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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL TOWNSEND.

RE: [illegible]

In line with your telephonic instruction of today, I communicated with the Agent in Charge of my Chicago office and directed him to immediately contact the United States Attorney's office at Chicago for the purpose of detailing two Agents to properly guard and prevent from leaving the jurisdiction the important witness recently located, which was the subject of a conference between United States Attorney Johnson and you.

The Agent in Charge of the Chicago office gave this matter immediate attention and the necessary arrangements have been effected.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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September 3, 1939.

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Mr. H. H. Clegg,
P. O. Box 1405,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

With reference to our telephonic
conversation of this afternoon, I am enclosing
herewith, for your information, a copy of a
memorandum which I have today directed to
Assistant Attorney General Youngquist.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL YOUNGQUIER.

With reference to your request of a few days ago that Agents of the Bureau be assigned to guard an important witness in the Northern Judicial District of Illinois, I have just received telephonic advice from my Agent in Charge at Chicago that in a conference with the Assistant United States Attorney in charge of this case he was informed that the period of assignment would be for not less than three months, probably six months, and might even extend to one year.

I instructed my Agent in Charge at Chicago not to assign any Agents to this matter for manifestly it would be impossible for the Bureau to handle an assignment of this character for that duration. We are shorthanded in all sections of the country, due to an unusual increase in the number of investigative cases and the most that we could do in the case at Chicago would be to protect the witness for a period of one week or ten days.

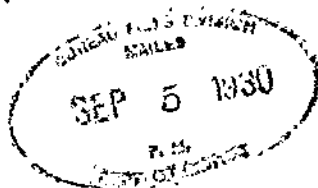
I wanted you to know of this development at once so that the United States Attorney might be advised of the situation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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H H CLEGG
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM CONCERNING REQUEST UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS OFFICE FOR
TWO GUARDS TO BE ASSIGNED FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE MONTHS AND A POSSIBLE MAXIMUM
OF ONE YEAR YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THIS REQUEST SHOULD BE DENIED

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR

Wire sent - 4:25 P.M.

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Mr. Nathan

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL YOUNGQUIST.

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With reference to my memorandum of the 5th. instant, concerning the request of the United States Attorney's office at Chicago, I am attaching hereto, for your information, a copy of a telegram which I have received from my Agent in Charge there.

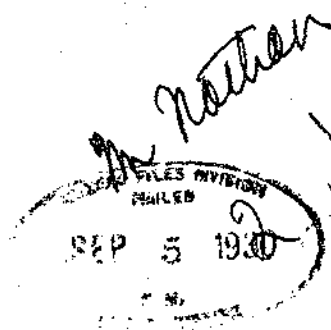
I have instructed him that the Agents are not to be assigned to this case in view of the duration of the assignment and the inadequate personnel with which we have to meet our regular responsibilities.

I did not see Mr. Johnson before he left the city so I did not have an opportunity to explain the situation to him, but I assume that you talked with him before he left.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl.



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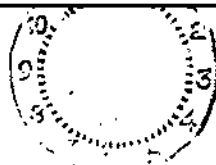
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Chicago, Ill.

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September 5, 1930.



Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Frank Nitti

SEP 5 1930

Confirming telephone message and supplementing telegram to the Bureau on even date, will advise that in connection with the request that this office assign two agents to guard an important witness, the following events have transpired.

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Immediately after receipt of the telephone call from your office, I conferred with officials in the U. S. Attorney's office in Chicago and there ascertained that Asst. U. S. Attorney Green was acquainted with the circumstances in the case. Mr. Green suggested that he would confer with

and subsequently they would call at this office for a conference in order that the details of the plan which they propose might be discussed. On September 5, 1930, Mr. Green called at this office with

[Redacted block]

I was informed that

[Redacted block]

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I informed the gentleman that my interpretation of the instructions which I had received was different from the plan which they had outlined, that I had no authority to assign agents for such an extended period and would refuse to do so until instructions were received to that effect. I offered him the services of the two agents, as the Bureau had requested, for a period not in excess of ten days if that would serve their purpose completely. [redacted] intimated that this would be entirely too brief a period for their purposes.

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I am of the opinion that the time involved in this case was not made clear to you and, consequently, will await further directions before proceeding with this case.

Very truly yours,


H. H. CLEGG,
Special Agent in Charge.

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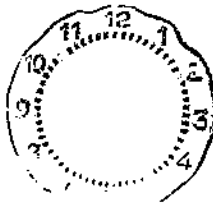
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P. O. Box 1405
Chicago, Illinois

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September 5, 1930

Director
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.



SEP 8 1930

Dear Sir:

FRANK Nitti

Reference is made to telephone conversation with the Director on September 3, 1930, and to Bureau letter of the same date relating to the request made by the United States Attorney of Chicago, Illinois, to Assistant Attorney General Youngquist that the cooperation of this office be furnished in order to properly guard an important witness recently located. Immediately after the telephone conversation in question, I called at the office of the United States Attorney, and after making several inquiries of the Assistants in that office, I ascertained from Assistant United States Attorney Green that he had been in telephonic communication with United States Attorney Johnson, and that he was acquainted with the circumstances. A very brief outline of the matter at that time by Mr. Green indicated that the witness was in custody at Danville, Illinois, and that an effort was being made to have the witness released on his own recognizance and it was intimated that the necessary guard would probably be requested to function for a period of three months to one year. This information was subsequently related to the Director during a telephone conversation concerning another matter.

On September 4, 1930 I again saw Mr. Green, and he stated that arrangements had not as yet been effected for carrying through the proposal but that he expected they would be ready for action by September 5. Of course, I will inform Mr. Green as soon as the details of the plan are outlined concerning the inability of this office to furnish the services of agents to guard the witness beyond a very reasonable period of time.

The Bureau will be advised of full developments as soon as this office has been requested to undertake the action which will be desired.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG

Special Agent in Charge

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September 8, 1930.

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Memorandum of telephone call from United States Attorney Johnson.

United States Attorney Johnson said he had received a telephone call from his Chicago office advising him that the local office of the Bureau at Chicago had communicated with that office and advised that they would not be able to handle the guarding of the witness, which he had requested. Mr. Johnson said he felt that certainly in such an important matter he should have been consulted and his wishes given some consideration. Mr. Hoover said that as soon as the request was received from Chicago he had communicated with Mr. Youngquist and that Mr. Youngquist had agreed that a ten day period of assignment was all that could be done by the Bureau, and that Mr. Youngquist had said he was to have luncheon with Mr. Johnson and would consult with him at that time about the matter. Mr. Johnson said he had understood that the ten days order would stand and had talked with Mr. Nathan yesterday afternoon.

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Mr. Hoover said the Bureau could take over the guarding of the witness for ten days only. Mr. Johnson said if that were done he would be able in the meantime to arrange for other means of protection.

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Hoover to call his Bureau office at Chicago and issue the necessary instructions. Mr. Hoover said he would call the Chicago office and instruct them to assign men for ten days only. Mr. Johnson asked if Mr. Hoover would have Mr. Clegg call Mr. Green and advise him that the assignment is being made and also advise him that Mr. Johnson will make other arrangements when he arrives in Chicago.

Mr. Hoover said he would place a long distance call immediately.

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Mr. Hoover called Mr. Clegg and told him to make the assignment for ten days only; to place two agents on the case. Mr. Clegg said he had talked with Mr. Green a few minutes ago and that Mr. Green was of the opinion that if the Bureau only took the case over for ten days it would not be of any purpose for them to take it at all. Mr. Green was also of the opinion that the request was an imposition.

Mr. Hoover told Mr. Clegg to talk to Mr. Green again and if he wishes to have the Bureau do this Mr. Clegg should assign two

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Agents. If Mr. Green doesn't want this done, Mr. Clegg is not to do it.

Mr. Hoover delivered Mr. Johnson's message.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
P.O. Box 1405,
Chicago, Ill.

SEP 11 1930

September 6, 1930.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Supplementing the letter from this office dated September 5, 1930, relative to the request of U. S. Attorney's office in Chicago for two men to be assigned to guard [redacted]

Referral/Consult

[redacted] and with reference also to the Bureau's telegram dated September 5, 1930, you are advised that I today called upon Asst. U. S. Attorney Green, who is handling this matter in the local U. S. Attorney's office, and explained the matter to him, and he again expressed the opinion that the length of time that would be necessary to guard this witness would be a minimum of three months.

Mr. Green said he perfectly understood the situation of this office in this matter and he appeared not at all displeased at the action that was taken. I informed him that the length of time appeared to me to be unreasonable and I did not have the authorization to assign two men for such an extended period to a case of this type.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Olegg
H. H. OLEGG,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. H. H. Clegg,
P. O. Box 1405,
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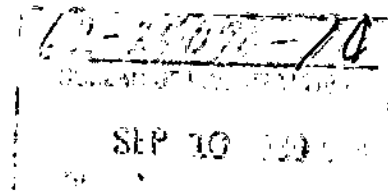
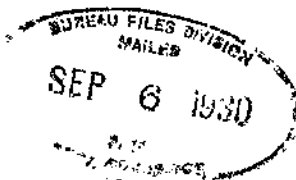
Dear Sir:

With reference to the request of the United States Attorney's Office for the assignment of two Agents to guard an important witness, confirming telephonic conversation with you today, you are authorized to assign two Agents of your office to this matter for a period not to exceed ten days. The assignment should be terminated by you not later than the close of business September 16th.

You will please communicate with Assistant United States Attorney Green, who, I understand from Mr. Johnson, is in charge of the matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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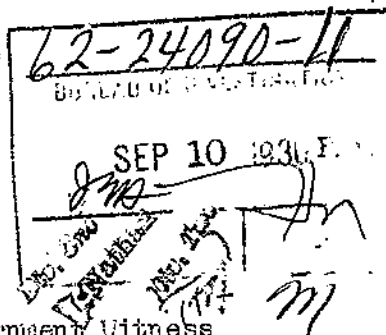
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Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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SEP 17 1930



Dear Sir:

O. RE: [redacted]

FRANK NICK

Guarding Government Witness

Referral/Consult

Reference is made to telephone conversation with the Bureau on September 6, 1930, as confirmed by Bureau letter of the same date with reference to the assignment of two Agents to guard an important witness. In this connection you are advised that immediately after telephone conversation with you I conferred with Assistant United States Attorney Green, who subsequently advised that it would be unnecessary to begin any action in this case until September 8, on which date the arrangement was outlined by [redacted] and confirmed by

Mr. Green as follows:



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Under no circumstances will we extend this assignment



Upon the arrival of Assistant United States Attorney Green at his office this morning he will be requested to transmit in writing to this office the action he desires to be undertaken in order that the Agents will have definite instructions for holding the witness in custody in the event his attitude or mind should change as to the plans which are now being made.

