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ALPHONSE CAPONE

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March 6, 1941

Honorable Guy T. Helvering
Commissioner
Bureau of Internal Revenue
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helvering:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a
letter received in this Bureau February 17, 1941, b7c
from ~~_____~~ Tucson,
Arizona.

which does not appear relevant to any matter within
the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, but
which may be of some interest to you.

The correspondent has been advised of
this reference.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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ack'd by Mr. Clegg

Rev. 3/10/41 J. J. J.

J. Edgar Hoover:

Dear Sir. I have some information that I think would be useful. I have debated for years about this but fear of the Capone vengeance led me to be silent. I feel sure this man is still in existence and no doubt in still position.

re Capone

He is an Italian using an English version of his name. Really, the story is almost fantastic but I know it is true. He has never been mentioned in any article I have read but he was in the thick of things at that time.

I think you will find he has never paid income tax and is a real evader. If you are interested I'll give you the pieces, you will put them together. For

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instance one time when he
was ill he rec'd cablegrams
from Mussolini in Italy. He
brought thru 24 trunks thru
customs without inspection. smuggler
diagnosed - has real connections
with [redacted] -
can't prove these allegations
but you can.

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I am in Tucson temporarily
my husband is a relative of [redacted]
[redacted] of Tucson Clinic, and
is a patient at St Mary's
if you want this info -
please make an appointment
by mail or yourself but some
place [redacted] than the [redacted]
we have a trailer &
I don't care any publicity in this.
Sincerely [redacted]

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Return in 5 Days to

Wesley Barr



*G. Edgar Hoover
Washington
D.C.*

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He is an Italian being are English version of his name. Really the story is almost fantastic but I know it is true. His has never been mentioned in any article I have read but he was in the thick of things at that time.

I think you will find he has never paid income tax and is a real evader of custom tax. If you are interested I'll give you the pieces, you will have to put them together, for instance one time when he was ill he rec'd telegrams from Mussolini in Italy. He brought thru 24 trunks thru customs without inspection, smuggles diamonds - has real connection with Capone-

I cant prove these allegations but you can.

I am in Tucson temporarily my husband is a relative of [redacted] of Tucson Clinic's and is a patient at St. Mary's. so if you want this info please make an appointment by mail I would prefer to talk to your agent or yourself but some place other than the [redacted] We have a trailer & I dont crave any publicity in this.

Sincerely

Ray Watson

[redacted]
Tucson, Ariz.

(Spelling and punctuation as in original letter)

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March 6, 1941

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Tucson, Arizona

Dear _____

The facts contained in your communication received in this Bureau February 17, 1941, do not appear to constitute a violation of any Federal Statute coming within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

These facts may, however, be of interest to Honorable Guy T. Selvering, Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., and accordingly I have today referred your communication to him for any attention deemed appropriate.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Phoenix (with copy of incoming letter)

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Jones _____
- Mr. Quinn _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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EWS:EK

May 23, 1941

REGISTERED MAIL

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NAVY

Commander D. V. Gallery
United States Navy
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Re: [Examination of a photostatic
copy of a page of a book from
the estate of Lord North.]

My dear Commander:

Reference is made to your letter of May 12, 1941 with
which you submitted the evidence listed below for examination in
the Technical Laboratory.

62-39128-138 Q1 Photostatic copy of the first page of the
Visitors book of the "WALDESHA: E PARISH
CHURCH 1903" bearing handwritten entries
beginning "March 6, Al Capone, New York,
U. S. A.

The signature "Al Capone" appearing on specimen Q1 was
compared with the signatures of Alphonse Capone, FBI#-214223 that
appear on his fingerprint cards and it was concluded that he is
not the writer of the signature appearing on specimen Q1.

Inasmuch as specimen Q1 is a photostatic copy it is not
possible to determine if there are any erasures or obliterations
appearing thereon.

The original evidence which you submitted is being returned
to your office herewith, photographic copies having been made for
the communications section of the Laboratory's files.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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★ MAY 23 1941 ★
P. M. 497237
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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J. E. Hoover
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May 16, 1941

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TO FILE # 62-39128-138

[Commander B. V. Gallery]
United States Navy
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
Washington, D. C.

NAVY

Re: [Examination of a photostatic
copy of a page of a book from
the estate of Lord North]

My dear Commander:

The Bureau acknowledges receipt of the evidence which you have submitted in the above-entitled case for examination in the Technical Laboratory. This examination will be made and the report will be submitted to your office upon its completion.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate in these matters, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Navy

Re: Examination of a photostatic
copy of a page of a book from
the estate of Lord North

Lab. # 48147
File # 62-39128-198

Examination requested by: [B. V. Gallery, Comdr, USN] Navy Department, Washington.

Date of reference communication: ^{5/24/41} ~~let. 5/24/41~~

Date blocked: 5/24/41 fo

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Poshan

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Photostatic copy of the first page of the Visitors book of the "WALDESHAM
PARISH CHURCH 1903" bearing handwritten entries beginning "March 6,
Al Capone, New York, U. S.A."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: Al Capone, with aliases.

Number: 62-39129-80

Specimens:

62-39129-80 Q 1 One envelope postmarked Philadelphia, Pa. 4, Feb. 11, 1936, 11 PM.
and addressed to Kayden James Johnston, Federal Prison, San
Francisco, Cal.

Q 2 One sheet apparently enclosed in Q 1 and reads: "I am one --"

Examination requested by: Acting Director W. T. Hammack, Dir. Prisons, Dep't Justice.

Date received: (Blocked 2-25-36) (Rec. 2-25-36 4:00 PM hr)

Examination requested: Document - Miscellaneous

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| Mr. Tolson | ✓ |
| Mr. E. A. Tamm | |
| Mr. Clegg | |
| Mr. Foxworth | |
| Mr. Glavin | |
| Mr. Ladd | ✓ |
| Mr. Nichols | ✓ |
| Mr. Rosen | |
| Mr. Carson | |
| Mr. Drayton | |
| Mr. Quinn Tamm | |
| Mr. Hendon | |
| Mr. Tracy | |
| Mr. Gandy | |

C O P Y

NAVY DEPARTMENT
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1941

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sir:

I have just returned from a tour of duty in England as an observer for the U S Navy. While over there I was given the enclosed photostatic copy of the first page in the visitors book of the chapel on the estate of the late Lord North. This was given to me by Lord North's brother, who assured me that so far as the family knew all entries in this book were authentic and no erasures or substitutions had been made.

I told him that the first entry in the book, for March 6, 1903 was obviously a hoax but he was reluctant to believe me. I wonder if you would be kind enough to confirm my opinion that the noble Lord is being kidded.

Sincerely,

D. V. Gallery
Comdr USN

check on hand-writing.

H. C.

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5 MAY 14 1941

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TOLSON
NICHOLS
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GANDY

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In reply refer to Initials
and No.

NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1941

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| Mr. Tolson | |
| Mr. E. A. Tamm | |
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| Mr. Tracy | |
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Sincerely

D. V. Gallery

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Holloman _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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Call: 3:15
Dictated: 3:45

January 8, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

One Mr. Jones, who ^{laughingly} admitted the name was fictitious, telephonically advised that the so called Capone Syndicate in Chicago has just put in a bid for five million dollars worth of flares for the War Department on which they anticipate making sufficient profits in order to pay the Government the amounts of money due for income tax. He stated that deficiency tax judgments have been entered against several of the members of this syndicate.

The informant stated that the syndicate is planning to take over two buildings which are two blocks long and were formerly occupied by breweries. The money to be used to finance this project is to be secured from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation on a mortgage. The two buildings are owned and controlled by the [redacted] of the [redacted] at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He stated that the [redacted] has some sort of racket which he operates himself and at the present time he is working on a plan whereby they will own the property but the monies to be loaned on this property will come from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

He stated that the Chicago Defense Association, composed of one hundred small organizations, is going to take over the operation of these buildings and that this association contains the members of the Al Capone Syndicate. He stated this first order of five million dollars worth of flares will probably be given to this association since they appear to have an inside track on the situation. He stated the Chicago Defense Association is operating out of offices of Certified Public Accountants in the Board of Trade Building and that the Certified Public Accountants do most of the work for the syndicate. He stated he did not know the name of this accounting firm. However, two of the members were formerly connected with the Internal Revenue Bureau and, therefore, have contacts in inner offices. He stated one of the persons working on this matter is a Mexican whose name phonetically sounds as Rodriguez. He also stated that the law firm of Gottlieb and Schwartz appear to be behind the picture and that most of the income tax returns of the individuals in the syndicate were prepared in that office, although they may not have been sworn to in that office. He stated that that office does most of the work for the laundry and cleaning industry.

