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	SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Discreet investigation at 323 North Fulton Avenue, Paltimore, Maryland reveals no person
	nemed FX Barrett resides or is known at this address. No record of F. Barrett at Baltimore Police Department, Post Office, mercantile agencies nor is he listed in city directories.
	Photograph and fingerprints of former tenant this address obtained, photograph being transmitted to New York Office
	to be exhibited to Mr. Mickam.
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is a rooming house and that a number of people have been coming and going to this house in the past several months. It was learned from neighbors that this house was operated by Mrs. Lillie Guinan, a widow who ments out furnished rooms and small epartments. The neighbors interviewed by Agent advised that they knew vary little concerning Mrs. Guinan and the other tenents in the house, inasmuch as people come and go from this address at frequent intervals.

Agent at the Southwestern Police Station conferred with Lieutenant William B. Jones and Sergeant George Schlipper, who advised they had no information concerning one F. Barrett, nor did they have any information relating to the occupants of 323 Fulton Avenue.

He states he knows that Mrs. Lillie ; Guinan lives at this address with her two children, Frank and Alfred.

that he knows or nothing derogatory concerning Mrs. Guinan, but to the best of his recollection he believes that Frank Guinan is an ex-convict. He states he understood that Frank Guinan was in trouble in Florida and was sentenced from the Federal Court to the Atlanta or Leavenworth Penitentiary, the details of which he did not know.

States that he does not recall who gave him this information. Agent made arrangements with to make guarded inquiries concerning F. Barrett and when again interviewed by Agent stated he was unable to ascertain whether there was such a person residing at this address.

Agent without revealing his identity interviewed Mrs. Lillie Guinan, 323 North Fulton Avenue, who resides in the basement of this house. She states she is a widow and occupies the basement at this address. She states she never had anyone named F. Barrett living at her house, and that she never heard of this person. Mrs. Guinen states her son Frenk Guinan did not know of any such person. When questioned as to whether her son Frank was ever arrested, she stated to her knowledge he had never been in any trouble other than being involved in some minor trouble over an automobile somewhere in Florida about two years ago. She denied that her son Frank had ever served any time in any institution. She admitted, however, that he does not work steady and that he is at present unemployed and is now living at 1706 Fulton Avenue, b/C and that he has been living with a man named Carl Crawford at this address. She states the last position held by her son Frank was a

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Agent interviewed Lieutenant William P. Burns, Identification Division, Baltimore Police Department. who was unable to find a criminal record on F. Barrets or Frank Outname Similar inquiries were made by Agent at the Record Room, Police Department but nothing could be found on these persons.

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Conferred with Captain John H. Mintiens, Detective Bureau, Baltimore Police Department who agreed to allow Agent to borrow the original fingerprints of also the photograph of this person, in order that the photograph may be exhibited in New York, and that a search may be made of the fingerprint records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to ascertain whether has a criminal record.

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THE NEW YORK OFFICE AT NEW YORK CITY

will exhibit photograph of to Mr. R. W. Mickam, Executive Editor, Real Detective Stories, 444
Madison Avenue, to ascertain whether he can identify this picture as F. Barrett. If not, obtain a description of F. Barrett from Mr. Mickam.

(The Bureau requests three copies of reports in this matter).

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

upon receipt of information from the New York Office will endeavor to ascertain whether is F. Barrett; if necessary conduct similar inquiry as to Frank Guinan and Carl Crawford, 1706 Fulton Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

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Room 1403 370 Lexington Avenue New York, N. Y.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, Washington Field Office, dated July 27, 1935, in the matter of an article entitled "The 'X' Men" which appeared in the Detective Viction Weekly magazine published by the Frank Ad Munsey Company of New York City in the issue of May 4, 1935.

Special Agent George J. Starr of this office called at the office of Frank A. Munsey Company, 280 Broadway, New York City, and in the absence of William Theowart, president, talked with Albert J. Fibney, an associate publisher of the Frank A. Munsey Company. Mr. Gibney stated that before disclosing the identity of the writer of the article he would want to discuss the matter with the lawyers for the company. He stated, however, that the article was written by a man formerly in the Government service and now residing in New Jersey. Mr. Gibney stated that he had no knowledge of the authenticity of the article and that the statements contained therein might be true or untrue. He personally had no knowledge of the extent to which they could be relied upon.

