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come to him, as a man in a position of public trust, in order that the significance of this list might be determined. D'Arco replied that he had no idea as to the meaning of this list. He stated that this was the first he had heard about it. He declined to speculate as to the significance of the list. D'Arco advised that although he knew Giancana in his youth, since Giancana grew up in the old 20th Ward, he has not seen Giancana for a "long time," and does not associate with Giancana. He refused comment on four occasions when he was informed that information had been developed that he is a close associate of Gus Alex. He indicated that he did not feel, even as a public spirited citizen, that he should talk to Alex or Giancana concerning the significance of the list. When he was asked whether he would desire that Agents hold off making inquiries until he had a chance to learn the significance of the list, he replied that the Agents had a job to do and they should do it as they saw fit. When he was advised that if the FBI could perform their functions discreetly without embarrassment to him if he would show any inclination to be of assistance, D'Arco made the following statement: "You guys can't embarrass me in this town. I'm a big man here and if my constituents are satisfied with the way I represent them, I don't have to worry about nobody else." (u)

Charles Postl, now deceased, owner of Postl's Health Club, 188 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised in 1962 that at that time Gus Alex and Edward Vogel, both leaders of organized crime in the Chicago area, frequented the health club on an average of two, three or four times a week. Postl advised that while at the club he observed them frequently in conversation with John D'Arco and Pat Marcy. (u)

Information was received in 1962 that at that time Louis Briatta worked as a collector from handbooks in the First Ward of Chicago. Information received indicated that Briatta, a brother-in-law of D'Arco, was given this position by Gus Alex upon the request of D'Arco. This source advised that he has personally observed that when John D'Arco is in the presence of Alex he is completely subservient to Alex. (u)

(CG 6443-C contacted on numerous dates in 1962 by SAs William A.

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detail noted the license numbers of cars of visitors who attended this party during the course of the day and evening. He advised that one such person attended in a car bearing 1954 license number 18670960, which he advised he had found to be listed to one A.P. Tisci, 1512 South Wisconsin Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois. (u)

Lieutenant Morris advised on May 21, 1955, that his officers observed visitors to the wake of the mother of Samuel M. Giancana at the Rago Funeral Home, 5132 West Fullerton Avenue, in August, 1964. Lieutenant Morris advised that his officers noted the license numbers of individuals who drove cars to attend this wake. He advised that one of these cars bore a license number 1867-960, which he advised to be listed to A.P. Tisci, 1512 South Wisconsin Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois. (u)

Captain William J. Duffy, Director, Intelligence Unit, Bureau of Inspectional Services, Chicago Police Department, advised that his files contain the information that an investigation of his unit determined that Charles English sold his home sometime prior to 1960 to Anthony P. Tisci, the son-in-law of Sam "Mooney" Giancana. Captain Duffy advised that his file showed that Tisci had previously resided at 1645 South Harlem in Berwyn, Illinois. (u)

Information has been received that among the close associates of Anthony P. Tisci are the following: (u)

Charles English,
Sam Giancana,
Tarquin "Queenie" Simonelli,
Joe Marks, and
Dominic "Butch" Blasi.

(Agnes Coyne, PCI to Special Agent Marshall E. Rutland on September 21, 1965)

RE: JOHN PHILLIP CERONE, SR.

On March 27, 1963, a confidential source advised that Jack Cerone and Skippy Cerone, a cousin of Jack, were both staying at the Thunderbird Motel. (U)

(Former PCI James William Cariota of the Miami Division)

A confidential source advised in May, 1963, that Irma Green is the wife of Irving Green, President of Mercury Records Corporation, and resides in Half Day, Illinois. According to this source, Irma Green has been Jack Cerone's paramour for a number of years, and it is the opinion of this source that Irma Green and Jack Cerone may possibly be connected in some kind of business enterprise. (U)

(CG 5951-C furnished information to SA William L. Bailey during period of May 8 to 31, 1963.)

