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Report of: SA ELLIOT W. ANDERSON
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Bureau File #: 92-3182

Title: GUS ALEX

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Information received indicating \$100,000.00 home built in Oak Park, Illinois, allegedly for use of SAM ALEX. Additional information determined concerning ALEX's mother and family members residing in Evergreen Park, Illinois. Identity of hangouts and associates of ALEX determined. ALEX reportedly has financial interest, General Smokers Cigarette Service, and also in the linen industry of Chicago. Detailed information of European trip of ALEX and SUZANNE FUEGER set forth. Question has arisen regarding French identity card used by FUEGER causing investigation in France. Customs report regarding FUEGER's entry received. ALEX vacationed in Florida in \$100.00 a day suite. Swiss Consulate, Chicago, requested information regarding ALEX's status in preparation of barring him from Switzerland.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

CG 6443-C advised SA JOSEPH G. SHEA on November 27, 1964 that he had been contacted that morning by LESLIE KRUSE who requested him to send \$70.00 by telegram to his son, RICHARD, attending school at Chadron, Nebraska, to pay for damage to his son's automobile. Informant asked KRUSE where he would pick up the \$70.00, and the informant suggested he might obtain it from HENRY SUSK of the Susk Pontiac Agency. KRUSE O.K.'d this plan, and the informant thereafter picked up \$75.00 from SUSK and sent the money by telegram. He returned to the Susk Pontiac Agency where he met and observed GUS ALEX talking with HENRY SUSK.

ALEX had left his automobile at the Susk Agency and asked the informant to drive him to a local destination. ALEX was carrying two matched pieces of luggage, was wearing dark clothes and overcoat, carried a light tan briefcase and had no hat. Informant drove ALEX west and on ALEX's instruction, proceeded north on the Kennedy Expressway. ALEX then revealed to the informant that he wanted him to drive ALEX to O'Hare Airport where he had a 10 a.m. flight. Informant dropped ALEX off in front of Eastern Airlines a few minutes before 10 a.m., parked his car and observed that there were only two 10 a.m. flights, one at Eastern Airlines and one at Delta Airlines, both going to Miami Beach, Florida.

During the ride to O'Hare Airport, ALEX offered the informant an opportunity to work for him obtaining and placing stops for cigarette machines. He requested the informant to see him when he returned to Chicago.

While at the Susk Pontiac Agency, informant heard ALEX remark to SUSK that he is normally at his office every day in Niles and can usually be found at his office at 10:15 a.m. Informant advised that this office is located on the premises of Deluxe Cigarette Service, 7730 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois.

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Informant advised that on Tuesday, November 24, 1964, at 6 p.m., he ran into "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO in the lobby of 188 West Randolph Street, at which time ALDERISIO remarked that he had just talked with GUS ALEX at Postl's Gymnasium. In this connection, the informant advised that GUS ALEX formerly used the alley entrance to the 188 West Randolph Street address, entering the alley from La Salle Street at the Post Office on La Salle Street, and enters the shipping department door on the north side of the building in the alley. It is a short distance from there to the rear elevators.

Informant stated he learned recently from LOUIS ARGER that GUS ALEX is still mooning over MARIANNE RYAN, his former wife.

INFORMANTS

The following informants were contacted on the previously designated dates by the below named agents:

<u>Identity of Informant</u>	<u>Contacted By</u>
CG T-1 CG 6502-C*	
CG T-2 PCI FRANK LA CROIX	SA ELLIOT W. ANDERSON
CG T-3 CG 6443-C	SA JOSEPH G. SHEA
CG T-4 CG 6757-C	SA JAMES D. DEWHIRST
CG T-5 CG 6446-C	SA JAMES D. DEWHIRST

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Identity of Informant

CG T-6
PCI GEORGE BECHARAS

CG T-7
CG 6543-C

CG T-8
Former PCI PETER BROWN

CG T-9
PCI RUDY DRODZ

CG T-10
PCI JOHN CHARLES KLOBERDANZ

Contacted By

SA EUGENE I. SATHER

SA ROBERT J. TOMPKINS, JR.

SA JAMES W. GERBLICK

SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER, JR.

