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all the bets which he booked. It is noted that CG 6272-C has advised that it is ALEX's command that all bookmakers operating in the First Ward must lay off all their bets with BRIATTA. The conversation overheard by the informant showed very definitely that TORNABENE was to pay off one per cent of what he obtained in revenue from juke boxes to 100 North LaSalle. 100 North LaSalle is the headquarters of Alderman JOHN D'ARCO, Alderman of the First Ward. BRIATTA complained that TORNABENE, in the Santa Fe Hotel was in the First Ward and that contrary to instructions, "He would hold the cream and give him the rotten stuff. There were certain parts that he didn't wanna hold, he turns it over to us." FERRARO then called TORNABENE two obscene names and BRIATTA commented as follows: "He double crossed me (obscene)." FERRARO asked, "How?", and BRIATTA replied, "Because GUSSIE (ALEX) told him to go over there and if he says one word, he says wack him right in the mouth. I went over there and he didn't yap at all. That's why I went over there and I caught him. I said what the (obscene) you guys doing. Where's the business. So one afternoon MARCI (PAT MARCI, Secretary to Alderman JOHN D'ARCO) and I as they opened the door we got into the place. There were two fellows making \$50.00 and \$100.00 bets and I says, 'What the (obscene) are ya doin'.' He says oh I just started this." FERRARO then said, "You want to knock him out of the box", and BRIATTA replied, "Ya". FERRARO then said, "Warn him that we're gonna take action if we catch him holding out anymore."

CG 6343-C\* then advised that following this conversation BRIATTA apparently handed to FERRARO \$23,650.00. Of this amount \$13,000.00 was returned to BRIATTA and BRIATTA was instructed to "Take this to John D'Arco". BRIATTA asked, "Take it to the office or home?" FERRARO replied, "Wherever he's at. \$1,600.00. Oh, here's the extra." BRIATTA then asked, "Should I give it to John or Pat? If Johnny is not there give it to Pat and say to Pat give this to Johnny." FERRARO replied, "Sure". BRIATTA then said, "Okay, I'll go over there now."

Following this conversation BRIATTA stated, "This morning, I had a guy from Phelan's Office (Captain KYRAN PHELAN, Deputy Chief of the Uniform Police, Chicago Police Department) over to the house. Eddie. Well I got this guy now from the

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It would also appear from the conversation that ALEX and FERRARO have some jurisdiction over TORNBENE and ARGER. From CG 6232-C it is known that ALEX and FERRARO have sanctioned TORNBENE's and ARGER's activities in the loop and without their approval ARGER and TORNBENE could not continue to operate as they do. This information has been reported in the past.

CG 6343-C\* reported on January 18, 1960, that on that date SAM GIANCANA and MURRAY HUMPHREYS, Chicago top hoodlums, had a conversation. HUMPHREYS made the following comment:

"You know, the older I get, the better I get. You guys better not put me on the (obscene) farm."

GIANCANA laughed at that remark.

HUMPHREYS continued:

"What with GUSSIE saying that they're gonna put him on the (obscene) farm, you better keep me around."

HUMPHREYS reference to GUSSIE is obviously to GUSSIE ALEX and it would appear that in view of ALEX's deteriorating health, ALEX is considering retiring from the Chicago crime syndicate, at least to some extent.

On the same date, HUMPHREYS had a conversation with FRANK FERRARO concerning MIKE BRODKIN, well known Chicago criminal lawyer with offices at 188 West Randolph. In this regard, FERRARO made the following comment:

"That money hungry MIKE. GUSSIE is the guy who controls him on the price."

Later on this same date BRODKIN had a conversation with FERRARO and HUMPHREYS. HUMPHREYS and FERRARO were angry with BRODKIN in view of the fact that they felt that he was charging them too much money for a particular situation which

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The reference to STEVE by ALEX midway in the conversation is probably a reference to STEVE DE KOSTA. It is noted that DE KOSTA is ostensibly the owner and manager of the Huckster's Restaurant in Chicago. According to PCI TURA SATANA, a burlesque dancer, who is intimately friendly with HENRY SUSK and also well acquainted with GUS ALEX, the Huckster's is operated by DE KOSTA for SUSK and ALEX, who are the actual owners. The reference to CLAIR is apparently a reference to the owner of three Chicago hotels, the St. Clair, the Croydon, and the Eastgate, all of which are located on the near North Side of Chicago. From information furnished by CG 6343-C\* in the past, it is known that CLAIR is very closely associated with MURRAY HUMPHREYS and other Chicago hoodlums.

