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TO DIRECTOR (92-3182)

FROM CHICAGO (92-373) 2P

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GUS ALEX, AKA. AR. OO: CHICAGO.

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REBUAIRTEL MARCH TWENTY NINE LAST RE CURRENT STATUS OF
 EXCLUSION ORDER PREVIOUSLY IMPOSED BY SWISS AUTHORITIES ON ALEX
 AS BUREAU AWARE CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON OF CHICAGO
 AND SENATOR EVERETT M. DIRKSEN WROTE LETTERS INTERVENING WITH
 SWISS GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF ALEX. IN VIEW OF UNSAVORY BACK-
 GROUND OF DAWSON CHICAGO DOES NOT FEEL INTERVIEW OF HIM
 DESIRABLE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF REPUTATION OF
 DIRKSEN FOR INTEGRITY, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BUREAU MAY DESIRE
 THROUGH LIAISON, SOG, TO CONTACT DIRKSEN IN ORDER THAT HE BE
 ADVISED RE BACKGROUND OF ALEX. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
 DIRKSEN HIMSELF IS UNAWARE HIS OFFICE WAS USED IN THIS REGARD
 AND THAT SINCE HE COMES FROM DOWNSTATE ILLINOIS HE IS UNAWARE
 OF BACKGROUND OF ALEX IN CHICAGO. FOR FURTHER ATTENTION
 OF BUREAU, IT IS NOTED THAT ONE HAROLD RAINVILLE IS ADMINISTRATIVE
 ASSISTANT OF DIRKSEN. ALTHOUGH NO INFO AVAILABLE THAT
 RAINVILLE IS CORRUPT, IT IS KNOWN HE HAS REPUTATION OF BEING

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

*Memo Hal to DeLoach
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POLITICAL OPPORTUNIST WITH POLITICAL AMBITIONS OF HIS OWN.
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY
SOMEONE ON BEHALF ALEX AND CAUSED LETTER TO BE SENT WITHOUT
KNOWLEDGE DIRKSEN.

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CC: MR. GALE

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Airtel

92-3182-1180

To: Legat, Bern

From: Director, FBI

GUS ALEX, aka
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Re your airtel 3/10/67.

Attached for information of Chicago Office are copies of a communication from Legat, Bern, with respect to the current status of the exclusion order which the Swiss authorities had previously imposed on Gus Alex. In view of the fact we have provided them with significant information in the past, it does not appear that providing them with any additional information is at this time warranted.

It is noted that Alex's legal representative allegedly advised a Swiss official that it was illegal for a U. S. representative to furnish derogatory information concerning a U. S. citizen to a foreign government. For your information, the Bureau is unaware of any such prohibition.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3182)

FROM LEGAT, BERN (92-10)(P)

GUS ALEX, aka.
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Re Buairtel 7/27/66.

CHARLES HEUBI, Chief of the Service of Appeals, Swiss Federal Department of Justice and Police, stated that his office had come to the conclusion that the Swiss authorities did not possess sufficient proof of a legal nature to uphold the interdiction of entry into Switzerland against ALEX. HEUBI noted that in his opinion this entrance ban had been instigated by the Zurich Police in an effort to avoid the loss of manpower and funds required to keep track of ALEX when he was in their territory.

In the course of the conversation, HEUBI made available pertinent sections of his file on ALEX which contained items he thought might be of interest to the Bureau as follows:

(1) A letter dated 5/15/65 from DR. Iur. HUGO ROSENSTIEL and DR. Iur. ANDREAS GIRSBERGER, 8011 Zurich, Talstr. 11, who appear to have been ALEX's former legal representatives in Zurich. This letter forwards a birth certificate for ALEX, a police certificate stating that ALEX had no police record in Evergreen Park, Illinois and a police certificate stating that ALEX had no criminal record in Cook County, Illinois.

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Airtel Legat Bern 3-29-67
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2 Xerox copies of airtel from Bern
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(2) An article from the 28 April 1965, No. 18 issue of the German weekly "Der Spiegel", which was entitled "AL CAPONE'S HEIRS HOLD A MEETING EVERY DAY - THE CHIEFS OF THE COSA NOSTRA" by BILL DAVIDSON.

