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Synopsis:

ALEX returned to his residence at 4300 North Marine Drive, Chicago, Illinois, on 7/29/58 when he was observed by Bureau agents, who directed a representative of the Senate Rackets Committee to him for the purpose of serving a subpoena. ALEX and his wife continue to reside at 4300 North Marine Drive at present. Although ALEX has claimed employment by the Atlas Brewing Company from 1944 to 1955, officials of Atlas advised he has never been employed there, at least not since 1952. Although mother of MARIANNE RYAN advised that she and ALEX were married in 1950 in Santa Barbara, California, records there and in other California cities do not reflect such marriage. Thirty-three close associates of ALEX identified herein. ALEX suspected and questioned by Chicago Police Department regarding several gangland killings and kidnappings in recent years. Until death of JAKE GUSIK in 1956, ALEX was closely associated with him and upon GUSIK's death, took over his position in the syndicate. ALEX now controls First Ward of Chicago, a large area containing the "loop" near South and near West sides. ALEX formerly received income from 122 Club, 122 E. Cermak Road, Chicago.

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The following informants are furnishing current information regarding ALEX:

CG 5973-C
CG 6241-C
CG 6232-C

The following informants have furnished recent information concerning ALEX, but none during the period covered by instant report:

CG 6218-C
CG 2951-C
CG 6036-C

The following Potential Criminal Informants are furnishing current information about ALEX:

BILL KAPLAN
PAUL RAFFLES
RAY LONGTREE
TULA FOLTZ

PCI RAY LONGTREE is furnishing current information concerning the residence, associates and activity of ALEX at his residence. In addition, the following investigation has been conducted at the residence of ALEX in order for this office to be furnished with current and valuable information concerning the day to day activity of ALEX:

In view of the fact that ALEX has all his mail addressed to him at his mother's residence in Evergreen Park, Illinois, and since he visits there at least once or twice a week, constant contact is maintained with the following sources: Sergeant MICHAEL A. SERRITELLA, who grew up in the same neighborhood as ALEX, who knows him very well, and enjoys a certain amount of his confidence and who lives two blocks from ALEX's mother

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in Evergreen Park. Sergeant SERRITELLA has agreed to, and does, frequently drive past ALEX's mother's house to observe the activity there. Contact has also been maintained with two of the neighbors who reside across the street from ALEX's mother: Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH VINCENT and HENRY TORBERG.

The following contacts have been made in attempts to insure that the activities and associates of ALEX at his residence are made known to this office:

On February 27, 1958, GEORGE HIRSCHTEL, the garage attendant who works days at the garage where the subject keeps cars which he uses, advised that "RYAN", the alias used by ALEX at his residence, does not keep his car in the garage where HIRSCHTEL works (at subject's residence), and that even if "RYAN" did keep the car there, HIRSCHTEL would not advise about it. He was very belligerent and non-cooperative.

On about March 10, 1958, JOHN T. MC INERNEY, the elevator operator at the subject's residence, 4300 North Marine Drive, who worked the 4:00 PM to midnight shift, furnished information concerning "RYAN" and was most cooperative until June, when he was fired by the management for refusing to perform extra duties for which he was not paid. MC INERNEY was not only a most cooperative source, but also took his association with this office most seriously. He obtained a great deal of information concerning ALEX's associates, numbers of taxi cabs and cars picking ALEX up, telegrams delivered there, and he kept a running, handwritten log on the comings and goings of ALEX and his wife.

On April 1, 1958, HAROLD MC ELVANEY, elevator operator on the 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM shift at the residence of the subject, furnished information regarding ALEX. He continued to furnish information regarding ALEX until June, when he was fired by the management due to the

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fact that he became intoxicated and did not report to work for a three week period. During the time he cooperated with this office, he furnished substantial information concerning ALEX, including identifying information regarding the chauffeur-bodyguard of ALEX, "BUTCH" LADON, the cars LADON drove, taxi numbers, and he also furnished information about the comings and goings of ALEX and his wife and their visitors, although not on the large scale that MC INERNEY was able to.

On May 20, 1958, THOMAS MC GANN, 2222 Giddings, an elevator operator on the 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM shift at 4300 North Marine Drive, was contacted by SA ROEMER. He furnished some information regarding ALEX, but not much. He was contacted once or twice a week from May 20, 1958, until July 22, 1958. During that time, ALEX and his wife were not at their residence, due to the fact that ALEX was evading a subpoena of the Senate Rackets Committee. During that time, MC GANN advised that he had not seen ALEX or his wife, but on each contact he promised that as soon as he observed that ALEX or his wife had returned to their residence, he would immediately so advise this office. He gave no indication that he would not fully cooperate with this office in that matter. This continued until July 22, 1958, when independent information was received that ALEX and his wife had returned to Chicago. He was contacted that date and he advised that he had not seen either of them but again promised that as soon as he did, he would immediately contact SA ROEMER telephonically. On the evening of July 22, 1958, after Mrs. ALEX had been observed at her residence by SA ROEMER, MC GANN was recontacted by the agent. He advised again that he had not observed either ALEX or his wife, and then stated that he was "not going to talk" to the agent any more. When asked for a clarification of his attitude and the reason for his apparent change of mind, MC GANN would only say that he did not want to be "found in an alley some night." He stated that it was SA ROEMER's job to keep in touch with ALEX and not his, and that

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such was what SA ROEMER got paid for, not him. MC GANN was most adamant in his refusal to agree to a recontact or to furnish any information whatsoever regarding ALEX. He has not been recontacted since July 22, 1958.