On July 29, 1963, Special Agents Vincent L. Inserra and Robert J. Tompkins, Jr. observed Jack Cerone, Anthony J. Accardo, Gus Alex, Frank Ferraro, Michael Brodtkin, Eugene Bernstein, Fred "Jukebox" Smith, Joe Glimco, Ralph Pierce, and Hi Godfrey at Staley's Restaurant, Congress Parkway and Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois. (U)

On September 26, 1963, Dr. Sol T. DeLee advised Special Agents Dennis W. Shanahan and John W. Roberts, Jr. that he has been acquainted with Jack Cerone for approximately six or seven years having met him at the Tamo'shanter Golf Course. He stated that he often played golf with Cerone's foursome which led to a regular thing and involved wagering. Dr. DeLee stated that at the outset he was a consistent winner; however, as the wagers increased, his winnings diminished and he subsequently lost heavily to Jack Cerone. He did not state the entire amount of his losses, but did state that in addition to several thousand dollars he had paid Cerone several hundred dollars a year for his numerous losses. Dr. DeLee stated he paid Cerone by check and that Cerone was agreeable to this. Dr. DeLee stated that in addition to Cerone, he often played golf with Lou Rosonova and Marty Stanovich and a few others whose names he could not recall. (U)

On January 7, 1964, Captain Thomas Mahon, Cook County Sheriff's Police, Niles, Illinois, advised Special Agent Logan C. Pickerl that on December 27, 1963 the English Brothers, Charles Nicolette, and Jack Cerone were observed at the Red Steer located at River Road and Grand Avenue in Niles, Illinois, by members of the Cook County Sheriff's Police. These individuals met at the supper hour and sat at a table in one corner of the room. (U)

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advised that in the summer of 1963, a raid was conducted on a bookmaking establishment at the Lawndale District which was owned by Cerone, and that Cerone expressed great concern over this inasmuch as this establishment was a large money maker. The source stated that besides Cerone's wife, he has a son approximately 23 years old, Jack Jr., who was then attending law school in Chicago and is married and has one child. The source advised that Jack Jr. received support for his family and schooling from his father. Source also advised that Cerone reports legitimate income for tax purposes from the Ritelite Company which is operated by Cerone's nephew called "Tar Baby" (Jack S. Cerone). Source advised that approximately eight years ago, Jack Cerone suffered a heart attack which caused him to be hospitalized in the Garfield Hospital in Chicago, but that since then he seems to enjoy good health. (U)

(Former CG 6729-C-TE, contacted by SA Robert J. Tompkins, Jr.)

A confidential source advised on October 6, 1964, that on October 5, 1964, Jack Cerone and Irma Green visited Orlando's Hideaway, Manheim Road, Schiller Park, Illinois, where Cerone made a telephone call on a pay phone to the Foxhead Brewery in Waukesha, Wisconsin. According to this source, Cerone advised the person to whom he spoke that he should search the records of the brewery for all data concerning dates of employment and moneys paid to Cerone for his employment. (U)

(Former CG 6799-PC, to SA John W. Roberts, Jr.)

On November 11, 1964, Special Agents James W. Gerblick and Paul J. Neumann observed Jack Cerone and twelve other individuals board Delta Airlines flight 83 for Miami, Florida. Prior to the boarding, Cerone had been observed in a conversation with Anthony Accardo; however, Accardo did not board the plane with them. At 1:28 AM, November 12, 1964, Special Agents Ralph R. Hill, Eugene Mc Kinney, and Vince Stacey, observed Cerone and twelve other individuals deplane from Delta Airlines flight 83 at Miami, Florida. Agents observed among others Jack Cerone and Lou Rosanova among this group, and all proceeded to the King's Bay Country Club, South Day County, Florida, where they checked into the hotel section of the club. It is noted that the manifest for Delta flight 83 contained the following persons with reservations for this flight; reservations being made by the Nitti Travel Agency, and all listed their addresses as Riverwoods Country Club: (U)

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J. Schiller
P. Lavery
J. Leavy
B. Leavy
R. Witz
J. Cerone
L. Bush
J. Campenalla
P. Rothchild
J. Slavin
D. Serafin
V. Serafin
L. Rosanova