SA HARRY B. GLADDEN

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URLICH STRUWE, German Consulate, 104 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that his file on **DIETGARD ROSEMARIE FUEGER** indicates that she was issued a passport on October 16, 1961, and has been renewed until October 16, 1966. Her passport number is B4019969. The only address for FUEGER which was not previously known was that of 541 West Wellington Street as of 1960.

STRUWE advised that **FUEGER** has made no contact with his office regarding any travel plans. He said that inasmuch as she is not obliged to do so he would very likely not hear from her.

On 11/9/64 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-373
by SA ELLIOTT W. ANDERSON/MAB Date dictated 11/17/64

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The Surete Nationale advised on November 22, 1964 that SUZANNE FUEGER arrived in Paris, France, via Transworld Air Lines 9:15 that date. She spend the night at the airport hotel and left on the morning of November 23, 1964 for Munich, Germany via Air France. On November 26, 1964 the West German Federal Criminal Police furnished the following information which had been obtained by the Police Department of Munich, Germany:

SUZANNE FUEGER arrived at Munich by air at 11:00 a.m. November 23, 1964, coming from Paris, France. She was met at Munich-Riem Airport by her mother, ELROSA FUEGER, whose residence address is House Number 1, Riederan, District of Landsberg/Lech, near Munich. The two women entered a beige colored Volkswagen and proceeded from the airport to Hotel Koenigshof am Stachus in Munich. There FUEGER and her mother engaged room 512 for three days. They remained in the hotel until 2:00 p.m. when they left and walked along the adjoining streets. During this time they entered the banking institution, Bayerische Hypo-Bank located on the Stachus. They were in this bank for only a short while and the reason for their call has as yet not been determined. They returned to the hotel at 4:10 p.m. The Volkswagen automobile, which is owned by FUEGER's mother, was still in the hotel garage at the time the information was dispatched.

FUEGER was dressed in a dark mink cap and dark brown fur coat, probably mink, and during the time under observation continuously wore dark sun glasses. She was noted to have fair hair which might be described as straw-colored worn in a straight bob. She was about 5'6" tall and made an elegant appearance. Based on observation the available photograph of FUEGER originally furnished by this office to the police was described as being a good resemblance.

Other than above FUEGER has been noted to have made no contacts.

On November 27, 1964, the following information was received from the same source in West Germany:

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SUZANNE FUEGER visited the office of Swissair in Munich, Germany at 3:00 p.m. November 25, 1964 and there made reservations for herself and her mother to fly from Munich to Zurich on December 19, 1964, on Swissair flight number 217 leaving Munich 2:55 p.m. that date. She made reservations for her mother to return to Munich by the same airline from Zurich on December 23, 1964. The address given at the time the reservations were made was the Koenigshof Hotel in Munich.

So far as the Munich police have been able to determine FUEGER has made no contacts since arriving in Munich other than with her mother. It was determined that their stop at the Bayerische Hypo-Bank on November 23, 1964 was for the purpose of changing \$200.00 into local currency.

By communication dated November 30, 1964, the BKA furnished the following additional information:

At 10:00 a.m. November 25, 1964, FUEGER and her mother left the Hotel Koenigshof and went to the banking firm Bankhaus Merk and Fink in Munich where they changed money at the foreign currency window. They then went to Number 2 Habsburger Platz in Munich where they probably visited with one ANNA BERGEN, born April 20, 1898 at Sackenhagen, (no country given), who is unmarried and who is registered as being an owner of a business. At 12:45 p.m. FUEGER and her mother checked out of their hotel and using the mother's Volkswagen automobile left Munich toward the south along the Landsbergstrasse. The Bavarian State Police determined that they travelled to House Number 4 in Riederau which is the home of FUEGER's mother.

It was learned that on November 23, 1964, FUEGER called the following telephone numbers:

Zurich, Switzerland Number 241700

Diessen, Germany Number 7116

The BKA is attempting to check the Diessen number.

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The two women made future reservations at the Koenigshof Hotel for a double room for the nights of December 17 and 18, 1964.

It was determined that telephone number Zurich 24-77-00 called by FUEGER on November 23, 1964, was that of the Dolder Grand Hotel in Zurich.