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The informant further stated that if this syndicate is successful in obtaining this contract someone on the floor of Congress will "spill the load." The informant stated that under no circumstances would he disclose his identity since he has heard of promises being given that the name of an informant will be kept confidential but subsequently he has seen them die after the promises were made. He expressed considerable fear should any member of the syndicate learn the source of this information and absolutely refused to furnish his name or where he can be contacted. He stated, however, that additional information may be obtained if desired from a Mr. Doherty, Chief Reporter of the Chicago Tribune, who is "always riding them to death." He also stated that the firm of Gotlieb and Schwartz could give some information of the background of the syndicate.

The informant further stated that the Jewish members of the syndicate are the "brains" and indicated that one [redacted] whose first name is [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Chicago, is a clever fellow and one of the "brains" in the group. b7c]

He indicated that the group has been attempting to get this contract for the past sixty days and it is common gossip around Chicago that they will be successful in getting this contract. He stated he had no idea as to who has been contacted here in Washington in connection with this contract.

The informant was advised that the information would be made a matter of record and referred to appropriate interested officials, and that from the facts which he furnished it was not known whether this matter was one which would come within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. The informant stated that he will communicate with the Bureau in about a week or ten days, should it be desired to obtain any additional information from him relative to this matter.

An effort was made to trace the call but the operator was unsuccessful. The foregoing information is being furnished to Major General Edmund B. Gregory, the Quartermaster General of the War Department, for such attention as he deems appropriate.

Respectfully,

C. S. Bellino

C. S. Bellino

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1942

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| Mr. Tolson | |
| Mr. E. A. Tamm | |
| Mr. Clegg | |
| Mr. Glavin | |
| Mr. Ladd | |
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| Mr. Egan | |
| Mr. Carson | |
| Mr. Coffey | |
| Mr. Hendon | |
| Mr. Holloman | |
| Mr. Quinn Tamm | |
| Mr. Nease | |
| Miss Gandy | |
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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of January 9, 1941, addressed to General Gregory has been referred to Major General C. M. Wesson, Chief of Ordnance, because the purchase of flares is under the jurisdiction of his department.

For The Quartermaster General:

Donald C. O'Hara
DONALD C. O'HARA,
1st Lt., QMC.,
Assistant.

CAPONE SYNDICATE

Al Capone

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1942

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

On January 9th you addressed a letter to Major General Edmund B. Gregory, The Quartermaster General, relative to the Chicago Defense Association, sometimes referred to as "The Al Capone Syndicate" of Chicago, and its bid for five million dollars worth of flares. The matter has been referred to me as a subject pertaining to the Ordnance Department rather than to the Quartermaster Corps.

Immediately on receipt of your letter I directed Brigadier General Earl McFarland of this office to proceed to Chicago to inquire into the questions you raised and to acquaint the Deputy Chief of the Chicago Ordnance District, under whose direction flares were to be procured, of the facts related in your letter and the implications involved. Since that time, orders for a total of some twenty thousand flares have been placed by the Chicago office with three manufacturers. These orders were placed after the receipt of informal bids and subsequent negotiation and the Chicago Defense Association did not receive any of the ~~orders~~ **RECORDING DEFERRED**

The Deputy Chief of the Chicago Ordnance District was fully advised of the information you made available to me. I greatly appreciate your calling attention to this situation and I hope you will continue to advise this office of any irregularities or suspected irregularities pertaining to Ordnance matters, of which you may be informed.

Very sincerely yours,

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C. M. WESSON
Major General, Chief of Ordnance

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W. J. ...

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January 9, 1942

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Major General Edmund B. Gregory
The Quartermaster General
War Department
Washington, D. C.

My dear General:

An anonymous individual who refused to divulge his identity telephonically advised this Bureau that the so called Al Capone Syndicate in Chicago has entered a bid with the War Department for five million dollars worth of flares, on which contract they anticipate making enough profits to pay off the amounts due on various deficiency judgments obtained by the Government against several of the members of this syndicate for their failure to pay income tax.

The informant stated that the group is planning to take over two buildings formerly occupied by breweries and that a loan will be obtained from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. He stated that the [redacted] at Fort Wayne, Indiana is arranging for the syndicate to take over the property and that the Chicago Defense Association, composed of one hundred small organizations, is going to take over. The informant stated that the Chicago Defense Association is operating out of offices of Certified Public Accountants located in the Board of Trade Building at Chicago and that this accounting firm lists among its members two former Government employees who have inside contacts in connection with income tax matters. He also stated that the law firm of Gotlieb and Schwartz is active in this matter and can furnish any additional information regarding the background of the group interested in this contract. He also stated that a Mr. Doherty, Chief Reporter of the Chicago Tribune, can furnish information. The informant also indicated that should this contract be awarded to this syndicate, the details will be revealed on the floor of Congress.

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Holloman _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Since the foregoing matter relates to contracts of interest to your Department, and initial facts received are being furnished you for such attention as you deem appropriate.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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J. P. Ford

ARCHITECTURE ADMINISTRATION

Dear Sir Please watch
at ^{OFFICE} ~~Copone~~ and ^{JEFF} ~~Jack~~ ^{LEWIS} ~~Legg~~
Diamond and Machine
Gun Killers for Smuggling
I Thank You

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 17, 1943

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Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
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 Mr. Harbo _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Beahm _____
 Miss Gandy _____

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

As a matter of interest, J. Marr McGaffin of the Omaha World-Herald called to furnish the following information which he thought might be of interest to us. The information had come to him from his paper that rumors around the stockyards in Omaha were to the effect that the Capone gang was getting into the packing industry.

Recently the Levy Packing Company of Chicago was sold to Superb Packing Company. The Superb Packing Company in turn opened up the yards in Omaha and began buying bulls and old cows, stating that they were selling this beef to the government. All of a sudden they changed policy and began buying high grade steers and heifers. The rumor in Omaha is that the Superb Packing Company is a front organization for the Capone interests.

McGaffin stated he had a further tip that Al and Ralph Capone were living at the Mayflower Hotel. He knew, of course, that this was untrue.

I explained that we had no connection with this type of investigation.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols
L. B. Nichols

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24 MAR 7 1943

Mr John E. Hoover
New Orleans La

Dear Sir -

I am writing this to give you some information I know you want.

If you will go to the home of Al Capone in Cicero and search same you will find something there that will interest you. Also check Ralph Capone's movements here in New Orleans since the first of Jan 1944. He is stopping at the Roosevelt Hotel.

Hoping this is of interest

to you.
New Orleans
(cc-Chicago)
2/15/44
F.A.I.

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SAC, New Orleans

February 28, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

AL CAPOE
RALPH CAPOE
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING

There are being forwarded for your information copies of an anonymous communication received at the Bureau postmarked New Orleans, Louisiana, February 7, 1944.

Enclosure

cc - Chicago (with enclosure)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, St. Paul
SUBJECT: MRS. AL ~~CAPONE~~

DATE: April 29, 1944

Al Capone

For the Bureau's information, I desire to advise that our contact at the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota has advised us that Mrs. AL CAPONE has been admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, for an operation and will probably reside in Rochester for some little time.

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DLT:LM
cc Miami
cc Chicago

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DANVILLE, ILL.

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F. B. of I: AL^o CAPONE

Pls settle this controversy
Is Al Capone, formerly of
Alcatraz Prison deceased?

The individuals in
my office have conflicting
opinions.

Thanks

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February 13, 1945

GMK:uh

[Redacted]

Danville, Illinois

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 1, 1945, has been referred to my attention and in accordance with your request I wish to advise that the individual concerning whom you wrote is still alive.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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- Miss Gandy _____

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 13, 1945

FROM : SAC, Miami

SUBJECT: ALPHONSE CAPORE, was. "Al", "Scarface", "Snarky", "Grandpa".
Information Concerning

During a recent investigation to determine the whereabouts and effect the apprehension of MATTHEW CAPORE, the youngest brother of the five CAPORE brothers, in the case entitled MATTHEW NICHOLAS CAPORE, was. UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION - MURDER, in which the Chicago Office was origin, through numerous confidential informants, interviews with neighbors, the maintaining of a continuous twenty-four hour surveillance for a three weeks' period, ending February 23, 1945, detailed information was developed concerning the background, habits, activities and visitors of the AL CAPORE family who reside at 93 Palm Avenue, Palm Island, Miami Beach, Florida.

Because of the fact that considerable information of a speculative character has been obtained by this office concerning the activities of AL CAPORE subsequent to his release from Alcatraz on January 19, 1939, none of which had ever been completely verified, the following is being submitted to the Bureau for informational purposes.