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Agents have been instructed by me to take no chances and that in the event it became necessary to do so in order to protect themselves they could leave the witness in order to seek safety, or if necessary they could use Agent Larimer's car and proceed to any other place which they thought necessary in order to insure their safety. [redacted] made a similar recommendation, stating that the safety of the Agents was more important than the safety of the witness, if circumstances warrant their leaving the witness. I have also instructed the Agents that they are to take no instructions from anyone other than officials of this office in this matter, and that any suggestions that may be made to them by [redacted] are not to be interpreted as instructions, unless, in judgment of the Agents, these suggestions are valuable, and in case of doubt they are to communicate with me by telephone for confirmation. I have instructed the Agents to report to me by telephone at least three times each day in order to advise the present status of the arrangement. I have also authorized Agent Larimer to use his car in order to continue in effect the pretext that the witness and the two Agents are real estate men and in order that their remaining in the room assigned them will not arouse suspicion. They were informed, however, that they should not visit Chicago or other towns where the witness is well known but should confine their travels in the car to the rural sections surrounding Highland Park.

Agents are under instructions to discontinue their activities September 16, 1930. It is likely, however, that this office will be requested to continue them until September 18, which will be ten days from the date the assignment began. I also inferred that efforts might be made to have the Department authorize a renewal of these instructions for a continuance beyond the limit now fixed. Due to the condition of the work in this

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office, the need for the services of the Agents, and the fact that this matter is not one coming within the primary jurisdiction of this Bureau, I should like to recommend that an extension of this time be not made. I shall keep the Bureau advised of any important developments.

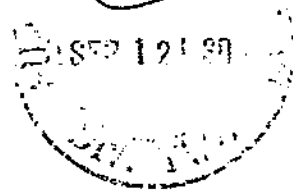
Very truly yours,


H. H. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1405,
Chicago, Ill.



September 9, 1930.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Referral/Consult
Guarding Government Witness.

Dear Sir:

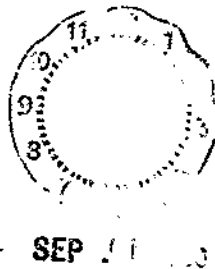
In connection with the above entitled matter to which Special Agents Larimer and Butterworth are assigned, there is enclosed herewith for your information a copy of a letter dated September 8, 1930, received at this office from the United States Attorney at Chicago.

The letter was forwarded to this office in accordance with my request, and authorizes the action which the Agents are undertaking.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Clegg
H. H. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 13, 1930.

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Mr. H. H. Clegg,
P. O. Box 1405,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

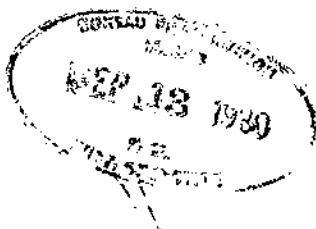
The Bureau is in receipt of your communication of September 8th., relative to the matter of [redacted] and notes the assignment, according to Bureau instructions, of two Agents to guard said [redacted] for a period of ten days from September 8th.

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Under no circumstances does the Bureau desire that this period of assignment be extended and should you be called upon for an extension thereof, you should courteously inform the United States Attorney's office of the Bureau's specific instructions that this assignment be terminated at the expiration of the period agreed upon.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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**RAIDERS FIND
POLICE FILE IN
GANG HANGOUT**

**Secret Paper Lists
31 for Arrest.**

Hidden under a pillow in a south side hotel, reputed to be a Capone gang hangout, a secret police department list of thirty-one hoodlums scheduled for arrest was found by federal agents yesterday. Besides the name of each gangster, racketeer, or pander appeared the names of a policeman or policemen who had arrested him before and who will be expected to do so again, the next time serving a new vagabond warrant.

The government agents were searching for Frank Nitti, Capone book-keeper for income tax evasion. Believing that Al Capone, his brother, Ralph, and the golf bag gunman, Sam Hunt, might also be found. A. P. Madden and Clarence Converse of the special intelligence unit, bureau of internal revenue, led the raid which took them through the five story Carleon hotel at 2138 South Wabash avenue.

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Investigation of Chicago

list of Chicago Gangsters

Find Secret Police Document.

From top to bottom the agents and two detective bureau squads roamed the place, encountering 12 men and a bevy of women, but no gangsters. Working down from the top floor, Converse, however, finally arrived at room 204. Within lay Tony Tagenti, a Capone bondsman, who said he was suffering from the influenza.

Converse slid his hand beneath Tagenti's pillow searching for a gun, and withdrew the folded police memorandum.

He scanned it a moment with Police Lieut. Walter Storms.

"Where did you get this?" Converse asked Tagenti.

"I don't know a thing about it," said Tagenti. "This is my office here, but I didn't even know that thing was around."

Ryan Tells of Document.

Converse took the document to the detective bureau, where Deputy Chief Ryan said it was a copy of a memorandum he had dictated on Sept. 18 and of which he had ordered four copies made. Two of these copies, Ryan said, were for his own office, one for Chief Norton and another for the newly formed vagrancy bureau, Acting Commissioner Alcock's own department for the elimination, by way of the rock pile, of Chicago's public enemies and undesirables.

Ryan said his two copies were safe. He declared he had taken one to Chief Norton who directed him to give it and the remaining copy to Attorney William Luthardt, head of the vagrancy bureau. Last night Norton displayed little interest in the list.

"I don't know what kind of a list it is," he said, "and I know damn well it isn't my list." Chief Norton denied that Converse had even given him the list seized in the raid, but the government man said he placed it in Norton's hands.

Nobody Wants Prisoners.

While the detective bureau was seething with talk of the discovery Tagenti and the eleven other men taken from the hotel were fingerprinted and left in cells without being questioned. Converse said he did not want the prisoners and Lieut. Storms approached Chief Norton for instructions.

"If the government men don't want them, turn them out except those with records," said Norton.

Tagenti and nine others then went their way while Milton Edwards and Frank Bell, the former once fined for disorderly conduct and the latter charged with burglary, were held. Forty-five minutes later they, too, were released on bonds.

Planned for the secret information of the police department, awaiting the time when the vagabond warrants were ready for issuance, the list of hoodlums had never been posted at the detective bureau.

The Secret Memorandum.

Following is the confidential list, just as it was prepared, with the names of the policemen scheduled to make the arrests following those of the hoodlums to be arrested:

"DETECTIVE BUREAU.

"Sept. 18, 1930.

"Memorandum from the deputy chief of detectives to the chief of detectives:

"Subject: Well known racketeers and gunmen. Following is a list of well known racketeers and gunmen for whom vagrancy writs may issue:

"Mike Heitler, alias 'Mike De Pike,' racketeer and pander.—Lieuts. Byrnes and O'Brien, D. B. [detective bureau].

"Nick Kramer, beer runner and pal of Joe Saltis.—Sergt. Roza, D. B.

"James Joyce, beer runner and pal

Converse, Storms, and the others began the systematic search of the thirty-five rooms. The rooms were tenanted by more than thirty women.

The room where Tagenti was lying appeared to be an office for the hotel, which, Converse says, is owned by Dennis Cooney. Cooney was not present, and no records could be found which would disclose the ownership. At the telephone switchboard downstairs was tacked a cardboard list of girls' names, an index, apparently, to the whereabouts of others who could be called in.

Serritella Arrives on Scene.

While the hubbub attending the transfer of the prisoners to the bureau was at its height, City Sealer Dan Serritella and Attorney Tyrell Richardson arrived.

Converse and Madden have been seeking Nitti for some weeks. A raid last week on the Lexington hotel, 22d street and Michigan avenue, the reputed headquarters of the Capone gang, was staged when evidence reached the government that Nitti was hiding there. No gangsters were seized.

and four or five of Madden's agents went to the detective bureau and obtained Chief Norton's consent to use two police squads under command of Lieut. Storms for surrounding and searching the hotel.

About 2 p. m. the agents and squads reached the hotel. Two policemen and a federal agent were placed in front, a similar trio in the rear, and more squads were posted on the roof. Chief Madden covered the lobby himself and

undercover information gained through several weeks' observation by Converse, ace of the internal revenue intelligence investigators. Disguised in corduroy trousers, stout hat, and worn work shirt, Converse had posed as a "gandy dancer," a track laborer, in the Carleon hotel neighborhood and had the opportunity to learn that Nitti, wanted under a delinquent income tax indictment, frequented the place.

Yesterday Chief Madden Converse

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State and Jackson
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Orrington and Church
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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1405
Chicago, Illinois

September 18, 1930

Director
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the Bureau's authorization of
assignment of two Agents to guard [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] you are advised that on this date at
7 o'clock A. M. Special Agents R. N. Butterworth and HugReferral/Consult
Larimer delivered the witness in question into the care of

[redacted]
[redacted] and approval for such action was given by Assistant
United States Attorney Green.

United States Attorney Johnson telephoned me this
morning inquiring as to the present status and if this Bureau
was continuing to perform services in this connection beyond the
ten-day limit. I informed him we were discontinuing our services
at the conclusion of the ten-day period, and that in accordance
with the suggestion and arrangements previously made by [redacted]
[redacted] and approved by Assistant United States Attorney Green,
the witness had been delivered into the care of [redacted] this
morning at Evanston, Illinois.

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This matter is therefore being carried as a closed
case in the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

POST OFFICE BOX 1405,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

September 18, 1930.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the telegram addressed to you of even date relating to the case entitled Frank Nitto alias Ritti, who is under indictment at Chicago in connection with an important income tax violation, you are advised that this afternoon I conferred with United States Attorney Johnson of Chicago and advised him that this office will be unable to handle the investigation which he had requested which was to the effect that this office undertake to locate the Subject. I explained to Mr. Johnson the fact that this was not a matter coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, and that the amount of current work of our own classifications as well as work which we were doing for the benefit of other investigative agencies had accumulated in this office to such an extent that we would have to confine our investigative efforts to matters within the primary investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau until at least we had been able to bring the condition of the pending work to a status whereby proper attention could be given to the investigations.

Mr. Johnson stated that he did not sympathize with the idea that prompted this suggestion, although he understood that this office and the Bureau were acting as soldiers and would be forced to obey instructions. He was of the opinion that there should be full co-operation, particularly in matters of the importance of the case in question. He stated that last week when in conference with Assistant Attorney General Youngquist, Mr. Youngquist had suggested to him that he refer this matter to this Bureau, ~~or~~ that at least full co-operation of the Department could be expected in the handling of this case. He interpreted this as meaning that he would be entitled to call upon this Bureau for assistance in this particular matter, which overshadowed, as Mr. Johnson stated, the importance of the usual type of investigation.

