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Standard Refuse Removal Service
1220 South Leavitt
Chicago, Illinois

CG T-1 advised in the early part of 1961 that information had come to his attention indicating that GUS ALEX was interested in obtaining accounts for the Standard Refuse Removal Service at 1220 South Leavitt. He stated that it is not clear to him that ALEX actually has a financial interest in this company but stated that it is possible that ALEX has been attempting to line up customers for the company due to the fact that its owners are associates of his and that he is interested not in financial profit but in doing favors for these individuals.

IV. TRAVEL

Europe

MARY LOU BARRETT, Assistant to the Manager, Swiss Air, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA ROEMER on January 12, 1961, that GUS ALEX had booked space on Flight 863 which was scheduled to leave New York City Idlewild Airport on January 14, 1961, at 5:55 p.m. non-stop to Geneva. Miss BARRETT advised that this reservation was made by ALEX while he was in New York some time just prior to January 12, 1961. Miss BARRETT also advised that ALEX had reservations at the Richmond Hotel in Geneva, Switzerland, for the evenings of January 15 and 16, 1961, and the Bayershire Hotel in Munich, Germany, on January 17 and 18, 1961.

On January 14, 1961, Miss BARRETT advised that ALEX did not appear at Swiss Air either in Chicago or in New York to pick up his tickets and that Swiss Air had, therefore, canceled his reservation.

Geneva Police advised on January 19, 1961, that ALEX arrived in Geneva, Switzerland, on January 18, 1961, and resided that evening at the Hotel Richmond in Geneva. They advised that he departed Geneva by air at 6:37 a.m. on January 20, 1961, and arrived in Munich, Germany, at 10:15 a.m. on January 20, 1961. The Geneva Police Department advised that they surveilled ALEX during the period of his stay in Geneva and that he made no significant contacts and was involved in no unusual activity in Geneva. However,

information was subsequently received that while ALEX was at the Hotel Richmond in Geneva on January 18 and 20, 1961, he was in contact with one EDMOND COHEN, a French national, who is a resident of Istanbul, Turkey. The Geneva Police Department advised that the significance of the contact with COHEN was unknown, since COHEN had not come to their attention previously. They advised that the meeting between COHEN and ALEX may have been a chance meeting in the bar of the Hotel Richmond and that it appears that there is no significance to the contact, COHEN not having come to their attention previously. The Geneva Police Department also indicated that ALEX had been in touch with one PAUL BINER, the superintendent of a business building in Geneva. They indicated that the significance of this contact was likewise unknown since BINER had not previously come to the attention of the police. ALEX was under police surveillance during the entire time he was in Geneva and did not visit or contact any banks in that city. The Geneva police also advised that when ALEX arrived in Munich, he rented an automobile, a Mercedes Okven, and departed Munich accompanied by a blond woman in the direction of Rosenheim and Salzburg. He also indicated that he wished to visit Innsbruck and Kitzbuehl, Austria.

On January 26, 1961, the German Federal Police advised that they had determined that ALEX arrived in Munich on January 20, 1961, and stayed at the Hotel Four Seasons. He was seen at the hotel with a woman who was apparently German and that she left the hotel on January 21, 1961, with ALEX apparently en route to the ski area. The German Police subsequently identified this woman as DITGARD MAIER, who was at that time residing with her mother in Munich and who formerly resided in Chicago, but whose present United States address is 721 N. E. 25th Street, Miami, Florida. Her husband was reported by the German Federal Police to be a solicitor employed in the United States.

The following information was furnished by the Bundeskriminalamt (BKA - West German Federal Criminal Police) and was obtained by the BKA from the Bavarian Landeskriminalamt (LKA - Bavarian State Criminal Police).

One Miss DIETRICH, an employee of the Munich, Germany, office of Swiss Air, advised that according to information from her firm's office in New York, the ALEX on January 6, 1961, had booked a flight with Swiss Air from New York to Munich, Germany, via Geneva and Zurich, Switzerland. Together with this flight reservation he had

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reserved hotel reservations through Swiss Air for January 15-17, 1961, at the Hotel Richmond in Geneva, and from January 17 through 18, 1961, at the Bayerischer Hof Hotel in Munich. He was expected to arrive in Munich on these reservations at 4:55 p.m., January 17, 1961. On January 11, 1961, the New York Office of Swiss Air canceled these reservations.

On January 20, 1961, the BKA was informed by Interpol authorities in Switzerland that ALEX had departed from Geneva, Switzerland, at about 6:15 a.m., January 20, 1961, en route to Munich with anticipated arrival at Munich at 10:15 a.m., the same day. This information was furnished by the BKA to the LKA in Bavaria. As of January 23, 1961, the LKA had been unable to verify the subject's arrival in Munich and had determined that specifically he had not checked into the Bayerischer Hof Hotel. It was learned that this hotel had made a revised reservation for the subject for January 20-22, 1961, but that these hotel reservations had been canceled by telephone by Swiss Air when the subject had not arrived in Munich from Zurich, Switzerland, as expected on Swiss Air on January 20, 1961. On January 25, 1961, the LKA determined that ALEX had been in Munich since January 20, 1961, but had been residing in the Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten in Room 201/2. He had been registered under the name of GUS ALEX, described as born April 1, 1916, at Chicago. He had been observed on several occasions in the company of a woman who spoke excellent German.

