbia: Because people are saying ...

J. Traficant: I said it right on TV. I'm not messing with Hanni, I'm concerned about the budget. C. Carabbia; Right.

J. Traficant: And I wished him the best. C. Carobbia: Alright, But here's

what people are saying now, Jim Traficant [obscenity] Hanni real good. Now, nobody likes Hanni but they say Jim should lay off of Hanni because if he keeps pushing, then he's going to wind up looking like Hanni. You un-

derstand? Like a Gestapo. That's what they're, they're calling him Hitler. So if I were you, I'd quit [obscenity] with Hanni. I'm telling you ... 'Cause the people really like you now ... You're

J. Trafficant: I'm not talking about Hanni. See there's two moves that are being made. Number one, Hanni is either bitter, or Hanni is being used. Hanni is either being bitter and personally responding to what I said OK? Or Hanni is being used in his position to force me in the old man. You guys've been around longer than me and if you can't suspect that possible

C. Carabbia: What do you mean? Force you into the old man? O. Carabbia: Well his play is to bring

Jimmy to Hanni. C. Carabbia: Well, why should Hanni force you into the old man? They already think that you are into the old

J. Traficant: Cause Hanni put out the flyer. C. Carabbia: That's right.

Traficant: And he didn't mention • the old man, did he?

C. Carabbia: No. O. Carabbia: Who'd he mention? C. Carabbia: He mentioned us guys.

J. Traficant: Uh-huh. J. Traficant: Who'd Jack Hunter mention? C. Carabbia: Us guys.

J. Traficant: Who else did he mention! C. Carabbia: I'm going by what you

said, Jimmy Dankers. I never heard

the name. J. Traficant: Yeah.

C. Carabbia: I never heard it. You told me twice. J. Traficant: What I'm saying though, what I'm saying, yeah, I told you that twice. And when I heard it twice from a Republican, you under-

stand? The first time and the second

time through the route of a Republican, what does that tell me? C. Carabbia: Well Jimmy, they're going to do anything to [unintelligi-

ble]. J. Traficant: Yeah. They're going to do anything. They said everything Charlie.

C. Carabbia: Right.

J. Traficant: But they never said that and I told you. I don't like what I heard. Now when Hanni made that statement, if you take any action, let me just tell you this. If my suspicions are correct, I have no answer. None, Now here's how bad I think they hate the new sheriff, that they will do anything and you put me in a position if you did it, if you put me in that position, you talk to them now. If Hanni

keeps coming at me, OK? C. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: There's going to be nothing but attention on this sheriff till he goes to Woodside. That's their

game. And I talked to you about thet. C. Carabbia: Well you see Jimmy, you got to understand one thing. I want you to listen a little. I understand your position. You're the sheriff and all that there, but at the same time you got to understand, you got to un-

derstand our position. O. Carabbia: But he's saying re-

member this. J. TRAFICANT: WHAT I'm saying, I should be saying to you and to Orly right now. I shouldn't be saying it to nobody else. Believe me when I tell you, what you and I are talking about

O. Carabbia: Yeah.

J. Traficant: Is my business, O. Carabbia: Wait a minute, Jimmy. The way you feel about that there, I can appreciate why you're saying but then you got to understand also that what you are planning in your mind and what you're thinking, you have to understand too that if you feel that we pulled a wrong move, remember, if it's laid out on the table now let them pull

the wrong move and they won't pull the wrong move. J. Traficant: Oh. If you pull the wrong move, cause two wrongs don't

make a right O. Carabbia: That's right. J. Traficant: You have to right it. You stop me. You take away my hammer. When you made that move, you took away my hammer.

O. Carabbia: I'll tell you something about a move. When my brother calls a guy up that he's been seeing every month and that guy tells him there ain't nothing here. . . .

J. Traficant: Is that what they told you?

C. Carabbia: Wait a while, Orly, hold J. Traficant: What are they doing with you if they did that "O"? I mean first of all, what are they doing ... OK.

Listen to this. What are they doing

with you? O. Carabbia: Nothing. Traficant: OK. No, no, let me say J • this. If they said there's nothing here, what are they doing with you?

They are forcing you to come up there

and say oh there's nothing there, huh? C. Carabbia: No. No. No. We've been in this poker game long enough, Jimmy. We know what's going on. Now let's talk about these three guys

and then these three guys can take a ride and come back in 15 minutes. [Unintelligible] then us, then you and Orly and I ... Male: OK, That's a good idea. We'll get out of here.

O. Carabbia: When we started out Jimmy, Joe, Sam, was very helpful. Right?

C. Carabbia: And Andy J. Traficant: Yes they were. O. Carabbia: I'll get to Andy. They were very helpful through me. My

conversation I'm talking about. So (Continued on Page A-28)

O. Carabbia: 'We've Done Everything You've Asked to Do'

they'd come up with money. They did this, they did that, right? They were part of organizing and part of your triumph, right?

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C. Carabbia: Worked seven or eight. months or whatever.

O. Carabbia: Do you feel that O'Nesti or any of that crew over there was loyal to you in any way?

J. Traficant: No. O. Carabbia: Do you feel that Sam-

and Joe was leyal to you? J. Traficant: Absolutely. G. Carabbia: Do you feel they

should be accepted? J. Traficant: They are accepted. O. Carabbia: With anybody? Or

should they hide? J. Traficant: All right. They are ac-

O. Carabbia: Should they hide? J. Traficant: Why do you have to

O. Carabbia: That's what I want to

know. Should I hide? J. Traficant: As far as I'm con-

O. CARABBIA: YEAH.

J. Traficant: Yeah. O. Carubbia: Do you think so. Should Brier Hill Jimmy hide?

J. Traficant: As far as I'm concerned, I don't know Brier Hill Jimmy. O. Carabbia: Well.

J. Traficant: Now you asked me a question and that might hurt. OK? O. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: OK. We'll all walk

around with our chest sticking out. O. Carabbia: In another words, what you're saying to me then is J. Traficunt: No. What I'm saying,

let's not assume what I'm saying. Let me say what I'm saying. Right in front of Andy, Sam and Joe. O. Carabbia: I think that's the way it

should be. J. Traficant: About Andy, Sam and

O. Carabbia: Right.

J. Traficant: But about Jim? No.

[Pause] O. Carabbia: The only thing I'm trying to bring out, Jimmy, is that Joe and Sam, I don't have to tell you, they've been very loyal, so has Andy so have us. We've done everything you've asked to do. Now, ah, I see that

J. Traficant: What do you see here? O. Carabbia: You have Tabachino doing a few things for you.

J. Traficant: Tabachino did a few things for the election. Tabachino is a civil servant.

O. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: Already in the employ

of the sheriff's department. O. Carabbia: I agree. Should Tabachino be accepted like these guys? Like us guys?

J. Traficant Did I ever say he would be? O. Carabbia: Ah, don't you feel that

if he's doing things for you and knowing about a lot of things for you then he's close with Jimmy now? J. Traficant: Let me ask you this,

Orly.

O carabbia: i si bachino out. Carabbia: I didn't say knock Ta-

J. Traficant: Now wait a minute. Did we work Tabachino and Chearno and Cade. The only three people in that department. They came forward, took a hassle through that election. Why? Probably because they thought I was going to win, that's true. But they're the only ones that did. I gave them little assignments, then bigger assignments. I tested them. They hung in there. If I had got beat, they would have suffered some problems, OK? Now, but that doesn't preclude the fact they're all civil service past two years. So in what respect now are you talking about Tabachino?

O. Carabbia: Talking about Tabachi-

J. Traficant: Far as a job is concerned? Or as far as loyalty is concerned?

O. Carabbia: No. I'm not talking about that. I'm just talking about that if everyting you give Tabachino remember on thing Jimmy, he gets his payday from Jimmy.

C. Carabbia: What, what I think Orly's trying to get at is, you feel he's close to Brier Hill.

O. Carabbia: I know, J. Traficant: OK.

C. Carabbia: And you feel by putting. Orly feels by putting him in certain positions, you're playing into Brier Hill Jimmy's hands.

J. Traficant: Yeah, You see, I'm not the sheriff yet.

C. Carabbia: Yeah.

J. Traficant: Now when I'm the sheriff, I'm going to tell all of them, that if they take a dirty dime, I'll break their legs. That'll include Tabachine. Now that's my business.

O. Carabbia: True. J. Traficant: You guys are assuming that Tabachino is going to do business

from the sheriff's department. C. CARABBIA: I DON'T think you'd let that happen.

J. Traficant: OK.

C. Carabbia: I'm not assuming that ... no way. J. Traficant OK. Well, you must be.

You're concerned about Tabachino. C. Carabbia: Not me. No. Not me.

J. Traficant: Now here's a question that I have. OK? A serious question. You put Tabachino in the sheriff's department, didn't you?

C. Carabbia: Yeah. This we did. O. Carabbia: Ron did.

C. Carabbia: We did. What do you mean, Ron? We did. We put him there. Yeah. Go shead.

J. Traficant: You put Tabachino in the sheriff's department. You put him

O. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: Now I want to try to make you a statement. Anybody that

have a job, how can they be out? is with me, you'll never have to worry about them going to sit with Jimmy.

O. Cerabbia: You mean to tell me



J. Traficant: Maybe not one. At the

give me a ruling on fiduciary. Now

let's say I have three jobs. And let's

say I appoint Andy, Sam and Joe, Not

one of them has ever been a po-

liceman. How long do you think

you're going to have a sheriff down

J. Traficant: With nothing but prob-

O. Carabbia (?): I didn't know that

you wasn't going to have, be able to

Carabbia: They're gonna have to

lay off. They're gonna have to

J. Traficant: They may lay off up to

A. Chapella: Airight. Jimmy, I just

J. Traficant: Wait a minute, Andy. I

J. Traficant: What I'm saying is

Andy, Sam and Joe are already in.