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which was made for the purpose of locating fugitives in cases of lesser importance. Mr. Johnson stated that he would endeavor to communicate with the Attorney General, relating this matter, in order that appropriate instructions might be issued, if such instructions were obtainable. Due to this fact and due to the probability that Mr. Youngquist had intended to convey to you his desire for this investigation to be given special consideration, I took the liberty to address the above mentioned telegram to you, thinking that it would be advisable to confer with Mr. Youngquist and probably the Attorney General before this office finally notified Mr. Johnson that no action would be taken in this particular case.

The case in question, I am informed, involves the Subject, who is one of the important forces connected with the Capone gang in Chicago. Special Agent Dewey inquired of the Treasury Department officials and ascertained that they had made an effort to locate Subject, who was believed at the time to be in Florida, but that their efforts had been unsuccessful. A non est return has been made on the warrant. This office will take no action in this connection whatsoever since our telephone conversation today and in view of recent Bureau letter to this office, until permission to do so has been obtained from the Bureau.

I do not desire to be understood as recommending that this investigation be conducted but thought perhaps, as this matter had previously been called to the attention of the Department, it might be advisable to take the action which is suggested in the wire addressed to the Bureau of even date. Your instructions and desires in this matter will be closely followed.

Very truly yours,


H. H. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge

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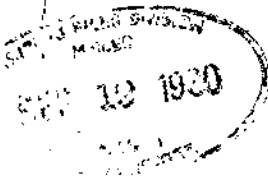
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL YOUNG

You will recall that at your request, I agreed to place two Agents with an important witness in a case in which U. S. Attorney Johnson, of Chicago, was interested. It was to be the function of the two Agents to protect this witness. You will further recall that upon making inquiry at Chicago, my Chicago office was informed that the assignment of two Agents would probably be necessary for one year, and that upon learning this I stated that it would be impossible to accede to the request of the U. S. Attorney; that the most I could do would be to assign two Agents for ten days. It is to be noted that the case in which Mr. Johnson was interested was an Internal Revenue case, upon which this Bureau had performed no investigative activity, and in view of the fact that it is a general policy for all investigative agencies to handle all phases of their individual cases, and in further view of the fact that the work of this Bureau is considerably far behind, I stated that I thought that the most I could do would be to assign two men for the ten day period. To do this was decidedly an exception to the general rule eliminating the assignment of investigators to cases upon which they have not performed any investigative activity. Mr. Johnson assured me that he would make the necessary arrangements by the expiration of the ten days to take the case over from the Bureau. The ten day period expired yesterday, and Mr. Johnson communicated with the Department yesterday, insistent upon another ten day extension, he apparently having effected no arrangement to relieve us at the end of the first ten days.

I have instructed my Agent in Charge at Chicago that the Bureau will extend its assignment on this case until next Monday morning, September 22, but at that time Mr. Johnson must have made the necessary arrangements to take care of the matter through some other agency. It is manifestly impossible for the investigative forces of this Bureau to properly handle the investigations over which it has primary jurisdiction if we are to be called upon to perform investigative work which properly belongs to another investigative agency. This case at Chicago is an Internal Revenue case, and it would seem to me that the Internal Revenue Bureau, with its several groups of investigators, could handle the matter. This Bureau



does not turn to other Governmental investigating agencies to perform work which it is our function to perform, and I think it is manifestly unfair and unreasonable for this Bureau to be expected to assign Agents to matters that do not come within this Bureau's jurisdiction, particularly when the work of this Bureau is as congested as it is at the present time. We have primary jurisdiction in Bankruptcy, National Bank Act cases, White Slave violations, Antitrust violations, Motor Theft violations, and innumerable other major violations of the Criminal Code, and under the law no other investigative agency is authorized to handle the investigation of these violations, so consequently, the Bureau must handle them. Our investigative force is totally inadequate for the performance of the Bureau's regular work, but it becomes an impossibility to properly function at all if we are going to be called upon to work on cases for which other Governmental investigative agencies have been created and authorized to perform investigative services.

I wanted to explain the situation quite fully and frankly to you, as I anticipate that U. S. Attorney Johnson may endeavor to again have this Bureau function in matters that do not properly fall within its jurisdiction. Mr. Johnson and one or two other U. S. Attorneys resort to this practice, and since the cases for which they desire the assistance of the Bureau are cases usually falling in your Division of the Department, I thought I should write you rather comprehensively about the matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

JH:MS

September 19, 1930;

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Mr. H. H. Clegg,
P. O. Box 1405,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telegram of September 18th., concerning the request of United States Attorney Johnson for the assistance of this Bureau in the locating of Frank Mitto, alias Mitti, it is noted that this case is one not coming within the primary jurisdiction of the Bureau of Investigation. It is noted, however, that Mr. Johnson states that he had a conference with Assistant Attorney General Youngquist, at which an arrangement was reached whereby this Bureau was to render the assistance desired.

No representative of this Bureau attended any such conference and consequently the details of the same are unknown to the Bureau. You may accept this case and handle it in the regular manner, furnishing, of course, any information obtained as to the location of Mitto to the United States Attorney.

The above instruction is not to be taken as a precedent, but as an exception to Bureau letter of September 16th.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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RE FRANK NITTO ALIAS NITTI UNDER INDICTMENT CHICAGO IMPORTANT INCOME TAX VIOLATION U S DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERE UNDERSTOOD ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL YOUNGQUIST DESIRED THIS BUREAU COOPERATE THIS IMPORTANT MATTER IN LOCATING SUBJECT NOW A FUGITIVE TREASURY OFFICIALS UNABLE LOCATE STOP DUE TO CONFERENCE BETWEEN U S DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND YOUNGQUIST THERE RECENTLY AND IMPORTANCE OF CASE PROBABLY ADVISABLE CONFIR DEPARTMENT BEFORE DEFINITELY REFUSING INVESTIGATION.

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Memorandum of telephone call from Mr. Clegg, Chicago.

Mr. Hoover asked Mr. Clegg if he knew why United States Attorney Johnson is trying to get in touch with Mr. Hoover. Mr. Hoover asked when the time expires which was agreed on to guard the witness. Mr. Clegg said the time expired today. The man was turned over to the Internal Revenue men at seven o'clock this morning. Assistant United States Attorney Green approved the action. Mr. Johnson requested that no time elapse between the time the Bureau ceased protection and the Internal Revenue took the man over. Mr. Johnson said he had wired Washington several days ago to extend the time of the Bureau's action but that he has heard nothing as yet. When he found that the man had been turned over to Internal Revenue he was very much upset. Mr. Clegg told him that Mr. Green had approved this action. He said Mr. Clegg had misunderstood Mr. Green.

Mr. Clegg said that the United States Attorney had asked the Bureau yesterday to locate the subject in the case. His name is Nitti, alias Nitto. It is purely an Internal Revenue case and does not belong to the Bureau at all. Mr. Hoover told Mr. Clegg to stand his ground in this matter.

Mr. Hoover asked Mr. Clegg if he had denied the story concerning an alleged former special agent. He said he had not seen the newspaper men yet, but he would go right down to the Press room and tell them.

Mr. Hoover called Mr. Clegg. Mr. Hoover said Mr. O'Brian had called him. Mr. Johnson had called Mr. O'Brian and was very much excited because the Bureau had turned the witness over to the Internal Revenue. Mr. Hoover said he told Mr. O'Brian that the action was taken with the consent of Mr. Green. Mr. Johnson said that Mr. Clegg had misunderstood Mr. Green; that Mr. Green was now in his office and said that the Bureau had turned the man over to Internal Revenue only for the period during the Grand Jury proceedings and after that he was turned loose. He was sitting in Mr. Johnson's office while he was talking to Mr. O'Brian, with no one to look out for him. Mr. Clegg said there was no misunderstanding at all. That the Bureau had turned the man over to Wilson and that ended the case as far as the Bureau is concerned. Mr. Hoover said Mr. Johnson told Mr. O'Brian that he has arranged with some civic body to take the man over, but that this body cannot take him over for a few days. Mr. Hoover suggested that Mr. Clegg see Mr. Green and perhaps they could straighten the matter out. Mr. Hoover said if Internal Revenue will not guard the man further Mr. Hoover will be agreeable to have the Bureau guard him Friday, Saturday and Sunday, only. This is not to be volunteered, however.

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Mr. Clegg called Mr. Hoover. He said the story Mr. Johnson told Mr. O'Brian is false. Mr. Johnson said there was a misunderstanding of his conversation and that he had not known that he was leaving a false impression. He said he just wanted to get an extension of ten days and he is waiting now for an answer. Mr. Hoover said he was in Mr. O'Brian's office when the call came in from Mr. Johnson and there was no mistake at all. Mr. Clegg said that he, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Green had had a conference with Mr. Johnson, and that Mr. Johnson had asked Mr. Clegg to tell Mr. Hoover that he would like to have an extension of ten days and he would not ask for any longer extension. Mr. Hoover asked what Mr. Wilson will do if the Bureau refuses to extend the time. Mr. Clegg said he did not know. Mr. Clegg said that the witness, aside from being an important witness in the case is a valuable witness against Capone himself. Mr. Hoover said that he was afraid that if anything should happen to the witness after the Bureau had refused to guard him Mr. Johnson would blow up and blame the Bureau for it. Mr. Clegg suggested that the Bureau agree to protect the man until Monday and state that after that it would be unable to do more. Mr. Hoover agreed with the suggestion and told Mr. Clegg to tell Mr. Johnson that that is the extent to which the Bureau can go.

Relative to the location of Nitti, Mr. Hoover instructed Mr. Clegg to tell the United States Attorney that the Bureau could not do that.

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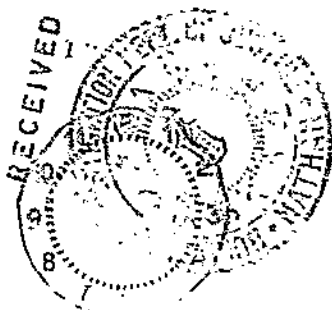
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION

Upon receipt of your memorandum of September 19, relative to the use of your men for guarding a witness in Chicago, I telephoned United States Attorney Johnson, who told me that he had arranged to replace your men.

At the time you agreed to furnish the service, I told Mr. Johnson that it was only because an emergency existed that I was warranted in asking you for the assistance, and informed him further that it would be only temporary.

It may be in the future, as it has been in the past, necessary to ask for your assistance in extraordinary cases; but of course every endeavor will be made to avoid the use of any investigative agency outside of the usual channels of activity.