Mr. Gibney subsequently telephoned to agent Starr and stated that he had been in communication with the author of the article and the latter promised to be in Gibney's office on Thursday or Friday of this week, at which time he would talk with Agent Starr whom he claimed to know. On Thursday of this week, in the absence of Agent of Starr, a telephone call was received from Mr. Gibney's office, which was handled by Special Agent F. X. O'Donnell of this office, and the

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person calling stated that he was Mr. Gibney, that the person to be interviewed was then in his office, and that he had informed Gibney that he was well acquainted with Agent Starr and preferred to talk personally with that agent. The person calling then stated that the man in his office told him he lived out of town and would be in town again on Monday when he would telephone this office before calling to see Agent Starr.

Charles E. Russell, called at this office and was interviewed by Agent Starr. Major Russell stated to Agent Starr that he was the author of the magazine article, that he was the man who talked with Agent O'Donnell from Mr. Gibney's office, and that his reason for being so cautious was that he did not want to be "put on the spot" by discussing the matter indiscriminately with some agent whom he did not know. Major Russell stated that the statements contained in the article which was published in Detective Fiction Weekly are absolutely correct as to facts, that whatever embellishments appear therein were merely added to make a better story, but that the substance is absolutely correct. The meeting referred to occurred, however, in Brooklyn, N. Y., and not in a mid-western city, and the man to whom the \$10,000.00 a week offer was made is Major Russell himself.

Major Russell stated that the headquarters of the Al Capone syndicate have been shifted from Chicago to Brooklyn, and that the entire racket syndicate field, including vice, gambling, liquor and various other lines, is now controlled and directed by a man named Vito and two men named \Totto of Brooklyn. They have associated with them many notorious recketeers, including butch" Schultz, and the three men named are the heads of the syndicate. At their headquarters they have a group of young men, none of whom appear to be over twenty-four years of age, who are professional killers and whose activities are limited to performing that function for the syndicate. They have numerous henchmen, including young lawyers, doctors, and various other men of the professional type, as well as the usual gangster type. They receive a "cut" from all the racketeer operations from Chicago to the east coast and from Boston to below Philadelphia. Some time, possibly along in April, they had Russell come to their meeting place and there in the presence of from twelve to fifteen men, including Vito, one of the Tottos, "Dutch" Schultz and others, made to him the proposition which is set out in the magazine article. Major Russell stated that

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they are absolutely desperate, that they are fighting their battles to the wall, and that they feel something has to be done to surb the activities of the Department of Justice agents.

Agent Starr states that he has known Major Russell for a number of years and there has always been some doubt as to him. Russell claims to have been one of the more important men in charge of Military Intelligence operations in France and elsewhere in Europe during the World War. He has written magazine articles and possibly books about his various almost unbelievable exploits. In many instances it seems to be impossible to determine whether he is dealing with fact or fiction in his articles and talks. In addition to his writings he has frequently talked over the air and at various gatherings, and on such occasions he manages to create the impression that he actually directed the investigations whereof he speaks and that they are true happenings.

When Colonel Peter Traub was stationed at Governors Island, New York, he and Russell were very friendly and at that time Russell gave a series of lectures considered to be of a confidential nature on espionage and counter-espionage. These lectures were given in the Army Building and were attended by reserve and regular Army officers. Agent Starr attended practically all of the lectures and he states that so iar as he could determine the instructions given were valuable and apparently based on a good knowledge of the subject or were the result of considerable reading. These lectures were illustrated by occasional stories of episodes occurring over seas, but as to the authenticity of these stories Agent Starr has no knowledge.

The officers of the Military Intelligence Division stationed on Governors Island, New York, have on many occasions been doubtful of Major Russell's background and have seriously questioned his right to insimuate that he occupied a position of responsibility in the Military Intelligence over seas during the World War. The Intelligence office here and in the War Department at Washington should have considerable information as to Major Russell.

Major Russell stated to Agent Starr that he knows you quite well, having become acquainted with you when "Billy Burns", as he called him, was the Director of the Bureau.

