

MARTIN ARTIANO, Attorney, SHERMAN, MEEHAN and CURTIN, 1900 M Street, N.W., Sixth Floor, Washington, D.C., was interviewed in his office on February 7, 1989, by Special Agents ALVIN R. CAIN Jr. and BARBARA J. CALVIN. ARTIANO furnished essentially the following information:

Until January 1, 1989, ARTIANO was an attorney on staff at ANDERSON, HYBEY, NAUHEIM and BLAIR, 1708 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. Concerning WILLIAM PINGREE and NORMAN DAHLE, PINGREE and DAHLE, 648 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, ARTIANO has maintained a business relationship with them since approximately 1982. ARTIANO along with PINGREE and DAHLE, have been involved in the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation (Mod Rehab) program, specializing in the rehabilitation of historic projects, utilizing only conventional financing.

ARTIANO said his role in the Mod Rehab efforts has been to take care of the syndication work associated with the projects; although lately he has become more involved in the actual search for suitable projects to rehab. According to ARTIANO, his Washington, D.C. role has been one of attempting to determine at a given time what is happening in the Mod Rehab program and what funding was available. ARTIANO stated that he does not have any good friends at HUD Headquarters who are involved with the Mod Rehab funding process, nor does he know anyone in particular to contact in order to secure funding for a particular project.

ARTIANO said that over the years, he has met the following HUD Headquarters officials, but pointed out that he only knew them on a limited basis: DEBORAH G. DEAN, THOMAS T. DEMERY, TIMOTHY COYLE, THOMAS CASEY, LAWRENCE GOLDBERGER, CHRISTINE OLIVER and DONALD KAPLAN. ARTIANO also stated that he knew GORDON WALKER, who formerly served at HUD Headquarters. ARTIANO advised that the only outside support they have ever realized in connection with any of their Mod Rehab efforts, has come from local officials, such as Mayors, who would voice their support for a particular projects to the City Council or the appropriate Public Housing Authority (PHA).

ARTIANO stated that he initially learned of F.O.O.D. for Africa (FOOD) when MICHAEL G. KAREM, President, Worldwide Consulting Group, Washington, D.C., telephoned him in connection with the Washington, D.C. fundraiser for FOOD. ARTIANO advised that he attended the fundraiser, which was held during October 1987, and after prior coordination with PINGREE and DAHLE, contributed \$1000 to FOOD. ARTIANO said that he was motivated to contribute to FOOD because FOOD is a great charity, and that it had nothing to do with their past or expected future involvement with the Mod Rehab program.

ARTIANO characterized their involvement in the Mod Rehab program as small scale, primarily because they only rehab historic sites, which normally consist of 50 or less units for a complete project. ARTIANO estimated that since 1982, the total number of Mod Rehab units allocated to their efforts would not exceed 500.

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ARTIANO stated that he has heard non-specific industry type rumors to the effect that Mod Rehab units could be purchased, but he disclaimed any direct knowledge of the situation, and denied that anyone had ever approached him with such a proposal.