On January 18, 1965, Special Agents Elliott W. Anderson and John H. Wilmes observed Jack Cerone, Murray Humphreys, Paul De Lucia, Lesley Kruse, Ralph Pierce, Hi Godfrey, Anthony Pinelli, George Dicks, and Michael Brodtkin at a luncheon meeting at the Palmer House Grill, 114 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, between the hours of 11:40 AM and 1:05 PM. (u)

A confidential source advised on March 10, 1965, that on March 8, 1965, Dave Yaras, Jack Cerone, Vincent Aloisio, Pete Sarnoff, and Alfred George Fillice, held a dinner meeting at Joe Sonkin's Restaurant, Hollywood, Florida. (u)

(MM 1003-C-TE, furnished information to SA Ralph R. Hill)

On March 23, 1965, Special Agents Ralph R. Hill and Eugene Mc Kinney observed Jack Cerone conferring with Dave Yaras at the Bayshore Coffee Shop in Miami, Florida. (u)

On March 29, 1965, Jack Cerone and Dave Yaras were observed conferring with Lou Rosanova at the Bayshore Municipal Golf Course, Miami Beach, Florida, by Special Agent Ralph R. Hill. (u)

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A confidential source continued to furnish information during 1959 and 1960, concerning relationship between then Lieutenant Mc Cain and Gus Alex and his associates. He noted that when the Chicago Police Department underwent a shakeup and Orlando W. Wilson was appointed superintendent of the Chicago Police Department in early 1960, he appointed Joseph Morris as Deputy Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department in Charge of the Bureau of Inspectional Services which included the Intelligence Unit. Mc Cain, then still a lieutenant, worked under Deputy Morris until approximately the middle of 1960, when he was transferred to a division called Human Relations and made a captain. Captain Mc Cain continues to occupy this position with the Chicago Police Department as of the date of this report. (U)

(CG 6343-C*)

A confidential source advised on February 21, 1961, that during the past eight years he estimated that a half million dollars in "fix money" for the "outfit" was given to various policemen of the Chicago Police Department for various favors received. He stated that the money was generally paid by the "hoodlums" engaged in gambling activities with Lester Kruse. He stated that the money would be left in an envelope for the various police officials to pick up at a certain location and that each envelope would be numbered which would indicate the specific policeman to receive the envelope. He advised that one Julie Epstein was the individual who always dropped the envelopes of money off at a certain restaurant. Informant further stated that Epstein is a very trusted individual by Gus Alex and his associates and ran and supervised the gambling activities at the J & J Picnic Grove during the Accardo trial when Ralph Pierce was out of the country and Gus Liebe stayed away from the game. (U)

(CG 6443-C)

A confidential source on March 2, 1961, named police officials who received numbered envelopes containing fixed money over the past eight years from Julie Epstein: (U)

Kyran Phalen, former Deputy Commissioner of Police, Chicago Police Department, now retired from the Chicago Police Department and associated with the Coroner's Office, City of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. (U)

Captain James Hackett, a well known Chicago Police Captain. (U)

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Editor of the "Sun-Times" newspaper, Chicago. He advised that for some reason Pape gave quantities of money to Walsh. (u)

(CG 6443-C)

It is to be noted that source has stated in the past that Louis Briatta is the top lieutenant of Frank Ferraro and Gus Alex in Chicago's First Ward gambling activities and that Briatta is a delivery man to Ferraro, of the profits from the gambling activity in Chicago's First Ward. (u)

A confidential source advised that during the Fall of 1960, Chicago top hoodlums Gus Alex and Frank Ferraro, and others were attempting to contribute \$20,000.00 to then Cook County States Attorney Ben Adamowski for his re-election campaign through one Les Trilla referred to as "The Barrel Man." (u)

(CG 6343-C*)