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Agent Starr states that he is unable to form a definite opinion as to whether or not Russell has anything tangible to offer. In spite of his emphatic restatement of what appears in the magazine article and his claim of close contact with these underworld characters developed as a result of favors which he has been able to do for them from time to time, it appears that he, according to his own statement, attempted to expose them on the radio. It is somewhat difficult to reconcile these two attitudes. In addition to his verbal corroboration of the magazine article, he stated further to Agent Starr that the inside story of AlCapone, which was published in the newspapers some time ago, was written by him at Capone's request and with material furnished by Capone; that the purpose of writing the series of articles was to clear up to the satisfaction of the underworld the stories which were floating around regarding the so-called "mark of the rat" - the scar which appears on Capone's cheek. Russell stated that a man was sent here from Chicago to deliver to him an envelope which presumably contained money to reimburse him for having written these articles but that he declined to accept this envelope, stating that he had already been paid by the newapaper syndicate which published the articles. Russell further stated that the inside story of Frankie Uale, alias Frankie Yale, also was written by him with material furnished through/underworld sources.

Russell vas very emphatic in his statement that the underworld desires to triant, if not possibly already successful in so doing, men in the Federal Bureau of Investigation or, as he terms it, the Department of Justice, and he stated that he was told by these underworld characters that they have available men who can meet all the requirements for appointment to a position in the Department.

The above are statements made as statements of fact by Russell. As against this, however, Agent Starr notes that there are times when there seems to be a lack of sincerity in Russell's statements. Occasionally he slightly changes the information which he furnishes.

Russell indicated that he is anxious to cooperate with the Bureau, that he would expect to make no money out of it, and that he sees a serious menace in the situation. He further indicated that if the Bureau will pay his expenses he will be perfectly willing to proceed to Washington to discuss this matter with you personally;

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otherwise, he will be glad to discuss it further with Agent Starr. The matter was left open to future contact inasmuch as Agent Starr informed Russell that this information would be transmitted direct to you and that thereafter Agent Starr would communicate with him.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Washington Field office for Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, marked "Personal and Confidential".

No further action will be taken in this matter pending receipt of instructions from the Bureau.

Very truly yours

R. WHITLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Hr. R. Whitley, Federal Bureau of Investigation, W. S. Department of Justice, \$70 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York, New York.

Dear Str.

Reference is made to year personal and confidential letter of August 3, 1935 relating to the interview had by Special Agent George J. Fiber with Major Charles E. Russell concerning the publication in the Detective Fiction Weekly magazine of May 4, 1935 of an article entitled "The 'E' Men", and to your letter of August 24, 1935 in the case entitled ALPHONSE GAPOER with aliases, et al. Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband out of the S. S. Penitentisty, Atlanta, Georgia.

It is desired that you arrange immediately to have Special Agent Starr conduct a further interview with Major Russell for the purpose of obtaining all information in his possession concerning both of these matters. I do not consider it necessary at the present time for Major Russell to proceed to Washington and discuss this matter with me.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge, New York, M. Y.

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In connection with the above entitled investigation, attention is directed to the report submitted by Special Agent M. D. Traub, of this effice, dated July 29, 1935. This effice was advised today by the Mashville, Tennessee, office that the Sheriff at Kingsport, Tennessee, is holding Frenk Guinan, parelse, 323 Borth Fulton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Appropriate action has been taken by the Department whereby a parels warrant is being forwarded to the United States Marshallerwaring Kingsport. Tennessee, so that Guinan may be taken into custody.

Guinan was convicted for forging a money order and sentenced to serve three years in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. It is possible that Guinan is the individual who delivered to Mr. R. M. Mickan, Executive Editor, Real Detective Stories, 444 Medison Avenue, New York City, a manuscript entitled "Biography of all Capone's life in the United States Penitentiary", together with variances paper alippings, photographs of purported innates of the Atlanta Penitentiary, access of that institution, considerable correspondence to that are purported to be efficial records of that institution.

I am attaching herete a photograph of Frank Guinan, Atlanta Penitentiary \$42507, which you are kindly requested to exhibit to Mr. Mickan in an effort to establish the identity of the individual who left the above described data with him.