The Swiss Central Police Bureau was thereafter requested to contact the hotel and has informed that reservations were made there for ALEX and FUEGER for December 19 through December 23, 1964. The Swiss Central Police Bureau was also requested to attempt to determine the activities and contacts of ALEX and FUEGER.

CG T-1 advised on December 17, 1964, that ALEX left unexpectedly for New York on this date en route to Europe for a vacation.

On January 13, 1965, WILLIAM KRAUSE, Overseer's Reservations, Transworld Airlines, Chicago, advised that an individual possibly identical with ALEX using the name of Mr. ALXEX appeared at the Kennedy International Airport December 19, 1964 and purchased a first class ticket on flight 802 for Zurich, Switzerland. He said the identity of the salesman handling this transaction was Number 40.

The Swiss Central Police Bureau, Bern, Switzerland, furnished the following information:

The Zurich Police have established the following:

ALEX arrived at Zurich-Kloten Airport from New York-Paris on December 20, 1964, by TWA Flight 802. DIETGARD FUEGER checked in at the Dolder Grand Hotel in Zurich on December 19, 1964. She was accompanied by her mother, who left Zurich again on December 21, 1964, by air for Munich, Germany.

On December 22, 1964, ALEX and FUEGER left Zurich at 10:00 a.m. by car in the direction of Pontresina. The car in question was a "Peugeot 404" which ALEX rented from

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Hertz AG. On leaving the hotel he hired a taxi stationed at the Dolder Grand Hotel, which acted as a guide in front of his car as far as the outskirts of Zurich.

The driver of this taxi was later interviewed by the Zurich Police. He stated that he had driven ALEX on various occasions, e.g. on January 27, 1964, to Kloten Airport. On said journey ALEX had been looking time and again to see whether any car was following the taxi. ALEX had then mentioned that he knew very well he was being watched by the police by order of his native country.

The driver also mentioned that after he had guided ALEX and FUEGER out of town on December 22, 1964, ALEX had asked him whether he would be available on January 5, 1965. He, ALEX, would return on that day to Zurich.

In this respect, Zurich Police informed that ALEX reserved two rooms at the Dolder Grand Hotel for January 5.

During the stay at the Dolder Grand Hotel, ALEX and FUEGER made the following telephone calls:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Person Called</u>
December 20, 1964	273232	Hertz AG, car rental contractors, Lagerstrasse 32, Zurich
	341600	Swissair, Zurich
	348400	Swissway Auto-Rental, Zeltweg 74, Zurich 7
	327010	Hotel Baur-au-lac, Zurich
	082/66451	Schlosshotel, Pontresina
	38675/312	Evergreen Park, USA
	842121	Swissair, Zurich-Kloten

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Person Called</u>
	341600	Swissair, Zurich (booking a seat for December 21, 1964, Flight No. 216 to Munich, for Mrs. FUEGER)
December 21, 1964	7116	Giessen, Germany (made by
December 22, 1964	273233	Gertz AG, Zurich

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The Swiss Central Police Bureau, Bern, Switzerland, furnished the following information:

According to a report received from the Cantonal Police of Chur, Switzerland, GUS ALEX and DIETGARD FUEGER stayed at the Schlosshotel in Pontresina between December 22, 1964, and January 5, 1965. Like on previous holidays, ALEX and FUEGER had no contacts with other guests and are described as being rather withdrawn. ALEX usually went skiing in the morning whereas the afternoon and the evening he would spend with FUEGER. They often traveled by car to St. Moritz.

ALEX made the following calls while staying at the Schlosshotel:

December 24, 1964	676234	Athens
December 28, 1964	312-38675	Evergreen Park/USA

ALEX and FUEGER left Pontresina on January 5, 1965, and traveled back to Zurich by car. On leaving the hotel they gave the impression they would later proceed to Paris and stay at the Hotel Bristol. They requested that any mail addressed to the Schlosshotel for their attention was to be forwarded to Mrs. E. FUEGER, Riederau No. 4, Kreis Landsberg.

