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TO : Mr. DeLoach *JD*

DATE: April 4, 1967 *JD*

FROM : J. H. Gale *JHG*

SUBJECT: GUS ALEX
ANTI-RACKETEERING

ILL. *Stafford* *Leggett*

Alex, who has been a leader of the underworld in Chicago's First Ward since the death of Jake Guzik in 1956, has been closely associated with Sam Giancana, the now deceased Murray Humphreys and others in the Chicago criminal organization. He has made annual trips to Europe and until 1965 made stops in Bern, Switzerland.

On February 3, 1967, the Swiss pronounced an interdiction preventing Alex from thereafter visiting Switzerland. During the course of a lengthy appeal, Alex caused numerous letters attesting to a good background to be directed to Swiss authorities and in early March, 1967, the Swiss stated they had concluded they do not have evidence to uphold the ban against Alex's entry.

Legal Attache, Bern, ascertained from Swiss authorities that among the letters received by them was one from Congressman William L. Dawson of Chicago, stating that Alex was his constituent and friend for many years and he knew him as a law-abiding, decent, successful representative of the Chicago business community. Dawson, of course, is well known to the Bureau as having supported the Communist Party and the Communist Party line. In addition, he is alleged to be involved with the policy and syndicate racket in Chicago.

Another letter was received by the Swiss from Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen, which asked that Alex be informed of the basis of his exclusion from Switzerland and that the Swiss reconsider their decision.

Enc.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
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- 1 - Mr. McAndrews
- 1 - Mr. Leggett

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*Discussed with Mr DeLoach
4-5-67 + he felt Dirksen should
not be contacted - SA Johnson
advised.*

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: Gus Alex

Chicago, in attached teletype, makes reference to the above and points out that in view of Congressman Dawson's unsavory background no action should be taken with respect to him, but in view of Senator Dirksen's reputation of integrity, that the Bureau may desire that he be advised of Alex's background.

ACTION:

It is noted that Senator Dirksen is on the Special Correspondents List. It is, therefore, recommended that Crime Records liaison contact Senator Dirksen and because of his apparent unfamiliarity with Alex, advise the Senator of Alex's background. In view of the fact that it is entirely possible Senator Dirksen is unaware of letter sent on behalf of Alex to Swiss authorities, Senator Dirksen should be tactfully advised of the receipt of this information by the Bureau. Only if pressed for details as to our source, should it be indicated to him that our Legal Attache in Bern, Switzerland, was advised by the Swiss authorities that Senator Dirksen's letter was among a number of letters which was being considered by the Swiss in connection with Alex's appeal from interdiction.

If recommendation is approved, appropriate background on Alex will be provided the liaison Agent.

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