January the fifth, they should be in,

Every month. When the opportunity

avails itself. I'm going to hire them,

not because we're sitting here but be-

cause they developed into my person-

al friends - loyal people that I want.

O. Carabbia: Yeah. I follow you. In

other words you're telling me that the

way they leave that bu ... the way

that budget's going to be and the way

that manpower is going to be down

there, you're not going to be able to do

money off the [unintelligible].

Male (?): Hmm-hmm.

C. Carabbia: We should have taken

J. Traficant: Let me state. I don't

J. Traficant: But I know there's 78

people, nine of them are CETA. One

CETA person goes, they all go. One

goes, you can't replace with CETA. So

as far as I'm concerned, there's 69 em-

ployees. Of the 69, every one of them

has a 90-day provisional, which means

they can only be terminated for cause.

Cause is a [vulgarity]. Even Fromel's

status to a major. Now, what Gilmar-

tin has said, OK, is I will not support

any action of the new sheriff unless it

is documented and accepted by prop-

J. TRAFICANT: THAT would be

Columbus. It would have to be a

clear-cut ruling. OK. So I've made the

connections to go to see Celebrezze,

OK? What I'm trying to tell you is this.

With, let's say there's 20 layoffs, not

28, 20. Say there's 15. Who's going to

be the 15 that'd be laid off? Because

there's 14 with less than two years,

What cause do I have now? There's

nobody with less than two years.

What I'm trying to tell you is this.

There's not a lot of jobs there. If

there's only a couple jobs, jobs that

are appointed will be scrutinized very

carefully -- very carefully. And

they'll have to be law enforcement

picks. That's just good business. It is

no personal business. That's just good

J. Traficant: I'd like to say I got

three jobs and there's the three right

here. I mean that. Well, now you want

to talk business? I'm talking business.

But I think from what I've discussed

now through the civil service laws

they're very similar to state politics

now, local politics will become, which

is basically this. What Rhodes did sev-

eral times is when he came in, he cur

back, he abolished jobs. Then, after

one year, there's a statutory limit for

one year, he reorganized, and then

when he reorganized, he did several

things. Number one, he created sur-

plus to some degree, second of all, he

technically abolished jobs and tool

you off the hook, with those individu-

er authorities, which would be who?

That, do you see what I'm saying?

J. Traficant: Maybe no jobs.

28 people in that department.

don't want you to insert nothing.

want to insert one thing.

A. Chapella: Alright.

nothing about it.

[Pause]

business.

A. Chapella: True.

O. Carabbia: Agreed.

MADE ISSUE OF FINANCES - Atty. Don L. Hanni Jr., chairman of the Mahoning County Democratic Party, publicly questioned the source of Traficant's campaign contributions. The lawyer wanted the sheriff to swear to his finances under outh.

here?

do anything.

that there is nothing that you're going Now that's the statement I'm making. to be able to do about that So what I have to say is you [obscenity] up with Tabachino, I won't. most, I'll have three to five jobs if they

C. Carabbia: Who [obscenity] up with Tabachion?

J. Traficant: You did. C. Carabbia: How? J. Traficant: He's not trustworthy is

O. Carabbia: Well, we didn't [obscenity] up with him.

C. Carabbia: Wait a while. J. Traficant: Well where is he?

C. Carabbia: Wait a while. J. Traficant: No ... I'm, I'm asking that question.

C. Carabbia: Well, what do you mean?

J. Traficant: You put Tabachino in the sheriff's department. C. Carabbia: Oh oh.

Traficant: And now he sits with J . Jimmy, What I'm telling you is there is nobody that will be with me, near me and around me and will sit with anybody. The sheriff will sit. Do you see what I'm trying to say? Taba-

chine is not an issue. C. Carabbia: See, now let me get back to Tabachino for one second, Ronnie put Tabachino in there. But it's us because when he did it it's like one

of us. He, he did put.... J. Traficant: That, that's not the point of all this.

C. Carabbia: . . . He was supposed to be with us a hundred percent.

J. Traficant: But he wasn't. C. Carabbia: He was, he was up until things stopped. You understand when ah, Yarosh died, then he had to go find another way. Then that's when he looked, you know, he deserted an old friend to look for a new friend, which you don't do in this world.

J. Traficant: No. That was when Yarosh died. He didn't before Yarosh died.

C. Carabbia: No.

J. Traficant: Go the other way. C. Carabbia: No. He was, he was honorable. When Yarosh died, he didn't do, he lost his clout because they put Tablack in there.

J. Traficant: Ali right. C. Carabbia: So now each figures well, now, who's got Tablack? What's he did that I, and I got to be open about it - he did go the other way.

J. Traficant: All right. C. Carabbia: We got those people like that in this world.

J. Traficant: OK. But see Tabachino is really not an issue here.

C. Carabbia: No. O. CARABBIA: NO. NO.

J. Traficant: We brought him up, OK, you brought up Tabachino and you want to talk about Andy, Sam . . .

C. Carebbia: That's right. J. Traficant: ... and Joe.

C. Carabbia: Forget it. Forget that. J. Traficant: OK. One thing, 'cause | know they're there. They came in and gave money in the campaign. I never asked how much money they gave me. Now we're talking about taking care of Andy, Sam and Joe. And that is my concern, a valid concern that I have. And I want them taken care of, and I am going to take care of them personally.

O. Carabbia: First thing, how? J. Traficant: I don't know. I'm going to see Celebrezze this week in Columbus. I might have one job. One. That would be the secretary. The typist.

A. Chapella: What do you mean you might have one job?

J. Traficant: With the new Supreme Court ruling I may not have but one job, if one job, And there's a 40 percent reduction. You guys are familiar with that,

Male: Hm-hmm. Male: [Unintelligible].

J. Traficant: How? Wait a minute, Andy. How can any of these three guys be out? First of all, let me say this. How can they be out if I don't

als that lost their jobs through the abolishment, That opened up avenues. So for me to come up with any type of jobs right now, any type of jobs under the current situation, is going to be difficult. So what I'm saying is an investor in the business shouldn't have any problems. You see, because I am not going to have any jobs for anybody. And let's say I have three, Think about it. Say I appoint Andy, Sam and Joe. What do you think? Do you think I'd a made a good move? Chapella: It depends what side of I's the fence you're on Jim.

Male (?): Can I ask you something?

O. Carabbia: Wh, wha, what Jimmy's, what Jimmy's saying there, it makes a lot of sense.

C. Carabbia: You got to understand

O. Carabbia: He does have a problem now because of the financial bud-

Male (?): I wanted to [unintelligi-

J. Traficant: Here's what I want to ask you now. Just from the little talk that we've had, I'm going to ask you a question again. If I had three jobs and announce tomorrow that the three jobs I have, which were all fiduciary. you'd have to sign a fiduciary paper, it'd be Andy Chapella, Sam Traficanti and Joe Fortine.

O. Carabbia: It's a little touchy on this situation, I can see.

J. Traficant: Where would I put

A. Chapella: I'll drive your cruiser. O. Carabbia: Well, I could understand that. Ah. The prosecutor's office and everybody's getting cut back.

A. Chapella: Everybody? Joe Fortine: Can I put a little ... [unintelligible]. In this 'hing without criticizing or, er arguin, against Jim, Jim's got a valid point, but what they're doing with the people number one is brainwashing. Maybe you haven't caught it. There's a \$2 million shortage. They're going to take 25 percent off the budget out of the sheriff, Four-hundred and eighty-eight thousand? When there's nine departments. Number one. Number two, that does not take care of the benefit of revenue sharing which comes in after the first of the year. Number three, the budget includes an increase if they ask for it.

WHEN THE SMOKE clears and I'll bet my stake in this little business that when the smoke clears, you won't lose 10 to 12 thousand out of your budget. And it's already been said, Jim, and I'm not contradicting what you said, that there's 25 jobs right now. Because this so-called 90-day provisional has never been tested and Fromel and all those guys were told in Columbus. Don't bank on it.

I. Traficant: Joe, wait a minute. No. No. Wait a minute. I Fortine: I'm telling you the bright

side of this. A. Traficant: No. Wait a minute. On the bright side. OK? Here's what I'm telling you. The prosecutor says that if the sheriff terminates, he will not represent the sheriff - the new sheriff in a court of law if it is contested, unless there's clear-cut statutory findings that favor his move, OK? Which what he's saying is this. You have to remove for fiduciary reasons only ... or have just cause. Yeah. But that's litigation again. The county lost quarter million. That's what he's saying OK? What I'm telling you is this. If you think there's a magic wand and I'm gonna go down there and remove 25 people and have 25 jobs, it's a mis-

J. Fortine: I'm not saing that, Jimmy. I'm saying these guys got you thinking that you can't get rid of them. That's where they move Fromel from chief deputy over to another classification to get a 90-day classification. They were told already in Columbus. Don't bank that this law's going to hold. There's never been a test case and you probably will be beat.

J. Traficant: Joe . . .

J. Fortine: That's all fiduciary. J. Traficant: ... Let me tell you something. Phil Richley appointed 63 people October the 1st before he left. Go find one of them that George Vukovich got rid of. Go find one of them. Now George Vukovich is going to have to lay off several hundred people. He's worried about re-election. He's siready called. What you're talking about is all conjecture.

Fortine: That's the same thing . that you're telling me (unintellig-

J. Traficant: Yeah. But I'm telling you this. I don't know how many jobs there's going to be. I don't know what the budget cut's going to be. They ain't going to get away easy with me. I've been real nice so far and they know exactly what I'm doing. Painting the scenes.

