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REFERENCES: Report of SA ROBERT A. COOK dated 9/11/61 at Chicago. Minneapolis airtels to Chicago dated 8/29 and 9/18/61. (Interoffice)

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LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct and report investigation concerning the background and activities of GUS ALEX in accordance with Bureau letter to New York dated November 27, 1957 entitled, "TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM. ANTI-RACKETEERING".

INFORMANTS

CG T-2 is CG 6443-C contacted by SAs WILLIAM A. MEINCKE and JOSEPH G. SHEA 8/3/61 through 9/25/61.

CG T-3 is CG 6450-C*.

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CG T-6 is PCI [redacted] contacted by SAs ROBERT A. COOK and JOHN W. PARISH 8/4/61 through 10/11/61.

CG T-8 is JOHN I. HOWE, partner, North American Detective Agency, Chicago, Illinois, contacted by SA ROBERT A. COOK on 9/14/61. (Upon request)

CG T-12 is LILA FERCHAK, Manager, apartment building at 1216 North Astor Street, Chicago, Illinois, contacted by SA ROBERT A. COOK on 9/5/61. (Upon request)

CG T-14 is an anonymous source.

CG T-14 is SANDY SMITH, Reporter, Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois, contacted by SA JOHN W. PARISH on 9/25/61.

CG T-16 is PCI [redacted] contacted by SA JOHN W. PARISH on 9/27/61 and 10/9/61.

CG T-17 is [redacted] PCI, contacted by SA EDWARD H. NEHLS on 9/6/61 and 9/29/61.

CG T-18 is CG 6272-C contacted by SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER on 9/28/61.

CG T-19 is GEORGE E. Q. JOHNSON, Jr., Attorney, 105 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, contacted by SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER on 9/30/61 and 10/10/61. (Upon request)

CG T-20 is PCI [redacted] contacted by SA PAUL E. MARUM on 9/15/61.

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IV. PLACES FREQUENTED BY GUS ALEX

Andres Restaurant

CG T-2 advised on September 7, 1961 that ALEX and other Chicago area "hoodlums" meet on occasion at the Andres Restaurant, which is located on Superior Street in Chicago's near North side. CG T-2 advised Andres is a Greek individual who formerly owned Spiro's Restaurant and that GEORGE BRAVOS, a close associate of ALEX, used to work for ANDRES at Spiro's.

Mike Fish's Restaurant

CG T-3 advised that GUS ALEX, EDDIE VOGEL and BUTCH LADON, chauffeur of ALEX, were present at Mike Fish's Restaurant, Ontario and Rush Street, Chicago, on the evening of September 27, 1961.

CG T-18 advised on September 28, 1961 that on the previous evening he had met at Mike Fish's Restaurant with GUS ALEX, EDDIE VOGEL, BUTCH LADON and one ROCKY, whose last name he could not recall. CG T-18 said ALEX was interested in his testimony before the Mc Carran Committee and specific questions asked the informant by Senators relative to an alleged partnership between ALEX and the informant. CG T-18 said he facetiously accused ALEX of telling people that he and the informant were partners which ALEX vehemently denied. CG T-18 advised ALEX said, "Now you can realize what I've been going through for the past three and a half years since the FBI started on me. Now you can understand."

MGM Lounge

CG T-3 advised that on the evening of September 27, 1961, GUS ALEX, EDDIE VOGEL, BUTCH LADON and SUZANNE MAIER, current girl friend of ALEX, visited the MGM Lounge, 1839

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These individuals did not bring any fish back, and said they were not shipping any back but said fishing was very good at Ball Lake. They also advised customs men they had not been to Ball Lake before and this was the first time they had met BARNEY LAMM. GUS ALEX was carrying what appeared to be an 8 mm movie camera.

