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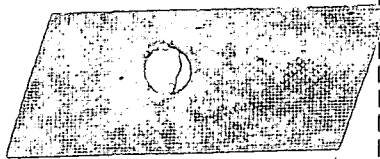
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Re Bureau airtel 2/1/61 instructing that the Chicago Office immediately institute a review of information in Chicago files pertaining to ALEX to determine whether there is any possibility of a prosecution in the immediate future.

(1) ALEX is not presently the subject of a substantive case. No local, state or federal process is currently outstanding against him.

(2) A review of all information available to this office has established only one possibility wherein ALEX may be vulnerable to ~~wave~~ prosecution within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau. In this regard it is ~~believed~~ ^{JFK Act 6 (4)} that considerable investigation is necessary to develop this possibility but that if this information can be obtained, ALEX may be successfully prosecuted. It is noted that PCI has advised that ALEX is an owner of the National Maintenance Corporation in Chicago. PCI stated that ALEX does not appear as an owner on any of the records of the company and that one BEN STEIN is used by ALEX as a front in the operation of this company. PCI stated that this company furnishes maintenance help to several large accounts in Chicago such as the Merchandise Mart and McCormick Place,

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Chicago's large exposition hall. PCI stated that this company recruits its help among the derelicts on Skid Row in Chicago and that although it receives \$17 or \$18 per day for each employee, only \$6.50 is given to the employee. PCI advised that the company has an arrangement with TOM BURKE, an official of the Janitors Union in Chicago, whereby BURKE receives \$2,000 per month from the company in return for assistance in keeping the employees of the company ununionized and in obtaining business accounts for the company. This gives the company the obvious advantage of not having to pay union wages or funds into the union welfare fund for each employee. It is expected that additional investigation regarding this situation is necessary in order to establish some connection with interstate commerce and to develop information concerning the hidden ownership of ALEX in this company, but it is believed that it is a situation which merits further investigation in line with the objectives set out in referenced Bureau airtel.

information that ALEX is the owner of the S. D. Kaplan Garage Corporation at 60 East Randolph, using KAPLAN as a front in this operation and that ALEX also is a owner of two large Chicago hotels, the Eastgate and the St. Clair, although his name does not appear on records of these hotels. It is believed that if this information can be proved, that ALEX is susceptible to prosecution for an evasion of income taxes.

JFK Act 6 (4)
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