J. Fortine: Like I said, they're short \$2 million . . . and they want to take 25 percent out of that out of you? J. Trafiant ... They're going to cut

J. Fortine: There's 90. J. Traficant: . . . They're projecting a 40 percent cut countywide.

J. Fortine: OK. Why should you ... suffer.

J. Traficant: A 40 percent county wide cut would be approximately half a million dollars in my department.

J. Fortine: There's a \$16 million budget, 40 percent is more than \$2 million and that's all they're projecting the shortage to be, is \$2 million.

J. Traficant: OK. What I'm saying is, there's a hundred other people that have worked hard. But they didn't in-Male (?): Right.

tor, how can an investor not be taken

care of? Do you understand what I'm

Male (?): Uh-huh. J. Traficant: They shouldn't be con-

cerned. And I've given my word when the opportunity avails itself they will be there.

O. Carabbia: I can see your point there. Now, you have a tough situation. January the 1st or . . .

J. Traficant: I got a [profanity].

explained it to you, Orly. Do you know what I mean? It's like when you talked that night. That's why I exhere, right? J. Traficant: Number one, you know

what? You guys should sit down about the money you have in. I don't need to know. That's your business.

A. Chappella: Right.

J. Traficant: OK. Second of all, whatever you guys do for the sheriff here, is because I want you. I wait to take care of Charlie and Orly and Ronnie cause I made the deal with them and I'm loyal. But that's two different separate matters.

O. Carabbia: 1 can see your point. Ah. But, Jimmy, when you lay all these responsibilities somewhere, remember, there's so much.

J. Traficant: What responsibilities,

O. Carabbia: When you send, you know so much.

J. Traficant: Out there? O. Carabbia: Yeah.

J. Traficant: Yeah. This is where we should be talking now. O. Carabbia: OK.

J. Traficant: And then you should sit down.

O. Carabbia: That's OK. That's fine. J. Traficant: OK, I don't care how

much is out there. O. Carabbia: OK. J. Traficant: OK, what I do care about is this, though, even though Andy didn't come up with maybe a whole lot of cash, Andy should get consideration. But I want to see Andy.

If I don't have an opportunity. Do you

understand? Male (?): Yeah.

J. Traficant: With the three. I want to make sure Andy is taken care of until the time that I do have it. That's the only thing I'm saying in front of all

you now. O. Carabbia: That's airight.

J. Traficant: OK? Male (?): Yeah.

Traficant: Is there anybody eise like that you know? Not as far as I'm concerned.

O. Carabbia: Right.

J. Traficant: OK. Now the problem with what is out there, O, is that they're been getting the jackpot. OK? And I understand that. I'm trying to understand that and put it together. Help you to put that together. But that's where we got to talk privately. O. Carabbia: OK. Airight, then, a ...

J. Fortine: Yeah, umm, there's only one thing I want to get straight before we go and I want these guys not to get the wrong idea because you know where I'm coming from. When I first came, er you first came to me Jim, let's call a spade a spade. I told you, you asked me who was honorable, that you were tied with nobody. I want to get this straight with you, Charlie, because you made the remark and I said I had him. When the man first came he said he was connected with nobody. Me call the shots. Get him ready. I brought Sam in. At that time you had five dollars in your checking account according to Tony. You guys were flat. The gang of us scraped money up together to get you going. You made commitments to me, you made commitments to Sam, now you're calling those off.

A. Chapelia: No he's not.

J. Traficant: No. J. Fortine: He made definite com-

mitments. J. Traficant: No. I'm not.

J. Fortine: A definite commitment of a definite job.

O. Carabbia: He's not calling it off because I just said . . . Male (7): No, what he said Jim . . .

A. Chapella: See, what's happened, Joe ... Me and Jim talked about this, understand and when this budget thing went down, he said to recover whatever you [unintelligible], go back

where you came from. J. Fortine: I don't understand that

J. TRAFICANT: WAIT a minute, I wanna, I wanna . . . J. Fortine: I didn't understand it

J. Traficant: No, wait a minute, Joe, said I wanted to give you the head of the Civil Branch.

J. Fortine: Right. And the sheriff's J. Traficant: OK. OK. Here's what I want to say to you. OK? When you came in with me, I was instructed to feel you out ... I was already sitting

C. Carabbia: I, I, I, let me say this here, please.

J. Fortine: Fine. C. Carabbia: Give me one minute, please. When he says I told you I hear you got Jimmy, I didn't want to say nothing to you. We already sat down. O. Carabbia: That's fine. Let Jimmy

C. Carabbia: So now, go shead Jim-

J. Traficant: But you see, we were testing you, Joe. I was already affiliated. OK? Evidently, their decision was to bring you in and have you contribute ...

Traficant: OK. Which has nothing • to do with me. What I'm telling you is, in addition to whatever ar-

cause of your business affiliation. What I am saying directly though, and I said this to Sam, is that you and Sam should sit down now and discuss your business on the one end, as a contributor, and then you should sit with me and certainly after all that's happened on the other end of my personal commitments was made. But, for you to be offended, you shouldn't be offended. Now, if these fellows would have A. Chapella: Well, that's the way I said, Jim, tell Joe Fortine we don't need his help, in all honesty, I'd a said, Joe, I don't need any help. Forget it.

J. Fortine: Jim, I felt offended when plained it to him. He said come back you were ashamed to be seen with me, I felt awful offended.

J. Traficant: Joe.

J. Fortine: What happened to me happened 10 years ago, it's with me today, it'll be with me five years from now. It'll be with me 20 years from now. So I got bombed, but to be ashamed to be seen with me, Jim, you weren't ashamed when my money came in. You weren't ashamed at all, you weren't ashamed when I went to certain people for you, but now all of a sudden you're ashamed of me. You had me go down there and ...

J. Traficant: Joe, you're getting off in the personal matters and you're not

talking business. J. Fortine: I'm talking business.

J. Traficant: Yeah, Well, I want to talk some business with you.

J. FORTINE: I WENT down for the transition with you, you said run and hide, the press is here. J. Traficant: OK. Yeah. The press

was there. Male: [Laughing].

saying Joe.

J. Traficant: No. No. I want to answer Joe directly. One time, one time, so you're not hurt no more. When I sit down with you, if I knew you were bombed 10 years before, I'd of told them don't take his money.

J. Fortine: You knew it, they told you in Perkins. You said it didn't bother you. O. Carabbia: That's what he just

J. Fortine: All right. J. Traficant: I never realized that dimension Joe. After the deal was

consummated, I had another possible

election problem. OK? Now, this

might hurt you for me to say it, but I J. Fortine: It's not going to burt me

J. Traficant: ... but I am the sheriff

J. Fortine: It [ticks] me off. J. Traficant: Would you have felt good if I'd of grabbed you by the arm and take you to Columbus there and let you speak on my behalf and just maybe it would have helped thrown some fuel on the fire like Grimes had. And maybe I'd of got beat, would you still feel better knowing that Jim real-

ly come out there. You're not understanding. Wait a minute. What you're not understanding O. Carabbia: He's talking business. J. Traficant: ... is as the sheriff,

now, as the sheriff, I want to try and overcome that with you, OK? J. Fortine: Well Jim, fine, I, I agree it's good business. But wasn't it also good business, didn't these people know, like United Auto Workers, like Grimes, like the, sh, the operating engineers, like all these different people I made contact with. Didn't they know

J. Traficant: That was good.

J. Fortine: Did not they contribute heavily to this? J. Traficant; [Unintelligible] There

were areas . . . there were areas where you helped.

J. Fortine: Areas! Traficant: Yeah, Areas where you

 could help. J. Fortine: My name's in the paper [unintelligible]. J. Traficant: [Unintelligible] areas,

Joe, where you hurt. J. Fortine: I don't know what area I would hurt at. J. Traficant: But you see, what

you're doing down here today, right now ... J. Fortine: I want you to explain

why you're ashamed of it. J. Traficant: No. No. What you're doing here is you're talking about per-

sonal business. Joe. J. Fortine: Well, it's business, isn't

J. Traficant: No, it's not. C. Carabbia: Joe. I can understand his position and believe me, so help me God on my kids, if I thought you were right one, one iota, I'd go against what Jimmy thinks, but I gotta agree with him to this respect. You had a problem once, we've had a lot of problems. It's up to us guys to protect him until his

feet are strongly on the ground. O. Carabbia: That's all he wants. C. Carabbia: You understand? Once he can go out and say I don't give a [obscenity] about nobody, you under-

stand? Then ... O. Carabbia: His budget, he got this, he got that, he can, he can . . .

C. Carabbia: Right now, he's just going in there. He's got to watch every move he makes. He's got to watch every move he makes. They did cut his budget. I'm sure he's not ashamed of you. But he don't want, right now, he, he's got to watch that he - what's the use of lying? This is nothing against you and it's, if he don't want to sit down with me, good, I can understand. I don't want to sit down with him if you want the truth. I don't want to sit down with him in public 'cause I

don't want people going around. [Malfunction in tape]

J. Traficant: ... when I put my money down. So I think, and I'm going to say this again, what happens with Jim and you fellows is going to happen because I want it to happen, I have trust and confidence in you, even though at times you get bent out of shape like this. I mean that sincerely.

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rangements you have financially, it wasn't your financial participation where my interests lie. My interests he as a friend. I want you to help me J. Traficant: Now how can an inveswith the sheriff's department not be-

'I'm Ducking the News Media. Don't Take No Calls . . .'