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Dear Sir

For your further information, in conducting inventigation with reference to one Frank Tuinas, who is being hald by the Sheelff at Kingsport, Tennessee, as a parole violator, on June 29, 1935, the Bureau notifies the Fashington Field Office that on May 14, 1935, Se. J. N. Mickey, Executive Editor, Real Detective Stories, AAA Madison Avenue, New York City, delivered to the New York Bureau office a manuscript entitled "The Biography of Al Capone's Life in the itlanta Penitentiary, together with various newspaper olippings, photographs of purported innetes of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, scenes of that institution, considerable correspondence, and what are purported to be official records of the penitentiary. Er. Hickory advised confidentially that these data had been left with him by a ir. I. Bayrett, of 323 North Fulton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, she had called to sell the semusoript, and that he, Mr. Micken, was referring the matter to the Bureau for the reason that he believed that some of the papers were official records of the United States Penitentiary.

Photostatic copies of the manuscript and the accompanying data were submited to the Department of Justice and a request has been received from the Assistant to the Attorney General, Mr. Stanley, that this material be considered in connection with the investigation being conducted by the Dureau in the above entitled case. Mr. Stanley has also requested information regarding the identity of the author of the manageripts

Accordingly, it is requested that your office institute an immediate and discreet investigation regarding the antecedents and connections of Barrett. Three copies of reports in this matter should be furnished the

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other information which would be of value to you in conducting the investigation requested by telegram on August 19, 1935. Therefore, it is desired that you have an Agent interview Frank Guinan in an affort to establish whether or not be delivered the above described documents to Mr. Midwa.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH, Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1103 370 Lexington Avenue New York, N. Y.

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August 24, 1935.

Director. Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

> ALPHONSE CAPONE with aliages. RE: O. T. BISHOP. STEPHEN T. BROWN. Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband out of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to my personal and confidential letter to you dated August 3, 1935, relative to the investigative activity conducted by Special Agent George J. Starr of this office concerning article entitled "The 'X' Men" which appeared in the Detective Fiction Weekly Magazine published by the Frank A. Munsey Company of New York City, in the issue of May 4, 1935, in New York File No. 62-5556.

A review of this file and the above entitled matter indicates the possibility of Major Charles E. Russell having some knowledge concerning the U. S. Penitentiary matter. The letter of reference indicates that in addition to the article mentioned above, Major Russell has written a number of magazine articles and possibly books, relative to matters criminal and stated to Agent Starr that he had written the "inside story" of Al Capone at Capone's request, and from material furnished by Capone himself.

In view of Major Russell's interest in criminal activities, and alleged previous connection with Alphonse Carone, the Bureau is now being requested to consider the a dvisability of having Agent Starr again interfiew Major Russell for the surpose of determining whether he has any knowledge of the manuscript entitled "The Biography of Al Capone's Life in the Atlanta Penitentiary" which was submitted to Mr. R. Wo Mickam, Executive Editor, Real Detective Stories", New York City, together with various newspaper clippings, RECORDED

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Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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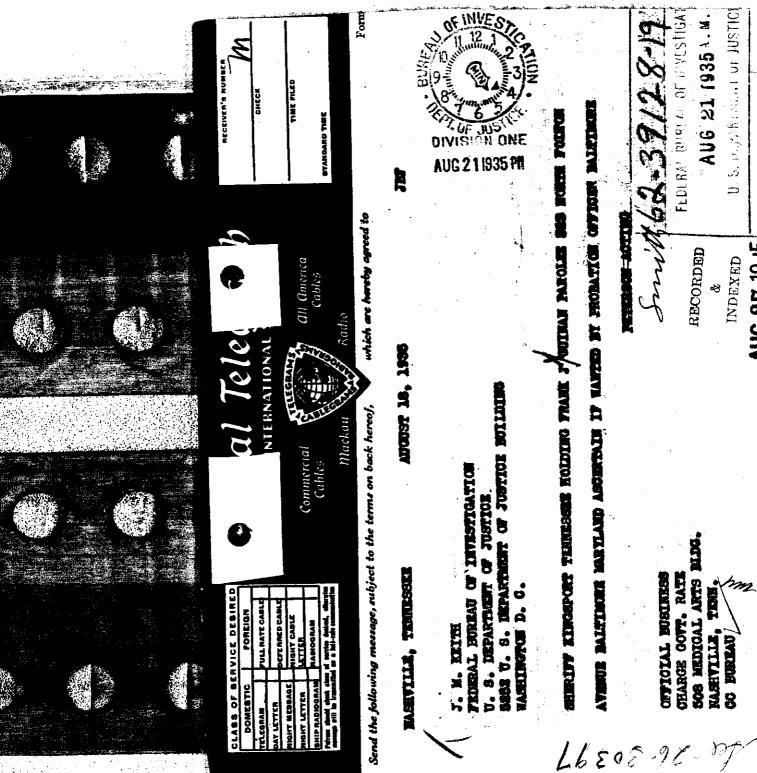
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Atlantic City, New Jersey, and that he also called his brother, name and telephone number unknown, at Baltimore, Maryland.