A confidential source advised that Gus Alex has been a long-time associate of Alderman D'Arco and that from time to time money has passed from Alex and his associates to D'Arco. Informant advised that it is his belief that this money is passed to D'Arco from profits of gambling organized by the hoodlums in the First Ward of the City of Chicago. This informant also advised that D'Arco is very closely associated with Gus Alex, Frank Ferraro, and Sam Giancana, as well as Humphreys, all of whom have been identified as associates of Alex under the caption "Associates". Source advised that Gus Alex utilizes the services of Alderman John D'Arco on many occasions for the purpose of obtaining favors from other politicians and public officials. This informant noted that D'Arco is used by Alex to contact Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago but pointed out that he is not in a position to advise whether Mayor Daley is aware of the close connection of D'Arco and Alex or whether Mayor Daley is aware that when the favor is asked of him by D'Arco whether D'Arco represents Alex and his associates. (u)

(CG 6343-C*)

Roswell T. Spencer, Chief Investigator, States Attorney's Office, advised when he became employed for the States Attorney Daniel Ward in the early part of 1961, he cautioned Ward concerning the "hoodlum connections" of Alderman John D'Arco. Spencer advised that when he so cautioned Ward, Ward commented to him that he was identically cautioned by Mayor Richard J. Daley. (u)

A confidential source advised that Gus Alex, through his contacts with Alderman John D'Arco of the First Ward of the City of Chicago, has been put in touch with Paul C. Ross, who is a Republican politician who ran unsuccessfully in the last elections for alderman of a near north side ward. Informant stated that D'Arco has been using Ross as an informant for obtaining information concerning strategy of Republican leaders in Chicago. (u)

(CG 6443-C)

A confidential source advised in April, 1961, that John D'Arco, Jake Arvey, Frank Chesrow, and an individual by the name of Anzennio (phonetic) went to see Mayor Richard J. Daley in March, 1961, to push the public appointment of Judge Daniel Covelli for a federal judgeship in the Northern District of Illinois at Chicago. Covelli is currently judge of Cook County Superior Court and formerly judge of Criminal Courts of Cook County. Frank Chesrow is chairman of the Chicago Sanitary District and according to informant is a member of the Sicilian Fraternal Society and also godfather of one of Tony Accardo's children. Informant stated that Anzennio is a silent partner of D'Arco's insurance company. (u)

(CG 6443-C)

A confidential source has advised on numerous occasions from 1959 through early 1961, that John D'Arco is used by Chicago "hoodlums" on frequent occasions when they desire favors from top officials from the Chicago City Administration. As an example of this informant said that when the Chicago "hoodlums" desired to have Captain Frank Pape of the Chicago Police Department transferred from a remote south side district to the Central Police District they called Alderman D'Arco and instructed him to contact Mayor Daley of Chicago concerning their wishes. In this regard informant stated that the very next day an announcement was made that Captain Pape was being transferred to the Central Police District as a commander. (u)

(CG 6343-C*)

A confidential source advised during the winter of 1960, that John D'Arco was attempting to intercede on behalf of Gus Alex, Sam Giancana, and their associates with the States Attorney of Cook County, Benjamin Adamowski, in an attempt to gain Adamowski's assurance or promise that the activities of Alex and his associates would go more or less unhindered. (u)

nervousness. Source related Alex made several visits to the Sanitarium until approximately March 10, 1961, when his condition was pronounced cured and his anxiety apparently removed. (U) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(Dr. William Terhune, Silver Hill Sanitarium, New Canaan, Connecticut)

Another confidential source advised he has known Alex to frequent the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, in the past, stating that Alex is bothered by ulcers and a heart condition. (U) (CG 6272-C)

Current Residence

A confidential source advised that Mr. and Mrs. Sam Taylor rented Apartment 10C at 1150 North Lake Shore Drive, on February 1, 1961. It was subsequently determined that Sam Taylor is identical with Gus Alex and that Mrs. Taylor is identical with Suzanne Fueger. (U)

(Frank La Croix (PCI))