(Continued from Page A-28) But you should also be sitting on your own where Jim Traficant has no right sitting. No right. That's your business. Now what I'm going to try to make these fellows a good business program. I'm going to try to get the community to have a good sheriff's department. Now if either of them counteracts each other in the beginning then we got to deal careful, and if you ean't see that, then we're not talking business; we're talking emotions. O. Carabbia: Well you got a point.

J. Fortine: That's right, you got a

J. Traficant: There's no doubt about

O. Carabbia: It makes sense. Good

business. Ah, Andy ... A. Chapella: Yes sir?

O. Carabbia: . . . you and uh . . .

A. Chapella: Yeah, I'm going to

O. Carabbia: ... do me ah, I don't want to embarrass, nobody's supposed to be embarrassed today.

A. Chapella: Hey, I'm never embarrassed. I say this, I like, I told you before . . .

O. Carabbia: This guy here . . . ab . . . Junintelligible | Sam. Well he knows so little about our bu ... about my conversations, you know? Our conversa-

J. Traficant: Veah.

O. Carabbia: You feel you want this, Elie thin?

L Trafficant; No. O. Carabbia: Un. too.

J. Traffcant: No. From this day on, Sam can sit on anything I do with you. O. Carabbia: OK. You guys can understand that now, OK, new we just

S. Traficantic You want me to stay,

got to get a few motions straightened

Trafficant: Yeah, I think you . should, And I don't want Joe to be offended.

S. Trafficanti: Naw, he's not offend-

J. Traficant: Airight. I don't want ... [Break in tape]

I. Traficant: ... the Policy faction, which is Cafaro and Richley, and that crew. Where do I go politically if something arrives for me? If I get into a political jackpot, where do I go for some insulation? Who do we sit with? Do you agree that that is a major point?

C. Carabbia: Yes. Ah, I can understand, sh. I can understand what you're saying.

J. Traffcant: OK. So what we have to do now is we have to put me in a position where they say don't (obscenity) with Trafficant, Politically, right? That has to be done. Do you agree? Pull it. You'll say why mess with that kid? Cause if they feel they can, if they feel thay can [obscenity] me up like they did Mike, let's be hortest now, they'll do it, Nigo, I haven't gut my tail between my legs yet with there, have I7

C. Carabbia: No. L Traficant: I really haven't, have I? Under a lot of pressure. Now we got to work out, and I mean this, we got to work one of two things out. And right now there's only one thing we can work out. That's your arrangement. with them.

C. Carabbia: Well, you see . . .

J. Truffeant: And I got to sit and support you. I got to show my hand. Because you, you did what we said we wouldn't do. You didn't leave open the opportunity for me to bust them on a conspiracy to obstruct justice, it sounds crazy but do you realize I could have arrested Jimmy, Joey, Calantti and O'Nesti.

O. Carobbia: Well, what does this got to do with, ah .

C. Carabbia: Well you can't, then he has to arrest us too. That's what he's saving.

O. Carabbia: You talked to one guy. C. Carabbia: That's all. That's all I talked to.

. . .

O. Carabbia: You listen to me, Jimmy. You still got the ball, We just want to let you know what's going on. Alright? You got the ball yet. He talked to one guy.

J. Traficant: Dom. O. Carabbia: His word and his word and that guy ain't even in the picture. Se you can do what you want. Dominit's got to say that he said that, And you ain't even talked about no Dominic. You don't even know a Domin-

W. you understand? C. Carabbia: In another words, you understand I sat down with Dominic

this morning. O. Carabbia: One guy he sat with.

That was it. J. Traficant: OK.

C. Carabbia: I sat down with Dominic this morning. So I can understand what you mean, so let's put it this way. You see, first of all, let me tell you how this all happened. O. Carabbia: If you're sincere,

you're solid, your guts is going to be like they're saying.

C. Carabbia: My God if he isn't, for Christ Almighty. O. Carabbia: No. I'm just saying

J. Traficant: You're still doubtful of

O. Carabbia: No. I want to get him

back to this thing. Do you know what I mean? If what you're saying is what you want to do, you can still, you still got the ball. C. Carabbia: Right.

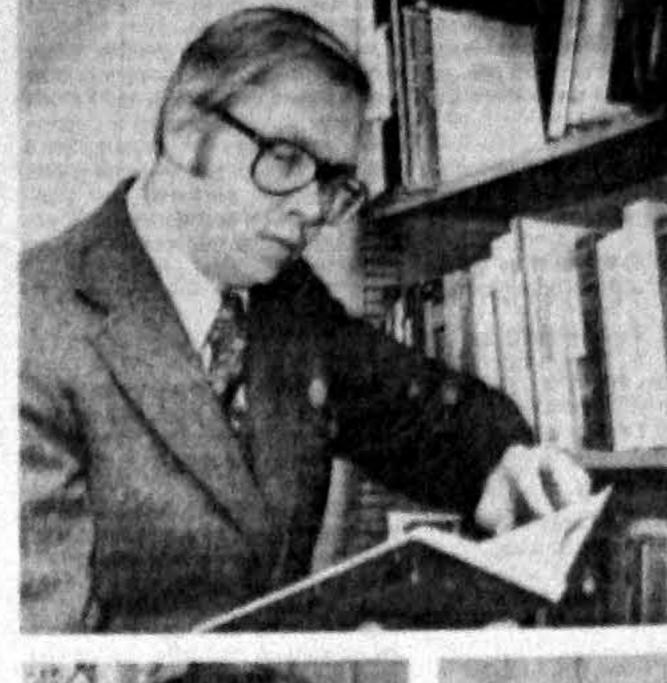
Ct. Carabbia: He talked to one.

J. Trafficant: I don't think I can if you talked with Dons. O. Carabbia: He talked. A Traficant: 'Cause Dom will tell

O. Carabbia: I don't give a [obsceni-

ty) who he told.

J. Traficant: . . and Joey.







LOOKING TO THE FUTURE - With the sheriff's election settled, thoughts turned to the 1931 mayoral election, according to the tapes. The incombent Democratic mayor, George Vukovich, and two potential candidates, Thomas Shipka (opper left), a Youngstown State University professor, and Anthony Julian, chief of the city Consumer Protection Agency, came under discussion at the Struthers meetings.

C. Carabbia: Just so I don't nit down with them:

Carabbia: That's all. Don't you U • understand? C. Carabbia: Just so I don't sit down

with them. O. Carabbia: Think about what you're saying, Jimmy.

J. Traficant: Yeah, Fm trying to think about it. And what I'm telling you, that you took away my play. Well, I'm going to tell you now. I'll never take that play down.

O. Carabbia: Let me tell you somehing

J. Trafficunt: Because these people aren't durch and if there's a visiting judge that handles it, they'd appoint it just like they did with Lipari. I can't take that play. The only play I had was the one we talked about. They tried to [obscenity] with me when they suspected it. Let them make the

C. Carabbia: All right. But let me explain to you why this was done, isn't it?

O. Carabbia: You still got your play. C. Carabbia: You see, let me explaia something to you. My brother Ronnie's in the can. We went up to see him. last week. Ob, we've been talking the last couple weeks. So he can't understand why, what do you mean, Jim Traficant doesn't want you to go sit down and tell them what happened and how much you guys gave, which is me, him and Ronnie, Alright, so then last week he says, key, now Ronnie's been in this game a long time. He's been in it and I've been in it, Ronnie said bey, what's going on with this Traficant. That's what he told me. I said, Ronnie, the kid is solid. We told him that before. Last week, he said you go tell Dominic because they all run to him. You go tell Dominic what the story is. That's all. He says you tell him what the story is 'cause come the first of the year between now and January the fifth, they're going to figure everything out. Especially when I went out there to pick up the thing and they says there's nothing.

O. Carabbia: What would you do?

C. CARABBIA: NOW, JIMMY, 1 had to make a move. I picked an envelope up every month for three years.

O. Carabbia: Carbage.

C. Carabbia: You understand? Now all at once, they says there ain't nothing. So you know what that was a sign of? They got you [two claps]. Forget it. You's are out.

O. Carabbia: He wants his money.

C. Carabbia: Now do you understand? Do you understand? If you're getting an envelope. If you was in our shoes, and we picked up. I picked up. an envelope every month for three years, now all at once, the election's over last month. I picked it up last month, I come the month after the election. I go to pick it up and they say there's nothing. The month of June is over ... [unintelligible] the beat [unintelligible]. Not even a nickel. for each eye. That's telling me, boy they got you, that's what they're saying and everything's over with. Now what happens, Jimmy, if I don't go make that move this morning, we have to start a war first and so who

needs that, O. Carabbia: Right

3. Trafficant: Let, let me hust ask a guestion now. O. Carabbia: What happens, Jimmy,

excuse me, what happens is C. Carabbia: See the street, you, you

know your bus, the street we know. O. Carabbia: Then what happens,

and say, well how come you didn't my nothing in November when I told you that. Now what's he going to say now when other people say, well why didn't you? Well because this guy had them plans.

J. Trafficant: All right. Here's what I what I think? O. Carabbia: Go aboud.

J. Traficant: OK. They know we're

Bling it in. O. Carabbas: Yeah. J. Trafficant: They want to sen your

hand. That's all they did. And they pushed it right now.

C. Carabbia: No. Traficant: Now wait a minut What do they have going on right now? What's going on politically in

Youngstown? C. Carabbia: Politically? Nothing. J. TraScant; Sheriff race is over,

C. Carabbia: Yeah, Everything's

J. Traficant: OK. What's still being discussed through?

C. Carabbia: The mayor's race? I. Trafficant: No it's not. They're talking about the sheriff and the fi-

nances of the sheriff. Agen't they? C. Carabbia: Yeak. J. Traficant: News media called me I'm ducking the news media. Don't take no calls, don't souwer no phone.