Since the occasion has not arisen in this district to conduct a detailed investigation of AL CAPORE or his family while they have resided in Miami, it was readily apparent at the outset that few individuals in this vicinity were in possession of current, accurate information concerning CAPORE or members of his household. Statements of neighbors varied concerning his whereabouts and living habits, although all were unanimous in saying that CAPORE was seldom if ever seen by them, and at no time were there evidences of disturbances or suspicious activities in the CAPORE household. It is known that when CAPORE purchased this home some years ago on Palm Island, which was then an exclusive residential area, surrounding property values dropped considerably with real estate brokers and nearby land-owners feeling that CAPORE's occupancy of 93 Palm Island would result in a constant stream of gangsters and racketeers frequenting the Island. This belief has gradually subsided until the present, and in the opinion of all of his neighbors he was described as living a very quiet life. In substance as far as the neighborhood was concerned these persons had absolutely no knowledge whatsoever concerning CAPORE's activities or whereabouts. It was later determined that CAPORE had continually resided in the residence for the past year, making daily trips to the grocery stores, dentists' offices, and visits to his son who lives near Hollywood, Florida.

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A popular belief in the vicinity of Miami Beach has been that a Catholic Priest named Monseigneur BARRY of Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Miami Beach, is a constant visitor to the CAPONE household and possibly has detailed knowledge of the family and their present activities. This belief apparently arose from the fact that MAE CAPONE, AL's wife, is an ardent Catholic church-goer and on one occasion furnished a substantial donation to Monseigneur BARRY's church. In reality Monseigneur BARRY visited the CAPONE house on but one occasion in July 1944 and has not been in contact with them since. Much of his familiarity with the CAPONE family came from the fact that ALBERT FRANCIS CAPONE, son of ALPHONSE, attended his, BARRY'S, school on Miami Beach, Florida, for a number of years. During the period that the son attended this school he was, of course, the object of much curiosity from other students, and Monseigneur BARRY took the personal interest in attempting to mold the boy's character and habits so that he would be able to overcome the stigma he bore by being AL CAPONE's son. The majority of Monseigneur BARRY's contacts with the CAPONE family concerning the attendance of the boy at the Barry School were made with MAE CAPONE, the mother, and not with AL.

The current activities and habits of the CAPONE family in Miami, Florida, are set out below:

PERMANENT HOUSEHOLD - 93 Palm Avenue, Palm Island, Miami Beach, Florida.

The CAPONE house is a large, concrete structure of approximately 15 to 18 rooms, which has vacant lots adjacent on either side. The CAPONE property is surrounded by a high concrete wall on three sides with the back of the property facing the canal. Two large, heavy wooden gates opening on Palm Island remain closed and locked at all times, and no automobiles are allowed through the gates into the circular drive leading to the main house with the exception of the CAPONE personal car and that of ALBERT FRANCIS CAPONE, the son. The house is expensively and tastefully furnished, having a swimming pool to the rear and a large dock house with living quarters for servants. At no time were any boats or sea-going craft of any kind observed moored to this dock.

At the time of the investigation there were in the household: AL CAPONE; his wife, MAE COUSILLI CAPONE, also known as JOSEPHINE; MAE's sister, MURIEL CLARK; and MURIEL's husband, LOUIS CLARK, referred to by the family as Uncle LOUIE. MURIEL also has a son, HENRY, approximately 22 years of age, presently in the United States Army overseas..

It was determined through informants that MURIEL and LOUIS have the complete confidence of AL and MAE CAPONE and are fully aware of the past and present activities of the CAPONE family.

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There is in addition a negro houseman who is known as "BROWNE" BROWN, who does some of the cooking and the majority of the shopping for the household and who has been with the CAPONE family for a lengthy period of time. There is also a female negro servant named ROSE. Neither of these individuals reside on the premises. However, it was determined that the CLARKS have resided with the CAPONES for sometime, and recently MAE stated to various individuals that she and AL hoped MURIEL and LOUIS would make their permanent home with them.

The telephone number of the residence is 5-5050, which is not listed.

AL CAPONE owns a 1941 aquamarine colored Pontiac sedanette, 1945 license number 1B4932 which is used as the family car.

RELATIVES IN THE VICINITY OF MIAMI

ALBERT FRANCIS CAPONE, son, resides at 8941 Northeast 10th Avenue, having lived at Palm Island from 1923-42, when he moved to his present address where he now resides with his wife, RUTH CASEY CAPONE. RUTH is referred to by the family and intimate friends as "CASE", "CASEY", "BOGGE" and "BOGGIE". ALBERT is always referred to by the family as "SONNY". Two minor children, ROBERT and DIANE, were born of ALBERT's marriage. He attended Monseigneur BARRY's private school, Miami Beach, Florida, through high school, attended Notre Dame University from 1937-38, and the University of Miami 1938-41, obtaining a B.S. degree in business administration. He operated a floral shop on Miami Beach from September 1941 to March 1942 and is presently employed by the War Department at the Miami Air Depot, having entered on duty there August 9, 1943, as a mechanic's learner at a salary of \$1,200.00 per annum.

He is now employed in the aircraft engine line assembly at a salary of \$2,630.00 per annum, attached to the maintenance division, engine repair section, final assembly branch. His immediate supervisor is a Mr. DORSEY and his branch foreman is JACOB CLAUSEN.

An examination of his personnel record at the Air Depot reflects that he is viewed as a conscientious employee who has at no time exhibited any tendencies to be other than a normal, law-abiding citizen.

He is classified 4-F because of defective hearing, and his attorney is J. THOMPSON, with offices in the First National Bank Building, Miami, Florida.

ALBERT owns a 1940 model dark green Chevrolet coach, 1945 Florida license tag 1B14750.

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From all sources it was determined that ALBERT has never been involved in any illegal activities, gangsterism, or enterprises of his father. It is known that both AL and MAE have made a determined and conscientious effort throughout the entire life of the boy to shield him from such influences that surrounded AL and to preclude any possibility of his, ALBERT's, falling into a life of crime. It is apparent that MAE has exerted great effort to see that ALBERT led a clean life.

There is an exceedingly close bond between AL CAPONE, his wife, ALBERT, and ALBERT's family. It is, of course, well known that the CAPONE family is a closely knit unit. AL and MAE make numerous visits each week to ALBERT's home, and on days which these visits do not take place, ALBERT, RUTH, and the children visit AL and MAE at 93 Palm Island. ALBERT and RUTH usually have dinner with AL and MAE several nights a week. It is known that one of the paramount interests in AL's present life is the welfare of ALBERT's two children, for whom he is constantly purchasing gifts. This feeling, of course, is equally shared by MAE who supplies RUTH with money on numerous occasions to augment the income of ALBERT. RUTH is presently expecting another child.

DANNY COUGHLIN is the brother of MAE CAPONE and is married to WINNIE MAE with whom he is currently operating WINNIE's Waffle Shop, 233 23rd Street, Miami Beach; and WINNIE's Little Club, 2218 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. DANNY is primarily interested in the management of the Little Club, with WINNIE directing the operation of the Waffle Shop. Both individuals reside in an apartment above the Little Club. It is known that both establishments provide the COUGHLINS with a lucrative income, grossing on an average of five to seven hundred dollars daily. A portion of WINNIE's Waffle Shop is owned by a girl named MARY who acts as cashier and who is an intimate friend of both WINNIE and DANNY. It has been reported that various gamblers in this area supplied the necessary funds to operate these establishments but this fact has never been verified. It is known, however, that police characters, confidence men, hoodlums, and visiting gangsters are habitués of both establishments.

MURIEL CLARK, as was stated before, is the sister of MAE CAPONE, residing at 93 Palm Island with AL and MAE. LOUIS CLARK, also known as Uncle LOUIE, is the husband of MURIEL and resides with her at 93 Palm Island.

RUTH CASEY CAPONE, is the wife of ALBERT FRANCIS CAPONE, residing with him. Her mother, RUTH M. CASEY, resides at 2812 Prairie Avenue, Miami Beach. RUTH-CAPONE has a sister MARGARET who is employed in a secretarial capacity with Pan American Airways, under the immediate supervision of a Mr. CARLSON; and another sister CATHERINE who has graduated from high school and has

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no employment. It is known that RUTH M. CASEY, mother of ALBERT's wife, is a chronic alcoholic, causing considerable embarrassment to the entire family, but she has no interest in attempting to remedy her present condition.

Mrs. COLE, generally referred to by members of the family as "COKE" or "COCA COLA". The degree of relationship, if any, is unknown, but it is readily apparent that she is an extremely close friend of RUTH M. CASEY and a confidant of MAE CAPONE.