On July 12, 1960, CG 6343-C\* furnished the following information regarding a conversation between JIMMY CELANO, MURRAY HUMPHREYS, and GUS ALEX, in which they discussed surveillances and investigations conducted on themselves by various agencies:

CELANO: "I have guys come in, buy a couple suits. They know about me. They tap my home phone. They know my kids go to college. They know all about me.

HUMPHREYS: They investigate. They did the same thing to me. They start out since you were a kid. All your family. They even know whether my wife went to urinate. Divorce too, Gus and her.

ALEX: So what, I haven't done anything.

HUMPHREYS: In 1958 they started. The comings and goings. Gussie and Frankie. Ross Prio (obscene) them. They followed me.

CELANO: They followed me.

HUMPHREYS: Did they?

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ALEX: .....  
HUMPHREYS: And you weren't touching LEO's money at all?  
ALEX: No, we.....LEFTY's money, 25% of LEFTY's money. You want me to prove it?  
HUMPHREYS: Your word is good enough.  
ALEX: OK.....LEFTY died.....  
HUMPHREYS: .....LEFTY didn't have any money and he had to loan him \$30,000?

The reference made to BRAD EBEN relates to A. BRADLEY EBEN, an attorney at 134 South La Salle, who represented Premium Beer Sales, Incorporated, during the fight with the Fox Head Brewing Company of Waukegan, Wisconsin. EBEN also represented DOMINIC VOLPE, President of Premium Beer, at the time VOLPE was contacted and interviewed by agents of this office. It should further be noted that EBEN authorized the records of Premium Beer Sales, Incorporated, be made available to the FBI.

The reference to "LENNIE" probably pertains to LENNIE PATRICK, an associate of the Chicago Crime Syndicate who handles the gambling element in the Rogers Park area in Chicago. "DAVEY" is probably DAVE YARRAS, a lieutenant for LENNIE PATRICK, who reportedly spends most of his time in Miami.

The reference to "LEO" is believed to be LEO SCHAFER, a bookie who was arrested in Terre Haute, Indiana, in connection with the operation of a multi-million dollar sport's service. SCHAFER was convicted on a tax charge in connection with the above in June, 1959, and his case is on appeal.

CG 6272-C has advised that LEO SCHAFER and LEFTY SCLAR were boyhood friends and were partners in a gambling operation in the Chicago area. LEFTY died about two years ago and his wife allegedly died a short time before his death. It is believed that the reference to LEFTY made by ALEX and HUMPHREYS concerns the same individual identified by CG 6272-C.

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INFORMANTS

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CG T-1

Local Draft Board #80  
Selective Service System  
2319 South Wentworth Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

4/14/44, as reviewed by  
SA WILLIAM M. KELLY.

CG T-2

NELS NIELSEN  
Postal Carrier assigned  
to Evergreen Park, Illinois,  
Post Office

3/4/58 and 3/28/58 to  
SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER.  
This postal carrier has  
served ALEX's mailing  
address.

CG T-3

JOE KRUCZEK  
Postal Carrier assigned to  
Lake View Postal Substation,  
Irving Park Road and Southport  
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

3/4/58 to SA ROEMER.  
This postal carrier serves  
ALEX's residence at 4300  
North Marine Drive.

CG T-4

CG 5733-C

In 1950 to an unknown  
Agent. This informant  
is not personally acquainted  
with ALEX or his associates  
and obtained this information  
through contact with small-  
time hoodlums.

CG T-5

Inspectors L. B. MC NALLY  
and R. E. SHALLBERG,  
Alcohol Tax Unit,  
Chicago, Illinois

In 1946 to unknown Agents.

CG T-6

Internal Revenue Service  
Washington, D. C.

Information furnished  
through liaison at Seat of  
Government as set out in  
Bureau letter to Chicago  
dated 5/12/59.

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doctor" contact was made by SA CARLSON on 9/26/60 with RAYMOND SCHROEDER, Assistant Security Officer at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. It is noted that information has previously been developed that ALEX was a patient at the clinic on two occasions during the past year. Mr. SCHROEDER advised, however, that ALEX was not registered at the clinic. RUSSELL LANG, Manager of the Kahler Hotel, advised that ALEX was not registered at the hotel on that date, it being noted that ALEX stayed at the Kahler Hotel during the occasions of his visits to the Mayo Clinic.