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(3) A letter to the Swiss authorities from Congressman ~~WILLIAM L. DAWSON~~, from Chicago, dated 7/11/66, in which he stated that ALEX was his constituent and friend whom he had known for 25 years. Congressman DAWSON wrote that as far as he was aware ALEX had never been convicted of an offense against U. S. law. He concluded by describing ALEX as a law abiding, decent, successful representative of the business community in Chicago. *del.*

(4) A letter from ~~EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN~~, U.S. Senator, to the Swiss authorities, in which he stated that it was his understanding that ALEX had no criminal record whatsoever, and that despite this, ALEX had been denied entry into Switzerland on the basis of criminal behavior of an undesired foreigner. Senator DIRKSEN asked that ALEX be informed of the basis for this action on the part of the Swiss authorities, and asked that the Swiss government reconsider its decision. *pc*

(5) Signed statement of ALEX dated 10/20/66, in which he explained that the discrepancies in his birth date were caused by an error on the part of the midwife who delivered him. He denied ever having been a bodyguard for anyone, and stated that he was not responsible for rackets in the Chicago underworld, nor was he a gang leader. He added that he was not the owner of, nor did he have an interest in any gambling casino, legally or illegally operated, nor had he ever taken over the De Luxe Cigarette Company.

With regard to accusations in the "Spiegel" article, he had never been a vice president of the Cosa Nostra, and was not nor had he been one of GIANCANA's directors in the syndicate. He was not a caporegima in the syndicate and was not nor ever had been in the past connected with prostitution.

He claimed that he does not live in an apartment under the name of SAM TAYLOR, but that SAM and MAE TAYLOR are his brother and sister-in-law who have adopted the name TAYLOR.

The AL CAPONE regime ended when ALEX was 17 years old, and ALEX never knew or saw CAPONE. He claimed he

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had never taken part in the shooting of three rival gangsters, or of any person. He had never been convicted of an offense against the laws of the State of Illinois or any other state, except for minor traffic offenses.

(6). A letter dated 11/30/66 from DR. AUGUST KELLER, Attorney, Zurich, who appears to be ALEX's present legal counsel, to the Swiss authorities stated that his client claims never to have done anything which was not allowed or which would make him undesirable in Switzerland. If ALEX had had illegal gambling halls, why hadn't the authorities prosecuted him? From 1953-54 he worked for Stanley Stupner, Inc., liquor distributors, in the sales department. From 1955-57 and part of 1958 he worked for Blatz Brewing Co. as sales manager. From 1957-58 he worked as head of the public relations department of De Luxe Cigarette Service, Inc. In 1958 he worked as head of the public relations department of Ajax Phonograph Co. He never had any financial interest in these firms, however.

In 1950 he visited Greece with his mother. Since 1956-57 he has gone to Europe every year for winter sports, except for the winter of 1959-60 when he was sick.

In 1961 he visited Greece, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and made vacation trips to Mexico, Canada and the Bahamas. On some of these trips he was accompanied by his wife.

(7). With regard to the various names used by ALEX, Attorney E. BERNSTEIN in Chicago, lawyer for the De Luxe Cigarette Co., informed by letter dated 8/15/66 that ALEX uses an apartment under the name TAYLOR, which is the name of his brother-in-law (sic). ALEX has an account at the American National Bank under the name G. N. ALEX. RYAN is the maiden name of ALEX's wife. His true birth date is April 1, 1916. He is a respected member of the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, Ill., and Congressman WILLIAM L. DAWSON and Senator EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN have intervened on his behalf. Included with this letter was a blank check of the American National Bank and Trust Co., of Chicago, Account No. 401463, in the name of G. N. ALEX, also a statement dated 8/22/66 signed by EARL KIES, president of the De Luxe Cigarette Service, Inc., and HAROLD EDWARDS, secretary, certifying that neither ALEX nor any of his family were owners or part owners of the company. KIES signed a similar statement for the Ajax Phonograph Co. Both firms were listed at 7730 Milwaukee Ave., Niles, Illinois.

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(8) A letter dated 8/20/66 from Rev. Father LOUIS T. GREANIAS, Pastor of the Orthodox Church at 4501 West 103rd St., Oak Lawn, Ill., certified that ALEX was a respected member of that congregation.

HEUBI mentioned that he had had a meeting with ALEX's legal representatives, including JOSEPH H. SHARLITT. These individuals stated that in their opinion "the material furnished the Swiss authorities by the American Embassy in Bern" was not sufficient on which to base an entry ban. HEUBI stated that he made a non-committal answer to this statement, and did not indicate that any of the information in his possession was obtained either from the Embassy or from the FBI.

SHARLITT further remarked that it was illegal for a U. S. representative to furnish derogatory information concerning a U. S. citizen to a foreign government.

Bureau is requested to inform if there is any basis to SHARLITT's statement.

Bureau is further requested to inform if there is any information in addition to that already furnished the Swiss authorities which could be used by them as a basis to retain the entry ban against ALEX. It is felt that there would be some benefit to the Bureau if ALEX could be kept out of Switzerland, since there is a possibility that he may attend to some banking business when he is here.