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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to follow and report the activities of ALEX.

ADMINISTRATIVE

CG 7016-PC is a leader of organized crime, whose identity is known to the Bureau. On March 9, 1967, contact was made with him by SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER, JR. It is the normal procedure of this source to evade direct questions put to him, but to be generally responsive when conversation is directed into general matters of investigative interest in areas where it is known the source is knowledgeable. However, inasmuch as his answers in response to this technique are not specifically responsive to any question asked, the information which he provides is therefore subject to interpretation and conclusions by the contacting Agent. Therefore, the information provided by this informant in this instance is placed on the administrative pages, rather than in the body of this report.

On March 9, 1967, through conversation of CG 7016-PC, it was determined that GUS ALEX, LESLIE KRUSE and RALPH PIERCE, with HY GODFREY assisting were at that time interested in defeating the bill generally referred to as the "Stop and Frisk Bill" which was at that time pending in the Illinois State General Assembly. It is noted that this bill would authorize local police in Illinois to stop any person they reasonably believe may have just committed a crime or was about to commit one and obtain from that person his identity and an explanation for his conduct. The bill would also provide permission to allow a search for a weapon. From the conversation of the source at that time, it appeared that ALEX, PIERCE and KRUSE, who formerly worked under the direction of MURRAY L. HUMPHREYS, were now engaged on behalf of organized crime in the function of establishing and maintaining contacts with public officials, members of the judiciary, law enforcement officers and members of organized labor so that whenever favorable treatment is desired from any members

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of these groups such might be obtained. It is noted that HUMPHREYS formerly had this function and used ALEX, PIERCE and KRUSE in this regard. It is believed that when HUMPHREYS died on November 23, 1965, this function was then taken over by these three leaders of organized crime in the Chicago area.

INFORMANTS

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
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CG T-5, CG 6588-C-TE	1/18/67	SA RUSSELL R. GIRSCH
CG T-6, CG 6614-C	4/13/67	SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER, JR.
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CG T-9, CG 7032-C	1/30/67	SA HAROLD K. JOHNSON

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It has previously been reported that the Swiss government has furnished ALEX information that they had banned any further entry of him in Switzerland. They also furnished ALEX and his attorney information as to the reasons for their action in this regard and this information has previously been reported.

In March, 1967, the following information was furnished by a confidential source abroad from the records in the files of the Swiss authorities:

1. A letter dated May 15, 1965, from Dr. Iur. HUGO ROSENSTIEL and Dr. Iur. ANDREAS GIRSBERGER, 8011 Zurich, Talstr. 11, who appear to have been ALEX's former legal representatives in Zurich. This letter forwards a birth certificate for ALEX, a police certificate stating that ALEX had no police record in Evergreen Park, Illinois, and a police certificate stating that ALEX had no criminal record in Cook County, Illinois.
2. An article from the April 28, 1965, No. 18 issue of the German weekly "Der Spiegel," which was entitled "AL CAPONE'S HEIRS HOLD A MEETING EVERY DAY - THE CHIEFS OF THE COSA NOSTRA" by BILL DAVIDSON.
3. Ill A letter to the Swiss authorities from Congressman WILLIAM L. DAWSON, from Chicago, dated July 11, 1966, in which he stated that ALEX was his constituent and friend whom he had known for 25 years. Congressman DAWSON wrote that as far as he was aware ALEX had never been convicted of an offense against United States law. He concluded by describing ALEX as a law-abiding, decent, successful representative of the business community in Chicago.

4. A letter from EVERETT MC KINLEY ~~DIRKSEN~~, United States Senator, to the Swiss authorities, in which he stated that it was his understanding that ALEX had no criminal record whatsoever, and that despite this, ALEX had been denied entry into Switzerland on the basis of criminal behavior of an undesired foreigner. Senator ~~DIRKSEN~~ asked that ALEX be informed of the basis for this action on the part of the Swiss authorities, and asked that the Swiss government reconsider its decision. DC
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5. Signed statement of ALEX dated October 20, 1966, in which he explained that the discrepancies in his birth date were caused by an error on the part of the midwife who delivered him. He denied ever having been a bodyguard for anyone, and stated that he was not responsible for rackets in the Chicago underworld, nor was he a gang leader. He added that he was not the owner of, nor did he have an interest in any gambling casino, legally or illegally operated, nor had he ever taken over the De Luxe Cigarette Company.