PCI TURA SATANA advised SA ROEMER on 9/29/60 that she recently went boating with GUSSIE ALEX, LOUIE ARGER, BUTCH LADON, JOE PIGNATELLO, and with another girl whom she knew only as GEORGIA, who appeared to be a good friend of ALEX. It is noted that ARGER is a subordinate of ALEX who operates several arcades and amusement parlors in the Southern portion of the Loop in Chicago. LADON is ALEX' chauffeur and body guard. PIGNATELLO is a chauffeur, body guard, and cook for SAM "Mooney" GIANCANA, Chicago top hoodlum. GEORGIA's identity is unknown except that information has been developed in the past that ALEX has a girl friend named GEORGIA. PCI advised that the boat excursion was taken by the group in one of the boats owned by ARGER which he keeps in Burnham Harbor in Chicago.

It is noted that PCI SATANA left the Chicago area shortly after the contact with her on 9/29/60 and at the present time is touring the burlesque circuit in Las Vegas, Honolulu, Los Angeles, and other cities in the Western portion of the United States. For this reason, she has furnished no information concerning ALEX since that time.

JFK Act 6 (4)

PCI [ ] advised SAs RALPH R. HILL and ROEMER on 10/25/60 that she has obtained information that GUS ALEX is the financial interest behind a series of pancake stores called "Eddie Doucette's Pancake Plantations." It is noted that there are four of these restaurants located in the Chicago area. It is noted that PCI [ ] has been the cashier at Mike Fish's Restaurant in the Sovereign Hotel at 6200 North Kenmore in Chicago. She advised that many Chicago hoodlums frequently have met at Fish's Restaurant in a private dining room located in the rear of the restaurant. She stated that these hoodlums included ALEX, MURRAY HUMPHREYS, EDDIE VOGEL, and others such as ROCCO DE STAFANO, PAUL DORFMAN, MANNY SKAR, JOE FUSCO, and PAT MANNO.

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CG 5973-C advised SA C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS on 4/4/60 that GUS ALEX and SIDNEY KORSHAK are frequently seen together in public places. He identified KORSHAK as being a millionaire attorney with homes in Chicago and Los Angeles, California, and with offices in Chicago and Los Angeles. It is noted that SIDNEY KORSHAK has been interviewed on three or four occasions by SA ROEMER and has admitted his association with ALEX. KORSHAK is presently under investigation as a top hoodlum of the Los Angeles Office.

CG 5973-C advised SA TREVIRANUS on 10/26/60 that ALEX and KORSHAK continue to be seen together in public as of that time. This informant also advised that ALEX has a considerable financial interest in an automobile agency or agencies operated by HENRY SUSK. It is noted that HENRY SUSK is a prominent Pontiac dealer in Chicago and that he operates Henry Susk Pontiac, 1510 N. Clark St., and Peter Epstein Pontiac in Skokie, Illinois. As noted above, PCI TURA SATANA has advised that SUSK and ALEX are close associates.

CG 5973-C advised on 11/14/60 that GUS ALEX recently became quite friendly with a prominent New York model, named SONNY ANDERSON. It is noted that information has previously been developed that ALEX spent last winter in the New York - New Jersey area recuperating from a nervous ailment. This informant advised that recently ALEX contacted his wife, MARIANNE ALEX, from New York and has otherwise conducted himself indicating to MARIANNE ALEX that he and SONNY ANDERSON are intimate friends. Informant stated that MARIANNE ALEX is very angry with her husband concerning this situation and that the situation is aggravated due to the fact that SONNY ANDERSON has been one of MARIANNE ALEX's closest friends. It is noted that MARIANNE ALEX is one of Chicago's most prominent models and that SONNY ANDERSON was a close associate of hers while in Chicago.

JFK Act 6 (4)

PCI [redacted] advised SA JOSEPH G. SHEA on 11/16/60 that he had recently learned that LOUIE TORNABENE is in serious trouble with the hoodlums in Chicago. He advised that TORNABENE has been running a horse book in the vicinity of the Santa Fe Hotel, Polk and State Streets, Chicago, for some time and has withheld approximately \$75,000 from the underworld by not posting all his bets on his books. PCI stated that he has learned that GUS ALEX, who is in charge of the district where TORNABENE ran his handbook for the underworld, will take action in the future after some of this

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money has been collected and that the word among hoodlums is that TORNABENE will eventually be disposed of. It is noted that information has previously been developed concerning a similar situation involving TORNABENE through PCI [redacted] who advised that TORNABENE was in trouble with ALEX in the early Winter of 1958-59.

