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Title: TRUMP MANAGEMENT COMPANY
NEW YORK, NEW YORK;

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Character: VICTIMS
DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

Synopsis: MATTHEW J. TOSTI, 200 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, New York contacted on 11/20/72 and furnished answers to remainder of questions set out by the Department. TOSTI, attorney for Trump Management, stated no records kept concerning race or national origin of either tenants or employees, and no records concerning whereabouts of former employees.

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DETAILS:

This is a limited investigation.

On November 16, 1972, MATTHEW J. TOSTI, Attorney for Trump Management, 200 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, New York was contacted for the purpose of answering the remainder of the questions as prepared and furnished by the Department. At this time he requested he be contacted at a later date so that he could determine what questions have been previously answered by him.

On November 20, 1972, TOSTI was recontacted and stated he would answer the remainder of the questions on behalf of Trump Management, to the best of his knowledge.

The following information represents the interview of TOSTI:

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MATTHEW J. TOSTI, attorney, 200 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, New York furnished the following information in response to a list of questions prepared by the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division:

TOSTI stated that the questions pertaining to race of tenants, employees or former employees, could not be answered in view of the fact that no records concerning the race of these individuals are kept by the Trump Management Company. In addition, he stated that the company does not have on record the locations of former rental agents; therefore, these individuals could not be located for interview.

He advised that the racial makeup in the communities, wherein Trump property is located, is predominantly Jewish and he does not know whether any of the areas is a racially changing area.

He stated, with respect to the number of dwelling units owned by Trump Management, that with the exception of the following, there are approximately 160 to 200 dwelling units per apartment complex:

Flatbush Patio Complex	400 Units
Trump Village Complex	440 Units
Beach Haven Complex	1200 Units
Shore Haven Complex	1100 Units
Grymes Hill Complex	400 Units
Tysens Park Complex	1100 Units.

He stated that with reference to the range of rent by bedroom size, that the average number of vacancies vary greatly by bedroom size at any given time, and would be too numerous to list herein.

In addition, he stated that to list apartment vacancies by size since June 1, 1972, and to indicate the time period each apartment was vacant would be a monumental

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task for the approximately 20,000 apartment units concerned.

TOSTI stated that with respect to promotional literature in the advertisement of apartment vacancies, that this would depend on the number of vacancies for several or more buildings, because most times five or six buildings are listed in various newspapers. The Trump Management Company does not advertise in any one newspaper, on any particular day.

He advised that with respect to conducting credit or reference checks, that the personnel of the Trump Management Company do their own investigations. He stated that from time to time superintendents of various apartment complexes do comment on applicant's appearances, demeanor, et cetera. He also stated that Trump Management Company has never issued any instructions concerning admission of Negroes or Puerto Rican applicants into apartment complexes, and that neither do these applicants trigger any special check of credit, personal references or recommendations.

He stated that to the best of his knowledge, there have been only four or five complaints alleging racial discrimination in the past four or five years. He stated that he does not recall any of these having been taken before any commissions, such as the City or State Human Rights Commission. He advised that these complaints consisted mostly of persons who were dissatisfied with their apartments.

He advised that the management acquires the tenants predominantly through "walk-in" applicants for apartments; however, the management does advertise as stated above. The amount of time between the submission of an application and the time between when the applicant is notified that he is accepted as a tenant is usually 20 to 30 days, depending on the time of the month the applicant applies. Due to other administrative work, an applicant applying at the end of the month may have to wait a full 30 days. When a Resident Manager or Superintendent receives a telephone inquiry concerning an apartment, it is the practice to ask the inquirer to come to the particular apartment, so that they can see the apartment available.

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He stated that in very few of the apartment complexes of the Trump Management Company are there waiting lists for apartments.

TOSTI advised that it is the decision of the comptroller to decide whether to reject or consider an applicant for an apartment. He also stated that he has never heard of any white tenants complaining to Resident Managers, Superintendents or Trump Management concerning Negro or Puerto Rican tenants.

TOSTI advised that he has answered the Departmental questions to the best of his knowledge and that should there be any further inquiry, both he and the Trump Management Company would cooperate fully.