Pierce also advised be learned during the talaphone call to Atlantic City that Guinan had permission from his dirl friend to frim her four door 1954 model Plymouth Sedam, color, gumetal, actor may leave the serial for Jersey License

Frank J. Suinan, who gave his address as 525 Morth Felton
Avenue, Baltimere, Maryland, advised that during January of 1955, he was sent
tensed by the Federal Judge at Moanoke, Virginia, to serve three years in the
Pederal Ponitentiary for forgary of Post Office money orders; that in July
of 1954 he received a parole and was instructed to report on the first of
each menth to the parole officer, Mr. Richard Eddy, Baltimore, Maryland, Guinan
advised he reported to the parole officer as required, on August 1, 1935, and
a few days later Fent to Atlantic City, New Jersey, to see his girl friend,
it that he visited her for
a few days and proceeded to Buffalo, New Jors to seek employment at some steel
mill which he heard was being constructed; that he remained in Buffalo for two
nights and that on the second night he met Carl Grawford, another paroles,
and that they decided to go to Kingsport, Tennessee, and from there he was going
to Tampa, Florida, and arrange for his girl friend to open a beauty parlor
there.

Guinan stated that he and his girl friend were planning to get married and he had permission to drive her Plymouth Sedan and he had letters in his possession establishing the fact that he had permission to drive the ear, and he also had his girl friend's auto registration carde

but that when he was sent to the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, his wife divorced him and the last he heard of her she was living at the last he heard of her she was living the divorce, she has moved to either and he has not heard from her since the time she moved.

Guinan related that a short time after he arrived at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, he was assigned to duty in the effice of the record elerk and his duties were to take distation and write form late term for the signature of the record elerk and other officials at the penitentiary. A man by the name of Merriman was assigned to the record elerk's affice and was assigned to take our of the files.

Guinan advised that while he was in the penitentiary, he wrote a small book, entitled "Remember Man" which consisted of about 150 pages, but that he was refused permission to have it printed until his sentence had been served. Guinan said his book contained no photographs or any reference to official records, because all this would be cut out when the

book was consored by the officials at the Pontentiary, apparaing to Columnia statement, no one is permitted to have a bound or semesa while that are in penitentiary and so one is permitted to print anything about the distal and the officials make periodical inspections of all prisoner's beaks and personal effects

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Guinen denied writing anything about Al Capons or being a party to a conspiracy to receive and sand contraband out of the Tederal Pant tentiary at Atlanta, and he further stated that all prisoners who had any connections with Capone while he was in the Penifentiary, either last their good time or were placed in that part of the Penitentiary known as "the below. Guinan said that the only thing he heard of Capone's having sangeled into the ponitentiary was silk underwear and money.

After Guinen reserved his Parele during July of 1954, he was employed by his brother, Raymond Quinan, who sperates a printing and stationery establishment at 217 West Franklin Street, Baltimore, Maryland, until March of 1935, The state of the s

Guinan stated he has been in New York City, New York, several times but that he has not been there since 1989. He denies knowing R. K. Micken, executive editor of the Real Detective Stories, 444 Medison Avenue, New York City, New York, or F. Barrett, 585 North Julton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Quinan advised he has stayed at a rocaing house on 37th Street, near Minth Street, and at a rooming house on 191st Street near St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, New York, but that he does not remember the names of the rocking houses nor the names of the persons in charge of them.