JFK Act 6 (4)

GEORGE E. Q. JOHNSON, JR., was contacted on 12/15/60. It is noted that JOHNSON is the husband of CAROLE JOHNSON, the partner of MARIANNE RYAN ALEX, in a dress shop at 110 East Oak Street in Chicago and is also the partner of MARIANNE RYAN ALEX in another business concern involving modeling. JOHNSON has been contacted frequently in the past by SA ROEMER concerning the marital relationship between GUS and MARIANNE ALEX and concerning his knowledge of the activities and travel of ALEX. JOHNSON advised SA ROEMER on 12/15/60 that on 12/14/60 MARIANNE ALEX decided to divorce GUS ALEX. He stated that MARIANNE has been very unhappy with her relationship with ALEX for the past year or so and that finally on 12/14/60 she made a firm decision to divorce ALEX. JOHNSON stated, however, that he has advised her not to leave ALEX at the present time due to the possibility that ALEX could then obtain the divorce on grounds of desertion and that MARIANNE ALEX and GUS ALEX will continue to reside at Apartment 1001, Marine Drive, in Chicago but that they will live in separate rooms in that apartment. JOHNSON stated that the reason for MARIANNE's decision is that she has finally become fed up with ALEX's way of life as a hoodlum and that she can no longer stand her existence as the wife of a syndicate hoodlum.

JOHNSON advised that he has been acting as MARIANNE ALEX's attorney in connection with her business affairs but that he is not a divorce attorney and does not expect that he will handle the divorce for MARIANNE; although, he will probably influence her decision as to her choice of an attorney. JOHNSON stated that he expects that GUS ALEX will choose EUGENE BERNSTEIN as his attorney in this regard, it being noted that BERNSTEIN has handled ALEX's tax returns for many years.

JOHNSON advised that he is agreeable to approaching MARIANNE ALEX in order to sound her out concerning the possibility of an interview with SA ROEMER. He stated that he will talk to MARIANNE and explain to her that it would appear to him to be the better course of action to explain her relationship with ALEX and her knowledge of ALEX's activities rather than to have the FBI investigate by talking to other friends and associates of MARIANNE concerning ALEX.

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Identity of Source

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[REDACTED]  
President, Blatz Brewing Company,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
(Upon Request)

On 6/30/58 to Agents of  
the Milwaukee Office.

CG T-8

[REDACTED] Chairman  
of the Board, Blatz Brewing  
Company, (Upon Request)

On 6/30/58 to Agents of  
the Milwaukee Office.

CG T-9

[REDACTED] Vice-President  
and Sales Manager, Foxhead  
Brewing Company, Waukesha,  
Wisconsin, (formerly in  
charge of Blatz Brewing Company  
Distributorship in the Loop  
area of Chicago) (Upon Request)

Information furnished on  
7/8/58 to Agents of the  
Milwaukee Office.

CG T-10

ERIC EDSTRAND, Manager  
and Distributor, Blatz Brewing  
Company, Chicago Division,  
401 North Hamlin, Chicago,  
Illinois, (Upon Request)

On 7/29/58 to SA ROEMER.

CG T-11

[REDACTED] Owner-Manager,  
Whitehall Club, (Upon Request)

On 10/28/58 to SAs PAUL  
B. FRANKFURT and ROEMER.

CG T-12

CG 6272-C

On 7/1/60, 6/13/59, 11/20/58,  
9/1/60, and 12/11/59 to  
SA ROEMER.

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CG T-14

[REDACTED]  
828 West Cuyler Avenue,  
Chicago (Upon Request)

CG T-15

[REDACTED]  
Reporter, "Chicago Tribune"  
(Deemed Advisable)

CG T-16

JOHN PHILLIP CURRAN  
Chief Petty Officer,  
United States Navy Induction  
Center, Chicago, Illinois

CG T-17

[REDACTED] Security  
Officer, Mayo Clinic,  
Rochester, Minnesota  
(Upon Request)

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[REDACTED] Security  
Officer, Mayo Clinic,  
Rochester, Minnesota  
(Upon Request)

Date Received

On 3/14/58 to SAs C.  
LEONARD TREVIRANUS and  
ROEMER; on 8/13/54 to SA  
TREVIRANUS. This informant  
is a friend of ALEX's wife.

On 3/5/58 to SA ROEMER.  
This source is a former  
employer and a friend of  
ALEX's wife.

On 12/18/57 to SA LENARD A.  
WOLF; on 3/5/59, 6/15/59,  
4/6/59, and 6/2/60 to SA  
ROEMER. SMITH is a veteran  
crime reporter of the "Chicago  
Tribune" and is well acquainted  
with hoodlums in the Chicago  
area.