In Zurich ALEX and FUEGER checked in again at the Dolder Grand Hotel. ALEX spent part of the afternoon of January 5, 1965, in town and again went to town the following morning by taxi, calling at the TWA booking office and at the Swiss Bank Corporation. He gave the taxi driver to understand that it is more advantageous to change money at the bank than at the hotel. The same morning ALEX made a call to Evergreen Park, USA, No. GAR 38675.

At noon on January 6, 1965, the couple left the hotel by taxi and proceeded to Kloten Airport, from where they flew to Geneva on Swissair flight 043.

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With regard to their stay in Geneva, the Geneva Police reported that they checked in at the Hotel Richemond. Among their baggage were two pair of skis. At the hotel ALEX indicated that he and FUEGER would stay until January 8, and again from January 19 to 21, 1965. He also gave the impression that they would be accompanied by another person during their forthcoming stay. It is thought that this person will be Miss FUEGER's mother.

ALEX and FUEGER are believed to spend the time between January 8 and 19 at a ski resort.

On January 20, 1965, the Swiss Central Police Bureau advised that ALEX and FUEGER did stay at the Hotel Richemond, Geneva, Switzerland, January 19 through 21, 1965. There was no indication as to when ALEX would return to the United States.

The Swiss Central Police Bureau, Bern, Switzerland, has furnished the following information:

The Geneva Police have reported that ALEX and DIETGARD FUEGER stayed at the Hotel Richemond in Geneva, Switzerland, between January 6 and 8, 1965, and checked in again on January 12, 1965. The couple left the hotel on January 13 with flight tickets to Athens and requested that any mail should be forwarded to the Hotel Bristol in Paris. It appears that the journey to Athens was short-termed.

While staying at the Hotel Richemond, ALEX and FUEGER made the following telephone calls:

No. 32 68 00 Swiss Rent-a-Car, Geneva (several calls)

No. 34 15 15 Spycher's Swissways, Geneva

No. 31 21 30 Cook's Agency, Geneva

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No. 32 06 06 Veron Grauer Co. (Garage Riesbach, Geneva)

No. 25 83 50 Air France, Geneva

The 1964-65 telephone directory lists Spycher's Swissways as an auto rental service.

On February 10, 1965, Mr. CLAUDE ROBERT, of the Police Judiciaire (Criminal Police), Surete Nationale, at Nice, France, advised that investigation in Nice revealed that SUZANNE FUEGER, also known as DIETGARD FUEGER, is unknown at 177 Promenade des Anglais, Nice. This was the address reportedly furnished by FUEGER at the time she departed from the Hotel Bristol, Paris, on January 17 or 18, 1965.

ROBERT advised that the possessor of French identity card #RZ45437, which was the card allegedly furnished by the subject for identification at the Bristol Hotel, was issued on August 12, 1961 to THERESE JOSEPHINE GARELLI, born November 11, 1919, at Nice, divorced from JOSEPH DISDIER. She resides at 177 Promenade des Anglais, Nice, and she still possesses her card. She has no explanation for the fact that the hotel reported this French identity card number as being in the possession of FUEGER. She does not know FUEGER or GUS ALEX. Miss GARELLI visited the United States once in May, 1964 at which time she visited Mr. and Mrs. BALABAN, the proprietor of "Paramount" in New York City.

Further inquiry is being conducted by the French police and any pertinent information received will be furnished to the Bureau.

The following information was received from the Customs Office, Chicago, Illinois, regarding the arrival of FUEGER at O'Hare International Airport and regarding the still unknown port of arrival for ALEX:

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The following letter was received from Consulate General of Switzerland, Chicago Office, dated February 17, 1965:

Re: ALEX GUS, born on April 1st, 1914,
assumedly living in Evergreen Park, Ill.

I have been requested by my Government to serve notice regarding an Interdiction of Entry into Switzerland to the above captioned person against receipt.

Due to the frequent change of address I am unable to attain the aforesaid GUS ALEX. As I have reasons to believe that he is known to you I would appreciate it if you could devulge to me information as to his most recent address and furnish me if possible with particulars regarding his actual name or names and his civil status, etc.

It is needless to say that any information given to me will be handled confidentially.

It is noted that the above letter is for the purpose of barring ALEX from Switzerland.

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