For the benefit of the Mashville Office a description of Guinan is included in this report, which was farmished by Guinan and taken from observation.

> Frank J. Guinan 35 years (Hera Des. 19, 1900, at Baltimore Boight Weight 125 pounds Daild. Slonder Bair Dark Brown Gray, or light blue Lyes Complexion Middy, apparently he never wears a hat Mustache or beard Clean shaven Testh Regular Hone Scars **Pecularities** Hone Everlasses Hone Residence 523 North Fulton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland Occupation Private Secretary & clerical work

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Guisan claims that the property of 323 North Fulton Avanue, Baltimore, Maryland, is the property of his mother, Lillie Guinan, and that it is an apartment house,

Guinan is being held by the Sheriff of Sullivan County at Kingsport, Temmessee, for the Unived States Marshal.

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Room 1403 370 Lexington Avenue New York City

GJS :EL 62-5552 September 10, 1935

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, NW, Washington, D. C.

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Re: ALPHONSI CAPONE, with aliases, et al. CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from this office to the Bureau, dated August 24, 1935, and the reply thereto which was contained in personal and contained letter from the Director dated August 29, 1935.

In accordance with the instructions contained in the Bureau letter, Special Agent George J. Starr of this office interviewed Major Charles E. Russell regarding the above matter. Major Russell stated that he was not the author of the article which was submitted to Real Detective Stories entitled "The Biography of Al Capone's Life in the Atlanta Penitentiary," supposed to have been written by F. Barrett, Baltimore, Md. The hame of Barrett was mentioned, but brought no response or reaction from Major Russell, who apparently was not at all familiar with the name. He could offer no information as to who might write an article of that nature, but expressed the belief that it might be an article more or less concocted by someone having some superficial knowledge of the general situation.

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States Penitentiary at Atlanta, scenes of that institution, considerable correspondence, and what were purported to be official records of the penitentiary. The second letter of reference indicates that Mr. Nicken turned all this material over to this fire and the same too lower.

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Micken said that he had very little conversation with Barrett and told him to leave the manuscript with him and that he would read the same over and motiff him of his decision concerning to the Fulton Avenue address in Baltimores. Mo. At this time, Barrett said that it was hacessary to keep the matter entirely confidential as he was violating his parole from the Atlanta Penitentiary.

Micken informed that after he received the manuscript beek from the Department of Justice, he sent the sene to Carl Brandt, Ashland 4-5690, a literary agent, who, after he read the sene, informed Nicken that he could not possibly use is and refurned it by insured express to 1. herrest, NAS Borch Fulton Avenue, Beltimore, Mr. Brandt, advised that he had meet seem the man alleged to be Borrett, and had not entered into any correspondence with Mas. He did say that the manuscript was shipped by insured express an igne 26, 1935, collect, and that the same had not been returned to his undelivered. Micken also stated that he believed Barrett had called him on the long distance telephone on one occasion from Baltimore, concerning the sale of the manuscript.

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Saltsmore, Mar. -April 29, 1935.

> Attention: Secretary to Mr. R. W. Mickem, Editor.

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Friday moon, April 25th, 1935, I called on Mr. Micken with a manuscript entitled "Biography of Al Capene's Life in the Atlanta Denitentiary", and being advised Mr. Micken was out of the city, and you were not expected back before an hour, I took the liberty to place the manuscript and records and photographs, etc. with the young lady with Maca I conversed regarding the possibility of the story's acceptance by Heal Detective Story Magazine; At that vine I informed her it was compulsory I return to Baltimore before the following day, in order that I may make my parole report in person; and for that reason could not remain, since I was depending chiefly an free transportation home.

In order that you may better comprehend the story I give you a brief outline of its origin. While incarcerated in Atlanta I was secretary to the Record Clerk. In such position I had access to all correspondence and records, and was cognizant of every incident that occurred within the walls, not alone concerning Capone, but confidential matters between the prison and the Department of Justice in Washington. Recognizing my position Capone bid for and obtained my services as his prison secretary, even purchasing and giving to me a typewriter to use in the evenings with which to do his correspondence. Naturally, I was aware of every thought and

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Yery truly yours,

323 N. Julton Avenue

Barrett

Baltimore, Mr., May 10, 1935.