In 1944 to SA WILLIAM S.  
KELLY.

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Information furnished to  
SA ROBERT L. CARLSON of  
the Minneapolis Office on  
6/17/59.

On 11/25/59 to SA ROBERT  
L. CARLSON of the Minneapolis  
Office.

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CG T-19

[redacted]  
105 West Adams  
Chicago, Illinois  
(Upon Request)

On 8/2/60, 4/22/59, and  
12/17/58 to SA ROEMER.  
[redacted] is the husband of  
CAROLE JOHNSON, the busi-  
ness partner of ALEX's wife.  
He is a very close friend  
of ALEX's wife and a friend  
of ALEX.

CG T-20  
NY 2427-C

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JFK Act 6 (4)

On 5/16/60 to SA EDMUND  
FLANNAGAN of the New York  
Office.

CG T-21

[redacted] Manager,  
Kahler Hotel, Rochester,  
Minnesota, (Upon Request)

On 8/5/60 to SA ROBERT L.  
CARLSON of the Minneapolis  
Office; and 11/25/59 to SA  
CARLSON.

CG T-22

[redacted] Chief  
of Security, Drake Hotel,  
Chicago, Illinois  
(Upon Request)

On 9/17/58 to SA ROEMER.

CG T-23

[redacted] Nurse,  
Cook County Hospital,  
1900 West Polk,  
Chicago, (Upon Request)

Information furnished to  
SAs EUGENE C. GIES and ROEMER  
on 3/25/59, 6/4/59. Miss  
[redacted] is a first cousin of  
MARIANNE RYAN ALEX, the wife  
of GUS ALEX, and formerly  
frequently associated with  
the ALEXs.

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HECTOR (TONY) TONTINI,  
Maitre d', Whitehall  
Club, 105 East Delaware,  
Chicago, Illinois  
(Upon Request)

On 10/20/58 and 7/20/59  
to SA ROEMER. TONTINI  
is the maitre d' at the  
Whitehall Club where ALEX  
and several other Chicago  
top hoodlums hold membership.

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CG 6232-C

JFK Act 6 (2)

JFK Act 6 (4)

On 8/7/58, 9/24/58, 10/14/58,  
and 11/20/58 to SAs WILLIAM  
A. MEINCKE and JOSEPH G.  
SHEA. This informant is  
a former bookmaker in  
Chicago who operated in the  
First Ward of Chicago, which  
District is controlled for  
the Chicago Crime Syndicate  
by ALEX. Informant is,  
therefore, personally  
acquainted with ALEX.

CG T-26

[REDACTED] Clerk,  
Illinois Bell Telephone Company,  
Chicago, Illinois  
(Upon Request)

On 1/3/60, 4/8/58, 1/30/58,  
and 6/19/58 to IC JOHN E.  
WHALEN.

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On 1/3/58 to SA WILLIAM J. MC CORMICK. This informant is a jewel fence in Chicago but is not closely associated or acquainted with ALEX.

CG T-28

[REDACTED]  
Southern Shores Yacht Club, Inner Harborn, Jackson Park, Chicago, Illinois  
(upon request)

On 5/5/59 to SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER. Informant is not acquainted with ALEX but is acquainted with his close associate FRANK FERRARO.

CG T-29

[REDACTED]  
Manager, Drake Travel Service, 919 North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois  
(upon request)

On 4/28/59 to SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER. [REDACTED] is acquainted with ALEX and has arranged several European and other trips for ALEX and his wife in the past several years.

CG T-30  
Former PCI  
RAY LONGTREE

On 9/11/58 and 10/7/58 to SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER. LONGTREE formerly was an employee in the apartment building where ALEX resides and was in a position to furnish information concerning ALEX's comings and goings from his apartment and the identity of his visitors and associates.

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[REDACTED]  
Receiving Clerk,  
4200 North Marine Drive,  
Chicago, Illinois  
(upon request)

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[REDACTED]  
Chicago, Illinois  
(Deemed Advisable)

CG T-34  
Former PCI

[REDACTED]

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On 5/22/59 to SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER. [REDACTED] is the receiving clerk on the apartment building where MURRAY HUMPHREYS, Chicago top hoodlum, resides. He knows ALEX has been a visitor to HUMPHREYS' apartment.

On 3/23/59 and 8/14/59 to SA JOHN B. HARRINGTON. This informant was a car hiker at Fritzel's Restaurant in Chicago and therefore was in a position to know of deliveries of food to ALEX during period he hid out.