On July 30, 1958, JOSEPH MEREHAUT, 4628 North Dover, elevator operator on the 4:00 PM to midnight shift, was contacted. He agreed to furnish information regarding ALEX and did so on that occasion. He was most cooperative on that occasion and noted that it was a civic responsibility to cooperate with an organization like the FBI, and that he knew his identity would be fully protected. He agreed to recontact by SA ROEMER, but stated that he did not remain in his rented room only to sleep, and that he had no phone there. He suggested that he be recontacted on the following Wednesday evening, when he was going to have dinner with the LONGTREE family at 1450 North Clark. Therefore, on August 6, 1958, telephonic contact was made during the evening to the LONGTREE residence and SA ROEMER asked to talk to MAREHAUT. Mrs. LONGTREE advised that MEREHAUT was not there and that she did not expect him, not that night and not the next week. She was very brusque.

On August 7, 1958, Mrs. LONGTREE called SA ROEMER and explained that she was sorry for her short conversation of the evening before, but that MEREHAUT was there and had instructed her that when the writer called, she was not to advise that he was there and to state that she did not know when he would be there again. She stated that he informed her that someone at work had talked to him and told him that he had better be careful, that if he was to talk to the police or the FBI, that he'd get "knocked in the head." He told her that he had been satisfied by SA ROEMER that if he furnished information regarding ALEX, it would not be "leaked" and that his contact with this office would be strictly confidential, but he told her that

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he did not want to take any chances with a "guy like GUS ALEX". He told her that he would not mind talking to the FBI about petit criminals, but that a guy like ALEX "is too big for me". Mr. and Mrs. LONGTREE advised that MERHAUT eats at their residence on each Wednesday night, and that they will attempt to "pump" him and then furnish any information which they can obtain regarding ALEX to SA ROEMER. They were requested to do so.

On August 8, 1958, WILLIAM HOPKINS, 901 Lawrence, an elevator operator on the 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM shift, was contacted at his residence (as were all the above). HOPKINS advised that although he has worked at 4300 North Marine Drive for four years, it is just recently that he has become an elevator operator, formerly having been a garage attendant in the lower level of the garage. It is noted that ALEX keeps the cars he uses in the upper level which is attended by HIRSCHEL, above. HOPKINS advised that he knows "RYAN" and his wife as tenants at 4300 North Marine Drive, but that he has not seen them in the past two or three months there. It is noted that ALEX and his wife have been absent therefrom from the first part of May to date except for three or four days and this would account for HOPKINS' failure to observe them. As in the case with the above interviewees, HOPKINS was advised that any contact with the FBI and any information which he furnishes would be kept strictly confidential, and that there is no way for ALEX to learn of it unless through HOPKINS. He was advised not to mention his contact with this office to anyone. HOPKINS agreed to keep his eyes and ears open for ALEX and his wife, and to report any information of possible interest regarding them to this office. He furnished his phone number, EDgewater 4-4427, and stated that he could be contacted at any time after 4:30 PM.

Contact with A. C. JAWAREK and Mr. NEWBERGER, manager and bookkeeper respectively, at 4300 North Marine Drive, has been made regularly since about February 1, 1958, by SA WALTER H. SANDSTROM, and since

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February 25, 1958, by SA ROEMER. These individuals have expressed willingness to fully cooperate with this office and have never refused to do so. However, they have been of very little assistance. They continue to point out that they are not in a position to know of ALEX's comings or goings, his activities, his associates, or anything else which may be of assistance to this office. The only information they have ever furnished has been that ALEX, as RYAN, continues to pay rent for an apartment there. When ALEX was being sought by this office as a missing witness of the Senate Rackets Committee, they advised only that someone, unknown to them and in their absence, paid ALEX's rent every month by dropping cash in an envelope on their desk. They have advised that they are unable to find ALEX's application for the apartment which he executed when he moved in. They have also advised that they do not know whether ALEX keeps a car in the garage stall which he pays rent on. In summation, they profess cooperation but have never gone out of their way to obtain any information and it is suspected that they could furnish more if so inclined.

Concerning WILLIAM HOPKINS, above, it is reported herein that RAY LONGTREE, who is now under development as a PCI, advised that he knows that ALEX pays HOPKINS to report visits of FBI Agents to the Murray Hill Apartments, and that it was HOPKINS who told MAREHAUT that he had better not cooperate with the FBI.

INFORMANTS

T-1
PCI RAY LONGTREE

On September 11, 1958,
to SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER.

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T-2
ERIC EDSTRAND,
Manager and Distributor,
Blatz Brewing Company,
Chicago Division,
401 North Hamlin,
Chicago, Illinois
(Upon request)

On July 29, 1958, to SA
WILLIAM F. ROEMER

T-3
TOM CROSTON, Stewart,
Southern Shores Yacht Club,
Jackson Park Harbor,
Chicago, Illinois

On August 9, 1958, to
SAs RALPH R. HILL and
WILLIAM F. ROEMER

T-4
CG 6241-C

On August 14, 1958, to
SA JOHN B. HARRINGTON

T-5
CG 6232-C

On August 7, 1958, to
SA WILLIAM A. MEINCKE

T-6
TULA PASCUAL FOLTZ, PCI

On July 28, 1958, to
SA ROBERT W. HEDDEN

T-7
PCI BILL KAPLAN

On September 4, 1958, to
SAs RALPH R. HILL and
WILLIAM F. ROEMER.

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