Mr. R. W. Mickam, Editor, REAL DETECTIVE STORY MAGAZINE, 444 Madison Avenue, New York City,

Dear Mr. Mickam:

I trust you have had an opportunity to read the

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so in conclusion I would suggest you inform me as early as you conveniently can just what your opinion in ——who shor you can or cannot use the material. The question of its being obtained should be a concern of mine, and being a parolee and not desirous of inflicting unnecessary punishment on myself. I do not fear the consequence of its publication since there is no proof as to how it was conveyed from the institution at Atlanta.

Please be kind enough to write up the early part of the week for which consideration them.

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Any remarks will be timely, and since the manuscript and records have been in your post session more than a month, I feel you must have reached a conclusion concerning your desire in the matter.

Please write that I may know by the date mentioned just what course I must take in the event you do not find the extince suitable for your publications

523 M. Fulton Ave.

Mr. Mickem was rejucted to part with these letters, but it is believed that he will furnish the originals to this office to be photostated if the Bureau requests the same.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT DE JUSTICE Re: Article Entitled "The K" Men",

Detective Fiction Weekly.

Dear Sir:

Director,

Washington, D. C.

Reference is made to letter from this office dated August 3, 1935, and Bureau reply thereto contained in personal and containtial letter from the Director dated August 29, 1935. Major Charles E Russell was interviewed by Special Agent George J. Starr of this office, and furnished to Agent Starr information to the effect that the present headquarters of the so-called "Capone Syndicate", controlling racketeering in the Middle West and East, is located in Brooklyn, N. Y., near the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

He made a rough diagram showing the Lane Democratic Club on York Street, and stated that this is e hangout for some of the minor members of the organization; that two of the so-palled "big shots" live on York Street; one of them, known to him as "Mike", lives on the same side of the street as the Lane Democratic Club is located and a block or so south, while another one, known to him as Charlie", lives on the opposite side of the street some distance north of the location of the Lane Democratic Club. The Lane Democratic Club is located at about the middle of the block, and according to Major Russell, the actual headquarters of the Syndicate is located in the premises occupied by an ice cream parlor on either one of the two streets between which the Lane Democratic Club is located and at the corner of the street east of Sands Street and parallel thereto. He stated that this location would be identified by the fact that diagonally across the street, in the middle of the block, would be found an Italian restaurant run by an individual who is supposed to be a Count. Major Russell also stated that a favorite hangout for these people is in a grill or cafe, the name of which is the "Seashell" or some similar name.

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Special Agents Starr and Bryan Farrell of this office drove through the territory included in Major Russell's description for the purpose of checking whether or not there is any indication of the accuracy of the addresses furnished. The agents found that the Lane Democratic Club is located at 200 York Street, telephone, Cumberland 6-9576, and it is situated between Gold and Charles Streets. The agents then drove along Gold Street, and at the corner of Gold and Nassau Streets found the Nassau Ice Cream Parlor. Nassau Street continues on into the Bridge Plaza, and located next to the ice cream parlor are some very well-built garages. Both of these facts corroborate what was mentioned by Major Russell in endeavoring to designate the exact location to Agent Starr. The Italian restaurant, however, which was supposed to be located diagonally across the street, was not observed by the agents. Following the street around the Navy Yard wall, agents found that the Sea Grill was located in approximately the location described by Major Russell, at the corner of North Elliott Street and Flushing Avenue.

As to the operations of these people, Major Russell stated that as far as he knows, these men do not themselves participate in any activities such as handling "hot" bonds or jewelry or operating any vice or gambling establishments. They do, however, completely control the so-called "protection" racket. They have divided the entire Middle West and East into districts, and the City of New York is also divided into districts, and the people operating in the various criminal activities in these districts do so with the permission of the Syndicate and in accordance with the dictates of the Syndicate. Disputes between various operators of illegal activities in the districts, or disputes between contiguous districts are settled by this Syndicate, and practically daily meetings are held by the heads of the Syndicate in the premises in which the abovementioned ice cream parlor is located. It is impossible to operate any of the profitable rackets without the sanction of this Syndicate, and the revenue of the Syndicate is derived from the cut which it takes on all revenue from such activities.

