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It is noted that information has been developed that sometime during early December, 1958, GUS and MARIANNE ALEX spent three or four days in New York City.

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will continue to conduct investigation regarding the current activities, etc., of GUS ALEX in conformance with Bureau letter to New York dated November 27, 1957, entitled "TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM, ANTI-RACKETEERING".

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One copy of this report is being designated for the Newark Office in view of the fact that it contains information furnished by CG 6232-C, regarding the identification of top hoodlums and their activities in the Newark area.

INFORMANTS

Source

CG T-1  
Miss RITA RYAN, First cousin of MARIANNE ALEX, who is a nurse at the Cook County Hospital, and who resides at the School of Nursing, Cook County Hospital, 1900 West Polk, Chicago.

CG T-2  
SANDY SMITH, Crime Reporter, "Chicago Tribune"

Contacting Agent

Information furnished to SAs EUGENE C. GIES and WILLIAM F. ROEMER, JR., on March 25, 1959

Information furnished to SA ROEMER on April 6, 1959

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Source

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CG 6232-C

CG T-4  
Miss EILEEN EDGAR, Clerk,  
Security Department, Illinois  
Bell Telephone Company, 230  
West Washington, Chicago

CG T-5  
CG 5953-C

CG T-6  
CG 6308-C

CG T-7

PCI

CG T-8  
PCI  Head of  
Accounting Department, Sun  
Valley Operations, Sun Valley,  
Idaho

CG T-9  
PCI RAY LONGTREE

CG T-10  
CG 6272-C

CG T-11  
CG 6241-C

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Information furnished to  
SA WILLIAM A. MEINCKE on  
February 6, 1959

Information furnished to  
Investigative Clerk JOHN E.  
WHALEN on February 2, 1959

Information furnished to  
SA LENARD A. WOLF on  
September 1, 1955

Information furnished to SA  
ROBERT W. HEDDEN on March 31,  
1959

Information furnished to SA  
RALPH R. HILL on January 23, 1959

Information furnished to SA  
JACK S. NEWELL of the Butte  
Division on February 10, 1959

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Information furnished to SA  
ROEMER on February 5, 1959

Information furnished on  
February 10, 1959, to SAs  
LAWRENCE COUTRE and ROBERT  
FETZNER of the Miami Division

Information furnished on  
March 23, 1959, to SA JOHN  
B. HARRINGTON

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Copy to:**

**Report of:** SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER, JR.  
**Date:** April 24, 1959

**Office:** CHICAGO**Field Office File #:** 92-373**Bureau File #:** 92-3182**Title:** GUS ALEX, aka.**Character:** ANTI-RACKETEERING

**Synopsis:** ALEX continues to reside at 4300 Marine Drive, Chicago, Illinois. He is currently on payroll of De Luxe Cigarette Service, Inc., and Ajax Phonograph Company, both controlled by EDWARD D. VOGEL, Chicago top hoodlum, at \$203.35 and \$198.75 per week respectively. Apparently married MARIANNE RYAN in California in 1950, after she ran away from him, following six years of cohabitation in Chicago. Informant contacted PAT MARCI, secretary of Alderman JOHN D'ARCO, ALEX's close associate, and was referred to a Chicago Police Department detective, who, for \$50 per month, allows him to operate a "26" game. Informant also pays MARCI \$600 per year, which ultimately goes to D'ARCO, for cutting business competition. ALEX's chief aide, FRANK FERRARO, has been in contact with the summer home of FRANK CHESROW, President of the Chicago Sanitary District and political "fixer". ALEX is close to TOMMY MUNIZZO and LES TRILLA, allegedly contact men for crime syndicate with Mayor DALEY and State's Attorney ADAMOWSKI. ALEX, with TONY ACCARDO, recently arbitrated dispute between SAM GIANCANA and MARSHALL CAIFANO, crime syndicate leaders. ALEX continues to control 1st Ward for syndicate. Hangouts of ALEX identified. ALEX and his wife visited England, Italy, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria, and Turkey during European travel, which extended from December 21, 1958, to January 15, 1959. ALEX stayed at Sun Valley Lodge, Sun Valley, Idaho, in 1949, 1955, 1956, 1957, and 1958, and cancelled reservations he had there for February, 1959. ALEX was searched by United States Customs Service when he returned from Europe in January and was found to be wearing money belt containing \$10,350 in cash. Search of luggage showed evidence of purchases far in excess of declarations. ALEX currently driving a 1959 Chevrolet Corvette with super-charged carburetor system.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I. BACKGROUND