G. A. Youngquist
(G. A. YOUNGQUIST)
Assistant Attorney General



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P. O. Box No. 1405,
Chicago, ILL.

September 19, 1930.

DEAR MR. ATTORNEY:

Mr. George F. G. Johnson,
United States Attorney,
Federal Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of September 18, 1930, requesting that this office undertake an investigation looking toward the location of one FRANK WHITE alias WHITE, an alleged gangster, who is under indictment in Chicago.

In accordance with your suggestion inquiries were made by an agent of this office and it has been ascertained that investigators of the Treasury Department have been unsuccessful in ascertaining the present whereabouts of WHITE, who is wanted for violation of the Internal Revenue Laws. The photograph of Subject was received with your letter and this matter is being accepted for assignment in accordance with your request and you will be advised immediately in the event the location of this Subject is ascertained by agents of this office.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

E. H. CLEGG,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
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FRANK O. Nitti

Re: - WITNESS
INCOME TAX.

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Dear Sir:

Supplementing information contained in my letter to you dated September 18, 1930, this is to advise that upon receiving additional instructions from the Bureau, Agents Larimer and Goldman of this office continued to guard the above named witness from 7 P.M. September 18, 1930 until 9⁴⁵ P.M. September 22, 1930 when

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Very truly yours,

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See Chicago memo 10/3/30

H. H. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge.

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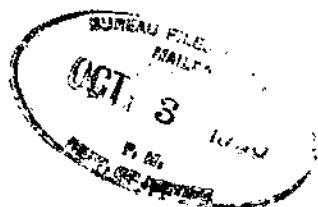
Dear Sir:

Confirming Bureau telegram dated October 21, relative to the case of Frank Netti, alias Kitto, the Bureau desires that you obtain a copy of this subject's photograph and his fingerprints if possible, and other data for use in the preparation of an Identification Order.

The Bureau desires that this matter receive preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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FRANK NITTI.

The government yesterday launched a national advertising campaign in the search for Frank Nitto, alias Nitti, reputed business manager of the Al Capone gang, who is wanted on charges of evading some \$277,000 in income taxes. Nitti has eluded authorities since his indictment by the federal grand jury last March.

Clarence Converse of the internal revenue department's special intelligence unit, who is directing the search for Nitti, had printed 150,000 posters bearing the Capone gangster's photograph and details of the \$1,000 reward offered for information leading to his capture.

The posters will be distributed among postoffices, jails, and police stations throughout the country, Converse said. About 10,000 of them will be distributed in Chicago, which will be sufficient to post each postal substation and each precinct police station, and to provide one for each policeman, deputy federal marshal, and deputy sheriff.

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Re location of Frank Nitto.

Mr. Hughes says there has been no report or letter received from Chicago since Bureau letter of September 19 authorizing the investigation.

There is a copy of letter in the files addressed to United States Attorney Johnson by Mr. Clegg, dated September 19, advising that that office would immediately institute the necessary investigation.

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Mr. Hoover says he thinks
we had better get from
the Chicago the photo
and fingerprints so they
may be checked -
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TO
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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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RCH:JCM October 2, 1930.

RE FRANK NITTI ALIAS NITTO INCOME TAX MATTER OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH FINGERPPINTS
IF POSSIBLE AND OTHER DATA FOR USE IN PREPARATION IDENTIFIC TION ORDER
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JOHN DEAR HOOVER DIRECTOR.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.**

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-3-30	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/18-26/30	REPORT MADE BY: O. C. DEWEY - GH
TITLE: CHANGED FRANK R. NITTO alias Frank Nitti alias Frank Novelli			CHARACTER OF CASE: INCOME TAX

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject indicted March 14, 1930, at Chicago for failure to pay income tax for 1925, 1926, and 1927. Interview with [redacted]

[redacted] and data regarding Subject obtained. Raid made by Internal Revenue Agents and Police on Carleon Hotel on tip that Subject was living at this hotel. Subject not located.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

This matter predicated upon the following letter received from United States Attorney George E. Q. Johnson on September 17, 1930:

"On a recent visit to Washington I had a conference relating to law enforcement in Chicago, and among other things it was determined to refer to the Bureau the apprehension of Frank Nitto alias Nitti, an important gangster under indictment here. I am enclosing his photograph. For further information as to his habits I would refer you to [redacted]"

Referral/Consult

DETAILS:

Agent called at the office of [redacted]

[redacted] in an effort to ascertain further facts regarding this matter. Agent was referred to Mr. Dwight H. Green, Special Assistant United States Attorney, who is handling this matter. Mr. Green advised Agent that on March 14, 1930, indictment #21246, charging Subject with failure to pay income tax for the years 1925, 1926, and 1927 was returned by the Federal Grand Jury. The substance of this indictment is as follows:

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Count 1. That Frank R. Nitto, late of the City of Chicago, on March 15, 1926, at Chicago unlawfully did then and there wilfully attempt to defraud the United States by wilfully and knowingly attempting to evade and defeat an income tax in the sum of \$97,699.25 due the United States upon his net income for the calendar year 1925, which tax was imposed by an Act of Congress, approved February 26, 1926.

The said defendant during 1925 was an individual, whose legal residence and principal place of business were at Chicago; that he was single and on December 31st, 1925, had no dependants and was a person required by law, after the close of the calendar year 1925 and on or before March 15, 1926, to make to the Collector of Internal Revenue a return for the year 1925, stating specifically the items of his gross income; that the defendant derived and received a gross income amounting to \$426,261.99 for the calendar year 1925, and that the income due the United States for said period was \$97,699.25.

Count 2. That Frank R. Nitto derived and received during 1926 a gross income of \$169,674.13, and after the close of the calendar year wilfully failed to make a return required by the Act of Congress or any return whatsoever to the said Collector of Internal Revenue for the calendar year 1926, etc.

Count 3. That Frank R. Nitto unlawfully, wilfully, and knowingly attempted and did evade a tax of \$33,552.29 on a gross income of \$169,674.73 for the calendar year 1926, etc.

Count 4. That Frank R. Nitto unlawfully did then and there wilfully fail to make a return on his gross income for the year 1927; that the defendant derived and received a gross income of \$146,951.69 for the year 1927 and on or before March 15, 1928, wilfully failed to make a return to the Collector of Internal Revenue, etc.

Count 5. That Frank R. Nitto did unlawfully, wilfully, and knowingly attempt to defeat and evade a tax of \$27,571.67 due the United States for the calendar year 1927 on a gross income of \$146,951.69, etc.

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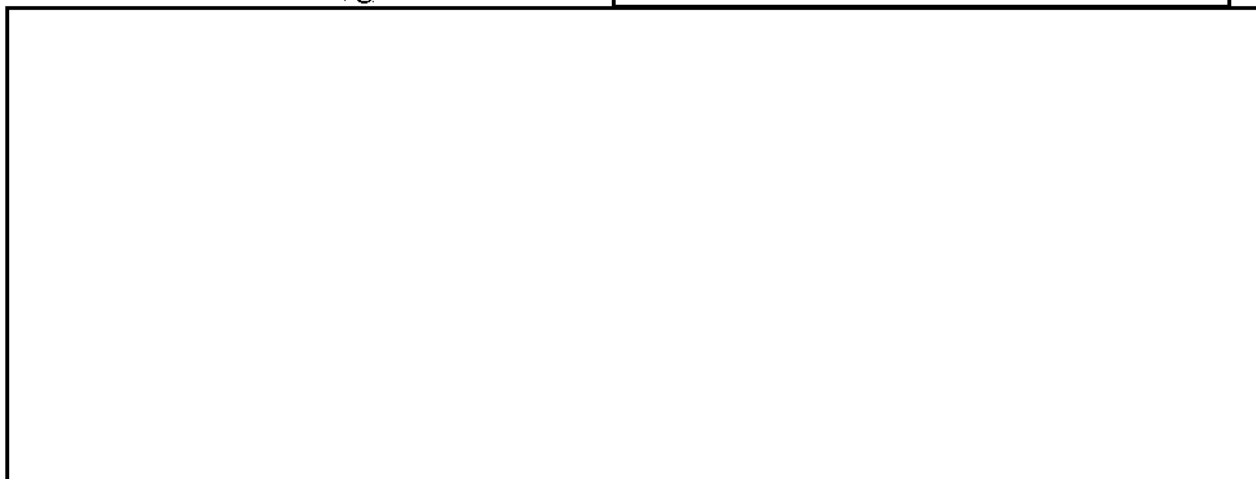
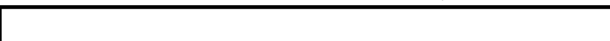
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At the United States Marshal's office, Chicago, Agent ascertained that this indictment was returned on March 14, 1930; that a not found return was made on the warrant on April 1st, 1930, and a certified copy of the indictment with warrant attached was forwarded to the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida. On July 29, 1930, an alias warrant was issued in Chicago based on the same indictment and this warrant is now in the hands of Deputy U.S. Marshal Spizzerri.

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Agent interviewed



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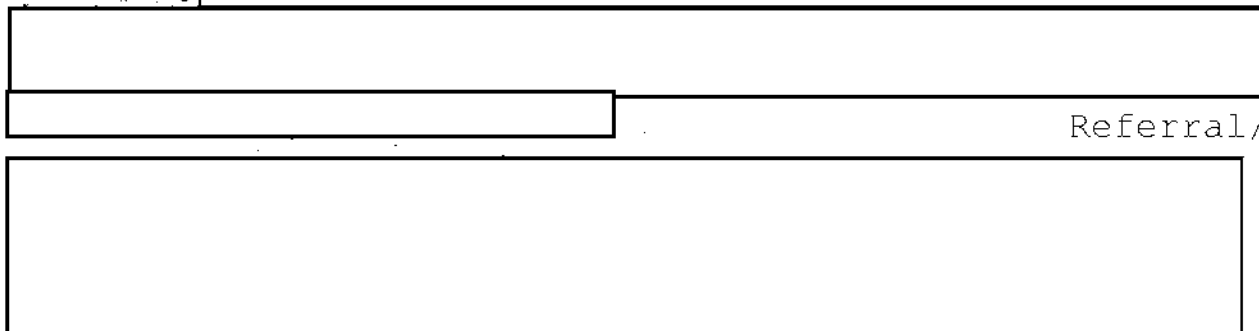
Agent conferred again with Mr. Green relative to the bond of Subject and was advised that at the time the indictment was returned, Nitto's bond was set at \$50,000.00. Agent apprised Mr. Green of the information received by [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. Green stated that the United States Attorney was reluctant to negotiate with any of the gangsters in Chicago and he felt sure that he would not consent to reducing Nitto's bond. In this connection it was pointed out that Ralph Capone, brother of Al Capone, when indicted for evading his income tax was placed under a bond of \$35,000.00 and that he was considered of a more desperate type than Subject Nitto.