Major Russell states that the members of the Syndicate have no trouble getting things which they want. For example, he mentioned in confidence that when he expressed a desire to obtain a nice fox neck piece for his daughter, he obtained one through one of the members of this Syndicate for an amount far below its actual value. More recently, he states, he was approached by a certain Sheriff of New Jersey, whose name he did not disclose, but

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who is about sixty-five years of age and is shortly to be married, who desired to obtain a diamond bracelet for his intended bride, stating that he would like to get something worth about \$10,000 and would pay therefor about \$2,500. Major Russell states that he spoke to one of the members of the Syndicate, possibly either Mike or Charlie, and was told that the word would be sent out that such an article was wanted, and that as soon as it was available, it would be delivered to Major Russell. The latter states, however, that he informed them that he had no desire to handle the article and that when the article was obtained, if they notified him, he would bring their representative to the prospective purchaser or vice versa.

Agent inquired further of Major Russell whether or not he had any information to indicate that this Syndicate actually handled any "hot" bonds or securities at the premises where they have their headquarters, and he stated that they did not. Continuing along this line of conversation, however, he stated that in New York City, is located a somewhere on detective agency operated by a man named , who claims to have some very good contacts and supposedly does some work for the Standard Oil and Vacuum Oil Companies. One of his employees or associates is a man named , commonly This , according to Major Russell, has approached him on three different occasions regarding the possibility of disposing of some "hot" bonds or securities. However, Major Russell states he never went into any details of the matter, has absolutely no knowledge of the nature of the securities of which this men was trying to dispose, and does not know whether all three conversations pertained to the same lot of securities or whether these were three different transactions.

With reference to the financial activities of the Syndicate, Major Russell stated that the Syndicate is at the present time financing the construction of a large, glass-enclosed club or cafe, which is to be located on the bottom of the ocean somewhere near Miami, Fla., where the guests will be surrounded by marine life visible through the glass walls while they partake of refreshment, amusement and entertainment inside the glass-enclosed night club.

Agent Starr noted: two discrepancies in the information furnished by Major Russell. He stated that there were

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unlisted telephones in the premises occupied by the ice cream parlor, which premises served as headquarters for the Syndicate. This is not substantiated by the Brooklyn Address Telephone Directory.

During the previous interview, Major Russell stated to Agent Starr that after he had written the life of Capone, upon the latter's instructions, for the purpose of clearing up in the minds of the underworld and Capone's friends and enemies the reason for the scar on Capone's face, Capone sent to him by one of his henchmen an envelope which presumably, according to Major Russell, contained money to compensate him for having written the article. He stated, however, that he declined to accept this envelope, as he had been adequately compensated when he sold the story to the press. During the course of the more recent interview, passing reference was made to this incident, and on this occasion Major Russell stated that the envelope contained, as he termed it, "ten grand", meaning, of course, \$10,000. In connection with the above discrepancy, Agent Starr states that during the previous interview, it was made very clear by Major Russell that he had not seen the contents of the letter; therefore, could only presume that it contained money.

Major Russell promised to get in touch with Agent Starr at a future date in the event that he picked up any further information. The agent states that Major Russell appeared to be slightly disappointed that he had not been invited to Washington to be interviewed there or possibly here by the Director, although he stated to the agent that he was quite willing to discuss these matters with the agent, for the reason that he has known the agent for a number of years.

It is Major Russell's opinion that it will take a very clever agent to work in with these people, but that possibly it could be done by someone who looked the part and who could hang around the Sea Grill. He also suggested the possibility of taps on the telephones located in the premises where the ice cream parlor is.

No further investigation is being undertaken with reference to the activities of the Syndicate described by Major Russell, pending receipt of instructions from the Bureau.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Washington Field Office for the attention of Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, marked Personal and Confidential.

Very truly yours

Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Washington Field

Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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Special Agent in Charge, Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mare

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. B. Wright dated at New York City, September 25, 1935, in the above entitled matter, relative to the sorrespondence received from F. Barrett by R. W. Micken, Mittor, "Beal Detective Story Magazine", 444 Medicon Avenue, New York City.

There are forwarded herewith photostatic copies of the three original pieces of correspondence received by Mr. Micken from F. Barrett, copies of which are being retained in the New York file of this case.

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