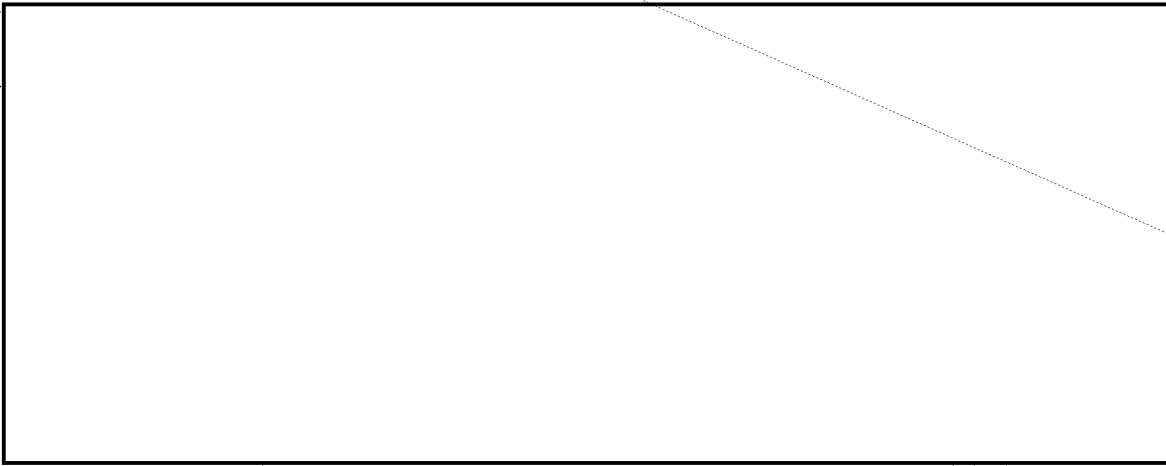
A. Residence

A. C. JAWAREK, Manager, Murray Hill Apartments, 4300 North Marine Drive (also known as Lake Shore Drive), Chicago, Illinois, advised SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER, JR., on March 30, 1959, that GUS ALEX continues to reside in apartment 1001 in the Murray Hill Apartments under the name of "MIKE RYAN". JAWAREK stated that MARIANNE RYAN continues to reside with ALEX in that apartment.

B. Employment

On March 18, 1959, CHARLES CHRISTIANSEN, SR., Vice-President, First Commercial Bank, Clark and Morse, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information as a result of a subpoena issued by Assistant United States Attorney JOHN J. QUAN in connection with an investigation presently being presented to a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Chicago:

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[REDACTED] JFK Law 10(a)2

It is noted that EDWARD D. VOGEL, top hoodlum of the Chicago Office, is a partner and officer of both De Luxe Cigarette Service, Incorporated, and Ajax Phonograph Company.

[REDACTED] JFK Law 10(a)2

VOGEL is also Secretary-Treasurer of the Apex Amusement Company, also at 4246 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, but checks of that concern were not available for review and it is not known whether ALEX is on the payroll of that company.

It is noted that VOGEL previously had been reported as possibly being ALEX's closest hoodlum associate. His three enterprises at 4246 North Lincoln are used to carry on his business as the chief of slot machine and other coin operated machine operations for the Chicago crime syndicate in Cook County, Illinois, and three or four other northern Illinois counties.

Attention is drawn to the fact that ALEX has never been known to be employed in any capacity for De Luxe, Ajax, or Apex.

As a matter of interest, on January 17, 1959, ALEX was overheard by SA ROEMER conversing with an unknown man in the Randolph Towers Barber Shop, 188 West Randolph, Chicago. On this occasion, he carried on a vituperous tirade against "the Gs" for the way he was "manhandled" upon his return from Europe, and due to the fact that the "Gs know" his "every move". The unknown man told ALEX, "Watch your tax."

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JOEY AIUPPA, a top hoodlum of the Chicago Office, and such other well known Chicago area hoodlums as MARCUS "STUDDX" LOONEY, JACK "THREE FINGER" WHITE, and GEORGE "RED" PARKER. CG T-2 was unable to advise as to the disposition of this arrest. SAM ALEX is a brother of GUS ALEX.