At about 11:00 a.m. on January 24, 1961, ALEX went to the Swiss Air Office at No. 5 Maximiliansplatz in Munich and there had had an airline ticket endorsed to Air France at 23 Theatinerstrasse in Munich. At this latter airline he booked single first-class passage for a flight leaving Munich, January 30, 1961, at 3:05 p.m. to arrive Paris, France, 4:35 p.m., the same day, and also on the same day from Paris at 5:20 p.m., en route to Montreal, Canada, to arrive 7:10 p.m. (all times local time). He also booked reservations to leave Montreal for Detroit at 12:00 o'clock. On January 25, 1961, ALEX checked out of the Hotel Jahreszeiten and at about 10:20 a.m. left Munich using a hired Mercedes automobile carrying plate number M-CV 281. He was traveling on the Autobahn (express highway) out in the direction of Rosenheim, Germany, and Salzburg, Austria. He was accompanied by an unidentified blond woman. His route was generally in the direction of German Austrian alpine ski areas and this, together with the

fact that two pairs of skis were fastened on the car, indicate the possibility he planned to take part in winter sports. The car had been hired by ALEX from the Selbstfahrer-Union at Munich No. 27 Birkerstrasse.

ALEX had departed from the hotel on January 25, 1961, unexpectedly and without giving prior notice to the hotel and removed all of his luggage. After leaving the hotel and while driving to the highway he picked up on Sendlingerstrasse the blond woman, who was described as about 23 to 25 years old and well dressed. At the car rental firm Selbstfahrer Union it was learned that ALEX had been recommended to this firm by one STEVE LOHR of General Tours, 595 Madison Avenue, New York 23, New York, who is a business friend of the Manager of the Munich firm, one Mr. HILZBERGER. When ALEX had approached the Munich firm he had done so by referring to LOHR. He came to the firm first on January 20, 1961, about noon and asked for a car to be available at a later date. When he picked up the car on January 25, he also asked for maps of Austria and stated that he would travel to Innsbruck and Kitzbuehel, Austria, and would return the car on Sunday, January 29, 1961, at the latest.

Record of ALEX was again located in Munich, when it was determined that on the night of January 26-27, 1961, he stayed at the Hotel Bayerischer Hof, where he used Room Number 30. He checked out of this hotel at about 10:40 a.m. on January 27, 1961, leaving by taxi and carrying all his luggage, which consisted of two suitcases and a pair of skis. It could not be established where ALEX went with this taxi. According to the Chief Porter at the Bayerischer Hof, ALEX did not have any visitors at that hotel, nor was he observed in any conversation other than with hotel personnel.

It could not be established where ALEX went after leaving Munich on January 25, 1961, until he checked in at the Bayerischer Hof Hotel on January 26. He arrived back with his rented car, which he arranged to have picked up by the rental firm at the hotel on January 27, 1961, at 9:00 o'clock. He had traveled a total of 265 kilometers (159 miles).

After leaving the Bayerischer Hof on January 27, 1961, ALEX checked into the Hotel Koenigshof on Karlsplatz in Munich and stayed at this hotel until he left Munich on January 30, 1961, aboard the previously described Air France flight. Prior to leaving, he made a reservation through Air France for a room at the Hotel Ritz Carlton in Montreal, Canada, for

the night of January 30-31, 1961. ALEX was seen off from the airport at Munich by a woman who was later identified as DITGARD MAIER. This leave taking was described as very intimate by police. It was determined that DITGARD MAIER was born December 3, 1938, at Seewalchen, Austria, and was at the time of ALEX's departure from Munich domiciled with her mother, Mrs. FUEGER, at Number 12/IV Rosenstrasse in Munich. She is reported to be married to one HELMUT MAIER, born at Munich, Germany, May 18, 1929, who is now said to be employed in the United States as a solicitor. The MAIER couple is reported to have been domiciled in the United States for the past three years. They are said to have resided at "59th North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois" and their present address reportedly is 721 N. E. 25th Street, Miami, Florida. DITGARD MAIER came to Munich from the United States on January 10, 1961, and originally planned to fly back to the United States on January 31, 1961, but changed this plan and reportedly would delay her departure for approximately one week.

The German Federal Police advised on January 31, 1961, that ALEX left Munich by air for Montreal, Canada, on January 30, 1961.

It is noted that 59 North Avenue in Chicago, indicated above as a former address of DITGARD MAIER, is the address of the Plaza Hotel. BERNARD CETCHINSON, Manager, advised that HELMUT and DITGARD MAIER checked out of the Plaza Hotel on December 15, 1959, leaving a forwarding address of the Lincoln Hotel, 1800 North Lincoln Avenue, in Chicago.

MARSHALL REAL, Desk Clerk, Lincoln Hotel, Chicago, advised that his records contain no indication that HELMUT and DITGARD MAIER ever resided at the Lincoln Hotel and that they are not currently registered there. He advised that his 1959 records have been destroyed and that the 1960 records were not at that time available.

The records of the Chicago Police Department as reviewed by IC FRANCIS G. KAHL contain no information identifiable with HELMUT or DITGARD MAIER and the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., as reviewed by Mrs. C. HART, Clerk, were found to contain no information which could be identified with these individuals. The records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., and the Chicago Police Department were checked on February 14, 1961.