Position of Alex in Chicago Organized Criminal Setup

A confidential source advised in 1946 that Gus Alex has been connected with the "syndicate" since he was approximately 17 years of age. He stated he understands that at that time Alex was residing on Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, and Alex had come to the attention of the "syndicate" due to his unusual physical strength. Source further advised that in 1946 the disciplinary portion of the "Capone syndicate" was headed by Gus and Sam Alex and "Tough Tony" Capezio. Another source advised in 1958 that in the late 1940's and until the death of Jake "Greasy Thumb" Guzik in early 1956, Gus Alex was Guzik's righthand man. He stated Alex began his association with Guzik as Guzik's bodyguard. (U)

(Joseph Lebowitz, Midlothian Country Club, Midlothian, Illinois)

Records of the Chicago Crime Commission contained a memorandum from operating Director Virgil W. Peterson dated October 30, 1952, stating that according to reliable

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Illegal Activities

The confidential source advised on June 19, 1960, that Gus Alex was associated with Leo Schafer, a bookie who was arrested in Terre Haute, Indiana, in connection with the operation of a multi-million dollar sports service. Schafer was convicted on a tax charge in connection with the above gambling operation in June, 1959. Another confidential source advised on November 16, 1960, he recently learned that Louis Tornabene is in serious trouble with the "hoodlums" in Chicago. He advised Tornabene had been running a horse book in the vicinity of the Santa Fe Hotel, Polk and State Streets, Chicago, for some time and had withheld approximately \$75,000 from the underworld by not showing all his patrons on his books. Source stated he had learned that Gus Alex, who is in charge of the gambling district where Tornabene ran his handbook, would take action in the future after some of this money has been collected and that the word among the "hoodlums" was that Tornabene would eventually be disposed of. (u)

(CG 6443-C)

A confidential source advised on June 10, 1959, that Alex continues to control the Loop area of Chicago for the "Chicago crime syndicate". This source stated all gambling which is currently in operation in the Loop area of Chicago, is controlled by Alex, and all gamblers must be sanctioned by Alex or by Alex's righthand man, Frank Ferraro. (u)

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A confidential source advised on April 11, 1961; that Alex continues to be the boss of the Loop concerning gambling in Chicago. (u) X

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He stated Alex controls all gambling in the Loop area and on the near west and south sides of Chicago. He related Louis Briatta is directly under Alex in his control of gambling in the Loop. He stated that at that time Briatta had five or six offices in the Loop area; however, only one of these offices is in operation at one time. He stated one of these offices was located at 180 North Wacker Drive in Room 300, which office was raided by the Chicago Police Department on April 7, 1961. He related Briatta uses these offices as his headquarters to control all organized gambling under the direction of Gus Alex. He related every bookmaker in the Loop area controlled by Alex must call in each bet as it is received and turn over 50 per cent of all profits to the "outfit". (u)

(CG 6272-C)

Shylocking

A confidential source advised on March 13, 1958, that the juice racket which is synonymous with shylocking is controlled by members of the "outfit". He stated Gus Alex at that time controlled the "juice business" on the south side of Chicago in the area between Lake Michigan east, and to Ashland Avenue on the west, or from 22nd Street on the north to 63rd Street on the south. This source further advised that this district is actually run for Alex by Frank Caruso who operated out of "The Bowery", a tavern owned by Caruso on the south side of 22nd Street just west of Wentworth Avenue. He stated he definitely knows Caruso controlled all gambling and "juice" and believed that all jukeboxes and cigarette machines in the area were under the trusteeship of Caruso for Alex. (u)

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Prostitution and Strip Joints

A confidential source advised on February 7, 1961, that Louie Arger (is) a lieutenant of Gus Alex and that Arger was assigned by Alex to collect the take from the strip clubs operating in the First Ward of the City of Chicago. This source stated these clubs had become a very lucrative source of income to the organized crime element in Chicago due to the fact that in addition to the income from prostitution, the strippers solicit male customers to purchase liquid refreshments which are priced far in excess of their usual retail price. This source advised that on the first business day of each month Arger meets with Alex, usually in the locker room of Postl's Health Club, 188 West Randolph Street, where he furnishes Alex with an envelope containing Alex's cut from these strip joints. (u)

(CG 6443-C)