## II. ASSOCIATES

### THEODORE BRISKIN

*ILL* CG T-1 stated that among the close friends of GUS and MARIANNE ALEX is THEODORE ~~"TED"~~ BRISKIN, the former husband of BETTY HUTTON, prominent movie actress, and the President of the Revere Camera Company, with offices in Chicago and California. CG T-1 stated that as a matter of fact, the ALEXs were able to secure a good position for JAMES "MICKEY" RYAN, a brother of MARIANNE RYAN, with the Revere Camera Company in California through their friendship with BRISKIN.

It is noted that previous information concerning the relationship of ALEX with BRISKIN has been reported.

### JOHN D'ARCO

CG T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that within the past several months, he contacted PAT MARCI, the secretary of Alderman JOHN D'ARCO of the 1st Ward of Chicago, in an effort to put a "26" game *ILL* in his place of business. He advised that MARCI told him to call the Maxwell Street Police District and ask for "SMOKEY", a plainclothes detective working with that district. Informant advised that MARCI had given him the go ahead for the game and said that it would be undisturbed by the Chicago Police Department as long as he made his contact with SMOKEY. Informant advised that he contacted SMOKEY and that arrangements were made whereby the informant

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paid \$50 a month directly to SMOKEY, with further arrangements that when his business built up in several months, there would be a new figure for the police department protection. In connection with D'ARCO, the informant advised that when he came to Chicago in 1952 and opened a grocery store in the vicinity of Taylor and Halsted Streets, he noted that numerous push carts were selling vegetables without proper license and were parked right in front of his vegetable store, underselling him and creating a general nuisance. Informant advised that according to city ordinance, these push carts were not allowed to conduct business without a license. He advised he, therefore, contacted the Chicago Police Department, Maxwell District, in an effort to have the push carts removed. He advised that they referred him to Alderman D'ARCO, who sent his secretary, PAT MARCI, to the store. MARCI advised that he would have two of the push carts taken away, advising that the others would have to stay. He told the informant that this would cost him \$50 per week to have the two push carts removed. Informant advised that he would have to place some friend of PAT MARCI on his payroll, although he would never work and the \$50 would simply go into D'ARCO's pocket. Informant advised that he refused this arrangement and he and MARCI bargained and eventually wound up with the informant contributing \$600 per year to D'ARCO. He advised that he paid the \$600 in a very unique way and has been paying it ever since 1952. He advised that around the beginning of February, he is sent 1,200 tickets to the Democratic Organizations Picnic to be held sometime in the summer. These tickets are marked 50¢ apiece, and the \$600 is simply the informant's donation to the Democratic organization in his ward. The money eventually falls into D'ARCO's hands. He advised that recently, due to his increased dealings with MARCI, he has been advised that his contribution in the future will probably run in excess of \$1,000.

FRANK CHESROW

FRANK FERRARO, also known as Frank Sortino, is the number one aide of GUS ALEX in the Chicago crime syndicate. It is noted that he was interviewed in October, 1958, by SA



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from February 12 to February 23, 1959, but that reservations were cancelled by ALEX on February 7, 1959.

B. Europe

Upon the return of ALEX from Europe, on January 15, 1959, his passport number 15567 was observed. Stamps placed in this passport on the pages marked "Visas" indicated that he had traveled as follows during the period specified:

Zurich, December 23, 1958

Rome, in 1956

Zurich on January 2, 1958

London on December 22, 1958

Zurich on January 6, 1959

Greece on January 3, 1958

Rome in 1958

Another stamp indicates that on January 13, 1958, he was processed by Immigration and Naturalization Service and admitted to this country at Detroit, Michigan, on January 13, 1958. There are several other stamps placed in this passport on the pages marked "Visas" which are illegible.

Chief Inspector JOHN PEARCE, Metropolitan Police, New Scotland Yard, London, England, advised on January 23, 1959, that there was no record of GUS ALEX or MARIANNE ALEX in the Central Records Office of New Scotland Yard. There was a record, however, indicating that GUS and MARIANNE ALEX left London Airport on December 22, 1958, for Zurich, Switzerland, which indicates these people did visit the United Kingdom.