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Agent further learned from Mr. Green that in the papers obtained by [redacted]

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Description obtained of Subject is as follows:

Name - Frank H. Nitto
Age - 41 yrs.
Height - 5'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Weight - 145 lbs.
Build - Medium
Hair - Black
Eyes - Dark
Complexion - Dark
Clean shaven
Eyeglasses - None
Residence - Unknown
Occupation - Liquor dealer
Race - White
Nationality - Italian American
Fingerprints - $\frac{31}{28}$ $\frac{MM}{01}$ $\frac{14}{}$
Photograph available
Criminal Record - Not yet obtained

REWARD - \$1,000.00 reward
offered by Chicago Association
of Commerce, Chicago, Ill.

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A letter is being forwarded to the Director requesting that a search be made of the records of the National Division of Identification & Information in an effort to obtain Subject's fingerprints and police photograph, as well as his complete criminal record.

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Photograph of Subject and his wife being forwarded to the Jacksonville Office with request that it be ascertained from the Miami Police whether or not Nitto has ever been arrested in Miami, Florida. It is further suggested that inquiries be made at the Illinois Golf Association, Miami, for such information as may be learned regarding Subject.

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This office will keep in touch with [redacted] and will endeavor to locate and interview Dr. Chesrow, former husband of Subject's wife, and also endeavor to obtain information from Subject's father-in-law, Dr. G. Rogna, 1200 McAllister Place. Effort will also be made to obtain information from Dr. Gustave Kolischer, 108 N. State Street. Interview will also be had with Joe Stenson, 310 S. Michigan Avenue, and inquiries will be made of the Thomson & McKinnon brokerage concern, 209 S. LaSalle Street, relative to the 300 shares of Yellow Taxicab Company stock purchased by Subject in October 1927.

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box No. 1403,
CHICAGO, ILL.

October 3, 1930.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

RE: FRANK R. NITTO, alias FRANK
NITTI, alias FRANK NOVELLI
INCOME TAX

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your telegram of even date, relative to the above named Subject, and requesting that information be obtained in order that identification order may be issued, the following information has been secured:

Frank R. Nitto, alias Frank Nitti, alias Frank
Novelli.

Fingerprints destroyed, but classification is

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Two photographs attached.

Two specimens of handwriting attached.

Relatives: Father, Luigi Nitto or Nitti
Mother, Rose Nitto or Nitti

Address: Unknown.

Criminal record: Arrested at Chicago, Ill. April
6, 1925 for disorderly conduct; discharged
April 23, 1925.

Arrested at Chicago, Ill. Nov. 24, 1927
for carrying concealed weapons; discharged.

Description: Age- 41 years
Height- 5'4²/₂"
Weight- 145 lbs.
Build- medium
Eyes- dark
Hair- black, combed straight back,
parted on right side.

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Description (continued)

Complexion-	Dark
Mustache-	clean shaven.
Eyeglasses-	none
Occupation-	liquor dealer
Race-	White
Nationality-	Italian-American

Remarks: Reward of \$1,000 offered by the Citizens' Committee for Prevention and Punishment of Crime of the Chicago Association of Commerce. Frank Nitto is a member of the Al Capone Gang of Chicago, Illinois.

Frank Nitto was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Chicago, Illinois on March 14, 1930 for unlawfully and willfully attempting to defraud the United States by willfully and knowingly evading and defeating ^{his} income tax in the sum of \$97,699.25 due to the United States upon his net income of \$426,261.99 for the calendar year of 1925. The indictment contains five counts of failure to make return on his income for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927.

The specimen of handwriting forwarded to the Bureau with this letter is part of the evidence in this case and it is respectfully requested that particular care be taken with the samples of this handwriting and when they have served the Bureau's purpose that they be returned immediately to this office in order that they may be returned to Special Assistant United States Attorney, Dwight Green at Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

F. X. Fay
F. X. FAY,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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*Please furnish two copies
of attached photo and
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Frank Miller; also ascertain
if his fingerprints are
in file in your Division
Hawley*

V. W. Hughes
Room 416.

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October 3rd, 1930.

Director,
 Bureau of Investigation,
 Department of Justice,
 Washington, D. C.

62-24090

Dear Sir:

RE: FRANK R. NITTO alias Frank
 ONitti alias Frank Novelli
 Income Tax

This office is endeavoring to locate the above named Subject, who is a member of the Al Capone gang of Chicago. This Subject has been arrested by the local police on numerous occasions but has always managed to secure his release and a court order destroying his photograph and fingerprint records. His fingerprint classification is given as $\frac{31}{28} \frac{AM}{01} \frac{14}{}$.

It is requested that a search be made of the National Division of Identification & Information in an effort to secure Subject's photograph and fingerprints as well as his complete criminal record.

Very truly yours,

F. X. Fay
 F. X. FAY, Acting
 Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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In compliance with your instructions, the following information is submitted relative to the status of the case of Frank Nitti, alias Onitto. The Bureau file discloses that no reports have as yet been submitted by the Chicago Office.

In accordance with your instructions, a telegram was dispatched to the Chicago Office, requesting that a photograph, fingerprints and other data for use in the preparation of an Identification Order for this subject be obtained by that office. A letter has been dispatched to the Chicago Office, requesting that investigation in this case be expedited.

Referral/Consult

Mr. Harvey talked with Mr. Clegg concerning this matter and Mr. Clegg advised since this case had been turned over to the Bureau for investigation, [redacted]

[redacted] No information, however, was found as to Nitti's whereabouts. Mr. Clegg also advised that this case has not, to date, received preferred attention by the Chicago Office; however, Special Agent Dewey is conducting an investigation in the matter and has called at the office of [redacted] and obtained such information as is available concerning Nitti. It was ascertained that his fingerprints were at one time in the possession of the Chicago police; however, these have been destroyed by reason of a court order.

In connection with this matter, there is a letter in the Bureau file from the Chicago Office, over Mr. Clegg's signature, dated September 26th, which sets forth information to the effect that Agents Larimer and Goldman of the Chicago Office continued to guard witness [redacted]

Referral/Consult

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If there is an indictment we can issue an I.C. but we cannot drop our regular work at Chicago or elsewhere for this case since it is not of primary jurisdiction.

This information supplemented information furnished by Agent Clegg in his letter of September 18th, indicating that Special Agents Larimer and Butterworth, in accordance with Bureau instructions and at the request of the U. S. Attorney at Chicago, had guarded the witness [] from September 8th until September 18th, 1930, on which latter date the witness was brought to the Federal Building for the purpose of testifying before the Federal Grand Jury, then in session. Referral/Consult

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
V. W. Hughes. Per RHH

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October 9, 1930.

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Agent in Charge,
P. O. Box 1405,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: FRANK R. NITTO, alias Frank
Nitti, alias Frank Novelli,
Income Tax.

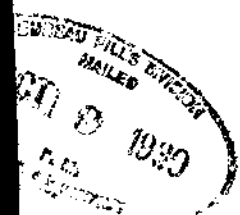
Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of October 3, 1930, regarding the above named subject, and in reply thereto I have to advise you that no record can be found concerning him in the National Division of Identification and Information according to the data you furnish.

If you will kindly forward a copy of subject's fingerprints, I will be glad to have a further search made and inform you accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-11-30	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-3-30	REPORT MADE BY: O. C. DEWEY - GH
TITLE: FRANK R. NITTO alias Frank Nitti alias Frank Novelli			CHARACTER OF CASE: INCOME TAX

OCT 15 1930 AM

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Identification order issued by Chicago Association of Commerce offering \$1,000.00 reward for Subject's arrest. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Data obtained for issuance of Bureau identification order. Referral/Consult
History of Subject's entrance into Chicago gang-land given.

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REFERENCE:

Report of this Agent dated 10/3/30 at Chicago, Ill.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Telegram received from the Director on October 2nd requesting that photograph, fingerprints, and other data for use in preparation of identification order of Frank Nitto be obtained.

Referral/Consult

Agent conferred with [REDACTED]

Agent interviewed Commissioner of Police John H. Alcock, City Hall, Chicago, and apprised him of the fact that this Department was preparing an identification order for the apprehension of Frank Nitto, who is under indictment, charged with evading his income tax. Commissioner Alcock gave Agent a note to Chief of Detectives Norton requesting the latter to give Agent every available assistance.

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Chief of Detectives Norton was interviewed at Police Department, 11th and State Streets, and referred Agent to his secretary who took Agent to the Identification Bureau where photograph of Subject Nitto was obtained. The Identification Bureau Clerk, John McCann, informed Agent that the Police Department had no fingerprints on Frank Nitto; that all he could give Agent was Nitto's classification which was - 51 MM 14
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When Agent insisted on obtaining these fingerprints, Mr. McCann left the room and shortly returned and informed Agent that the fingerprints had been destroyed by court order on January 11, 1930. Agent then requested to be advised as to who the judge was signing the court order. Mr. McCann again left the room and shortly thereafter Mr. Emmett Evans of the Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police, entered to see Agent and wanted to know the reasons for obtaining the fingerprints of this Subject. Agent informed Mr. Evans of the desire of the Bureau and he referred to his index cards and stated that they had been destroyed on January 11, 1930, by court order. When Agent again requested to be advised as to who signed the order, Mr. Evans took Agent to one side and stated that on that date Subject Frank Nitto and his attorney called at the Police Department and demanded that Subject's fingerprint records and the negative of all photographs of him be destroyed; that all of these records were destroyed before Subject on that date at the Police Department. The case in which Subject was involved was relative to his carrying a concealed weapon during 1927.

Agent called at the Bureau of Records, Chicago Police Department, and ascertained that Subject was first arrested in Chicago on April 6, 1925, for disorderly conduct and that he was later discharged. He was again arrested on November 24, 1927, charged with carrying concealed weapon. He was discharged in this matter also. It was this latter case when Subject was fingerprinted and photographed by the Chicago Police Department.