At about 12:25 PM, on August 24, 1961, ROBERT PALMER, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Fort Frances, Canada advised he had received word from his fellow employee RON BROWN at Kenora that subject and his companions had been at Ball Lake with a SAM TAYLOR and another man and woman. A few minutes later, STANLEY MEYER, United States Customs Agent advised he had just checked a metallic purple 1961 Pontiac, four-door, into the United States and this car had an Illinois License, 3 people in the car, and the driver was a SAM TAYLOR. The car and riders had been given the usual cursory check and no additional data was obtained except that these individuals had been to Ball Lake. Efforts were immediately coordinated between United States Customs, Border Patrol, International Falls Police Department, and this Bureau to locate the car in the United States. It was located traveling South and the car was stopped at Orr, Minnesota, 55 miles from International Falls. Here the individuals apparently stopped to stretch and went into the gas station. Also at this point the United States Customs and United States Border Patrol made contact with the passengers. SAM TAYLOR, the driver, did the talking for the group. He was very arrogant and refused to be searched or his car checked as he had been entered into the United States at International Falls. Customs officer FRANK DURZENSKI immediately telephonically checked with his office and was advised he had the authority to examine the car and occupants thoroughly even at this point and also that SAM TAYLOR was listed on the "U. S. Attorney General's Racket List." He also verified that GUS ALEX and VOGEL are listed in the United States Customs Lookout Book.

The Pontiac had Illinois License GH 8848. Customs determined the registered owner to be a DOMINIC SIBILANO, 5541 West Belmont, Chicago, Illinois, a furniture dealer.

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Customs Officer DURZENSKI stated he seemed to recall that SIBILANO was somehow associated with a, name not recalled, undertaker in Chicago about 2½ to 3 years ago and this undertaker is now in jail for "dipping" into the estate of some woman he had in the mortuary.

PERKOVICH mentioned to DURZENSKI that he and Mr. and Mrs. TAYLOR had been at Ball Lake for the past nine days.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police PALMER advised on August 24, 1961 that LAMM is a landed immigrant in Canada but not a Canadian citizen.

On August 21, 1961, SA KARL M. ZEIMES noted subject ALEX was met at the Minneapolis Airport Terminal by a person described as white, male, late 40s or early 50s, dark complexion, approximately 6 feet tall, about 200 pounds, wearing small black check sport coat and carrying tan top coat and medium-sized dark leather bag. This person and ALEX left on North Central Flight Number 683, 11:45 AM for International Falls, Minnesota.

On August 31, 1961, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer ROBERT PALMER, Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada, advised that Corporal RON BROWN of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Detachment at Kenora, Canada, had just been transferred to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Detachment at Fort William, Canada, and he may be somewhat late in furnishing whatever information he had regarding subject's trip to Ball Lake.

On September 1, 1961, Corporal BROWN was telephonically contacted at Fort William, Canada, at which time he advised that he was in the process of transferring and he would furnish what information he had in the near future. On September 15, 1961, information was received from Corporal BROWN that he was able to develop only very little information at Ball Lake in this matter. He did determine that a phone call was made by subject ALEX to a HARRY HOLLEY, telephone number PI 8-0939, Chicago, Illinois. This call was billed

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to the camp and was paid for by ALEX along with his account when he left. BROWN states that BARNEY LAMM's Ball Lake Lodge is probably the best in the Kenora area, rates being around \$40.00 a day. LAMM is an American from around Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, but has now become a naturalized Canadian. BROWN states that LAMM has co-operated with him on many occasions and he believes LAMM and his staff to be of the highest order. BROWN stated that there appeared to be no reason for instant trip by ALEX to Ball Lake except for ALEX and his associates to engage in some fishing and relaxation. BROWN estimated that the bill for ALEX and his associates came to approximately \$300.00 on an individual basis for the time that they were at the camp. He was not able to determine how the bill was paid. He could furnish no information regarding any individual in ALEX's group having been called by the name of RIP.

A surveillance was conducted on subject GUS ALEX, "BUTCH" LADON, and VOGEL at the Wold Chamberlain Municipal Airport on August 24, 1961 by SA BRYAN J. MOGEN and SA KARL M. ZEIMES.

All three individuals arrived at the terminal at 3:42 PM on a North Central Flight from International Falls, Minnesota. The three then went directly to the United Airlines ticket counter where LADON made arrangements for them to leave on the 4:00 Flight. While LADON was making these arrangements, VOGEL took three cardboard cartons about one foot square and a red and white plastic bag and gave them to a colored porter who placed the items in locker number 201. While this was going on, GUS ALEX stood in the background. A conference then ensued between the three individuals after which time LADON returned to the ticket counter and cancelled the previous flight arrangements and made arrangements to leave on Flight number 404, which was scheduled to leave Minneapolis at 5:00 PM and arrive at Midway Airport, Chicago, at 7:00 PM. LADON made the arrangements under the name of CRANE and WALSH. All three individuals then hurriedly left the airport, got into a yellow cab in front, Minnesota license 3U5112.

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