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The Swiss Central Police Bureau advised by letter dated March 5, 1959, that GUS ALEX appeared at the Hotel Baur-au-Lac, Zurich, Switzerland, on December 22, 1958, with a woman alleged to be his wife and left the following day for St. Moritz, where they remained at the Palace Hotel until January 5, 1959. During their stay there, they made no special contacts. They returned to Zurich, where they again stayed at the Hotel Baur-au-Lac on January 5, 1959, and left on January 6, 1959, by air for Vienna, Austria. The Swiss Police furnished copies of the two hotel registrations at the Hotel Baur-au-Lac, and it was noted that GUS ALEX indicated that his profession was "salesman".

The following information regarding the subject's activities in Vienna, Austria, was furnished under date of February 5, 1959, by Mr. JOSEF HOLAUBEK, Police President, Vienna, and received on February 9, 1959:

GUS ALEX, born January 4, 1914, in Chicago, American citizen, and his wife, MARIANNE RYAN ALEX, arrived in Vienna, Austria, on January 6, 1959, and registered in the Hotel Imperial at 16 Kaerntnerring, Vienna I, Austria. ALEX was carrying United States passport number 730.270, good until July 12, 1959. Upon arrival at the hotel, he listed his permanent address as 9353 South Spaulding Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois, USA. His double room at the hotel had been reserved by the Drake Travel Service through the "Cosmos" Travel Service in Vienna.

Personnel at the Hotel Imperial were shown photographs of GUS and MARIANNE ALEX and were able to readily identify these photographs. They, however, could not furnish any information indicating any unusual activities on the part of either GUS or MARIANNE ALEX while they remained at the hotel. The couple appeared to engage in the usual sight-seeing and shopping activities in Vienna and there was no

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information that they had received any guests at the hotel. Both on January 8 and January 9, 1959, GUS ALEX placed telephone calls to the Hotel "Baur" in Zurich, Switzerland.

GUS and MARIANNE ALEX departed Vienna on January 9, 1959, for an undisclosed destination.

GEORGES CLOT of the Prefecture of Police, Paris, France, advised on February 25, 1959, that ALEX and his wife registered at the Hotel Ritz, 15 Place Vendome, Paris, on January 9, 1959, and departed on January 15, 1959. They occupied Room 110 and used their American passports for identification at the time of registration. CLOT advised that ALEX was not engaged in any unusual activities while in Paris, and so far as could be determined, did not make any contacts with Paris underworld figures.

GUS ALEX and his wife arrived at New York International Airport at 9:45 PM on January 15, 1959, aboard Pan American Flight Number 115. Based on prior arrangements with United States Customs, GUS and MARIANNE ALEX were taken to an interview room and subjected to a search of their baggage and personal effects by United States Customs Staff Officer JOSEPH ROONEY and Inspector JOHN HARRINGTON. Written material found in their possession was made available to Special Agents by Customs Inspectors and it was either photographed or copied by hand. The majority of the written material was found in the possession of MARIANNE ALEX, and it consisted of notes concerning her trip, address and telephone book and an itemized list of purchases made.

Due to an inconsistency between their declaration and evidence of other purchases, GUS and MARIANNE ALEX were strip searched by Customs inspectors and matrons. The ALEXs stated in their declaration that they had purchased items totaling \$950, whereas material in their personal

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The following informants are furnishing current information regarding ALEX:

CG 6232-C  
CG 6272-C  
CG 6308-C  
CG 6241-C

It is noted that CG 6272-C, who is considered a most valuable informant concerning the criminal activities and syndicate affiliation of GUS ALEX, has not been in a position since early December, 1958, to furnish any information concerning ALEX or other syndicate leaders in Chicago, due to the fact that he spends the winter months in Miami, Florida. However, this informant returned to Chicago on April 8, 1959, and it is expected that he will soon be in a position to furnish current information concerning ALEX and other hoodlums.

The following informants have furnished recent information concerning ALEX, but have not furnished any during the period covered by instant report:

CG 5973-C  
CG 6215-C  
CG 6241-C

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

RAY LONGTREE

PAUL RAFFLES

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Concerning the address book found in the possession of MARIANNE RYAN ALEX when she was searched by the United States Customs Service at International Airport on January 15, 1959, information appearing therein was thoroughly reviewed by the Agent assigned this case to determine investigative leads and for purposes of reporting. It was determined that with very few exceptions, the names and addresses contained in this address book were female friends of MARIANNE, most of whom are engaged in the modeling business in Chicago, and who were not considered to be associates of the subject. Most of these acquaintances of MARIANNE were previously known to this office, although seven or eight were not.