Agent interviewed Captain William H. Killeen of the Vagrancy Bureau, which has just recently been established and which is assembling all data and complete information regarding the various gangsters in Chicago. Mr. Killeen advised Agent that just at present they had no information regarding where Nitto came from, the names of his parents, or any relatives. Agent had quite an extensive conversation with Mr. Killeen regarding the connection of Subject with the Capone gang and supplemented by newspaper clippings the following information is believed to be of interest in tracing Subject Nitto to Chicago. Mr. Killeen stated that Jim Colosimo, a former street cleaner of Chicago in the old levee district, was the first Chicago gangster; that he became a leader in his district and soon began to acquire political influence. Colosimo at the same time became the proprietor of several houses of prostitution and gambling dives in the City of Chicago. As his underworld authority and political prestige grew,

Colosimo was in need of a body guard and in 1915 sent to New York City and secured Johnny Torrio as his personal body guard. When the prohibition law went into effect on July 30, 1919, Colosimo was one of the first to enter into illicit liquor dealings in an extensive manner. In need of further protection from rival gangs, Colosimo went to New York during the early part of 1920 and brought back with him Frankie Yale and Alphonse Capone, who was also known as Al Brown. Both of these two individuals, like Johnny Torrio, were members of the Five Point Gang of New York City, which was headed by Monk Eastman and Big Jack Zelig. On May 11, 1920, Jim Colosimo was killed and his extensive vice operations fell into the hands of Johnny Torrio and Al Capone. Torrio's political drag under the administration gradually increased and this brought him in contact with one Joe Stenson, a wealthy Chicagoan and ex-brewer. Arrangements were made by Torrio with Mr. Stenson to use his breweries. In October 1923 Torrio was fined for illegally manipulating a brewery transfer and it was at this time that Joe Stenson was revealed as being behind the beer operations of Al Capone and Johnny Torrio. In the latter part of 1925 through the vigilance of Chief of Police Morgan Collins and Captain Matthew Zimmer of the Chicago Police Department, the Sieben Brewery on the north side was raided and Torrio and several others were arrested. This matter was brought before United States Attorney Olsen and Torrio was later sentenced to ten months in the County Jail at Waukegan, Illinois. Following his release, conditions among the various rival gangs in Chicago were at such a state that Torrio disappeared and has not been heard of since. It is surmised that he has returned to Italy. During the period that Torrio was confined in jail, Al Capone began to rapidly rise to power in gangland, and it is believed that at this time he imported various hoodlums from New York, among them being Frank Nitto. The Chicago Police Department has no information as to Frank Nitto's origin, nor are they able to give the name of his mother or father or any relatives. The Chicago newspapers advanced the information that Nitto is possibly an alien as it is generally understood that he was born in Italy.

From Subject's signature card at the Schiff & Company State Bank, it was learned that Subject's father's name is Luigi Nitto or Nitti, and his mother's name is Rosa Nitto or Nitti. Their address is not given.

Referral/Consult

Agent called at the Chicago Association of Commerce, 1 N. LaSalle Street, and interviewed Mr. Paul Shanahan, who advised that his office had no data concerning Nitto and that through the request of [redacted] the Citizens Committee for Prevention and Punishment of Crime of the Chicago Association of Commerce, had posted \$1,000.00 reward for Subject Nitto's arrest. Mr. Shanahan stated that this reward was good until Subject was apprehended.

Agent called at the Chicago Crime Commission, 300 W. Adams Street and checked their records as to Frank Nitto for possible information. Their records contained principally newspaper clippings regarding this Subject, also his complete criminal record which consisted of his arrest in April 1925 for disorderly conduct and his arrest on November 24, 1927, for carrying concealed weapon. In this latter case Subject was arrested in company with one Joseph Casioni at 22nd Street and Michigan Avenue by Sergeant Cooper's Squad of the Detective Bureau. A loaded revolver was found in the side pocket of the car. This case is reported in Municipal Court, Chicago, as #800776 and was tried before Judge William E. Melander. Nitto and Casioni testified at the trial that the revolver belonged to the person from whom they borrowed the automobile. Both subjects were released.

Referral/Consult

In reference report of this Agent dated 10-3-30, Agent sets forth information received from [REDACTED]

A search of the records of the Chicago Crime Commission reveals that on August 29, 1923, Frank Nitto, age 62, was killed at Stickney, Illinois, and that his body was not found until sometime later. When the Police commenced investigation they interviewed members of the family, and two of the children, Charles Nitti and [REDACTED] involved their mother, Sebellia Nitti, and a farm hand, Peter Cudella, in the killing of their father, Frank Nitti. Peter Cudella and Mrs. Sebellia Nitti were arrested and charged with the murder of Frank Nitti. On July 9, 1923, these two individuals were sentenced to hang on October 12, 1923. The case was carried to Justice Carter of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois and a stay of execution was granted. Both individuals were later released on bail after considerable newspaper propaganda as to hanging a woman. The case was finally dropped. The newspaper records reveal no mention of a son by the name of Frank Nitto or Frank Nitti. It lists the three children as James, age 16, Charles, 12, and [REDACTED] From photograph in this file it is not believed possible that Mrs. Sebellia Nitti is the mother of Subject as she at this time appears to be not more than 35 years old.

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Agent called at the office of Pat Roche, 77 W. Washington Street, who is the Chief Investigator for the States Attorney's office. Mr. Roche was out of town but Agent had an interview with his assistants, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Seyferlich. Neither of these men could furnish any personal history regarding Nitto other than that he was a close associate of Johnny Torrio and is believed to have come from some gang on the east side of New York. Relative to Subject's wife, Mr. Seyferlich advised that she was formerly Anna Konga and not Kogna as previously reported.

Dr. Ronga is a prominent Italian physician and is believed to be a son-in-law of J. P. Marzano, who operates an undertaking parlor at 931 Polk Street. The elder Mr. Marzano just recently died, according to Mr. Seyferlich. Questioning Mr. Seyferlich as to possible whereabouts of Nitto at this time, he stated that Nitto was a close friend of one Steve Schiovone, who was a Capone gangster and resided somewhere in Cicero, Illinois. Schiovone some time ago was shot at Roosevelt Road and Michigan Avenue but recovered. Mr. Schiovone suggested that a raid be made on the Antonette Hotel located at 22nd and Laramie Avenue in Cicero. He also suggested that an informant be placed in the Western Hotel at 22nd and Cicero Avenue, which place is the hangout of various "alcohol cookers" and from whom information can possibly be obtained inasmuch as there is now a thousand dollar reward for Nitto's apprehension. Mr. Seyferlich stated that it would be useless for an Agent to cover either the Antonette Hotel or the Western Hotel as they are furnished police protection and these hotels maintain their spotters so that when a stranger is seen in the vicinity any individual who is believed wanted is immediately notified. He suggested that the best way would be to conduct a raid on the hotel covering both the back and the front entrances and go through the place from top to bottom. Cicero is known as the Capone gang headquarters.

Agent conferred further with

Several of the identification orders issued Referral/Consult Chicago Association of Commerce were obtained and are being attached to copies of this report for Jacksonville and New York to aid them in their investigation. Also attached to the New York copies of this report is the initial report of this Agent dated 10/3/30.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: NEW YORK OFFICE

The New York Office is requested to ascertain from the Police Department and other sources all information possible regarding

Frank R. Nitto, who was formerly a member of the Five Point Gang, in New York. The address of Subject's father and mother and the names of brothers and sisters should also be obtained. It is likewise requested that it be ascertained whether or not Subject is an alien. Fingerprints and criminal record of Subject should be obtained from the New York Police if they are available.

Jacksonville Office - Attached to copies of report to this office are several circulars issued by the Chicago Association of Commerce.

CHICAGO OFFICE

The Chicago Office will continue to make investigation in this matter and endeavor to ascertain information from the Equitable Life Insurance Company relative to the insurance policies of Mrs. Anna Ronga Nitti, wife of Subject, as to the payments being made upon same.

Investigation should also be made at Williamsport, Warren County, Indiana, as to whether Subject is staying at the roadhouse of Sam Rice or at the large frame house recently purchased by Joe Trammus gang in Williamsport. Efforts will also be made in an endeavor to ascertain if Subject is staying at the Antoinette Hotel in Cicero, Illinois.

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October 18, 1930.

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Agent in Charge,
P. O. Box 1408,
Chicago, Ill.

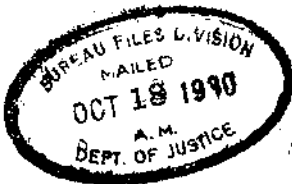
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case of FRANK R. NITTO with aliases, Income Tax, your file #5-6. Relative thereto, there are transmitted herewith the photographs and specimen of handwriting of this subject which were forwarded with your communication of October 3, 1930. The Bureau is of the opinion that an Identification Order should not be issued for this subject at this time in view of the fact that his fingerprints are not available. It is noted in the report of Agent Dewey dated October 11, 1930 that the New York office has been requested to institute an investigation with a view to obtaining any additional criminal record for this subject and to ascertain if his fingerprints are available in that city. In the event that his fingerprints are obtained, an Identification Order will be issued.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

October 17, 1930.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to my memorandum dated October 3, 1930 relative to the case of FRANK NITTO, concerning which the Chicago Bureau office was requested to obtain and submit data for use in preparation of an identification order for this subject. The Chicago office has complied with this request but was unable to obtain the fingerprints of Nitto. As reflected in the report of Agent Dewey dated October 11th, the fingerprints of this subject were obtained by the Chicago Police Department in November 1927 and were destroyed in January of this year. This report also indicates that Nitto prior to taking up his residence in Chicago resided in New York City and indicates that perhaps he has a criminal record in the latter city. The New York office has been requested to determine if such is the case; also, if his fingerprints are available. Nitto is under indictment at Chicago charged with Failure to Pay Income Tax for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927.

In view of the fact that the fingerprints of this subject are not available, it is assumed that you will not desire to have an identification order issued inasmuch as an identification order without fingerprints is practically worthless insofar as the various police departments and criminal identification agencies throughout the country are concerned. In view of this, the matter of issuing an identification order for Nitto is being held in abeyance pending the result of additional investigation at New York City and by the Chicago office. A letter has been directed to the Chicago office suggesting that further efforts be made to obtain fingerprints.

Respectfully,

MA Hughes 62-24090-26
V. W. Hughes.

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE: Oct. 18, 1930	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10/10,11,12,13/30	REPORT MADE BY: HUGH LARIMER
TITLE: FRANK R. NITTO alias FRANK NITTI a. FRANK NOVELLI			CHARACTER OF CASE: INCOME TAX

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Through confidential informant (identity withheld), Major Crockett, 111 West Washington St. Chicago advises subject, during week end 10/4/30, with 11 associates, was occupying second floor of notorious rendezvous called ROAMER INN, located on highway 20.5 miles west of Michigan City, Indiana. Observations of this place and vicinity failed to indicate subject's presence over week end of 10/11/30. Leads for Chicago.

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Report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 11, 1930.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

This is a joint report of Special Agents W. K. Hall, and Hugh Larimer.

On October 10th, 1930, the United States Secret Service at Chicago notified Special Agent T. F. Mullen, that information had been received by Major Crockett, 111 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, with reference to the possible present whereabouts of subject. Subsequent telephonic communication by Agent Mullen with Major Crockett revealed that Major Crockett had received information to the effect that subject was spending week ends at the Roamer Inn, Michigan City, Indiana.