PROFESSIONAL ATTENDANCES

Dr. JAMES L. ARMSTRONG, with offices in the Ingraham Building, is the family dentist and at present is fitting a bridge for ALPHONSE CAPONE. CAPONE goes to the dentist's office for regular appointments.

Dr. HARRISON A. WALKER, 511 N. E. 15th Street, is the family doctor; however, another doctor, whose name is unknown, is presently treating MAE CAPONE every Tuesday and Friday to develop what type of allergy she has. He has told her so far she is allergic to dust and wool.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Although AL does not attend church, it is known that MAE; ALBERT; and RUTH, ALBERT's wife are devout Catholics and regular church-goers. MAE and RUTH attend Sunday mass and weekly services at the Cosu Church in Miami, Florida, at least three times weekly. AL has previously given the reason for his non-attendance at church as his reluctance to cause any embarrassment to the Priest or Parish because of his reputation and background, believing that his presence would arouse the curiosity of the members of the congregation resulting in much unwanted publicity and speculation.

No automobiles other than the CAPONE Pontiac and ALBERT's Chevrolet are ever allowed to enter the gates of the house; the reason for this being given by MAE that the presence of automobiles, especially those containing men, even if their identities are known, cause AL much consternation. Although AL employs no permanent bodyguards, it is obvious that he is still fearful lest some attempt be made on his life.

The household usually retires about 10 P.M. every night, arising at 3 A. M. They live a very quiet existence spending most of the day in the open around their swimming pool and their chief source of entertainment is an occasional movie which they show in their house.

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AL is a habitual cigar smoker, preferring 25 cent Coronas. He leaves the house almost daily, sometimes attends to the shopping and accompanies his wife to drive up to his son's home for frequent visits. In the early part of January it is known that he went deep sea fishing with friends.

It is known that a number of years ago AL contracted syphilis which subsequently developed into paresis, effecting his mind, for which he was treated while incarcerated in Alcatraz and subsequently at Johns Hopkins Clinic. He is reported to be one of the first individuals whose disease was rendered dormant by the administration of the drug penicillin shortly after the time of its discovery. It is apparent, however, that although this disease is presently in an arrested state, it has affected his mind to the extent that he is rather childish in many ways. He is extremely gregarious and evinces great elation and excitement over the prospects of having company and is continually insistent to have friends visit him. These visitors, of course, are confined to old acquaintances in this area and others who winter in this vicinity. AL speaks very rapidly, slurring his words together with a slight Italian accent and is exceedingly difficult to understand. His days are spent visiting with old friends, playing pinochle and gin rummy, and his evenings are occupied with his interest in ALBERT's family. He constantly hums, whistles and sings while engaged in conversation, and it is difficult for him to coordinate his thoughts, moving rapidly from one subject to another in a disconnected fashion. He has become quite obese but is very active, walking with jerky movements. MAE is of the opinion that his health is improving and has advised friends that he does not "fly off the handle" as he used to, which she interprets as a sign that he has regained his health. He is, of course, shielded from the outside world by MAE, and it is known that other members of the CAPONE family, such as RALPH and JOHN, who are still engaged in criminal activities of sorts in the vicinity of Chicago, have issued strict instructions that no one ever be allowed to talk to AL. They are apparently apprehensive lest AL, because of his mental condition, make statements or admissions which might prove embarrassing, if not damaging to their present activities.

"FRANKIE" BROWN, the negro houseman, purchases most of the provisions for the house at Carl's Market on Miami Beach and refers to himself as "Mrs. CLARK's Man."

STEWIE, operator of Steve's Barber Shop in the Grand Hotel, which is a notorious hostelry for gamblers and racketeers, comes to AL's house approximately every two weeks to cut his hair. STEWIE refers to AL as "GRANDPA."

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There is an old, but exceedingly alert, small fox terrier dog on the premises which barks when anyone approaches the gates.

VISITORS AND ASSOCIATES

MAM CAPORE has developed few friends who are permanent residents of this vicinity other than members of RUTH CASEY CAPORE's family, who are not persons previously known to herself and AL with whom they became acquainted in the days of AL's racketeering. It is known that she shuns people, wishing only to lead a quiet life within the confines of her own home. It was determined that JACK CUZIK; CHARLIE BURGIO; ROCCO CRISCHETTI, alias "ROCKY"; and an unknown person named "GUSSIE" arrived in Miami from Chicago by train on February 6, 1945, and during the approximate two weeks of their stay were frequent visitors at AL's home, either in the afternoons or evenings.

EDDIE MOGEL and WILLIAM EDWARD MURPHY, referred to as "WILLIE," and who reside at 1780 Biarritz Drive, Miami Beach, also were frequent visitors. These individuals are all known to be presently engaged in racketeering of various proportions in the vicinity of Chicago, and a more detailed description of them and their present modes of living is contained in the Chicago Crime Survey.

It was developed through informants that these Chicago gangsters had various conferences with AL at AL's request, which request was speedily honored, denoting that they still maintain a healthy respect for his opinions.

It is noted that the man called "GUSSIE" is mentioned in the last Chicago Crime Survey as being a friend of JACK CUZIK and is living at room 1723 in the Stevens Hotel in Chicago. His true name was unable to be developed; however, on February 7, 1945, he visited DANNY COUGHLIN at MIMIE's Little Club but the only description informant could furnish was that he was tall, very dark complexioned, middle aged and very handsome.

From the last of January until February 9, 1945, a man who was known only as FRANK stayed at the CAPORE household. He is an old friend of AL's, and Mrs. CAPORE remarked to friends that it was thoughtful of him to stay and help cheer AL up and that they played cards all the time, and she hated to see him return to Chicago. This man FRANK later obtained a job at MIMIE's Waffle Shop from TEDDY TRAYNOR, an unknown quantity, but worked only one day and presumably has returned to Chicago.

JOE MASSEI, JOHNNY KING, and JIMMY KELLY are close friends but infrequent visitors to the CAPORE household. On February 6, 1945, Mrs. CAPORE accompanied them and several other persons, whose names are unknown, to

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the Copa Cabana Night Club on Miami Beach to celebrate JOE MASSEI's birthday. It was developed that MASSEI now has a home in Miami Beach. He formerly resided in a hotel there.

It was determined that approximately once a month a phone call was made from or to the CAPONE home in Miami to Triangle 10541, Chicago, Illinois, which the Chicago Office determined was the phone number of PETER ALBROSE FINNEGAN, 8209 South LaFayette Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

During the time of this surveillance it was determined that Mrs. CLAIRE FINNEGAN called AL CAPONE requesting her to obtain hotel reservations at the MacFadden Deauville for a man named FRED DILLON, his wife, and his daughter.

DILLON and his family arrived in Miami on February 20, 1945, but stayed at the Wofford Hotel; their reservations were made by DANNY COUGHLIN. DILLON not only visited at the CAPONE house but also used the CAPONE car on several different occasions, although no background information was developed on him.

ABE BERNSTEIN and his wife ROSE, who reside at 227 39th Street, Miami Beach, were Sunday visitors but it appeared that the CAPONES felt the BERNSTEINS were imposing every time they came over to visit them. No background information of a criminal nature could be developed on the BERNSTEINS.

On February 6, 1945, a girl referred to as "LARRY" but by no other name, arrived from Chicago. She was on the same train with JACK GUZIK, ROCCO PRISCHETTI and "GUSSIE" but was not traveling with them. She has a son named BOBBY and her husband is a dancing instructor, and she was staying at the Riviera Plaza Apartment, Apartment 202, Park Avenue and 20th Street, Miami Beach. Her mother, whose name is also unknown, lives in Chicago and is presently employed as a housekeeper for "The people who own the Evans Fur Company."

LARRY and her son were frequent visitors at the CAPONE house and informants were of the opinion that she was a relative, further that she was worried upon her arrival as to whether or not AL was still mad at her.

AL PERLIN, a labor racketeer in Miami, is a weekly visitor to the CAPONE house and apparently a close friend of the family.

ALFRED TORIILLO visited the CAPONE household on February 1, 1945, driving an old Cadillac sedanette with New York 1945 tag 1G4233. He was referred to by AL CAPONE as "one of my good friends from Brooklyn." The New York

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office by teletype advised that he resides at 4711 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York; that he was born in Italy and is presently an estimator at the Tambini Storage Warehouse Company, 137 Carlton Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He was naturalized June 20, 1918, certificate #91750 at New York City.

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A person who was referred to as JOE PARETTA (phonetic) visited CAPONE on February 17, 1945; however, this man is unknown by this name to informants in Miami and is not indexed in the Chicago Crime Survey.

