

**ATTACHMENT #12**

**THE GAIETY DELICATESSEN**

Discussed in conversations of Joseph Mandiberg and Alan Mandiberg.

The Mandiberg family owned delicatessens first in New York, then in Patterson. The New York deli, the Gaiety, was a well-known hangout for many celebrities and would be celebrities. The song, *The Gaiety*, was part of the Broadway (Lunt-Fontanne Theatre) musical *Skyscraper*. Cahn's lyrics about the Gaiety Delicatessen are perhaps not as well-known as others of his – *My Kind of Town*, *Come Dance with Me*, *Let it Snow*, *Time After Time*, or *I'll Never Stop Loving You*. The second act of the play opens at the Gaiety Delicatessen, with the plot launching from the to-do caused by the heroine ordering a pastrami sandwich (shockingly) on toasted raisin bread with lettuce and mayonnaise. (Such was Jewish theater before *Marrano Justice*). The Gaiety's reputation and sway were so strong that it was the only restaurant the famous NYT's food critic, Craig Claiborne, was pressured to award an extra (third) star by his bosses, Abe Rosenthal and Arthur Gelb, regulars there. (from Gael Greene, *A Life of Delicious Excess* (2006)).

from the Broadway Musical "SKYSCRAPER"

## THE GAIETY

(Delicatessen)

Lyrics by  
SAMMY CAHN

Music by  
JAMES VAN HEUSEN

**Brightly**

C Cmaj7 E5 E♭maj7 G♭ G♭maj7

1. Del - i - ca - tes - sen! Del - i - ca - tes - sen! Call it a way \_\_\_ of  
2. Del - i - ca - tes - sen! Del - i - ca - tes - sen! It could re - place \_\_\_ a

B♭7sus B♭7 G7 C6 G Dm7 G7(6) C6 (2nd time only) E♭m7

life, \_\_\_\_\_ the air is fair - ly tan - ta - liz - ing, puts  
wife, \_\_\_\_\_ one whiff and you be - gin to melt, sir! You

G7 C6 G Dm7G7(6) C6 E♭m7 G7 C6 G Dm7G7(6)

ap - pe - tite in ap - tiz - ing, which al - ways seems to start the  
feel the way you nev - er

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