On 5/27/59 to SA EDWARD J. NEAFSEY. [REDACTED] is the wife of SA NEAFSEY and is a professional model in Chicago and therefore obtains knowledge from time to time concerning the activities of MARIANNE RYAN ALEX, who is married to the subject and who is also a professional model.

This PCI was contacted on a regular basis three or four times a week from 3/25/58 until 11/58. He was an elevator at ALEX's residence and was able to provide considerable information concerning ALEX's comings and goings, visitors and associates.

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Former PCI

[REDACTED]

On 6/2/58 to SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER. This individual was a former elevator operator on the night shift at ALEX's residence and was able to furnish information concerning ALEX's comings and goings and his associates and visitors.

CG T-37

[REDACTED]

Former Bookkeeper,  
Murry Hill Apartments,  
4300 North Marine Drive,  
Chicago, Illinois  
(upon request)

In 3/50 to unknown Agents Chicago Office and 5/19/58 to SAs PAUL B. FRANKFURT and WILLIAM F. ROEMER. [REDACTED] is a former bookkeeper at the Murry Hill Apartmentw where she knew ALEX and Chicago top hoodlum EDDY VOGEL who formerly resided there.

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PCI

[REDACTED]

Head Telephone Operator,  
Sun Valley Operations,  
Sun Valley, Idaho

On 2/10/59 to SA JACK S. NEWELL of Butte Office.

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CSLA 4178-C

On 10/22/59 to SE JAMES L. MAHN of the Los Angeles Office.

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CG 6521-S

1/16/58, 3/31/58 and 6/5/58 to  
SA ROBERT L. BAKER. This  
informant is familiar with  
activities of lesser known  
hoodlums in Chicago.

CG T-41  
Deputy Superintendent [redacted]  
[redacted] NA, Bureau of Inspec-  
tional Services, Chicago  
Police Department (upon  
request)

Information supplied by blind  
memorandum to this office by [redacted]  
on 7/21/55. Deputy Superintendent  
[redacted] is a veteran police officer  
in Chicago who is well acquainted  
with hoodlum activities.

CG T-42  
[redacted] PCI

7/28/58, 9/26/58, 10/20/58 and  
3/31/59 to SA ROBERT W. HEDDEN.  
7/25/60 to SA ROEMER. This PCI  
is a burlesque dancer who is a  
girlfriend of HENRY SUSK, who is  
well acquainted with ALEX, who  
is a frequent companion of SUSK.

CG T-43  
[redacted] 845  
West Lawrence Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois  
(upon request)

5/19/58 to SAs PAUL B. FRANKFURT and  
ROEMER. 6/10/58 to SAs FRANKFURT  
and HOWARD A. CARLSON. Miss [redacted]  
during 1958, was a part-time nurse  
for the daughter of EDDIE VOGEL,  
hoodlum associate of ALEX, and  
was able to furnish information  
concerning ALEX's visits to  
VOGEL's apartment.

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Identity of Source

CG T-44  
Former PCI [redacted]

CG T-45  
[redacted]

Midlothian Country Club,  
Midlothian, Illinois  
(upon request)

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CG T-46  
Former CG 5809-C

CG T-47  
[redacted]

presently assigned to the  
North Side Detective Bureau  
of the Chicago Police Depart-  
ment (deemed advisable)

Date Received

5/1/58 to SA FRANKFURT. This  
PCI was formerly a lieutenant  
of EDDIE VOGEL, an associate  
of ALEX. He is presently incar-  
cerated in the Illinois State  
Penitentiary.

5/8/46, 5/12/46, 6/7/46, 7/16/46,  
8/30/46 and 9/30/46 to SAs DELBERT  
L. WOOD and RALPH J. O'CONNOR.  
This source was formerly a book-  
maker in the Loop area of Chicago  
and an associate of many people  
on the fringe of the Syndicate  
in Chicago. He is no longer active  
in the bookmaking business.

3/15/56 to SA FRANCIS J. STEFANAK.  
This source was familiar with  
hoodlum activities in the Chicago  
area but is not believed to have  
known ALEX personally. He is no  
longer an informant of this office.

3/24/58 to SAs WILLIAM A. MEINCKE and  
LENARD A. WOLF. This source was a  
detective in the Chicago Police  
Department for many years and knows  
ALEX well by sight and reputation

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Identity of Source

Date Received

CG T-48  
Former PCI [redacted]  
[redacted]

2/1/56 to SA WALTER E. PETERS.  
This former PCI was well acquainted with some Chicago top hoodlums but is not believed to be acquainted with ALEX personally.