On October 10th, author and Special Agent W. K. Hall interviewed Major Crockett, at room 1832, 111 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois. Major Crockett, formerly of the Intelligence Unit, United States Army.

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and at this time an independent investigator, stated that he was interested in the move to clean out the criminal element in Chicago, and that from a confidential source, the identity of which he did not wish to disclose, he had ascertained that subject, and eleven other persons, over the week end of October 4th, 1930, had occupied the second floor of the Roamer Inn, at or near Michigan City, Indiana, [REDACTED]

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Major Crockett was asked to name some reliable person, preferably a peace officer, City, County or State, at or in the vicinity of Michigan City, Indiana, through whom the location as well as details concerning the Roamer Inn could be ascertained, to which Major Crockett stated he could not name such a person, but referred agents to a former Department of Justice man, named FURBERSHAW, room 1101 at 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.

Without disclosing the purpose of inquiry Mr. Furbershaw was interviewed by Agents, and advised agents against making confidential contacts with any City or County Officials in the vicinity of Michigan City, stating he was not informed as to a reliable State Police official, but suggested that Agents communicate with former Chief of Police William Forbis, now Captain of Police, Gary, Indiana, whom Mr. Furbershaw reputed to be most reliable and honorable.

AT GARY, INDIANA.

On October 11, 1930, agents interviewed Captain Forbis, at the Police Station, Gary, Indiana (his residence address is 642 Johnson Street, phone 21367), and Captain Forbis advised against making confidential contact with any City County or State Police officers, with the exception of Lieutenant Hedrick, Indiana State Police, residence Dalton Apartments, 131 E. 5th Street, phone 7661, Gary, Indiana. Captain Forbis endeavored to reach Lieutenant Hedrick, but was informed that the latter was busily

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engaged at Notre Dame, on account of the football game, and would not be available prior to Sunday afternoon, October 12th, 1930. The purpose of this contact was to arrange for a raid upon the Roamer Inn and apprehension of subject, in the event that future developments warranted this. Lieutenant Hedrick is considered by Captain Forbis as most reliable and efficient. Forbis knew the approximate location of the Roamer Inn, on Highways U.S. 20 and 12, about five miles west of Michigan City.

AT MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA.

Communication was had with Acting Postmaster O. J. BARTH, who stated that he was familiar with the location of the Roamer Inn, but had no personal knowledge as to any activities thereabouts, adding that the rural mail carrier serving that vicinity is named GEORGE P. KINTZELE, and Mr. Barth drove agents in his automobile to the rural home of Carrier Kintzele, where he was interviewed. He stated that of course he was familiar with the location and outside appearances of the Roamer Inn, and he considered this place to be operated by and frequented by more or less notorious criminal characters, presumably from Chicago, Illinois, but that he had no detailed information, excepting that the only occupants known to him were JOE LACRASTO, who operates the Roamer Inn, a feminine friend, named Mrs. BELLA PARKER, and a light-colored negro, name unknown. Further, that the only automobiles he had observed about the place were a maroon colored Lincoln coach, owned by Lacrasto, and an old model Ford Coupe, owned by Bella Parker, both of which cars were kept in a garage on the premises. Informant Kintzele was unable to state or to suggest any reliable sources of information in the immediate vicinity of the Roamer Inn, who might cooperate with the Government. Upon examination of a likeness of subject Nitte Mr. Kintzele was unable to identify same, and stated that he had never seen a person who resembled this likeness. Mr. Kintzele stated that the exact location of the Roamer Inn is five miles west of Michigan City, on prominent highways, U. S. 20 and 12, which highways coincide on the left hand side, enroute toward Gary, Indiana.

By means of a rented car, agents observed the Roamer Inn, and vicinity in daylight, early night time, prior to and after midnight, on October 11, 1930, and again about 6 A.M. on October 12th, 1930, with the following results: Roamer Inn is a two story brick building, situated about fifty feet from the main concrete highway, with the large letters: "Roamer Inn". At night there are two electric wall lights burning in front of the building. The openings in the front wall are two doors, and two windows, on the ground floor, and three windows above. On the west side wall to the back there is a doorway and stoop, a few feet above the

ground, from which several steps lead to the ground. In addition there are five windows on either side of this doorway. Above there, on the second floor, there are seven windows. The east wall on the lower floor has nine windows, while about there are eight windows. The rear wall of the building is broken by one doorway and two windows on the grade floor, while there are three windows on the second floor. This detailed description is given for any possible future use in the event of a raid on the place. The interior arrangement is unknown, and under the circumstances could not be established by agents. To the immediate west, a little closer to the concrete highway, and seemingly operated by or associated with the Roamer Inn, is a low narrow frame building called the Japanese Garden. Immediately across the concrete highway from the Roamer Inn is a soft drink and barbecue place, formerly operated by Philip McCay, but now vacated, while to the immediate east thereof is a similar place called the Duck Inn, operated by Sid Hill. Immediately west of these two places and facing the concrete highway are several soft drink and similar stands extending in a direction toward a more elaborate eating place called the Blue Shingle.

It seemed practical to observe ROAMER INN only from points of advantage, while seated in a motor car, which observation resulted in the determination that there was nothing to indicate that subject or any of his cohorts were then in or active about the Roamer Inn. All the windows on the second floor were closed, and shades drawn, and not even a crack of light after darkness could be seen to indicate that the upper floor was actively occupied. The return about 6 A.M. on October 12th, disclosed that the lower floor of this building was closed up, while only the front rooms were occupied, apparently as sleeping quarters, since some of the windows were partially opened. The windows in the remainder of the building on the second floor were closed.

About 11 P.M. on the night of October 11th, agents removed all means of possible identification, and entered the Japanese Garden, which is none other than an old style front tier drinking and loitering place, with women inmates. There is no barrier to any outsider or stranger from entering this place, and a knock on the door is answered by "Come in". In the front end there is a bar, behind which was seated a rather coarse looking middle aged woman. Agents asked for food, and about this time two young girls came to agents, and in a rather free way these girls stated that food could be procured at the Blue Shingle Inn, but that there was plenty to drink at the Japanese Garden. These girls exacted a promise from agents to return after getting food, and thereupon agents departed, observing nothing of interest with regard to subject or of seeming consequence.

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The result of this entire observation is merely indication that possibly Major Crockett's confidential informant was correct, and that subject and his associates may be periodically frequenting the Roamer Inn. However, that arrangements with State troopers for immediate action as to a raid in the Roamer Inn was inadvisable, and that an effort be made to contact if possible Major Crockett's confidential informant for a personal interview by Agents. Likeness of subject Nitto was left with Rural Carrier George P. Kintzele, who is to casually observe activities and persons about the Roamer Inn, and in the event of any pertinent developments, he will communicate with this Bureau office.

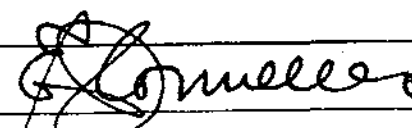
On October 14th, 1930, conference with Acting Special Agent in Charge Fay, resulted in Major Crockett coming to the Chicago Bureau office with the information that he was unable to arrange a personal interview with his confidential informant, and that no additional information was available. In the event that a raid is later decided upon it is suggested that local arrangements be made through Captain William A. Forbis, Gary Police Department (dealing personally with Captain Forbis, and letting no other person know of same), and in turn through Captain Forbis carrying on with Lieutenant Hedrick, Indiana State Police, residence Dalton Apartments, 131 East 5th Street, Gary, Indiana, telephone 7661.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: In addition to carrying out all leads set forth in reference report, the Chicago office will take such action as deemed advisable with regard to the Roamer Inn.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO ILL.**

REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 10/30/30	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10/27/30	REPORT MADE BY: F. J. LACKEY
TITLE: FRANK R. NITTO alias ~~FRANK NITTO~~ alias FRANK ~~NITTO~~ ^{NOVELLI}			CHARACTER OF CASE: INCOME TAX
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject Nitto unknown to New York City and Jersey City Police Departments, either by name or fingerprint classification. No information available as to Subject's antecedents or relatives. R.U.C. REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Chicago, Ill., dated October 11, 1930. DETAILS: AT NEW YORK CITY. Agent called at the Identification Section of the New York City Police Department where a thorough search was made of the card index and no record found of Subject's having ever been arrested at New York City under either his alleged true name or any of his aliases. A search was also made of the fingerprint files but no record was found of any person having a fingerprint classification similar to that of Subject and who answered Subject's description with the exception of one Anthony Nitti, 55 Jordan Ave., Jersey City, N.J., Jersey City Police No. 4040, fingerprint classification <u>31</u> <u>II</u> <u>35</u> <u>28</u> <u>OI</u> <u>25</u> DETAILS: who was arrested at Jersey City on May 3, 1930, on a charge of rape. Anthony Nitti's description compared rather closely to that of Subject, except for the fact that Anthony Nitti was twenty-six years of age and his right leg was amputated above the knee. It should be noted that Subject's fingerprint classification is <u>31</u> <u>LM</u> <u>14</u> , <u>28</u> <u>OI</u> Subject having a 14 count and Anthony Nitti having a 25 count.			
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AT JERSEY CITY, N.J.

Agent interviewed Inspector Underwood of the Jersey City, Police Department, who stated that Anthony Nitti of 55 Jordan Avenue, Jersey City, N.J., was well known to him and he had quite an extensive criminal record at Jersey City, and was regarded merely as a minor hoodlum and not in any way a "big town racketeer". Inspector Underwood stated that Nitti had been continuously in Jersey City for the past several years and that as long as Inspector Underwood had known him, Nitti had had only one leg, his right leg having been amputated above the knee.

Agent examined the photograph of Anthony Nitti, being Jersey City No. 4040 which photograph bears no resemblance to Subject.

The officers in the Identification Section of the Jersey City Police Department stated that Anthony Nitti was well known to them, that they had known him for several years, and that during that entire time he had had only one leg.

Agent also had a thorough search made of the Jersey City Police fingerprint files and ascertained that these files do not contain the record of any person whose fingerprint classification is similar to that of Subject and who in any way answers Subject's description. Subject was unknown by name or alias to the Identification Section of the Jersey City Police or to Inspector Underwood.

AT NEW YORK CITY:

No card index is maintained by Immigration authorities of aliens entering the United States and records of such persons are kept only on ship's manifests so that unless it were known upon which ship a person entered the country or the approximate date of entry it would be almost impossible to ascertain from Immigration authorities whether or not such a person was an alien.

