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COMMENTS:

Chicago T-7 advised on March 30, 1961 that BEN STEIN has a poor reputation in Chicago and that he was of the opinion that STEIN for many years has been operating as a front for hoodlums. Chicago T-7 could not identify any boodlums that STEIN has been a front for.

Chicago T-7 further advised that STEIN was formerly a very close friend of JOHN HOWE, who was a Captain in the Chicago Police Department until recently. He stated that Captain HOWE also had a poor reputation and was believed to be closely associated with Chicago hoodlums.

Chicago T-4 advised that the Duncan Parking Meter Company, which manufactures and maintains parking meters in Chicago and on a nation wide basis, is controlled by the outfit, specifically by GUS ALEX, FRANK FERRARO, SIDNEY KORSHAK.

Chicago T-4 stated that this company was owned by a Canadian millionaire named DUNCAN who invented the parking meter for the company. He stated through SIDNEY KORSHAK, DUNCAN was muscled out of the ownership of the company several years ago. He stated that the company is now fronted for by the outfit by one JERRY ROBINSON. He stated that ROBINSON formerly operated a handbook on the South side of Chicago in about 1944. He stated that ROBINSON worked for the company while DUNCAN still owned it and since DUNCAN left the company ROBINSON directs the operations of the company for the outfit.

Chicago T-4 advised that ROBINSONNis a very close friend of SIDNEY KORSHAK and recently accompanied KORSHAK on a trip to Palm Springs, California.

He stated that LOUIS MORRISON is a brother-in-law of JERRY ROBINSON and also works for the Duncan Parking Meter Company.

IV TRAVEL

Information received from the headquarters of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ottawa, Ontario, disclosed that a review of the records of Air France, Montreal, disclosed

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that a Mr. GUS, no other name available, arrived at Dorvel Airport, Dorvel, Quebec, on Flight 001 at 7:00 PM, January 30, 1961, the records of Air France did not indicate if ALEX had departed Canada for Detroit, but it was ascertained that he had been in possession of a direct passage from Detroit and stopped over in Montreal in transit. The lost and found records of Air France reveal that ALEX had lost a piece of baggage while en route to Canada and he left instructions if the baggage was located it should be forwarded to Mr. GUS ALEX, 9353 South Spaulding, Evergreen Park, Illinois. Inquiries at the Ritz Carleton Hotel, Montreal were negative regarding any record for GUS ALEX.

Inquiry at the El Mirado Hotel, Palm Springs, California and at the Racket Club, Palm Springs, disclosed that ALEX was unknown there and that he had not visited there recently.

Chicago T-15 advised on April 20, 1961 that ALEX had contacted him approximately two weeks previous and advised him that he would be out of town for a few weeks. Chicago T-15 further advised that he had ascertained that ALEX's mother was also out of town and he was of the opinion that ALEX had taken his mother on a trip to visit relatives in Greece.

Miss JEAN TURNER, Auditor, advised SA FRANK J. SMITH, Miami, on April 3, 1961 that she had no record of GUS ALEX or ARGER as ever having registered at the King Cole Hotel. Mr. JACK SHANE, deck man at the King Cole Hotel checked his records and advised SA SMITH on April 3, 1961 that he had no record of a boat named "Mary the First" owned by the National Maintenance Corporation as every having been docked at the King Cole. He checked the Loyds Manual of Ships and stated that the boat "Mary the First" was not listed. He suggested that possibly ALEX might have stayed at the Kingston Hotel in Miami Beach.

Mr. RALPH MC ENTYRE, General Manager of the Kingston Hotel and Yacht Club, 64th Street, Miami Beach, advised SA SMITH on April 3, 1961 that he had no record of ALEX, ARGER, or any boat named "Mary the First". It is to be noted that

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Chicago T-1 CG 6343-C*	4/5 - 24/61	SA RALPH R. HILL SA VINCENT L. INSERRA SA JOHN W. ROBERTS Jr. SA MARSHALL E. RUTLAND SA DENNIS W. SHANAHAN SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER
Chicago T-2 CG 6450-C*	4/5 - 24/61	SA JOHN W. PARRISH SA JOHN B. TARPEY SA NORMAN A. JOHNSON
Chicago T-3 CG 6272-C	4/11,19/61	SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER SA ROBERT A. COOK
Chicago T-4 CG: 6443-C	3/21,30/61	SA JOSEPH G. SHEA SA WILLIAM A. MEINCKE
Chicago T-5 PCI RUDY DROZD	4/17/61	SA ROBERT A. COOK
Chicago T-6 Mail cover on the mailing address of GUS ALEX, 9353 S. Spaulding Avenue, Evergo Park, Illinois		
Chicago T-7 SANDY SMITH Crime reporter, "Chicago Daily Tribune" Chicago, Illinois	3/30/61	SA ROBERT A. COOK SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER
Chicago T-8 JACK SCHLEFKIN, PCI	4/10/61	SA PAUL E. MARUM
Chicago T-9 FRANK LA CROIX, PCI	4/13,17/61	SA ROBERT A. COOK

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Chicago T-12 VIRGINIA BEHNKE Security Department Illinois Bell Telephone Co Chicago, Illinois	4/12/61	IC HARRY W. CROON
Chicago T-13 Mrs. HENRY TERBORG, 9350 S. Spaulding, Evergreen Park, Illinois	4/19/61	SA ROBERT A. COOK
Chicago T-14 Internal Revenue Service reentitled "GUS ALEX"	eport 3/9/61	
Chicago T-15 CG 6445-PC	4/20/61	SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER

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