CG T-49  
CG 6171-C

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3/13/58 to SA WOLF. This source is an associate of certain subordinates of ALEX.

CG T-50  
[redacted]

Chicago Police Department,  
Robbery Detail (deemed  
advisable)

3/12/58 to SA WOLF. This source has been an officer of the Chicago Police Department for many years and is well acquainted with hoodlums in the Chicago area.

CG T-51  
PCI [redacted]  
[redacted]

12/6/57 to SA JAMES P. BRODERICK and 1/19/58 to SA JOSEPH G. SHEA. PCI is acquainted with lesser Chicago hoodlums but not with ALEX.

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Identity of Source

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CG 5951-C

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CG T-53  
PCI

CG T-54  
CG 6218-C

CG T-55  
Immigration and Naturalization  
Files as furnished by INS Investi-  
gator JOHN J. BURKE

Date Received

12/27/57 to SA ROBERT J.  
DENEEN. This source  
does not know ALEX,  
but is acquainted with  
several lesser hoodlums  
in Chicago.

2/26/58 to SA HAROLD D. SELL.  
This source is not acquainted  
with ALEX, but knows several  
lesser hoodlums in the  
Chicago area.

3/19/58 to SA VINCENT L.  
INSERRA. During the period  
when informant furnished  
the information concerning  
ALEX he was employed in a  
handbook operated in ALEX's  
district in the First  
Ward of Chicago. He was  
not acquainted with ALEX  
but was acquainted with  
several of ALEX's sub-  
ordinates.

12/16/57 to Investigative  
Clerk FRANCIS G. KAHL

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Identity of Source

CG T-56

Sergeant [redacted]  
Former Chief of Police, now  
Sergeant, Evergreen Park,  
Illinois Police Department  
(upon request)

Date Received

3/5/58

4/15/58

5/30/58 to SA ROEMER.

This source grew up near  
ALEX on the near south  
side of Chicago and now  
resides two blocks from  
the residence of ALEX's  
mother in Evergreen Park,  
Illinois. He knows ALEX  
well, converses with him  
from time to time and  
knows other associates of  
ALEX.

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7/8/59 to SA ROEMER.

This former PCI is a close  
associate of MURRAY  
HUMPHREYS, Chicago top  
hoodlum, and as such became  
acquainted with GUS ALEX.  
He was closed in December,  
1959, when information was  
developed indicating that  
he furnished information  
regarding his contacts with  
SA ROEMER to HUMPHREYS.

CG T-58

[redacted] Manager,  
Club Continental, 500 North  
Rush Street, Chicago  
(upon request)

9/12/58 to SA WILLIAM A.  
MEINCKE. [redacted] is the  
Manager of a hangout for  
the Chicago top hoodlums.  
During July, 1960, he was  
indicted by a Federal Grand  
Jury with two Chicago top  
hoodlums for bribery and  
TFIS.

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Identity of Source

Date Received

CG T-59

**[REDACTED]**  
All Tours and Travel Agency,  
11 South LaSalle, Chicago,  
Illinois  
(Upon Request)

6/16/58 to SA ROEMER.

**[REDACTED]** formerly was  
a travel agent in Chicago  
who arranged travel on  
occasions for ALEX and his  
wife.

CG T-60

PCI **[REDACTED]**  
Head of Accounting Department,  
Sun Valley Operations,  
Sun Valley, Idaho

2/10/59 to SA JACK S.  
NEWELL of the Butte  
Division. PCI heads the  
Accounting Department of  
the Sun Valley Operations  
where ALEX has visited on  
five occasions.

CG T-61

**[REDACTED]** Officer,  
American National Bank and  
Trust Company, 33 North  
LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois  
(deemed advisable)

6/16/58 to SAs ALLEN L.  
LAVANGER and ROEMER.

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are all operated by LOUIS TOREBENE and his brothers, and LOUIS ARGER, they in turn report to GUS ALEX, who in turn reports to RICCA and ARCADE."

On May 22, 1959, CG T-31 advised SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER, concerning activities of MURRAY HUMPHREYS at his residence, 4200 North Marine Drive, Chicago. Photographs of GUS and MARIANNE ALEX were exhibited to this informant and he stated that he believes that he has seen ALEX and his wife in the company of HUMPHREYS at 4200 North Marine Drive.