WOODROW ALBERS, referred to as WOODIE, is a member of the Hollywood, Florida, Police Department, residing at 1721 Polk Street. He is a very close friend of ALBERT F. CAPONE, AL's son, and arranges frequent hunting and fishing trips for ALBERT and his friends. On several occasions during the period of this investigation he was seen to enter the CAPONE household at Miami Beach.

DANNY and NERDIE COUGHLIN are, of course, frequent visitors to the CAPONE residence, and it is known that AL keeps in touch with the general situation on Miami Beach through DANNY who is immediately cognizant of the presence in this vicinity of racketeers from out of this district. DANNY is addicted to the excessive use of alcohol. This fact causes considerable concern on the part of both AL and MAE.

FINANCIAL INCOME

It was determined that Mrs. CAPONE receives a check for \$600.00 once a week by registered letter from RALPH CAPONE at Mercer, Wisconsin. Apparently this is the sole source of their income. On the two occasions when Agents interviewed Mrs. CAPONE, her chief worry was that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would investigate their source of income.

It was apparent from the interview that RALPH CAPONE has prepared a definite story or set of circumstances and facts which MAE should relate in the event she is closely questioned concerning the present source of her income.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

It was determined that ALPHONSE CAPONE is not openly or directly engaged in any criminal rackets presently in existence in this territory. However, as stated above, the manner in which visiting Chicago gangsters discard previous engagements to answer AL's request for meetings is significant.

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It is known that AL derives great personal enjoyment from discussing the "good old days" when AL was running numerous rackets. It is not known whether AL is presently serving in an advisory capacity for these individuals, but it is generally believed among informants that he has full cognizance of their activities, and on occasions offers advice. It was definitely determined that all matters of business or inquiry into the mode of living of the CAPORES in this area must be directed to RALPH CAPORE, presently residing in Mercer, Wisconsin. Any major decisions made by AL or MAE are subject to review by RALPH before any action is taken. He is unquestionably the present head of the family and also is actively engaged in the operation of the present CAPORE interests in the middle west. JOHN CAPORE, another brother, who is known to the family as "JIM", is the second in command or importance, and a major action of any kind is seldom taken until at least one of these two brothers is consulted.

GENERAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST

RALPH CAPORE as head of the family has ordered ALPHONSE to do nothing but remain quiet and exert every effort to regain his former health. AL does not contact his brothers or mother regularly except when questions upon which important decisions must be met arise. He is considered by the entire family as being mentally ill and incapable of handling serious or weighty problems, and efforts are made on all sides to humor him as far as possible. He is pampered to a considerable degree and is believed to still view himself as the underworld king he once was in Chicago, becoming greatly excited and irritated when his every wish is not immediately fulfilled.

When it became known to this office that MATTHEW CAPORE was not in this vicinity nor had been here in the recent past, it was felt that an interview with AL or MAE CAPORE might prove productive. Arrangements were perfected for two Agents of this office to interview Mrs. CAPORE, although she was extremely reluctant to give her consent. Concerning the Agents' request to contact AL she replied that he was not in this city and would not be back for sometime, which of course was fallacious, as it was known that AL has been in the house for almost the past year. The initial interview with Mrs. CAPORE was had at her residence - 93 Palm Avenue, Palm Island, Miami Beach, Florida; and when the purpose of the visit was explained she steadfastly maintained that she had absolutely no knowledge as to the present whereabouts of MATT. She was thoroughly familiar with the details of his difficulties in Chicago and frequently expressed the wish that this trouble be settled as soon as possible. It is interesting to note that in connection with this investigation it was determined that one of the aliases of the fugitive was "JIM", and when questioned concerning whether "JIM" was in reality MATTHEW CAPORE, MAE indicated that such was the case and this nickname was applied to him by members of the family. This theory proved to be

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erroneous because of the fact that MATTHEW CAPONE is never addressed as such and the nickname is always applied to JOHN CAPONE who resides at 5338 Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. MATTHEW is referred to as "MATTY."

Mrs. CAPONE was impressed with the urgency of the present investigation and the intensity with which all efforts were being made to apprehend him. In this connection it was apparent to her that this Bureau intended to leave no stone unturned anywhere within the realm of the CAPONE domain to effect MATTHEW CAPONE's apprehension. She, of course, realized the danger of such an investigation, fearing that it might bring to light details of the present operations of the CAPONE family, and she expressed great concern over the publicity which inevitably would arise from such an inquiry. She was requested to exert all family influence to have MATTHEW give himself up at the earliest possible moment, to which she readily agreed.

It was subsequently determined through informants that MAE CAPONE contacted both JOHN and RALPH CAPONE relative to the visit of the agents. Several days later she was again interviewed by Agents, at which time she identified various pictures of the CAPONE family including that of the fugitive MATTHEW CAPONE and admitted on this occasion that he was never called "LILI" but rather "MATTY" and in reality "LILI" was the brother JOHN. On this occasion it was obvious that her desire to be of assistance in locating MATTHEW was intense and was motivated solely by her fear of publicity or a far-reaching investigation. Her greatest concern was for the welfare and reputation of her son ALBERT who she was convinced would suffer greatly by any publicity. Because of this, she advised the Agents that she was not aware of the whereabouts of the fugitive but that she and AL were exerting every possible pressure to facilitate arrangements for him to give himself up. On the occasion of this visit MAE readily admitted that AL was in the residence, having been there for some months, but requested that he not be interviewed because of his health, which request was granted.

It was subsequently ascertained through informants that she again contacted RALPH and JOHN CAPONE, and several days later arrangements were perfected through the Chicago Office for MATTHEW CAPONE to give himself up.

Although the Agents at no time talked with AL CAPONE, it is known that he was fully aware of the inquiry being made, and his concern, as in the case of his wife, was mainly for the reputation of his son, ALBERT.

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The impression was gained throughout this investigation and interview that the CAPONE family hold no particular regard for local law enforcement agencies but have an exceedingly respectful fear of any Federal investigation, particularly one conducted by this Bureau. It should be noted that the cooperation afforded by AL and LLE to this office was not motivated by any desire to serve the Government or as an evidence of the fact that they are presently leading a lawful life but rather solely motivated by their desire to protect ALBERT and to avoid any far-reaching investigation into their family activities.

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Real Detective Story Magazine,
444 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Attention: Secretary to
Mr. R. W. Mickam, Editor.

Dear Sirs:

Friday noon, April 26th, 1935, I called on Mr. Mickam with a manuscript entitled "Biography of Al Capone's Life in the Atlanta Penitentiary", and being advised Mr. Mickam 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 whom I conversed regarding the possibility of the story's acceptance by Real Detective Story Magazine. At that time 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 on 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 desire that was born within him. My services, of course, were to be rewarded, but John, his brother, disagreed with Al concerning the lump sum I was to receive at the time I was paroled, and as a consequence I have been the loser.

The story is absolutely authentic. There is no fabrication whatsoever. Insignificant incidents, of course, have been omitted. Otherwise it gives in detail his daily life, his aspirations and so on. No significant occurrence has been overlooked, since I made it my duty to code all incidents and "kite" them out to a place where I could obtain them upon my release, knowing as I did that John would not consent to Al's wishes so far as remuneration was concerned.

Any question you desire answered I shall be glad to answer. Of course, I am still on parole and as a parolee forbidden to write of the institution, its inmates or officials. To wait until my parole expires may be too late to be of interest to the public since Al is due to go before the Parole Board in September. The article by Hearst (Tarleton Collier) left with you is a paid article and a gross fabrication, which the manuscript proves false. The desire to sell this information arises from the fact that employment is out of the question. If it is worth anything to you - I shall be glad to discuss it either personally or by mail.

Very truly yours,
F. Barrett

323 N. Fulton Avenue

Baltimore, Md .
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 manuscript concerning which I telephoned you yesterday and also, to examine the records, photographs and other 'paraphernalia' accompanying it. I am quite anxious to dispose of this biography, and taking into consideration the fact that Capone is now preparing his application for parole, I do not think a better opportunity - so far as public interest is concerned - will arise. It was necessary I telephoned in order that I might make arrangements regarding an appointment in New York, which appointment, of course, is for the discussion of the sale of the story. I have every confidence in your magazine, and sincerely believe - and have been definitely informed that it would be to the financial advantage of any publisher to run the story as it is. This, of course, is entirely up to the purchaser. He may alter or revise it as he sees fit, excepting, of course, falsifying facts. Such revision of facts would naturally tend to cheapen the authenticity of the biography, and it now is absolutely and entirely true.