Aren't they? What's the chairman in-

sinuating? C. Carabbia: I know J. Traficant: He's insinuating when I see his report under outh. I'll dehate him, do everything we got to do because he's dirty. He's a hood and he has all dirty money and you made the wrong move. You should have taken our guy Georgie. I'm a ghod guy, Vindicates me, Don Hanni, OK? Who does

C. Carabbia: They want to get away

he have? He has Saadey, He has Vitule

in. Where do you think they do busi-

from him, too, go ahead. J. Traficant: Yeah. They all want to get away from him, don't they? They want to get away from him in the primary. Did they? Didn't Russell want to step down so Russell'd be the chairs man after the June election?

C. Carabbia: House-hoom, J. Traficant: Did that happen? Why don't you think it happened, Chuck? 'Cause Den probably had them by the

[vulgarity], don't he? C. Carabbia: Right. J. Traficanti OK. He's no dummy. Hanni knew I was affiliated a long

time ago when Joe said I got big gum:

C. CARABBIA: HE SAID IT?

this tiene.

J. Traficant: Yeah, We know that, I told you that. The first thing he did when he called Hanni is Hanni, you should let Tablack go, he can't do. Trafficant's gonna win. We got big guns behind us. OK. Listen, Hanni is no dummy. He may not have the facts but he put out the circular. C. Carubbia: Oh he did?

J. Traficant: That's right. And if he'd

of mentioned them, he probably knows about the 15. That 13's being talk. I hear the 15 talked about after -immediately after the primary. O. Carubbia: What 137

C. Carabbia: That they give him in the primaries. O. Carabbia: Ob.

J. Trafficant: See what you're doing. You show your hand, OK? They're going to say. Put the heat on it. So

Jimmy, is then they come back to him let's say Hanni gets indicted. What if Russell Saadey comes in and says we don't want nothing to do with Traficant. We won't touch him with a 10foot poin. Why? Well, we just don't want nothing to do with Traficant. a plan this an' that, well [obscenity]. See, they're putting a stink on me and Lean see it right now. You either play our game or you going to be put in a think. Do you want me to tell you box. When they came out and did that with you, what did they think you would do? What did you immediately do when you didn't see nothing? That was it [profemity]. This got to cease cause we got the sheriff. Now it's your business. It's your business because I'm going to tell you what. Nobody gave me a dime.

C. Carabbia: That's all.

J. Trafficient: You understand? This is public. As far as the public's concerned, if I'm ever asked when he scrutinize my report, now here's what I'm worried about, When Jack Hunter told Grant Hess, Trafficant's in trouble, he took money through Fortine, from the Carabbias and Dankers.

C. Carabbia: Well you know that's a lie. I never gave Fortine a dime and neither did Traficant.

J. Traficanti No. You didn't. You never gave... C. Carabhia: I mean neither did . . .

J. Transant: No. C. Carshbia: I never gave Fortine a dime and souther did Trafficant.

Trafficant: Now what we gotta do . from what I understand is this, first of all I gotta do is I gotta go down there and prove to these people that I would that I was a good selection by. cause they really did honor me at the time to vote, didn't they?

C. Carabbia: I think, I think you're genesa do it.

A. Traficant: L I am gonne do it, but second of all, I am a loyal (obscenity) and my loyalty is here and now we've gotta set up the business that they've run for all these years and swing that business over to you, and that's what your concern is. That's why you financed me and I understand that.

C. Carabbia: That's good enough. J. Trafficant: We made a business deal. Now what I'm saying is, how we gonna do st? Because you gotta let me know what you're genna do and how you're gonna do it because the only way they could stop you from doing that is by discrediting me and that's going to be their move.

C. Carabbia: No. they couldn't do that. They won't do that. Don't worry about it. J. Traficant: OK, new you said

semething awhile ago, you said for three years you been going out there and there's been an envelope. C. Carabbia: Yeah, J. Trafficant: You elected Yarosh.

C. Carabbia: We did. J. Traficant: Why didn't they come

to you for the envelope? C. Carabbiac Who?

J. Truficant: Both of them, Jimmy and Josey. C. Carubbia: Well you see it was a

different set up, before that ... it was a different set up. So, when Ronnie was here it was one thing, like I'm here now, we're ... we're now ... him and I was busy with my brother Ronnie ... Ronnie made the original deal. Se what happened was, is he said well you take cure of it and I'll see you once in a white. Which we don't want this to happen again 'cause it happened with Tom Beil.

O. CARABBIA: WHATEVER he gave, he gave to him to Sam and Sam. gave it to him.

J. Trafficant: Airight. O. Carabbia: So if you want to understand what happened over there.

J. Traficanti OK, now here's what my thinking is. I'm looking at it now in this vein. OX? They're goons want to shut you out. The only way they can shut you out is by me being dishonorable to you.

C. Carabbia: Right

J. Traficant: That's the only way they can. OK? They don't know because they've never been able to get me in any form or fushion to slip. I've been shead of them, a step shead of these whoren OR? We really have been. Now, they know, by the nature they talk with me, the old man's statement, "No conclusion, no conclusion" he knew what was going on, he knows all the way. Now they're putting a move on. You don't get an envelope you're gonna show your hand.

C. Carabbia: No. J. Trafficant: OK.

C. Carabbia: They didn't give the envelope because they says they give all the money to you, the expenses.

O. Carabbia: They had to take it out. C. Carabbiat They said there's nothing because we had to give it all to

J. Traficant: Whatever they gave, to me, you're holding it.

C. Carabbia: Yeah, but you don't understand. Don't you understand? Ningun cinque sereli (translated, not even five cents) because all the ex-

I Traficant: Yeah, well I'm gonna tell you this. They did have a lot of expenses, C. Carabbia: Yeah but that is run-

ning three horses. 1. Traficant: [Unintelligible] OK now, airight, but what I'm saying is now, what I'm trying to figure out is this, when you do sit down, OK. If you sit down before the fifth, what action you've taken now I think I, I can't do nothing now.

O. Carabbia: Yes you could. J. Traficant: No. I don't really think

O. Carabbia: Well, ah. C. Carabbia: Yes you can! G. Carabbia: Think so, I'm saying

you could. We are -J. Traficant: Alright, well here's what I'm saying to you. However you decide to do it, go ahead and do it, but if you take away that play from me, that's they only play I got, 'cause I got no political allies. Nonet

C. Carabbia: The only way we can take the play away from you is if you came and sat down with us before the

O. Carabbia: Understand? C. Carabbia: If you came and sat

with us before the fifth. O. Carabbia: An' we're not gonna make you do that yet. We're going by

what his main! J. Traficant: No. but, you see, if would take the action, what court case would hit? That's what their penple would be saying.

C. Carabbig: What? J. Trafficant: That you said that you

couldn't get a favorable deal. You tried to muscle in and take over their businesses. O. Carabbia: Naw.

J. Traffcant: And that's why we did

O. CARABBIA: NO. C. Carabbia: They won't do it. To

what court case! They'll never come into a courtroom (unintelligible), J. Tralicant: What hammer, what I'm trying to tell you is this, you're

mistaking eveything I'm saying, I'm not crazy. I didn't go nuts, What a hammer is that I would arrest Jimmy, Joey, Calautti and O'Nesti. That's the hammer. I would arrest them January the fifth then I'd have all their cush turn 'em over the FBI and here's what they'd try to do.

the stand.

O. Carabbia: Good. J. Trafficant: We got a corrupt coun-

O. Carabbia: Good Jimmy.

J. Trufficant: OK. C. Carabbia: You still do. J. Trafficant: Now, yeah, when you do that and they start calling people to

O. Carabbia: Who are they gonna call to the stanc?

J. Trafficant: They will eventually easil you. O. Carabbio: Good, then what are

they gonno ask. Whatever they sale, no, we did [inintelligible] ... Forget about it. It's garbage anyway. For two months we don't give a lobocenity L C. Carabbia: It's no garbage to me.

O. Carubbia: What I mean is ... C. Carabbia: It's not garbage O. Carabbia: . . in comparison,

C. Carabbia: (Unintelligible) ex-O. Carabbia: ... Charlie, in comparison ... in comparison, you suffered that long, OK, All I'm saying in, what I

C. Carabbia; Hey, we lost that, Or-

O. Carabbia: Here's what I'm saying. You lost that? There's the guy with the club. Now make him make the (obscenity) think right. Now you make them pay. Now that's all I'm saying. You sit with no group or you sit with nobody and that's the way it is. It's still in your play. When we tell you, it's time to make the move, you make the move.

J. Trafficant: Now, yeah, now, OK. but now just, here's what I'm saying. Dom is going to talk with Jimmy, Jimmy's going to sit down with lony and Vic. and O'Nesti and I'll see the move tomorrow.

...

J. Trafficant: The day after election, the day after election here's what I was told OK? There were two pieces of Yarosh and one guy, little Carmen Yisone, sold six pieces. Charlie had one, Carmon had the other and then

Carmon said six piacos, then every body thought they all had an equa share and there was all problems wit Mike Yarosh. This is what I'm tellin you. I run Hudzik's campaign, had no business and how Mike Yarosh was owned by everybody and there was What I'm saying is don't you think that's going to happen now?

C. Carabbias No. O. Carabbial Himm-brom. We're not doing anything until you tell un. I told you. We didn't sit down with nobed You didn't sit down with nebody, Nobody sat down Jimmy.

J. Trafficant: No, but here's technically what has happened though OK. They have given \$80,000, If I don't take the action we talked about they Nava 160,000 ...

