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Thirty two hundred. Twelve hundred. Two thousand five hundred and forty four dollars. Four thousand three hundred and seventy five dollars. Eight hundred and seventy five dollars.

NICK: Twelve one ninety four.

ALEX: All right! Where did you get them other goofy figures?

NICK: That's all?

ALEX: That's all, NICK.

From the above conversation between ALEX and BENEDETTO, it would appear likely that the net profits from gambling in the First Ward during the month of August, 1960, amounted to \$12,194. It would not seem clear that this is a net figure since it is possible that the \$12,194 is a gross figure including that amount of money due to the individual book-makers located in the First Ward. However, from the experience of the agents assigned to the Top Hoodlum Program, it would seem that there are sufficient handbooks located in the First Ward so that \$12,000 would be a net figure after the handbook operators got their 50% cut. In this regard it is noted that CG 6272-C has advised that ALEX has organized all handbook operators in the First Ward under an arrangement whereby they retain 50% of their profit and furnish the other 50% to the ALEX organization, ordinarily through LOUIE BRIATTA.

CG 6343-C\* advised that following the above conversation, ALEX and FERRARO went over more figures and the shuffling and counting of money was heard for an additional half hour or so.

CG 6343-C\* also advised that during that half hour FERRARO was heard to make the following comment: "We made it on the 6 for 5. 28 thousand. What do we get, 24, 5?". From the above it is apparent that FERRARO referred to the "shylocking" or "6 for 5" business which ALEX controls in the First Ward of Chicago.

CG 6232-C has advised that this business is very productive for ALEX in the First Ward, and that ordinarily "6 for 5" refers to the fact that ALEX and his subordinates loan

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I'm there. All right. Oh sure. If you don't hear from me that means that I won't be there. But I'm pretty sure that I will. Okay. No I won't be able to stay. I'm going to send BUTCH up there... I'll call you one way or the other. I can't I have to work here. Know what I mean. And they're not open tomorrow, that's why I have to go today. I'll call you up there.

Concerning ALEX's reference above to an airplane flight which he intended to take, it is noted that investigation had been conducted at all airline offices concerning the possibility of locating ALEX's destination. It is noted that the only possibility in this regard was TWA flight 436 which leaves Midway Airport in Chicago daily at 1:45 p.m. and arrives in South Bend, Indiana, at 2:21 p.m. South Bend, Indiana, is approximately 24 miles from Cassopolis, Michigan, where SAMMY ALEX, a brother of GUS, has a 100 acre farm. It is noted that considerable information has been developed in the past concerning the fact that ALEX frequently visits his brother's farm and the Detroit Office has conducted a great deal of investigation there concerning the location of the farm, the people involved, etc. It would, therefore, appear that ALEX and LADON were intending to fly with an ultimate destination of Cassopolis.

It is noted that PCI TURA SATANA has advised that LADON recently was confined to Columbus Hospital in Chicago with prostrate trouble. It is therefore possible that LADON intended to convalesce at the ALEX farm in Cassopolis.

CG 6343-C\* advised on September 19, 1960, that MURRAY HUMPHREYS met with JACKIE CERONE and later GUS ALEX. Their conversation as best determined by the informant was as follows:

HUMPHREYS: It's tough to get old and get that way.

CERONE : A lot of strange stuff.

HUMPHREYS: See, the only thing is, the Government's going to come back with all these things first, you know. And the G guys to say that they interviewed 'em and that we didn't sell 'em beer. Then we say that we did sell 'em beer. How they gonna overcome it? It winds up a draw, doesn't it? What did you do over the week end?

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record. So come on out. PETE the Greek wanted me to go out with him and I said, no, I won't go. I had nothing to do with it but he gets mad at me. MOONEY does. Not that I give a (obscene), but why should he get mad at me? So I wanted to tell MOE what happened. He says what in the hell is PETE doing with the guy? Listen, GUSSIE, MOE wants me to get wrecked. I know that. I just want to clear it first, 'cause, Jesus Christ, you know, the roof caves in and he gets mad at everybody. Now, I should'a told CURLEY. CURLEY wanted me to put

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and I didn't want to put the kid in there. Did I do right" That's what I want to tell HUMP. I could put the kid in there, but I think its wrong to put the kid in there and make him an artist. I could put him on the payroll tomorrow. Let him work there.

FERRARO: Well, maybe its the experience he wants.

HENRY : Well all right, then I'll do it. I just thought the kid was better off.

Shortly after this conversation, many men appeared at Celano's and apparently joined ALEX and FERRARO in several drinks from CELANO's bar and all appeared to be in a highly jovial frame of mind. During this party ALEX was observed yelling to HENRY, who was in the other room, as follows:

"He tells me STEVIE has got 'em in tights now too!"  
HENRY answered, "No, in nightgowns, in little nightgowns!"

From the above this would appear to identify HENRY as HENRY SUSK, prominent Chicago Pontiac dealer. It is noted that PCI TURA SATANA has advised that HENRY SUSK is, in her opinion, the owner of the Huckster's Key Club located on the near North Side of the City of Chicago. It is noted that this private club during the week of above conversation initiated a practice designed to compete with the Gaslight Club and the Play Boy Club in Chicago by dressing their waitresses in shorty nightgowns. It is noted that this PCI is one of the leading burlesque dancers in the country and is intimately associated with SUSK and ALEX.

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It is noted that the above information concerns all information involving GUSSIE ALEX which was supplied by CG 6343-C\* during the period 9/2/60 through 12/8/60.

On 8/5/60, RUSSELL LANG, Manager of the Kahler Hotel, Rochester, Minnesota, advised SA ROBERT L. CARLSON that GUS ALEX telephonically contacted him on 8/3 or 8/4/60 and requested a reservation at the hotel for EUGENE BERNSTEIN, a Chicago Attorney, whom ALEX referred to in conversation with LANG as "my very good friend." It is noted that EUGENE BERNSTEIN is a Chicago tax attorney with offices at 77 West Washington in Chicago and that he has prepared income tax returns during the past ten or 15 years for almost all Chicago top hoodlums including ALEX. It is also noted that BERNSTEIN has recently been very seriously ill with cancer of the throat and it is felt very possible that the reason for his visit to Rochester, Minnesota, involved treatment for this condition at Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

It is noted that the Minneapolis Office has previously instructed that the identity of Mr. LANG should be protected at all times.

On 8/5/60, PCI TURA SATANA advised SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER that she was in contact with GUS ALEX five or six times during the two-week period prior to contact with her on 8/5/60. It is noted TURA SATANA is one of the leading burlesque dancers in this country and that she has been intimately associated with ALEX and with HENRY SUSK during the past two or three years. Miss SATANA advised that she believed she saw ALEX every night during the week of 7/25/60 during the evening hours at the Pontiac Agency of HENRY SUSK in the 1600 block of North Clark and accompanied him to the Red Star Inn in the vicinity. She stated that on each occasion ALEX was accompanied by his chauffeur, NATHAN "Butch" LADON. She noted that it did not appear to her that ALEX was anxious to get home to his wife on these occasions. She also noted that ALEX and SUSK no longer utilized Suite 14 E at the St. Clair Hotel in order to entertain their girl friends. It is noted that SUSK formerly maintained this suite under the name JOE HENRY and that it has been utilized by practically all Chicago top hoodlums including ALEX during the past couple of years.

Due to the fact that on 9/21/60, CG 6343-C\* advised that ALEX was at that time out of town "visiting his

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