So in conclusion I would suggest you inform me as early as you conveniently can just what your opinion is---whether you can or cannot use the material. The question of its being obtained should be a common concern of mine, and being a parolee and not desirous of inflicting unnecessary punishment on myself, I do not fear the consequences 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 me the early part of the week, for which consideration I thank you.

Very truly yours,

F. Barrett.

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Baltimore, Md.

May 27, 1935

Dear Mr. Wickham

Having heard nothing from you since my long distance call several weeks ago, and wishing to avoid unnecessary delay in disposing of my manuscript left with you (Biography of Al Capone's life in the Atlanta Penitentiary) I would greatly appreciate an expression from you before June 1st 1935. I make this request because I have two prospective purchasers, and they have my word that I will have the manuscript and records in their hands about June 1st, else I fail to sell it to either.

Any remarks will be timely, and since the manuscript

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and records have been in your possession 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 article suitable for publication.

Very truly,

L. Barrett

3237. Dulton Ave

Kingsport City Jail
Kingsport, Texas
Sunday night

My dear Mr. Eddy:

I do not yet feel quite well enough to make a logical explanation of the predicament I find myself in, but I shall make a sincere attempt to explain anything that may be of assistance to you in an effort to place in your files all the necessary information regarding my unfortunate violation. As you can readily understand, I was helpless against a force and will stronger and more determined than my own. Only my mother has any conception of what I suffered through fear of Carl being instrumental in having my parole revoked and her knowledge as small indeed since I endeavored in every way to keep her from worrying. Yet, had I

permitted to follow a course of
several times defiled upon - and have
been arrested. I believe to day would
have been a brighter and happier one
than it, and the preceding seven days
have been. But I hoped - had it not
The same encouraging hope you in-
dited in me when we discussed
securing employment - and actually
proposed that I could manage to melt
his every demand, save his every
order - besides my parole expired -
and then obtained the due payment
for my misery.

It seems, though, I could go on
no longer. What occurred should
have occurred long since and I
would have saved myself endless
worry and grief. It is indeed in-
fortunate that I am too far away
from you to speak as I wish to, and
as my mind grows, in its chaotic
state, prevents.

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I am much indebted to you for the
program I was constantly under
pressure - acting as one in a large
group is a terrible thing - especially
when it is literally beaten into one.
and I suffered many undervalued
beatings from Carl since he re-
turned to Baltimore.

Somewhere between you always
had an idea I had seen him,
as you never mentioned his name
and when I made my last report,
I shook hands with you at parting -
which I had never done before -
for I had a subconscious belief
I would come to the end of the
road before we met again.

Had I only the courage to
believe a confession to you would
have resulted in Carl's arrest
without publicity or disgrace by
a revengeful act of his, I would
have asked all this.

Still, it was not me alone who he held in terror. Those to whom you entrusted me - my family - felt as I did, and were helpless, though at times on the verge of informing you or the authorities.

There seems little I can write. I have been confined here a week. I am suffering great suspense, as I can obtain no information. I know you will do only what you believe honorable and just - your duty. But in doing so try to measure the suffering I have known, and convince yourself whatever was done was done through fear - not desire. I have written Eddie to tell you the case as it happened. I trust you will get in touch with him, and extend to me an understanding heart, permitting me to see you before you decide on my evacuation. I am sure you will understand

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my gratitude will be eternal -
and there can never again arise
an occasion for such fear.

Miss Garman, I am informed
by Eddy, called on you. I suppose
she explained to you we expected
to be married in September. I saw
in this a grand opportunity to
return from despondency, as
with her help - and in business -
I would have succeeded admir-
ably. She knows nothing of Carl,
unless she learned of him since
she left here.

The pencil I use is no
longer than a matchstick, and
I can write little more. In
concluding I am begging you
be kind and just, and if I
must do my 18 months, please

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arrange for me to do it at Lewis-
burg had I committed some
crime - really and deliberately
violated my parole - I would not
feel so bad. But it is because
I saw only one way out from
that very thing, that I did
what I did - and now grieve
about. I know you will under-
stand, for certainly had I any
inclination to do wrong, Earl
would long since have managed
it. So long as I could borrow
money, however, he felt more secure

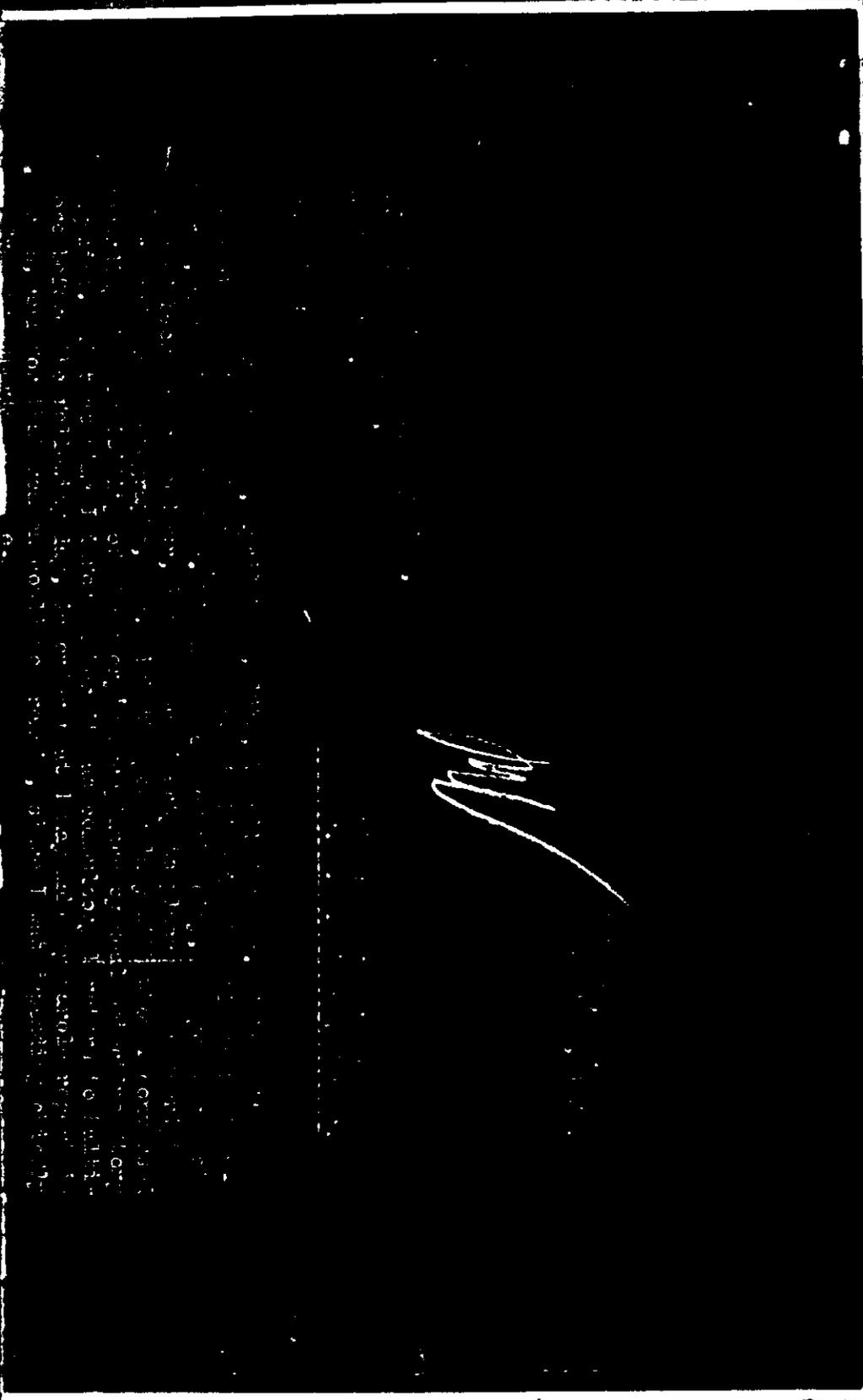
Please let me hear from
you. I am quite lonely and
never need encouragement or
cheer more than I do now.

62-39128-148 Sincerely yours,
Frank J. Guinan

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Navy

Re: Examination of a photostatic
copy of a [redacted]

Lab. # 48147
File # 62-39128-198

Examination requested by: [redacted]

Navy Department, Washington.

Date of reference communication: ^{5/14/41} ~~5/14/41~~

Date blocked: 5/14/41 fo

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Pechan

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: Al Capone, with aliases.

Number: 62-39129-80

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Examination requested by: Acting Director W. T. Shannon, Dir. Prison, Dep't Justice.

Date received: (Blocked 8-25-38) (Rec. 8-25-38 4:00 PM NY)

MAY 27, 1946
MARSEILLE, FR.