C. Carabbia: I thought they give 35. J. Trafficant: Yeah, And five thousand they picked up for lumber. O. Carabbia: They gave 60, what'd

we give? OK. J. Traffeant: 100. O. Carabbias Good. So now that's wo-thirds, two-thirds of the pie. C. Carabbia: There's quite a bit right

O. Carabbia: OK.

Carabbias Jimmy, don't worry Las about it. Go to steep. Come January the fifth

J. Trafficant: I can't go to sleep. You know, in my mind, if Hanni keep coming out, if he comes out Monday. tomorrow with this statement, the way you and I [unintelligible] if he comes out tomorrow or the next day and says I challenge Trafficant to a debate, he's rounding, I want a debate with him after he files his financial report under oath. And you know what he just did? ... If Hanni makes that statement? They're making their move on me.

C. Carabbus Let me tell you something, I want you to know one thing, Where, where we sitting at tonight? I sat down with that one gay today. that old man. That old man would never say nothing to nobody. He could never take bearsay in court. The old man would never take a thing or he's be disgraced all over the country and my mouth, don't worry about this mouth. When they come to me, I'll just tell them I don't know what you're talking about. That's it. And if they'd call you [unintelligible] and say well, let them tell you where you got your money from, you tell them you'll do that and you'll subpoens me and who-

O. Carabbia: That's right.

C. Carabbia: That's all. J. Trafficant: Certainly Jimmy would never say nothing and O'Nesti would never say nothing.

C. Carabbia: And neither would, ab, that old guy and neither would L J. Traficant: OK, but you don't think that he will go to Jimmy with what he

talked to him about, C. CARABBIA: HE MIGHT.

O. Carabbia: Probably. C. Carabbia: All you gotta say is I don't know what you're talking about. J. Traficant: Get out. You don't think Jimmy's going to say? [Mimicking Pruto! "Call Joey an' say is Charlie call over there? No. Have O'Nesti go get him I told you, no conclusion, we

O. Carabbia: So what are you doing with O'Nesti?

J. Traffcant: What am I doing with O. Carabbia: Well go ahead say it

then [unintelligible].

J. Traffcant: (Unintelligible), Nothing, but I show my hand if I don't want to sit down, don't I? If you give a guy \$60,000 and he's not available to sit with you

O. Carabbia: Tell them you ain't sheriff yet. Carabbia: Tell him you're sitting with him on the sixth.

O. Carabbia: That's all. You wanted that, that's what you get. So nobody brings you into no conversation. No sit downs or nothing. When I become the sheriff. I'll sit down and now you got your play the way you want it.

J. Truffeant: Alright, You guys are going to try and work it out through Dominic then, Work it out, right? O. Carabbia: Work what out? J. Traffcant: Your business with,

with those people on Market Street, C. Carabbio: Who Dominic? O. Carabbia: No. We're not working if out with Dominic. C. Carabbia: Who Dominic?

J. Trufficant: Big Dom. C. Carabbia: No. Wa ain't working nothing with him. O. Carabbas We're waiting on you. A Trafficant: Well, what you got to

let me do it what you want me to do. And I'm going to do it. But here's what I'm going to tell you. C. Carabbia: Go abead,

J. Tradeant: I'm talking strictly business. They have all the politicians. Remember that? O. Carabbia: You think so? J. Trafficant; Most of them. If we

have any friends that I could go to its a iam, let me know and let me know C. Carabbiai You see Jimmy

O. Carabbia: You're ... C. Carabbia: These guys been fighting us for years but we've been here for years. The only time we weren't here was when we were in the can. These guys worry about us more than they werry about anybody in the county. The Naples and them people hated each other. They hated each

other. They'd jomen hands, tell me L TRAFICANT: I DON'T know, Charin.

J. Trafficure: Youh. Thu, that's, again that's your business.

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C. Carabbia: You don't know why?

'Jimmy, You've Made... Friends... Defeated a Monster'

(Continued from Page A-29) C. Carabbia: Right. See this is why

I'm ... J. Traficant: What I am saying. though, here's what I'm trying to say. The same way they'll do anything to get you in jail or hurt you, keep you down. They're going to do that with me as the sheriff.

C. Carabbia: No. Let me tell you something Jimmy. Put this in your mind.

O. Carabbia: No, not no more, Jim-

C. Carabbia: Put this in your mind, Jimmy, You're the sheriff. They want to make money. They ain't after no putting nobody in jail. They want to straighten things up. If they thought they could squeeze us out, yeah, but they know they can't squeeze us out. They want to make money and there's other people involved that's gonna say sit down and straighten this up the right way. That's it.

O. Carabbia: See Jim, you want, you as sheriff, and you act like they have more power than you. Are you crazy? J. Traficant: You know, they do if

they can arrest the sheriff, don't they? O. Carabbia: How could they arrest you? [Unintelligible] I mean, man, you're worrying into a limbo.

C. Carabbia: You're the sheriff, man. Do you know how long it took them to [obscenity] Ray Davis up? It took three deputies over there to [obscenity] him up. You ain't got no deputy against you. You got nobody, you got a bunch of garbage pails that are goingto say something.

C. Carabbia: Don't worry about it.

Traficant: I'm going to have ev-J • ery enemy down there. I'm going to have but very few friends at that sheriff's department when I walk in there.

C. Carabbia: Yeah. But you're the sheriff.

J. Traficant: Fromel, Terlecky, all those [obscenity] are going to be looking for any opportunity to nail the new sheriff.

O. Carabbia: Well what are you going to be looking for?

C. Carabbia: Any way to nail him. J. Traficant: [unintelligible] different ways to nail them. Is that the way to go to work and run a program. [Several talk at once.]

C. Carabbia: You knew that was going to happen. J. Traficant: I knew it was going to

happen. [Unintelligible] Believe me. C. Carabbia: Why don't you get rid of none of that?

J. Traficant: Believe me. I don't know. I don't know. I've got a to prove cause. Now where's Gilmartin. Does Gilmartin sit with you? O. Carabbia: He don't sit with no-

body.

C. Carabbia: He don't sit with nobody. J. Traficant: He don't sit with Jim-

my? O. Carabbia: No.

body. O. Carabbia: Gilmartin sits his own way.

C. Carabbia: He don't sit with no-

J. Traficant: You sure of that?

C. Carabbia: Gilmartin don't sit with

nobody. O. Carabbia: He goes by the book.

Jimmy, you're the sheriff and as soon as you understand in your mind and I don't care who they know, they, I, I can't believe that you're going to let them people in. Judges or anybody as long as you do the job. C. CARABBIA: JUDGES like you.

All you got to do is keep going. None of them had the [obscenity] you had to do what you did and ah, if I were you, I'd just go down there and be sheriff, and lay off of Hanni, 'cause the people saying you're pushing too far J. Traficant: I said that on TV I'm

done with Hanni I got a budget problem. No more business with Hanni. People want Hanni, they want Hanni, they can all have Hanni. He's not my chairman, that's it.

O. Carabbia: Stay by that. J. Traficant: OK.

O. Carabbia: But remember, we did not have a meeting with anybody, no more than one person, you were not at no meeting so you still have your club.

J. Traficant: No. O. Carabbia: You are the sheriff. C. Carabbia: Watch, they don't try to [vulgarity] you and say things so that you'll answer back.

O. Carabbia: Then you go sit down.

J. Traficant: No! No! C. Carabbia: Just watch it so they don't try to shake you up.

J. Traficant: I'll tell you what. [Unintelligible] in less than 48 hours, I'll see their play.

C. Carabbia: You tell Sam so you can let us know.

O. Carabbia: Here's all you got to do Jimmy. No matter what the guy says to you [unintelligible] he's like a leech on you. I don't know what you're talking about.

C. Carabbia: You, you have no problem.

O. Carabbia: [Unintelligible.] I'm telling you now,

J. Traficant: You don't hear nothing about business.

C. Carabbia: Airight Listen, your problems are over. Now who are we gonna run for mayor? We better get going. Did you see what time it is, C. Carabbia: My wife's waiting for

O. Carabbia: [Unintelligible] back. J. Traficant: There's two, two may-

oral candidates. C. Carabbia; Who are they? J. Traficant: The first one is Shipka. The second one is Tony Julian, Both of them with my support, my committee, we'll beat Vukovich. They come out early, make a statement about Hanni. C. Carabbias Will Shipka run?



LINK IN THE CHAIN -Youngstown Fire Chief Charles O'Nesti is described in the tapes as being the go-between who took money from Prato to Traficant. The sheriff discusses arresting O'Nesti for that, along with Prato, Naples and possibly businessman Vic Calautti. In court, O'Nesti testified that he thought the money

was ticket receipts. Traficant: I don't know. I don't · know if I can show my hand with him. I can't trust either one of them. Neither one of them were for me in this election. Don't tell me . . .

Male: Really?

Male: Yeah. J. Traficant: Neither one of them were for me.

O. Carabbia: Julian, he's the one who run for something?

J. Traficant: Consumer protection. He won the school board office.

C. Carabbia: What did, what's he like? What nationality is that? J. Traficant: Italian.

C. Carabbia: Who's close with him? J. Traficant: He ain't solid. C. Carabbia: How about Shipka, or

is he not solid? J. Traficant: No. That's what I'm trying to tell you. And they got Vukovich tight. Now Vukovich calls, he

wants to sit down. C. Carabbia: And he was against

J. Traficant: I might develop a political ally with Vukovich yet. I don't know.

C. Carabbia: He was against you. J. Traficant: Yeah. Don't worry about that. You guys worry about who's with who and who's with it. We're the sheriff. We're all against it. O. Carabbia: Oh, you remember

that? J. Traficant: Yeah. But you see now, there's certain things we're gonna have to do. We're gonna have to do

politically. C. Carabbia: Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. J. Traficant: Because I can't be a island out here because anybody takes a shot at me, I'm going to have an office that'll be jumping on my [vulgarity]. See you guys got to think

a little bit about that. C. Carabbia: You guys?