SAM "Golfbag" HUNT

The "Chicago Tribune", in its issue of January 19, 1955, carried an article concerning the policy racket in Chicago. This article stated that GUS ALEX, dapper and good looking, and known as "The Busdo", and SAM HUNT were the mob's policy lords on the South Side of Chicago. It is noted that SAM HUNT is now deceased.

SAM HUNT, together with GUS ALEX, was a member of the group of eight hoodlums who left Chicago on June 6, 1955, to attend the funeral of "Little New York" CAMPAGNA, as set forth above.

JOSEPH JACOBSON *K.A. JOE X* *ILL*

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                     Manager of the Lake Shore Management Company, 201 East Walton Street, advised on April 25, 1957, that ALEX made application for rental of an apartment at 1150 Lake Shore Drive. At the time of his application on April 2, 1957, ALEX JOSEPH JACOBSON, 181 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, as a reference. [Mr.                     ] exhibited to

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There is no HI exchange in the City of Chicago but it is noted that Hyde Park, HY-3-3544, is listed to IRVING VINE, 5100 South Cornell, Chicago, as set out above.

In June, 1958, NATHAN "BUTCH" LADON was interviewed by SAs ROEMER and ROBERTS. At that time he advised he shares a room at 5100 South Cornell, Chicago, with IRVING VINE.

CG T-39, advised that on September 7, 1959, a telephone call was made from the home of MARIAN RYAN, 3460 Downing Avenue, Glendale, California to Chicago telephone number Hyde Park 3-3544. It is noted that previous investigation has determined that ALEX was staying with his mother-in-law, MARIAN RYAN during September, 1959.

JAMES A. MAHONEY *ILL*

The records of the CCC contain a memorandum dated September 30, 1954, showing that GUS ALEX was at that time a notorious South Side gambler in Chicago, and a partner of JAMES A. MAHONEY in gambling enterprises on the South Side of Chicago.

PAT MARCI *ILL*

B. APPROX. 1915-1920

CG T-25 advised that he is an associate of GUS ALEX and that in the late fall of 1958 he had reason to wish to contact ALEX in a great hurry. He stated that therefore he contact PAT MARCI who immediately made arrangements to arrange a meeting place and time for the informant and for ALEX. The informant stated that in consistence with MARCI's arrangements ALEX and FRANK FERRARO showed up at the pre-arranged meeting place at the pre-arranged time in order to conduct the discussion with the informant concerning gambling matters in the First Ward. Informant advised that on the occasion of this meeting ALEX made it very clear to him that no one could operate a handbook or crap game in the First Ward of the City of Chicago without the "OK" of GUS ALEX. Informant described PAT MARCI as being a secretary of Alderman JOHN D'ARCO of the First Ward of the City of Chicago.



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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.

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:

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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 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, 155, 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.

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CG T-19 stated that ALEX planned to go to Canada ostensibly for fishing during the week of May 7 or 14, 1959, and that he also gave indications that he was planning a trip to Winona, Minnesota. The informant stated that he believes that the ALEXes plan to drive to Canada to visit SAM ALEX, brother of GUS, who is residing in Berrien County, Michigan, near Cassopolis, Michigan, under the name of SAM TAYLOR.

CG T-29, above, advised that he has learned that the ALEXes had planned to revisit St. Moritz, Switzerland, which they visited last December and January, and to take RITA VOGEL, the 14 year old daughter of top hoodlum EDDY VOGEL, with them. The informant learned, however, from ANDREA BADRUTT, owner, Palace Hotel, St. Moritz, Switzerland, that due to the inquiry of the Swiss Central Police concerning ALEX's activities as set out above, he would not honor the ALEXes reservations at the Palace Hotel when they arrived this coming winter.

Rochester, Minnesota

As has been reported above under the caption "Status of Health", information was developed that GUS and MARIANNE ALEX visited Mayo Clinic and stayed at the Kahler Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota, from June 14, 1959, through June 18, 1959. They occupied Suite 1066-68.

Cassopolis, Michigan

CG T-19, above, advised that he knows definitely that at least on two occasions during the past summer ALEX and his wife visited the farm of SAM ALEX, the brother of GUS ALEX, which is located near Cassopolis, Michigan. It is noted that information has been received from CG T-15 indicating that SAM ALEX is a trigger man for the Chicago underworld and that he stays out of the limelight in Chicago by residing in Cassopolis, Michigan, under the name of SAM TAYLOR and comes into Chicago only whenever it is necessary to organize a "hit" for the Chicago hoodlums.