Perusal of the address book did reflect that apparently, MARIANNE has been instructed by the subject that he can be contacted during the day at Celano's, Fish's, or Fritzel's, his known hangouts, and the phone numbers for these establishments which are listed in MARIANNE's address book are apparently phones in these establishments where the person who answers would be expected to know ALEX or possibly his whereabouts in the event he is not present.

It is noted that this office has established fixed surveillance plants at Celano's and at Fish's, and that surveillances of these establishments are conducted from time to time. Investigation is being requested by leads to this report of offices in the continental United States and by separate letter to Bureau, of Bureau personnel in Istanbul and Paris.

The attention of the Newark Office is directed to the following information concerning identification of contact made by CG 6232-C of top hoodlums and their lieutenants in the Newark area during November, 1958. This informant was contacted regarding Newark letter to Chicago dated January 9, 1959, and as a result of that contact, supplied the following information after having been shown appropriate photographs as contained in the Newark letter:

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He advised the PETE LA BLANC whom he has been referring to is identical with the photograph of PETER DOMINIC LA PLACA of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. He advised, however, that the photograph is very poor and that LA BLANC now is almost completely bald and has grey hair at the temples.

He identified the photo of ARMAND ALFRED DEVITO as the ALFRED DEVITO which he had referred to as a contact of his in New Jersey and a salesman for a Chevrolet company in New Jersey.

The informant advised that the photograph of RUGGIERO BOIARDO, wa., is identical with the "RICHIE THE BOOT" which he had mentioned previously. He advised, however, that he was incorrect in saying that it was "RICHIE THE BOOT" whom he had attempted to contact, whereas it was actually "RICHIE THE BOOT's" son, ANTHONY, whom he knows by the nickname if "TONY BOY".

The informant advised that CHARLES TOURINE is identical to an individual known to him as "CHARLIE THE BLADE". He advised that when he was last in New Jersey, he understood from numerous contacts that "Uncle Sam" was presently looking for CHARLES TOURINE because TOURINE was representing the syndicate gambling interests of one LONGIE ABE ZWILLMAN. He advised that "CHARLIE THE BLADE" presently represents ZWILLMAN and several other individuals from the East who are receiving a piece of the huge crap games in Cuba. He advised that TOURINE was personally taking care of ZWILLMAN's interest in this activity. He advised that TOURINE had received prominence in the 1940s when he was then engaged in bootlegging activities in the New Jersey area. He advised that TOURINE then became acquainted with ZWILLMAN and ZWILLMAN sponsored his activities in the gambling situation in the New Jersey area. He advised that at first TOURINE started to run his own game and ZWILLMAN

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and an individual named CATENA, who also had a large amount of control in the gambling interest in Newark at that time, stopped TOURINE. He advised that shortly thereafter, it was agreed upon that TOURINE would be allowed to operate; however, he has always been controlled to a large extent by LONGIE ZWILLMAN and actually represents many of his interests. The informant advised that the purpose of his trip to New Jersey several months ago to straighten out his difficulties in Chicago was for the purpose of contacting the "Blade", who would have straightened the situation out in a hurry for him. Informant advised, however, that he was told when he got to Newark that the "Blade" was then in Cuba. He advised that had the "Blade" been in Newark at that time, he and DEVITO would have seen him to settle the dispute which the informant found himself in, rather than make all of the other contacts which he was forced to make.

The informant advised with reference to LOUIS "COCA COLA" that the place where he met "COCA COLA" is as described on page 6 of referenced Newark letter, which is the Park-Stone Social and Political Club. Informant advised that he did not associate the name of LOUIS DE BENEDETTO with that of LOUIS "COCA COLA"; however, stated that he has never known LOUIS "COCA COLA" by any other name than his nickname.

Informant also advised the photograph of ANTONIO ROCCO CAPONIGRO is known to him as TONY BANANAS. He advised, however, that the photograph is an extremely poor one.

The informant also advised that the background information regarding NICK CARELLA is identical with the individual known to him as NICK CARELLA, who he had mentioned previously as an attorney who made arrangements for him to see several hoodlums in the New Jersey area. The informant advised that the Canteen Bar and Grill, Ridge Road, Lindhurst, New Jersey, was the restaurant in which he had an interest many years ago.

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