DEAR SIRS

I would like very much
AN ANSWER to the following
question.

Where was AL CAPONE
Killed? Did he die in
the electric chair at Sing
Sing? If so when?

Thank you very much
IN ADVANCE

Yours Truly
[Redacted]

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June 7, 1946

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308 Bomb Group
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Army Post Office 125
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of May 27, 1946, and wish to advise that the individual mentioned is still living.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bureau file 62-39128, REFLECTS A MEMO DATED APRIL 13, 1945 indicates that Capone was living in Miami Beach, Florida. Supervisor J. V. O'Grady advised that Capone was still living according to his latest information.

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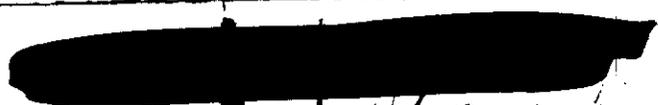
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Detroit 14 Mich
Feb 4th 1947

Hon. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I., Washington D. C.

My dear Sir-

I would like a little information on a case and a little juss
back up both with some of my friends. This ^{AI} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~one~~ ^{one} that just died
wasnt he a ~~guy~~ ^{guy} ~~or not~~ ^{or not}. I read a story ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~early~~ ^{early} ~~thirties~~ ^{thirties} that the
real ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Lapone~~ ^{Lapone} was shot ^{up} ~~up~~ ^{up} ~~above~~ ^{above} ~~Philadelphia~~ ^{Philadelphia}.
This ~~Lapone~~ ^{Lapone} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~just~~ ^{just} ~~died~~ ^{died}, his real name was Brown and had
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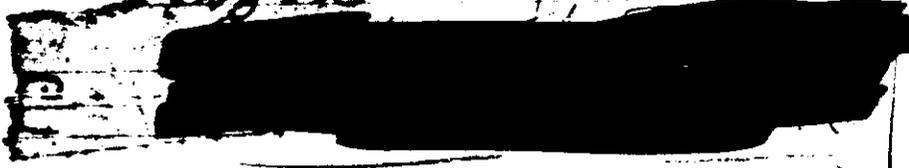
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The scar ² on his face.
The real Lipone didn't
have any scar on his
face. I believe I read
the story and it was
written by a former
FBI agent. Could you
correct me if I am
wrong. I will thank
you for this information
so I can correct my
self.

Sincerely,
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Mr. Rosen
Mr. McCabe
Mr. Ryan

February 17, 1947

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Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 4, 1947.

Please be advised that the subject of your inquiry was prosecuted for violation of U. S. Internal Revenue Laws.

It is suggested you may desire to communicate with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, U. S. Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. for information concerning this individual.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED 4
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

[Redacted]
Newton Highlands 61
Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I understand that the late
gangster Al Scarface Capone, had
a younger brother by the name
of Ralph ^{PP 1011 JAP: N2} Capone. If you would please
check your files and forward his
correct mailing address to me. Thanking
you in advance, I remain.

Very truly yours,

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Newton Highlands 01, Massachusetts

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of December 12, 1949, has been received.

I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau as in accordance with Departmental regulations our files are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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- Mr. Tracy _____
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- Mr. Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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CHESTER H. BRAGG

REAL ESTATE

232 SOUTH MICHIGAN STREET
SOUTH BEND 1, INDIANA

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

March 2, 1950

Handwritten initials

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

at Capone

A friend in Florida has just mailed me a clipping from the Miami Herald of February 19th covering a reporter's interview with FBI's Frank Wilson on the Capone Income Tax Trial before Judge James H. Wilkerson in Chicago in 1931. The writer, Chester H. Bragg, was the first witness called by the federal government in this famous trial and it was my task as a good citizen to face the "big bum" Capone for three and one-half hours during the entire first morning of the trial. Al was not the only murderer I faced that morning as Phillip DeAndrea, his number one body guard carrying a 45 calibre automatic in a shoulder holster, sat crouched behind him. He was searched at noon as he ducked out of the courtroom and sent to Leavenworth for contempt of federal court.

Now I have been an ardent admirer of the FBI as an organization and you personally, Mr. Hoover, and I have always been proud of my personal contacts with Frank Wilson at whose request I agreed to face Capone as the government's first witness. After reading scores of articles by Mr. Wilson, I feel disappointed in his persistent assumption of all credit as a full time paid professional ignoring the all important part in this conviction played by three mere citizens who risked their very lives with no thought of pay or any other benefit. In some of Wilson's writings, he very boastfully states that he was "The Man Who Got Capone". It is pretty clear to the public that he worked full time from 1928 to 1931 without obtaining sufficient facts to win a conviction.

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Permit me to remind your department that Rev. ~~Geo.~~ Hoover, a courageous local preacher, and Dave Morgan, later ambushed and riddled by machine gun fire and the writer led the Derby day raid in 1925--one hour before the Kentucky Derby that gave the government the only undisputed identification of Al Capone as the owner of his largest gambling joint in the Chicago area from which he had evaded all income tax payments. I personally stopped



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CHESTER H. BRAGG
REAL ESTATE
 232 SOUTH MICHIGAN STREET
 SOUTH BEND 1, INDIANA

Capone at the front door of this joint when he tried to crash "our little raiding party" as we were loading three truck loads of his gambling equipment out the back door. I asked Al, "What the Hell do you think this is, a party?" Out of sheer amazement he blurted out the reply, "Yes, its a party and I am giving it. This is my place and I am Al Capone." This statement to me, heard by both Hoover and Morgan, is on the court record as his own admission of guilt and was the basic evidence that won the case. Let me also pay tribute to Judge Wilkerson who switched a panel of fifty jurors the morning the trial opened after he learned that Capone threats and bribery had fixed the jury originally assigned to this trial. Wilson knew well the deadly risks all three of us civilians took in the Derby Day raid. When a bribed, crooked judge dismissed the gambling case "for lack of evidence", could you blame any citizen for not risking his life with high Chicago politicians and crooked judges freeing them on every criminal case we could bring up. Wilson says we were afraid to fight Capone. Yes, maybe we were, but we soon found we couldn't win with the state's attorney of Cook County, Robert E. Crowe, now a respected federal judge, on Capone's payroll.

Finally, Mr. Hoover, I feel that Frank Wilson should eat his words about citizen cowardice and refresh his foggy memory on the courageous part taken by Rev. Hoover, Dave Morgan, and Chester H. Bragg who guarded the front door that day in Cicero and barred Capone from entering his own joint, for which I took a severe beating. These same three men faced the "big lug" from the witness chair in the trial and that night I refused a \$50,000 grip full of money if I would take the stand next day and repudiate my positive identification. My scrap-book lists nearly 500 murder victims of the Capone mob in the roaring 20's, and God only knows why my name escaped that list.

Respectfully submitted

Chester H. Bragg
 Chester H. Bragg

CHB/mel

Copy for Frank Wilson



March 15, 1950

Mr. Chester E. Bragg
232 South Michigan Street
South Bend 1, Indiana

Dear Mr. Bragg:

Your letter dated March 8, 1950, with enclosure, has been received.

The interest which prompted your communication is appreciated, and I am grateful for your action in making available to me the views which you outlined.

I am returning the enclosure received with your letter since I note it is designated for Mr. Frank Wilson, with whom you wish to communicate directly in the matter concerning which you have written. For your information, Mr. Wilson was not a member of the FBI, and he is retired from his former position as Chief of the United States Secret Service.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

Enclosure
NOTE: Confidential information in Bureau files concerning correspondent. The enclosure being returned to him is a carbon copy of the incoming letter of which the correspondent has marked "Wilson's Copy."

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AUBURN, ALABAMA
August 1, 1950

Information Dept.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

It has been required that a research theme be written on the 1920's. I have selected Al Capone's connections with prohibition. I would appreciate any information you could give me on this subject or where I may receive some. Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature]

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August 9, 1950

[Redacted]

Auburn, Alabama

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated August 1, 1950, together with enclosure, has been received. While I would like to assist you, the data requested is not available for distribution by this Bureau.

Since your research theme deals with prohibition matters you may desire to communicate with the Deputy Commissioner, Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, Washington 25, D. C. You may also desire to consult newspaper files on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TRUE COPY

Ottawa May 16th/56

Sirs-

Recently I had an argument with a friend of mine regarding the late Al Capone.

He contended that he was still alive while I say he is dead. Would it be possible for any official proof from you to show this bone-head the facts.

I know you are busy and I hope this doesn't inconvenience you in any way.

Yours sincerely

/s/



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Ottawa Ont Canada

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Ottawa May 16th 56

Sirs -

Recently I had an argument with a friend of mine regarding the fate of Al Capone.