With regard to accusations in the "Spiegel" article, he had never been a vice-president of the Cosa Nostra, and was not nor had he been one of GIANCANA's directors in the syndicate. He was not a capregima in the syndicate and was not nor ever had been in the past connected with prostitution.

He claimed that he does not live in an apartment under the name of SAM TAYLOR, but that SAM and MAE TAYLOR are his brother and sister-in-law who have adopted the name TAYLOR.

The AL CAPONE regime ended when ALEX was 17 years old, and ALEX never knew or saw CAPONE. He claimed he had never taken part in the shooting of three rival gangsters, or of any person. He had never been convicted of an offense against the laws of the State of Illinois or any other state, except for minor traffic offenses.

6. A letter dated November 30, 1966, from Dr. AUGUST KELLER, Attorney, Zurich, who appears to be ALEX's present legal counsel, to the Swiss authorities stated that his client claims never to have done anything which was not allowed or which would make him undesirable in Switzerland. If ALEX had had illegal gambling halls, why hadn't the authorities prosecuted him? From 1953 to 1954, he worked for Stanley Stupner, Incorporated, liquor distributors, in the sales department. From 1955 to 1957, and part of 1958, he worked for Blatz Brewing Company as sales manager. From 1957 to 1958, he worked as head of the public relations department of De Luxe Cigarette Service, Incorporated. In 1958, he worked as head of the public relations department of Ajax Phonograph Company. He never had any financial interest in these firms, however.

In 1950, he visited Greece with his mother. Since 1956 to 1957, he has gone to Europe every year for winter sports, except for the winter of 1959 to 1960 when he was sick.

In 1961, he visited Greece, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and made vacation trips to Mexico, Canada and the Bahamas. On some of these trips he was accompanied by his wife.

7. With regard to the various names used by ALEX, Attorney E. BERNSTEIN in Chicago, lawyer for the De Luxe Cigarette Company, informed by letter dated August 15, 1966, that ALEX uses an apartment under the name TAYLOR, which is the name of his brother-in-law (sic.). ALEX has an account at the American National Bank under the name G. N. ALEX. RYAN is the maiden name of ALEX's wife. His true birth date is April 1, 1916. He is a respected member of the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, Illinois, and Congressman WILLIAM L. DAWSON and Senator EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN have intervened on his behalf. Included with this letter was a blank check of the American National Bank and Trust Company, of Chicago, account number 401463, in the name of G. N. ALEX, also a statement dated August 22, 1966, signed by EARL KIES, president of the De Luxe Cigarette Service, Incorporated, and HAROLD EDWARDS, secretary, certifying that neither ALEX nor any of his family were owners for the Ajax Phonograph Company. Both firms were listed at 7730 Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois.
8. A letter dated August 20, 1966, from Reverend Father LOUIS T. GREANIAS, Pastor of the Orthodox Church at 4501 West 103rd Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois, certified that ALEX was a respected member of that congregation.

The confidential source abroad indicated that the Swiss government has come to the conclusion that they do not possess sufficient proof of a legal nature to uphold the interdiction of entry into Switzerland against ALEX.

V. CURRENT ASSOCIATES
OF GUS ALEX

FELIS "MILWAUKEE"
PHIL ALDERISIO

GUS ALEX

Chicago T-5 is an associate of a leader of organized crime in the Chicago area.

Chicago T-6 is an individual who is able to place himself in position where he can observe the activity of several leaders of organized crime in a regular basis.

Chicago T-7 is a source which previously provided continuing information concerning leaders of organized crime in the Chicago area.

Chicago T-8 is an associate of several leaders of organized crime in the Chicago area.

Chicago T-9 is an individual who by nature of his employment is in position to provide information concerning activity at 188 West Randolph, Chicago, Illinois.