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To: SAC, Chicago

From: Director, FBI

GUS ALEX
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per J. E. Kelly 6-30-67*

Re your airtel 5/5/67.

Consideration has been given to contacting U. S. Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen for the purpose of furnishing him background information on the subject and it has been concluded that it would not appear advisable for the Bureau to inject itself into this situation which relates to an internal matter of the Senator's office. Therefore, no contact is to be made in this connection.

Inasmuch as full information has previously been furnished to Legat, Bern, relative to Alex, it is not felt desirable to supply him with the identity of law enforcement personnel in the Chicago area who may be familiar with Alex's background for referral to Swiss authorities.

NOTE: Alex was banned as undesirable by the Swiss Government in 1965 and in connection with his efforts to have the ban lifted, a letter was received by Swiss authorities from the office of Senator Dirksen of Illinois. Chicago learned from an informant that the letter might have been prepared without the Senator's knowledge and recommended in view of this that contact be made with Senator Dirksen and he be advised of Alex's background. No contact being made with the Senator's office inasmuch as there is no substantial evidence the letter concerning Alex was more than a routine communication such as customarily prepared in a Senator's office by his administrative staff. Chicago also furnished the names of several law
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Airtel to Chicago
Re: Gus Alex

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enforcement officials in the Chicago area to be furnished to Swiss authorities who have indicated that the ban against Alex may be lifted because of alleged insufficient derogatory information. Full information on Alex's background has already been previously furnished to Legat and, therefore, it is not deemed appropriate to provide him with identities of persons in Chicago familiar with Alex's background in order that this can be turned over to Swiss authorities.

See memo J. H. Gale to Mr. DeLoach, dated 5/9/67, same caption, JGL:tjm.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *[Signature]*

DATE: May 9, 1967

FROM : J. H. Gale *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: GUS ALEX
ANTI-RACKETEERING

*Staff file
Leggett
adv. Chicago
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Alex is a notorious member of the Chicago underworld who has been closely associated with Sam Giancana and other top ranking members of the Chicago criminal organization. In the past, he has made annual winter vacation trips with his paramour, Suzanne Fueger, to Europe with visits on each occasion to Switzerland.

In 1965 the Swiss Government issued an order banning him from the country for a period of ten years based on his background and reputation as a notorious racketeering figure. Alex engaged legal counsel and made a strenuous effort to have the ban lifted and a Swiss official indicated in March, 1967, that there was insufficient evidentiary material on which to continue the ban against Alex.

A representative of the Swiss Government has advised our Legal Attache at Bern that in connection with Alex's efforts to have the exclusion order lifted, several letters were sent to the Swiss Government, one being from United States Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen in July, 1966. Dirksen's letter reportedly requested the Swiss to advise Alex as to the basis of his exclusion and also that the Swiss Government reconsider its decision.

The Chicago Office has suggested that in connection with this situation, consideration be given to contacting Senator Dirksen and advising him of the unsavory background of Alex.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. McAndrews
- 1 - Mr. Leggett

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*Antel to CGS-11-67
J. H. Gale*

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: Gus Alex

Chicago has received information concerning this matter from a confidential informant, CG 6283-C, who claims to have determined that no copy of the letter to the Swiss Government is contained either in the Chicago office or the Washington, D. C., office of the Senator. The informant believes this indicates the letter in question was sent without the knowledge of Senator Dirksen. Although the responsibility for the letter is not clear, Chicago advises that the administrative assistant of Dirksen is one Harold Rainville, who reportedly has the reputation of being a political opportunist with political ambitions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Although the information received from Chicago informant raises some question as to whether the Alex letter was prepared with the Senator's knowledge, this fact is not clear. There is no proof this was more than a routine communication of the type which might be customarily handled by administrative assistants or others in a Senator's office. In view of this, it does not appear advisable for the Bureau to inject itself into this situation involving a matter of administration within Senator Dirksen's office and, therefore, it is recommended that no contact be made with the Senator in connection with this matter.

I concur.
H
J. Edgar Hoover
J. DeLoach
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3182)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-373)

GUS ALEX, AKA.
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Re CG teletype 4/4/67.

As the Bureau is aware, GUS ALEX, a prominent leader of organized crime Chicago, has been banned from Switzerland in 1965 for a period of 10 years based primarily on information disseminated by the FBI. Chicago sources have reported that GUS ALEX is making every effort to remove this exclusion order against him and is calling upon many of his political and hoodlum associates to intervene on his behalf.

JH
III
D.C.

As the Bureau is also aware, the Legat in Bern has advised that letters were sent to the Swiss Government during July, 1966, from Congressman WILLIAM L. DAWSON from Chicago and U. S. Senator EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN requesting the Swiss Government to reconsider its decision in this matter. The Swiss Government has indicated that unless additional derogatory information is received as a basis to retain the entry ban against ALEX, they will have no alternative but to allow ALEX re-entry.

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J. G. Wick

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Special Agent in Charge

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Chief Investigator
Better Government Association
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For further information of the Bureau, Chicago sources have generally become aware of ALEX's continuing efforts to lift the Swiss exclusion order against him. During the course of a contact with CG 6283-C on other matters by SA VINCENT L. INSERRA, informant volunteered the information that it had become common knowledge in political and hoodlum circles that ALEX is trying desperately to lift the Swiss exclusion order against him. It is noted that CG 6283-C is closely associated with First Ward Democratic politicians who are under the complete domination of Chicago hoodlums, including GUS ALEX. Informant, in a completely unsolicited manner, volunteered the information that he had discreetly determined that no copy of the letter to the Swiss Government in which Senator DIRKSEN reportedly intervened on behalf of ALEX, is contained either in the Chicago Office or the Washington, D.C. office of Senator DIRKSEN. Source advised that this indicates that the letter in question was apparently sent without the knowledge of Senator DIRKSEN. The Chicago Office recognizes that one HAROLD RAINVILLE is the Administrative Assistant of DIRKSEN and although no information is available that RAINVILLE is corrupt, it is generally known that he has a reputation of being a political opportunist with political ambitions of his own.

The Chicago Division is fearful that DIRKSEN's name may well be included in a list of letter writers and could unjustifiably embarrass Senator DIRKSEN who has a reputation for integrity. The Chicago Division feels that it would be most advisable to save Senator DIRKSEN from embarrassment in that consideration be given to contacting DIRKSEN so that he may be made aware of the fact that his name was used in such a manner. This is merely being submitted as our observations

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