O. CARABBIA: WE AGREE with

that. We're not against that, J. Traficant: Alright, but, would it be nice, see, if ultimately what you guys did businesswise, might be something that could spill over in other areas with some of these other officeholders, see?

C. Carabbia: Yeah.

J. Traficant: We got to get a few more little by little or, or, you know, then their business isn't going to be so good. Now, how you do that, I don't know. I'll help you to do it, but I don't want to go to the pen, either.

C. Carabbia: No. O. Carabbia: You can't go to the

pen, Jimmy. C. Carabbia: We'll take care of the streets ... We'll ask for your help when we need it. And if we don't need your help, we don't want you out there.

O. Carabbia: See, let me put it this way. If we laid down a plan, giving us a fair plan, which we, ah, always been

J. Traficant: Always.

O. Carabbia: All right, If we bring that plan down which is fair, you just do your job, right? J. Traficant: Whatever you plan is

to me it's going to be fair.

O. Carabbia: All right. J. Traficant: 'Cause your word has

always been good with me. O. Carabbia: OK. So now what you're talking about, what you want to do, you want to, all you got to do is tell them people I don't know what you're talking about and I don't give a [obscenity]. I don't want to hear it. Because there's nobody that we talk

J. Traficant: That is going to be tough for me.

O. Carabbia: No it isn't. J. Traficant: When I try tell that to O'Nesti, we're going to have people on the street talking about sheriff's office. Jim Traficant,

O. Carabbia: Yeah.

J. Traficant: But we can't be disillusioned that we got power. This, this election [vulgarity] is very fleeting.

O. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: And if they're successful, we would have no power at all.

They got a lot of people looking at us. I got a lot of enemies, Orly, I'm telling

O. Carabbia: Sure you got a lot of

enemies but you're just doing your

J. Traficant: More, more than the Yarosh had.

C. Carabbia: No. C. Carabbia: Jimmy, you know, I want to tell you something, Jimmy, I want to tell you something. You got a lot of friends and you made a lot of friends because you defeated a monster. That brought you so many friends, you won't realize. You'll learn when you get down there. You made a lot of friends with small people. People on the street. When you defeated that monster, you, people come out of the hole to back you up where before they laid back there dormant, dumb. They didn't know what to do because they didn't want to tackle the guy. You did what everyone wished they could do. I'm talking about judges, Olenick, guys like that. Hudzik admires you. Olenick admires you. Pope gotta say one thing about the [obscenity] is all right. They was afraid of Hanni, You challenged Hanni. You killed Hanni. They says Hanni killed Meshel too. Hanni killed Tablack. They don't want no part of Hanni. They want Traficant. You take that from me.

J. Traficant: Well ...

Carabbia: You, you deshredded a · monster.

J. Traficant: On, on, on, the job end of it now, on the job end of it, I don't know what jobs are going to be avail-

O. Carabbia: Well, that's OK.

C. Carabbia: [Unintelligible] till you get there, what are you going to do? O. Carabbia: What do you want us to do now?

J. Traficant: I want you to, I want you to take Sam and Joe in and take care of them.

We're not talking about that We're talking about ... J. Traficant: Until I do take care of

O. Carabbia: I understand that part.

them. Male: OK. Fair enough. Good enough. You're the sheriff. OK. Now, until the fifth, you want us sitting down with anybody?

J. Traficant: Again, I have to rely on your judgment. That's the only thing I'm telling you. That be very careful or we ain't going to have a hammer.

O. Carabbia: Alright. J. Traficant: We have a hell of a

hammer. O. Carabbia: Go ahead and tell me. J. Traficant: What if I were, on January the fifth, 12:01 a.m., if I would dispatch the troops and arrest Jimmy, Joey, Vic and O'Nesti. Do you realize what this town's going to be like if that would happen?

O. Carabbia: Hmm-hmm. J. Traficant: Your whole town would be on fire. You understand? That thing would be overwhelming. But what would they do again? Would it all sit down and who do they have? OK? They have Policy and Flask, Celebrezze, Attorney General Brown. They got the Republicans. Republicans would like to nail me. Rhodes. They got all the visiting judges. So no local judge has to be put on the spot to be a bad guy.

WHAT I'M SAYING is when it ultimately come to court, we would have no political clout. It would be very dangerous if a guy like Dankers, for example, wasn't solid. OK? Your testimony ... that's right. You would be subpoenaed. If, if I take this action, you guys didn't want nothing to do. I was being hounded. My cousin knew you guys. I was so [vulgarity] off at this crooked government, I come to you and asked you guys if you would assist me to break it up and you said [obscenity] it. My brother's in jail and yeah, we'll do it. OK. That's gonna be what you're gonna say in court.

J. Traficant: I'm not talking daydreams. I'm talking to you about a hammer. If they're gonna [obscenity] with me, I'm gonna nail them. After the fifth is over, I don't have the hammer. If I don't institute the action on the fifth whether it's, I'd have to go through procedures, I'd have to for probable cause, bring evidence, present it to the judge, ask for a arrest warrant, arrest him on the warrant. They'll be posting bonds and they'll be moving their political machinery man. It'll be a, a fiasco. And they'll have everybody set up. They even have some liar set up in court to perjure themselves. They have their other little [vulgarity] that O'Nesti got on me. They'll have to be prepared for that See what I'm saying? That, that's exactly what it would be.

C. Carabbia: I have to, here let, let me say this to you. Why would you want to do all this here if you don't have to?

J. Traficant: I don't That's the last

thing I wanted to do. J. Traficant: But what if, what if they cast so many aspersions on me OK? Because of the business now when they read it, they can't stand you, OK? You. And buddy, believe me, they didn't want me. We know that. OK, now, when they see the picture, they're going to say we got problems. Would you agree with that? O. Carabbia: Hmm-hmm.

Traficant: What are we going to J . do? Now this kid, he's hard, I could hear him. What are we going to do? We're going to have to clear with Charlie in order to have a dice game, you see what I mean?

O. Carabbia: Hmm-hmm.

J. Traficant: And now wait, do you think they're just going to sit back and say OK what are we going to do fellows? Sit down with you guys and we're going to work out an agreement? You think that's all they're going to do? You don't think they're going to say well let's sit with them and play a head game for a while and let's see how we can get to this kid. let's see how we can [obscenity] ap

his head. Let's see how we can undermine his efficiency. Let's try to get other officeholders to question his department. Let's see how we can get the review board to go in there and say the jail's a shambles.

O. Carabbia: OK. J. Traficant: That's what they have. O. Carabbia: Good and we told you, you have a weapon. Lock the [obscenity] up. J. Traficant: That would be on the

fifth, though. That's the only [unintelligible]. O. Carabbia: No. After the fifth. J. Traficant: No. I've got to institute

the action on the fifth otherwise. they'll say why didn't you do it? O. Carabbia: Sure he takes office. I understand that.

J. Traficant: And I told you before the first action is drastic action. O. Carabbia: Good.

J. Traficant: It's only one out of a hundred it would materialize but it is possible.

O. Carabbia: Good, OK. Let's see it. J. Traficant: Because I, I won't go to jail. I'm going to tell you that right now.

O. Carabbia: Right. J. Traficant: They will get busted. O. Carabbia: All right.

J. Traficant: It's a headache if we can't work it out nice. O. Carabbia: It's a headache if they

don't let you be in peace. J. Traficant: but now let me, yeah, and they are not. We're agreeing with

one thing there. O. Carabbia: Well, you gotta let

them know you got a big club. J. Traficant: OK. Yeah. I know. Here's what I'm saying. Let me ask you this honestly. Do you believe you could sit down with them and work out an agreement and they're going to be satisfied with and there's going to be no fights?

C. Carabbia: Oh, they're not going to be satisfied.

O. Carabbia: They'll never be satis-C. Carabbia: They're going to have to be satisfied.

O. Carabbia: But as long as they know that you're standing right here, they'll be satisfied.

Carabbia: Alright. You tell them • that's the way it is and that's the way it's supposed to be. O. Carabbia: We'll handle the way

it's supposed to be. J. Traficant: No, I'm never going to admit to anything with those [obscenity].

C. Carabbia: Alright. That's all you got to say. J. Traficant: You understand? I'm never going to admit to anything.

C. Carabbia: Alright. O. Carabbia: That's all you got to remember that if they ever gave you one dollar to your hand, that's what you got to remember cause they're liable to [obscenity] you. You know that in your mind.

I Traficant: We know that, don't

O. Carabbia: Anyway, Jimmy, you know, you have, you're getting you mind messed up here.

J. Traficant: Yeah, My mind is [obscenity] up but I do know this, that we're the outcast group. O. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: We, we raped this town is what we did, do you understand?

We didn't marry them, we, we, we didn't have a wedding, we had a, married with a shotgun wedding, you know what I'm saying understand? Airight, now ...

C Carabbia: I'm going to tell you something when you're done. I'm going to tell you something you'll never believe.

O. Carabbia: Jimmy. C. Carabbia: It ain't got nothing to

do with us. O. Carabbia: Jimmy, remember this, you are the sheriff. Now, I don't give a [obscenity], I know people that gave money to politicians over and over and Jimmy it all depends if the guys went right [hands clap once] like this. Do you understand?

J. Traficant: Yeah. O. Carabbia: Now, if that wasn't the case, I can't say I give you something. J. Traficant: You never gave me a

O. Carabbia: He can't say he gave you something, and if they don't ... if you want to act.

J. Traficant: Jimmy can though. Jimmy is the only one who gave me money. Personally. O. Carabbia: Hmm-hmm.

J. Traficant: Twice. Do you understand what I'm saying to you? O. Carabbia: Hmm-hmm.

C. Carabbia: He won't say it. J. Traficant: But he'll never state that. And I have a witness [unintelligible] police that says I didn't get nothing Right?

