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the group in the downstairs section of the restaurant. Shortly thereafter, Allgauer was advised by his hatcheck girl that four of the individuals in this group were Alex, Humphreys, Frank Ferraro, and Hy Godfrey. The hatcheck girl advised these men have been coming in on an almost daily basis for the past two or three weeks and that on February 20, 1961, Alex, Ferraro, and Godfrey were in for lunch.

Mary Lou Barrett, Assistant to the Manager, Swiss Air, Chicago, Illinois, advised on January 12, 1961, that Gus Alex had booked space on Flight 863 scheduled to leave New York City, Idlewild Airport, on January 14, 1961, at 5:55 p.m., nonstop to Geneva, Switzerland. The reservation was made by Alex while in New York sometime prior to January 12, 1961. Miss Barrett said that Alex had reservations at the Richmond Hotel in Geneva, Switzerland, for the evenings of January 15th and 16th, 1961, and in the Bayershire Hotel in Munich, Germany, on January 17th and 18th, 1961.

On January 14, 1961, Miss Barrett said that Alex failed to appear at Swiss Air either at Chicago or in New York to pick up his tickets and that Swiss Air had cancelled his reservation.

Geneva, Switzerland Police advised on January 19, 1961, that Alex arrived in Geneva on January 18, 1961, and resided that evening at the Hotel Richmond in Geneva. On January 20, 1961, Alex departed Geneva by air and arrived at Munich, Germany, that same date. The Geneva Police determined at a later date that while in Geneva Alex had been in contact with one Edmond Cohen, a French Nationalist, who is a resident of Istanbul, Turkey. Cohen was unknown to the Geneva Police and the significance of their meeting was not known. Another individual with whom he was in touch while in Geneva was one Paul Biner, the Superintendent of a business building in Geneva. The significance of this meeting was also unknown to the Geneva Police.

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On January 26, 1961, the German Federal Police advised that Alex had arrived in Munich on January 20, 1961, and stayed at the Hotel Four Seasons. He left this hotel on January 21, 1961, with a woman subsequently identified as Dittgard Maier, who as of that time was residing in Munich but who had formerly resided in Chicago. She also had a current address of 721 Northeast 25th Street, Miami, Florida. It appeared that Alex and his companion were en route to a skiing area.

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).

On January 25, 1961, the LKA determined that Alex had been in Munich since January 20, 1961, and was residing in the Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten, room 201/2. He registered under the name of Gus Alex, described as born April 1, 1916, at Chicago, Illinois.

At about 11:00 a.m. on January 24, 1961, Alex went to the Swiss Air office at Number 5, Maximiliansplatz in Munich and there had an airline ticket endorsed to Air France 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 at 4:35 p.m., the same date, 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 twelve o'clock.

Alex departed from the Hotel Jahreszeiten unexpectedly and without giving prior notice on January 25, 1961. After leaving the hotel, he picked up a blond woman described as well dressed and about 23 to 25 years of age. At the car rental from Selbstfahrer Union it was learned that Alex had been recommended to this firm by one Steve Lohr of General Tours, 595 Madison Avenue,

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New York, New York, who is a business friend of the manager of the Munich firm, Mr. Hiltzberger. When picking up a car on January 25, 1961, Alex indicated he would travel to Innsbruck and Kitzbuehel, Austria, and would return the car by January 29, 1961.

On January 26, 1961, Alex stayed at the Hotel Bayerischer Hof where he used Room 30. He checked out of this hotel on the morning of January 27, 1961.

After leaving the above hotel, Alex checked into the Hotel Koeningshof On Karlsplatz in Munich, staying here until he left Munich on January 30, 1961. 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, 1961. He was seen off at the airport by Ditgard Maier. She was reported as being married to Helmut Maier and to have resided at 59 North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Bernard Getchinson, Manager, Plaza Hotel, 59 North Avenue, Chicago, advised that Helmut and Ditgard Maier checked out of that hotel on December 15, 1959.

A source advised in February of 1961, that 11 or 12 years ago two individuals by the name of Allman (phonetic) and Lillianthall (phonetic) owned the St. Clair and Eastgate Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Source stated these individuals were killed in a airplane crash and that the corporations owning the hotels were placed in receivership. A short time later Sidney Korshak, Attorney, at 134 North LaSalle, Chicago, handle legal arrangements when Gus Alex and Frank Ferraro invested \$250,000 and \$150,000, respectively, in both hotels.

The above source also advised it was his understanding that Alex and Ferraro owned the drugstore located in the lobby of the Croydon Hotel, Chicago. The source noted that an individuals named Gold or Goldberg was utilized by Alex and Ferraro as a "front" in the operation of this drugstore.