Gang Crimes with which Alex
May Be Connected

The "Chicago Tribune" in its issue of April 11, 1930, carried an article reflecting that Alex was arrested by the Chicago Police at the age of 17 along with three other youths for questioning in the murder of Robert Boch. It is noted Robert Boch was a gambler who operated on the south side of Chicago and who was wounded by gunshot fire in latter October, 1964. He was a brother-in-law of Danny Stanton, hoodlum gambler with influential underworld connection who was killed in gang-land fashion earlier the same year. (u)

The "Chicago American" in its issue of November 16, 1944, carried an article stating that heading a list of those wanted for questioning concerning the shooting of Boch was Gus Alex, who was described in the article, with the Chicago Police being source, as "one of the slickest and wiliest" of Chicago gangsters. Chicago Police also described him, according to this article, as "Mr. Muscles" of the re-organized syndicate headed by Tony Accardo and Jake Guzik. (u)

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In March, 1961, a source stated Gus Alex was met on March 11, 1961, at O'Hare Airport, Chicago, by Nathan Ladon, his chauffeur. According to this source, Alex was returning from Phoenix, Arizona. Alex was on Flight 66, American Airlines, from Phoenix, Arizona, arriving at Chicago at 6:45 p.m. (u)

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A source advised in March, 1961, that an individual known as "Fat Tony" works for Skid Caruso who is in charge of collections for Gus Alex on the south side of Chicago. (u)

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In this regard it should be noted that ~~Weisman~~ was the owner of the record which purchased the jukebox business of the Chicago Music Company, 516 South Cicero Avenue, Chicago, which company was owned by Edward Gilligan. (U)

On October 17, 1963, an unknown individual telephonically contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office and advised that Charles English, Ed Vogel, Marshall Caifano and (First Name Unknown) Vignola had put up money to purchase the A. C. Mc Clurg and Company. This complainant refused to identify himself for fear of having "his head blown off". According to this complainant the above men borrowed \$2,000,000 from the Walter Heller Company and put up phony bonds as collateral. (U)

Situation Involving Dr. Anthony J. Verdone and Charles English

Chicago has received reliable information from an informant that one Frank Alesia is a Chicago bookmaker and is an associate of and bookmaker for Charles and Sam English. (U)

CG 6512-C-TE

During the course of the investigation of the Vernon Hills Country Club gambling club in 1963 reportedly one of the biggest losers financially, who attended the gambling operation with some frequency, was Doctor Anthony J. Verdone of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Considerable investigation was conducted of Verdone, both in Milwaukee and Chicago, and he was interviewed in this connection and subsequently called before the Federal Grand Jury in Milwaukee to testify to

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[Redacted] is known to be associated with hoodlums, both in Chicago and in Milwaukee, and provided very enlightening information concerning [Redacted]. It is noted that Verdone is reportedly one of the wealthiest doctors in Wisconsin, yet his former wife and associates advised he reportedly lost real estate and money. It was also reliably reported that Verdone was fearful for his life and frequently disturbed after receiving long distance phone calls from Chicago and also visitors from Chicago reportedly representing the hoodlum element. (U)

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The "Chicago Daily News" on November 24, 1953, carried an article stating that the Chicago Police Department had picked up Jake "Greasy Thumb" Guzik for questioning regarding the kidnapping of Representative Graver, and that seized with Guzik was hoodlum Gus Alex. (u)

Information received on June 12, 1953, by the Chicago Crime Commission indicated that Clem Graver, State Legislator for the 21st Ward, was alleged to have been kidnapped because he took money from Sam Giancana to get someone out of prison and failed to deliver, and that Sam Battaglia, Frank Ferraro, and Gus Alex were assigned to handle the kidnapping either themselves or through others. (u)

In a "Daily News" clipping of November 24, 1953, it is stated that Jake Guzik and Gus Alex were arrested by the police for questioning in the Clem Graver kidnapping. It is noted they were arrested in the Celano Tailoring Company, 53 West Jackson Boulevard. (u)