He contended that he was still alive while I say he is dead. Would it be possible for any official proof from you to show this bone-headed the facts.

I know you are busy and I hope this doesn't inconvenience you in any way.

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Yours sincerely
[Redacted signature]
[Redacted address]

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Ottawa Ont
Canada.

May 24, 1956

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[REDACTED]
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 16, 1956, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that Al Capone died of pneumonia on January 25, 1947.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Ottawa, with copy of incoming

cc - Foreign Liaison Unit

NOTE: Information taken from Al Capone's Identification Division jacket, FBI # 214223. It is not felt that there can be any objections to furnishing this information since stories re Al Capone were given much publicity during his colorful career.

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New York 28, New York
8 February 1959

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: Public Relations Department

Gentlemen:

Would it possible to obtain photographs or descriptions of machine guns used by the Capone mob and by Al Capone himself, and photographs or descriptions of any other personal effects of Al Capone which you might have on exhibit in Washington?

Also, do you happen to know anything of the whereabouts of Al Capone's widow or of his son, who must be about 30 now?

I am interested in these matters as a means of assisting a French newspaper editor who is a personal friend of mine and who is now engaged in writing a biography of Al Capone. Any assistance you can provide in this matter will be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted signature]

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[Redacted]

New York 28, New York

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated February 8, 1959, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI has no material which we can send you along the lines you suggested. The thought occurs to me that you or your friend may wish to consider the advisability of corresponding with the Chief of Police of Chicago, Illinois, who may be in a position to help.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: On the basis of information furnished, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Emmanuel Missionary College

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

March 10, 1958

Inspector Gordon A. Nease
615 Tennessee Avenue
Alexandria, Va.

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Dear Inspector Nease:

I am a student at E. M. C. as a freshman. This college, starting next fall, will have the youngest university in Michigan. Potomac University, which is now at Washington D. C., will be moved to the campus of this college.

I have a research paper due next month for my comp. class. Because of the location of the college, I became interested in the life of Al Capone. The school is about one mile from one of Capone's houses, which is located just outside of Berrien Springs, Mich..

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me all the available information on Al Capone and the organization, Mafia, of which Capone was the leader. Thank you very much.

Send the information to:

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[Redacted]
E. M. C.
College station
Berrien Springs
Michigan

Very truly yours

[Redacted signature block]

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March 23, 1958

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Emmanuel Missionary College
College Station
Berrien Springs, Michigan

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 10 to Inspector Nease has been brought to my attention, and I thought you would be interested to know that Mr. Nease is no longer associated with this Bureau.

While I would very much like to be of service to you, we have no information available for distribution concerning the topics you have chosen for your research paper, and accordingly we will be unable to comply with your request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect no identifiable information regarding the writer, [redacted]

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[Redacted]

Ponca City, Oklahoma

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated May 4, 1959, has been received.

Although I would like very much to be able to help you with your schoolwork, the FBI has no material which we can send you concerning the person you named. Enclosed is a booklet about the FBI which you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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26th May 1959

The Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
WASHINGTON D.C.
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| Mr. McGuire | ✓ |
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| Mr. Rosen | ✓ |
| Mr. Tamm | ✓ |
| Mr. Trotter | ✓ |
| Mr. W.C. Sullivan | ✓ |
| Tele. Room | |
| Mr. Holloman | |
| Miss Gandy | |

Dear Sir,

Very soon, we in the North of England are to present a film which is entitled "LIFE AND CRIMES OF AL CAPONE".

Crime today, all over the world, is running on the same pattern, possibly with less blood-shed than in the Capone era, which was so successfully suppressed by you.

To help us point out the erring ways of youth today we are trying to organise a "Black Museum" on Al Capone Exhibition in Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds and the leading cities in the North of England, and I would be very grateful if you could supply me with photostatic copies of any documents that are not considered top secret, that helped to incriminate Capone and any official photographs you may be able to release.

If any of the gentlemen who helped to over-throw the Capone régime are still alive, I would be very happy if they could make a tape-recording which we would relay in each situation where the Exhibition takes place.

If it is at all possible for the Mayor of Chicago to send us a personal message, this would be very acceptable also.

I look forward eagerly to your reply and I do hope that you will be able to help us in some way.

Yours faithfully,

J. Grundy
J. GRUNDY.
AREA PUBLICIST.

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Mr. J. Grundy
Area Publicist
Associated British-Pathe Limited
Offices 2-3
3 The Parsonage
Manchester, England

Dear Mr. Grundy:

I received your letter concerning a film on the life of Al Capone on June 8, 1959.

For your information, Capone was successfully prosecuted by the Internal Revenue Service and not by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have taken the liberty of referring your letter to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue who may be in a position to furnish you the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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NOTE: On the basis of information available, no record could be located in Bufiles concerning Mr. Grundy. A copy of Grundy's letter has been referred to the Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

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December 31, 1959
Emmet, North Dakota

Dear Sirs;

I have been doing some work on Al Capone, the gangster, I'm sure you know who I am talking about. No librarys in North Dakota seem to have any reference material on this subject. I would appreciate it if you would send me every thing you know on the subject. If this is asking to much please send me as much information as possible.

This is what I would like to know:

When and where he was born?

How he got started in the gangster profession?

His major crimes

The organization he formed and in what cities

His trial and Conviction

His death

AL CAPONE

I would appreciate it, if you could send this information as soon as possible.

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Sincerely,

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[Redacted]
Emmet, North Dakota
Dear [Redacted] b6

Your letter dated December 31, 1959, has been received.

Although I would like very much to be able to help you, the FBI has no material which we can send you relating to Al Capone. Enclosed is a booklet about the FBI which you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure The Story of the FBI

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August 21, 1961

[Redacted]

Austin 5, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated August 15, 1961, has been received.

Al Capone was sentenced on October 24, 1931, for violation of the Federal income tax laws which do not come within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI, therefore, I am unable to answer all of your inquiries. I can advise you, however, that he was released from the Federal Correctional Institution, Terminal Island, California, on January 19, 1939. He was not later confined in prison and died from pneumonia on January 25, 1947, at Palm Island, Miami, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The above information concerning Al Capone was taken from his Ident Record and from the Miami, Florida, death notice. In connection with Capone, the Internal Revenue Service has previously advised via liaison that it has no information for dissemination concerning him.

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Assumption Abbey
Richardton, North Dakota
February 14, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506-Old Post Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

For a research theme in my class in English IV, I am collecting information on the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States, and how this efficient organization tracked down and arrested Al Capone.

Your organization is known and recognized nationally for the quick and efficient job of tracking down and arresting of criminals. For this reason, I am writing to ask for your help in getting any possible information. If possible, Mr. Hoover, could you please send me information on any possible records on Al Capone, how you tracked him down, and how efficiently and how your Bureau works. If possible, would you also send some "mug-shots" of Capone. I am willing to pay for these.

You are very busy, I know, Mr. Hoover; but if you can send me the information I need, I shall be most grateful.

Sincerely yours



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February 21, 1962

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[Redacted]
Assumption Abbey School
Richardton, North Dakota

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 14, 1962, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to advise that Al Capone was sentenced on October 24, 1931, for violation of the Federal income tax laws which did not come within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau but was handled by the Internal Revenue Service. He was released from the Federal Correctional Institute, Terminal Island, California, on January 19, 1939. In addition, more information can be found in Mr. Don Whitehead's book, "The FBI Story."

In view of the interest you expressed, I am enclosing some material about the functions and operations of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The FBI Laboratory.

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The above information regarding Al Capone was taken from his identification record. Internal Revenue Service has advised that they do not have any information available for distribution regarding him.

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[Redacted] 66
Edinburg, Va.
March 25, 1962

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Could you please send me some information concerning the great crime leader - Al Capone who was active during the 1920's. This information is to be used in writing a term paper for high school and this is the topic I received. The Roaring Twenties is what I am to write about bringing in Al Capone, other crimes, prohibition, bootlegging and dance crazes.

I would greatly appreciate any information you could send to me before the last of April.

Thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

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Edinburg, Va.

March 25, 1962

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Edinburg, Virginia

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 25, 1962, has been received.

The FBI does not have any publications available for distribution concerning Al Capone; however, you may wish to refer to "The FBI Story," a book written by Mr. Don Whitehead, which contains some data relative to him. You will probably be able to obtain a copy of it at your local library.

For your information, Capone was sentenced on October 24, 1931, for violation of the Federal income tax laws which do not come within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. He was released from the Federal Correctional Institution, Terminal Island, California, on January 19, 1939, and died on January 25, 1947, at Palm Island, Miami, Florida.

Enclosed is some literature which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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