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Information received in 1961, from headquarters of the Royal Canadian Mountain Police, Ottawa, Canada, disclosed that according to records of Air France, Montreal, a Mr. Gus, no other name available, arrived at Dorvel Airport, Dorvel Quebec, Canada, on Flight 001 at 7 p.m. on January 30, 1961. Records of Air France did not indicate if Alex departed Canada for Detroit, but it ascertained he had been in possession of direct passage from Detroit and stopped over in Montreal in transit. Lost and found records of Air France reveal Alex had lost a piece of luggage while en route to Canada, and he left instructions that if the baggage was located, it should be forwarded to Gus Alex, 9353 South Spaulding, Evergreen Park, Illinois.

In March, 1961, a source 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 and Sidney Korshak.

The above source stated the aforementioned company was owned by a Canadian millionaire named Duncan who invented the parking meter for the company. He stated that through Sidney Korshak, Duncan was muscled out of the ownership of the company several years ago. He stated the company is now fronted for by the "outfit" by one Jerry Robinson who formerly operated a hankbook on Chicago's south side in about 1944.

A source advised on April 19, 1961, he was of the belief that Gus Leibe works on a bonus arrangement at the J & J Picnic Grove, a large gambling operation in Will County, Illinois. It was the source's opinion that the financial control of the J & J operation was held by Gus Alex, Francis Curry, Sam Giancana, Frank La Porte and Rocco Fischetti. The source stated this is currently one of the largest gambling operations in the Chicago area.

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A source advised on April 11, 1961, that Gus Alex continues to be the boss of the "Loop" area of Chicago with respect to gambling. Alex controls all gambling in the Loop area as well as the near west side and near south side. Working directly under Alex in the control of gambling in the Loop area is Louis Briatta, who has five or six offices in the Loop area, only one of which is in operation at the present time. One of these offices was located in Room 300 at 180 North Wacker Drive; however, this location was raided by the Chicago Police Department on April 7, 1961.

The source further advised that every bookmaker in the Loop area is controlled by Alex, and that each bookmaker must call in each bet as it is received and 50 per cent of the profits or losses on each bet is received by the "outfit." He stated that Briatta's office received bets directly from some bettors who are well known to Briatta and who frequently bet considerable sums of money.

In 1961, a source stated that all gambling on Chicago's south side is controlled by the hoodlums. All gambling money goes to Gus Alex and Ralph Pierce.

Inspector Chris Patsuris, Athens City Police Department, on May 1, 1961, advised that Gus Alex arrived in Athens, Greece, on April 4, 1961, via BEA Airlines from Milan, Italy. Alex was in possession of United States Passport number 1569555 issued May 13, 1952, at Chicago, Illinois. (C)

Alex departed Athens, Greece, via BEA Airlines on April 13, 1961, and returned to Athens on April 16, 1961, from Rome, Italy.

Steve Brandon, BOAC Office, Detroit, advised that BOAC Flight arriving Detroit Metropolitan Airport at 2:45 p.m. on May 9, 1961, originated at London, England.

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The West German Federal Police (BKA) advised that the Munich, Germany Police Department had contacted Helmut Maier on April 13, 1962, in an effort to solicit information from him concerning Gus Alex. Maier declined to furnish any information on the basis that he desired to protect himself from any possible retaliation in the future against him since his company intends to send him to the United States in the future.

they are considering introducing American-type dice playing and are considering Sam Rosa as the operator.

(CG 6443-C-TE)

Information was received that Pete Gushie is a close associate of Gus Alex and James Catuara who is alleged to be a muscle man for Alex's gambling operation on the near south side of Chicago.

(CG 6543-C-TE)

On January 28, 1966, based on Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit a large scale clearinghouse gambling operation was raided by Lieutenant Frank Nash, Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department. The occupants Sam Regerio and Ralph Navarro were arrested in connection with a raid in possession of records and in the process of destroying gambling records. Clothing in the apartment where this gambling operation was located identified Arnold Garriis with the operation. Garriis has been reported by numerous sources to control bookmaking for Gus Alex.

On February 1, 1966, a source advised that Gus Alex was extremely upset over the above mentioned gambling raid since Arnold, as bookmaking operator, made a stupid mistake. This was in reference to the clothing found as mentioned above.

(CG 6187-C)

Information was received from a source on April 26, 1966, that Frank Mia, an Italian, is a "hit man" for Gus Alex.

(CG 6911-C)

Travel

During the course of this investigation extensive information has been developed concerning travel abroad to Europe on the part of Gus Alex. Information was received from the State Department in effect that a letter written by Mr. Joseph Sharlott, Washington, D. C., Attorney representing Gus Alex, was received by the State Department. This letter was dated February 11, 1966, and was addressed to the Legal Advisor for Security and Counsellor Affairs Mr. Fred Smith, Jr.