Illegal Union Activities

A confidential source advised in 1958 that Joseph Paul Glimco, whose brother Frank is married to a sister of Gus Alex, is the front man for Alex and that Alex and Murray Humphreys are members of the "Chicago Syndicate", who with several politicians and attorneys control the labor rackets in the Chicago area. It is noted that Joseph Glimco was then President of the Taxicab Union Local 777, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL-CIO. (u)

(CG 5973-C)

In October, 1947, Captain Barnes, Labor Detail, Chicago Police Department, advised that Gus Alex was the number one Chicago underworld "torpedo" and that Alex went into the 606 Club at 606 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, in 1947 and told the bartenders there that they had better vote in a certain way in the coming bartenders union election or "the joint would be closed." (u)

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Information was received from the Chicago Crime Commission on May 6, 1952, that Gus Alex was alleged to control the Tile Setters Union in Chicago. (u)

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A confidential source advised he received information on February 16, 1961, that Gus Alex was opposed to Gus Zappas being the Business Manager for the Laundry Workers Union. However, he stated Alex was overruled by Murray Humphreys, who has the last word regarding union activities. This source advised on March 10, 1961, he had received information that Gus Alex stays with James R. Hoffa at the Dunes Hotel when they are in Las Vegas together. (u)

(CG 6443-C)

This confidential source further advised on February 16, 1961, that the "hoodlums" control the Bartenders Union in Chicago. In this connection, source stated that the head of the Bartenders Union is an individual named Shuman or Shumerman. Source related he was of the opinion, however, that Shuman was being forced out of the union by the "outfit" as they wanted to put in a man whom they could control. Source stated Gus Alex and Sam Giancana were two of the "hoodlums" who were attempting to force Shuman out of the Bartenders Union. (u)

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Police Protection and Political Ties

A confidential source advised on February 21, 1961, that during the preceding eight years he estimated that one-half million dollars in "fixed money" for the "outfit" was given to various policemen of the Chicago Police Department for various favors received. He stated that the money was generally paid by the hoodlums engaged in gambling activities with Lester Kruse. He stated the money would be left in an envelope for the various police officials to pick up at a certain location and that each envelope would be numbered which would indicate the specific policeman who was to receive the envelope. He advised one Julie Epstein was the individual who always dropped the envelopes of money off at a certain restaurant. Source further stated Epstein is a very trusted individual by Gus Alex and his associates. (u) 7

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Miscellaneous

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On December 6, 1960, a source advised that Gus Alex continues to be the "boss of the loop" for the Chicago crime syndicate. According to the source Alex has charge of all gambling activities in the first ward area of Chicago for the syndicate. He identified Louie Briatta as Alex's first lieutenant in this regard and it is Briatta who is in charge of the day by day operations of Alex's organization. Source learned that Aaron Oberlander was working for Briatta in Briatta's office, the location of which source did not know. Until recently Oberlander had been working for two nephews of Alex who operate a handbook near the corner of Oak and Rush Streets. (u)

(CG 6272-C)

In 1960 a source advised that the Normandy Inn is a hangout for Chicago hoodlums such as Gus Alex, who occasionally meets Alderman John D'Arco at this location. (u)

(PCI Joseph J. Daly)

On March 31, 1959, a source advised it was her belief that Henry Susk and Gus Alex are joint owners of the Hucksters Restaurant, Chicago and Rush Streets, Chicago. Source based this belief on the fact that Susk and Alex evidence a strong interest in all financial aspects of the operation of this restaurant. (u)

(PCI Tura Flotz)

In February, 1961, Gustav Allgauer, operator of Allgauer's Restaurant in the Villa Moderne, Highland Park, Illinois, and Allgauer's Old Heidelberg, Radolph and State Streets, Chicago, advised that on February 15, or 16, 1961, Murray Humphreys, Gus Alex, and two other individuals came to the Old Heidelberg for lunch. Allgauer did not know who they were at the time and asked them for their reservations. Alex pulled a roll of money out of his pocket, peeled off a ten dollar bill, and said, "Here's my reservation." Allgauer explained to Alex that he was the owner and could not accept this money. He then seated

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