S. Traficanti: Right, Jimmy. J. Traficant: Right.

O. Carabbia: Alright, let me put it to you this way, maybe you'll know. Let's say that you say now this is the way it's going to be and if it ain't gonna be that way, nobody making nothing. Alright, you say that. So now he screams and he hollers. Let's say he screams and hollers, right? Now it's out of your hands.

J. Traficant: See, once I say that, here's the way it's going to be or I'm going to close you down. I'm documented as saying somethin'. I could never take any action against them. Legally I couldn't, you understand? Right now I have a legal club, I got a legal club. You talk about me being sheriff and having a hammer. I have it. But you know, the statute of limite-

tions runs out and in this case it runs out if I don't initiate action immediately from my formal position 'cause they could say why didn't you take action before that. I could say I didn't trust a politician in Mahoning County. No offense given to anybody, but I just didn't know how - what a network this was. So I wait until I became the sheriff and the chief law enforcement agent this was conspiracy to obstruct political justice and I, arrest him, right? wouldn't that be beautiful?

O. Carabbia: Let me tell you something, Jimmy, you keep saying after the fifth you can't do this, you can't do that. Are you the sheriff or what is it with you?

J. Traficant: Yeah. I am the sheriff. But what I'm telling you is, I'm a sheriff that has no power with anybody in

your business. Nobody. O. Carabbia: You don't, huh?

J. Traficant: All I can give you is moral support and take the political flack for giving you the support. They say Traficant's with Charlie and Orly. He's down there in Struthers, OK, now, they're trying to strike a deal, what are we going to do?

C. Carabbia: Listen, we've been fighting for 20 years.

O. Carabbia: Jimmy . . . C. Carabbia: Let me tell you something. They won't accept us because

it's all going back to 20 years ago this

election. J. Traficant: With Beil.

C. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: Let's talk about now though Charlie.

O. Carabbia: OK. Let me get into

J. Traficant: What do we got to do? O. Carabbia: Let me get into now. Do you know that Ronnie had a game out at the Holiday Inn and gave Ray his end all the time. Ray called him up and told him no game, and there was no game, and he just maybe gave him something last week. Now you're stronger than Ray Davis. So what I'm trying to tell you is is none of them

people can argue with you. C. Carabbia: Let me tell you what tion. they did, what Ray Davis did.

Carabbia: None of them can ar-gue with you Jimmy.

C. Carabbia: He needed one guy to go around. Prystash. The game was out there, Prystash says you got to close. Frank Lentine was going after hours, you got to close it. [Unintelligi-

O.Carabbia: Ah, the guys paid them.

C. Carabbia: No. Wait a while. He wanted to close these guys. He went out there, one man, walked in and says close this place down. Look, close it down or I'm gonna call down for the cruisers. You might only have one cruiser. He said cruisers, apostrophe. Do you understand? He close the crap game. He said he closed one man when Langley was here. Langley sent one guy up. That little skinny drunk he had as his chief deputy. He used to wobble in the joint, 'Lock this joint up,' they locked up. There ain't nobody going to defy the law and there's nobody that can stand, there's nobody can, I mean, there's nobody that can

have a story. I don't care what they say or anybody says. You can, shut down any joint you want. O. Carabbia: Who they going to come back and say I gave you some-

stop a policeman or a deputy or what-

ever, from performing his duty 'cause

then you are in trouble. Then you do

thing? C. Carabbia: Never. O. Carabbia: They can't, Now who's going to be your main man to go be

doing that? C. Carabbia: You need a strong guy. O. Carabbia: You need a strong guy to go do that that doesn't take anything from any of them. And that's all

you need. C. Carabbia: Is somebody you can trust that won't take no money. If you want to give him something, give it to him on the side. You give it to him or whoever.

O. Carabbia: Out here. C. Carabbia: But I mean, you got to have a guy that takes no crap. J. Traficant: Nobody down at the

sheriff's department. Nobody will take any money. Until Sam gets there. O. Carabbia: Right. J. Traficant: But until then, nobody

O. Carabbia: Who's your man going to be? J. TRAFICANT: ME.

O. Carabbia: You going to walk in

the joint?

J. Traficant: No.

O. Carabbia: Who's your man? J. Traficant: I don't know yet. O. Carabbia: Oh. J. Traficant: I don't know if this

thing is ... There'll be somebody

O. Carabbia: OK. J. Traficant: They'll go out and

[unintelligible]. O. Carabbia: But remember this Jimmy, if you want to close any joint down, I don't give a [obscenity] what you're thinking in your mind, you can close it down. Are you pots? You're the boss. You're the sheriff.

Traficant: Well, let me know what

J · we're going to do. Let me know what we're going to do. O. Carabbia: Well, Jimmy, you got

J. Traficant: Let me know what you're going to do. Whatever you do, go ahead and do it. But here's all I'm going to tell you. Just take into con-

sideration, don't go thinking I've got

all this power. O. Carabbia: You don't, huh? J. Traficant: No. No we don't. O. Carabbia: You're the only sheriff here that wasn't that office.

C. Carabbia: Don't go telling nobody that you don't have enough power.

O. Carabbia: I can't believe you're saying that. J. Traficant: I'm telling you this. They know, they're they're not hear-

ing this. O. Carabbia: Even I can't ... J. Traficant: They think, no hear me, they think I'm Wyatt Earp. OK? And that's the way it's going to be and

that's what I'm going to be if I have to be. But what I'm trying to tell you is a political reality you guys don't want to seem to accept. They got the city. They got the police chief in the city. C. Carabbia: They won't even

[obscenity] you, Why, [obscenity] with you. Why do you think Vukovich called you? He don't even want you to go to Youngstown. O. Carabbia: Jimmy [unintelligible]

can't believe you. I mean you [unintelligible]. C. Carabbia: I can't believe this guy

either. O. Carabbia: You're one of the chief. C. Carabbia: If I was the sheriff, I'd put that, I'd put Peterson in jail.

like that. C. Carabbia: You're the chief of the whole county, that includes Youngs-

O. Carabbia: You can't go in there

town and everything else. O. CARABBIA: YOU CAN shut anything down. I mean believe me. I can't understand that you're saying that.

C. Carabbia: You're still thinking about Beil. O. Carabbia: Oh, [obscenity] Beil. I'm telling you that you got the power, the strength and everything else. You

can shut down Struthers. C. Carabbia: That's when that [vulgarity] got his start out there with Tom Beil and he was our man.

O. Carabbia: How does he feel that he don't have the power, I can't believe this guy's saying this. I mean, you know . . . J. Traficant: What I mean, Orlie, is I

do have the power as the sheriff and if I need to use it, I'll use it. O. Carabbia: Nobody can [obscenity] with you.

J. Traficant: I know that. Yes they

can [obscenity] with me. Half of the

sheriffs in Ohio are under investiga-O. Carabbia: Yeah.

O. Carabbia: Good. J. Traficant: You know what that

J. Traficant: Half of them.

means? O. Carabbia: Yeah. J. Traficant: I could be the 45th.

O. Carabbia: No. J. Traficant: Just like that. O. Carabbia: No.

J. Traficant: That's the hammer they got. O. Carabbia: If you take their [vulgarity], then you'll be a 45th because we don't act stupid. You take anybody's [vulgarity] out there and you

will be the 45th. J. Traficant: We haven't taken it at

O. Carabbia: No you, you, that's what I'm trying to tell you. You know if one of them people was to blow their mouth off to you, you'd tell them bring them down to the station. What's he going to say hey I did this, I did that,

O. Carabbia: Nobody can say nothing to you. What's wrong with you?

What, are you crazy?

J. Traficant: I'm not the sheriff until the fifth. O. Carabbia: Well OK, the fifth. But when you're the sheriff on the fifth, do you know that I can't even say nothing to you if you really wanted to.

What am I going to say? J. Traficant: You can always say something.

C. Carabbia: Me and Orly.

O. Carabbia: So what I'm saying is this, he's the sheriff. So you know what I mean, Jimmy? You're not supposed to let them people bother you. J. Traficant: Just wait until you see

this parrot mouth come out tomorrow on TV. This Hanni ... C. Carabbia: That's what they're starting to say about you.

J. Traficant: Yeah. Let them say

that. It got me elected. Let them say that. It might get us the next chairman, too. C. Carabbia: No.

J. Traficant: You're not even thinking ahead, are you? O. Carabbia: Are you kidding? J. Traficant: You're not thinking at

all, are you? We talked . . .

O. Carabbia: Jimmy, me and him talked. S. Traficanti: But ah, you know what Hudzik said that night at the Pancake House?

J. Traficant: No. What'd he say? S. Traficanti: He said you people are talking now that you want to be a chairman also.

want to be a chairman now. [Unintelligible] Traficanti: Carabbia: Why don't you talk · about being a sheriff?

J. Traficant: No. They know I don't

Male: [Unintelligible]. J. Traficant: They did. I am talking all about that. O. Carabbia: Now, ah ... There's other things that you don't understand either, see? Ah, when you're the sheriff and you if want to go walk into a joint or send somebody to jail, they

better do their job. You got all the excuse in the world to fire them then. Just fire them. But Jimmy, get in your head one thing, I mean you are the man. J. Traficant: Yeah. O. Carabbia: Do you understand? J. Traficant: I felt better about that

when I get a few things resolved on the surface. There's a lot of open areas on the surface [unintelligible]. I'm not talking about our business. I'm talking about political.

O. Carabbia: I agree with you there.