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To: Legat, Bern (92-10) (P)

From: Director, FBI (92-3182) - 1137

GUS ALEX, aka
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You should advise Robert C. Ode, Consular Section, the Embassy, that we do not know the reason for Swiss authorities issuing a travel ban against the subject and are, therefore, not in position to advise him concerning this situation.

There is no record of a request having been received by the Bureau from the Department of State relative to this and consequently no information has been furnished.

This is for your information and in handling this matter you are again reminded of previous instructions that precaution is to be exercised in order to assure that the Bureau is not disclosed as a source of information and does not become involved in any court or other legal proceedings concerning this matter.

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared with Supervisor Mario Gregorio)

NOTE: Chicago top hoodlum, Gus Alex, and his paramour, Suzanne Fueger, visit Switzerland each winter on vacation and Legat Bern has established appropriate coverage in past years through Swiss authorities. Following last visit of Alex, Swiss authorities in February, 1965, on their own initiative, issued a prohibition against Alex's re-entry on the basis that he was an undesirable. Alex is attempting to have the ban lifted and has retained counsel for this purpose in Switzerland and Washington, D. C. (Note continued page 2)

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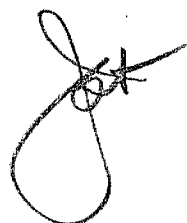
Airtel to Legat, Bern
Re: Gus Alex

Note continued:

Robert C. Ode, American Embassy, Bern, has received request from State Department for information concerning the Alex ban and has requested Legat to furnish him with information to answer this request. In making request of Embassy at Bern, State Department representative Frederick Smith, Jr., indicated Department of Justice has file on Alex, but that he had not yet heard from the FBI.

No record located that Smith or Department of State has made any request of Bureau for information on Alex (per Records Section). Inasmuch as no record located of State Department request and in view of current controversy involving foreign travel of American citizens, no contact with State Department being made.

Legat Bern being instructed to advise Embassy representative we do not know reason for issuance of ban by Swiss authorities and, therefore, are not in position to furnish information concerning this. Previous instructions to Legat to handle matter to avoid involvement of Bureau being restated.



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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3182)
 FROM LEGAT, BERN (92-10) (P)
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The Swiss Central Police Bureau (SCPB) has been informed of ALEX's intention to leave the U. S. next June and travel to France, Germany, Italy, England and Greece for two months.

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ROBERT C. ODE, Consular Section, the Embassy, Bern has informed that he received an Operations Memo from the Department of State, classified confidential, dated 3/16/66, enclosing a letter from JOSEPH H. SHARLITT, attorney, representing ALEX. The Department requested the Embassy to provide information on this case, particularly as to the grounds on which the Swiss have barred ALEX from Switzerland. The Operations Memo also contained a letter from the Legal Adviser, Department of State, dated 3/3/66 addressed to SCS Mr. WILLIAM R. JOCHIMSEN from L/SCA FREDERICK SMITH, JR. This letter mentions the letter from SHARLITT, indicates that the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, is well acquainted with ALEX and states that the writer has not yet heard from the FBI. A copy of SHARLITT's letter is enclosed for the Bureau.

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ODE has inquired if I could furnish him with information to provide the Department of State in this matter, since I was the one who had been in contact with the Swiss Police with regard to ALEX.

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Special Agent in Charge

Bern 92-10
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It is suggested that I reply to ODE as follows:

In past years, the Swiss Police have been requested to furnish any information they might have concerning the activities and contacts of GUS ALEX while in Switzerland, in view of his association with individuals with criminal records. In February 1965 the Swiss authorities issued an entry ban against ALEX. No request was made to the Swiss authorities for an entry ban against ALEX, nor was it indicated to them that such would be desirable.

It is understood from Swiss sources that the Swiss authorities cannot be legally required to reveal the reason for the issuance of an entry ban.

The foregoing is furnished for the information of the Department of State and it is requested that it not be disseminated outside that agency.

In view of the statement in the letter of FREDERICK SMITH, JR., that he had not yet heard from the FBI, it is presumed that he has made inquiry of the Bureau in this matter.

The Bureau is therefore requested to review what information, if any, was furnished Mr. SMITH, and then inform if it considers the above information appropriate to furnish ODE. Mr. ODE has indicated that he would greatly appreciate expedite action by me in this case.

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