Agent discussed with Special Agent F. X. O'Donnell the alleged connection of Subject with the so-called Five Point Gang at New York City. Agent O'Donnell stated that of his own knowledge the Five Point Gang headed by one Jack Zelig and Monk Eastman had not been active in New York City for the past twenty years, and that Monk Eastman, formerly notorious as a gangster in labor troubles had been sent to prison about 1908 or 1910 and upon his release from prison had not become active in gangsters' activities.

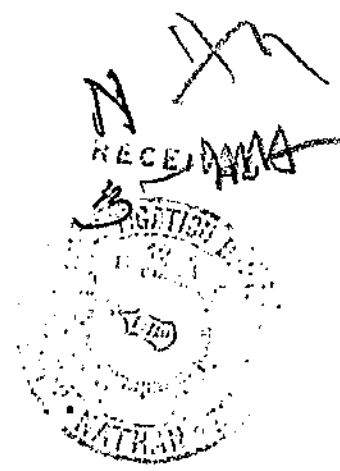
A copy of the circular issued by the Chicago Association of Commerce was placed in the file with the New York City Police Department with the notation thereon that this office should be immediately notified should Subject be apprehended.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Friday, October 31, 1930.

(Chicago File #5-6)



experiences of last summer's disaster, lost no time in searching homes and buildings for refugees trapped by the walls. Occasionally they found them.

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in Massachusetts. He spoke especially for William M. Butler, his friend and former campaign manager, who is admittedly threatened with defeat in his campaign for the United States senatorship, and for Gov. Frank G. Allen. He addressed a meeting at the Kimball hotel.

for reflection, who appeared likely to run well ahead of Mr. Butler, is still regarded as likely to defeat Mr. Ely, but his margin undoubtedly has been cut down.

taxation greatly encourage all kinds

Roche Traps Gang Leader Sought by U.S.

Frank Nitti, reputed treasurer of the Capone gang, who for months has been sought under an indictment, charging evasion of the federal income tax, was captured early this morning in a richly furnished apartment at 3201 South Clinton avenue, Berwyn.

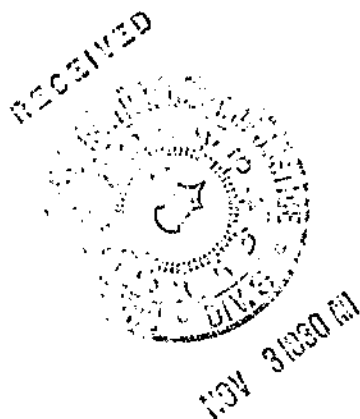
The arrest was made by detectives and federal agents led by Patrick Roche, chief investigator for the state's attorney's office. Nitti's young wife was taken into custody with her husband.

Roche was called into the case by N. E. Tessem, special agent for the bureau of internal revenue. With Tessem and another federal agent, Roche and his detectives invaded the apartment and found Nitti in bed. No resistance was offered to the raiders.

Nitti was indicted by the federal grand jury last March 23 in District Attorney George E. Q. Johnson's campaign against income tax dodgers. The true bill charges that Nitti had a net income of \$742,887 for the years 1925, 1926, and 1927. According to the indictment, he owes the government a total of \$277,940 in taxes and penalties.

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Nov. 3, 1930 THE WASHINGTON POST: M

CAPONE AID ARRESTED AS FEDERAL TAX EVADER



Associated Press Photo.

Scene in Chicago as police and Federal agents seized Frank Nitti, treasurer for Al Capone on Charges of defrauding the United States of income tax payments and penalties. Left to right—Pat Roche, chief investigator for the State's attorney; Capt. J. D. Greer, Nitti, Sergt. Julius Siegan and Sergt. David Lavin.

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RE FRANK R. NITTO FUGITIVE INCOME TAX SUBJECT
CHICAGO LOCAL AUTHORITIES LAST NIGHT TAKEN INTO CUSTODY
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V. W. Hughes
Room 416.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

October 31, 1930.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

IN RE: FRANK R. NITTO, alias
Frank Nitti -
Income Tax Matter.

On October 31, 1930, Mr. Clegg telephoned Mr. Harvey advising that the "Washington Daily News" carried a dispatch from Chicago to the effect that Frank Nitti had been arrested. Mr. Harvey obtained a copy of The News and there is attached hereto a United Press dispatch reflecting information concerning Nitti's arrest, which was effected by police officials, headed by Pat Roche, Special Investigator for States Attorney Swanson and N. E. Tessem, apparently an Agent of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
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NEWSCLIPPING

Capone Henchman Arrested in Bed

Frank Nitti, Said to Be Treasurer for Gang Leader, Faces Income Tax Indictment

By United Press

CHICAGO—Frank Nitti, said to be treasurer of the Scarface Al Capone gang and hunted for months under an indictment charging him with evading payment of \$277,940 income tax, was captured today.

Nitti surrendered without offering resistance when a squad of 20 police, headed by Pat Roche, special investigator for State's Attorney Swanson, and N. E. Pessum, a government agent, found him in bed in a richly furnished apartment in Berwyn.

A \$1000 reward for Nitti's arrest was offered recently by the crime prevention committee of the Chicago association of commerce. His wife was arrested with him.

The reward for the notorious gangster's arrest was offered in the belief he should be questioned regarding the murders of Alfred "Jake" Lingle, Tribune reporter, and Jack Zuta, North Side gang leader.

WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS
OCTOBER 31, 1930.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Chicago, Ill.**

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REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE: Nov. 12, 1930.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Nov. 8, 1930.	REPORT MADE BY: Louis DeMatte
TITLE: FRANK R. NITTO alias FRANK NITTI alias FRANK NOVELLI			CHARACTER OF CASE: INCOME TAX

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Above subject having been apprehended at Chicago, it is assumed no further investigation is desired in the Jacksonville district.

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REFERENCE: Telegram from Chicago office to Jacksonville Office, 11-8-30.

DETAILS: At Jacksonville, Florida.

The reference telegram advises that the above subject had been apprehended at Chicago October 31, 1930. It is, therefore, assumed no further investigation is wanted in the Jacksonville district.

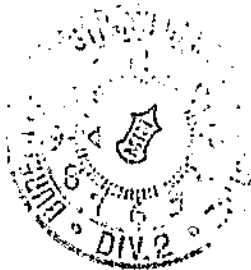
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**NITTO, FREED BY U. S.
ON \$50,000 BOND, IS
SEIZED AS VAGRANT**

Frank Nitto, alias Nitti, Capone hoodlum under indictment for income tax evasion, was released from federal custody yesterday afternoon in bond of \$50,000 after Judge Evan A. Evans had denied a habeas corpus writ to reduce the bail to \$25,000.

As soon as Nitto was released he was seized by city detectives on a vagrancy warrant issued by Judge John H. Lyle. Bond of \$10,000 on this charge was scheduled by the Grand Central Surety company and the defendant went free again. He is to be arraigned before Judge Lyle next Wednesday.

The \$50,000 federal bond consisted of \$10,000 cash, \$25,000 surety posted by the Grand Central company, and real estate valued at \$45,000.

Federal Judge Woodward yesterday denied a motion of Attorney William F. Waugh to continue the trial of Jack Guzik, another Capone gangster indicted on income tax charges. The case is set for Wednesday and Attorney Waugh charged the government was holding a witness, Fred Reese, a gambler, under duress. The government agreed to produce the witness for its own use.



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P. O. Box 58,
Jacksonville, Florida.
November 5, 1950.

Special Agent in Charge,
Bureau of Investigation,
P. O. Box 1495,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir: Re: Frank E. Nitto alias
 Frank Nitto alias
 Frank Novelli.
 Income Tax.

The Associated Press of October 31, 1950
carried a news item stating that the above
subject had been arrested in Chicago on
Federal warrant charging violation of the
Income Tax Law. Please confirm this
so that investigation in this district may
be discontinued.

Very truly yours,

cc: FBI
cc: Director ✓
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Louis Bellette,
Special Agent in Charge.

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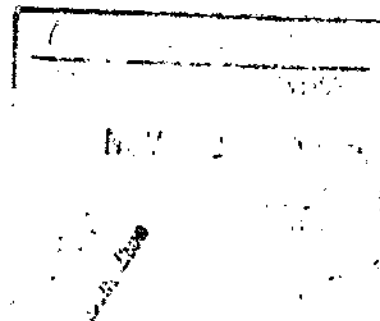
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Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

FRANK R. NITTO alias FRANK NITTI
alias FRANK NOVELLI
INCOME TAX

On Oct. 31, 1930, the above named
Subject was arrested in this city and his finger-
prints secured by the U. S. Marshal. These prints
were forwarded to the National Division of Identifi-
cation and Information and it is requested that
this office be furnished with a complete criminal
record of this Subject as may be revealed by these
prints.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-18-30	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-31-30 to 11-8-30	REPORT MADE BY: O. C. DEWEY
TITLE: ~~CHANGED:~~ FRANK RALPH NITTO alias FRANK NITTI alias FRANK NOVELLI			CHARACTER OF CASE: INCOME TAX

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject apprehended by Federal and local police officers on the early morning of Oct. 31, 1930, at Berwyn, Ill. Arraigned before Federal Judge Lindley; Subject held under \$50,000 bond. Writ of Habeas Corpus obtained by Subject's attorney for reduction of this bond. Hearing before Federal Judge Evan A. Evans of the Court of Appeals, who denied Writ of Habeas Corpus. Subject was later released under bond furnished by the Grand Central Surety Co. Check made of Naturalization records but unable to find Subject's papers.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent H. Larimer, Chicago, 10-18-30.

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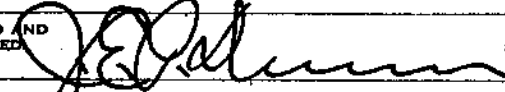
AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On the early morning of Oct. 31, 1930, Special Agent N. E. Tessem of the Internal Revenue Department, accompanied by Chief Investigator Pat Roche of the State's Attorney's office, Chicago, and a squad of fifteen officers raided the apartment house at 3201 S. Clinton Ave., Berwyn, Ill., and took Frank Nitto into custody.

DETAILS:

Subject was questioned by this agent and stated that his correct name is Frank Ralph Nitto; that he was born in Italy on Jan. 27, 1888, in the small town of Anagni; that his father, Louis Nitto, died in Italy when he, Subject, was about 18 months old; that his mother, Rose Nitto, brought him to this country when he was about three years old and she died in Brooklyn, N. Y. in 1913. Subject stated that he has one sister, Mrs. Anna Vollaro, who resides in Brooklyn, N. Y. Subject could not furnish any information relative to how he entered this country other than that he believed it was through the port of New York. He claims that he took out his first papers in Chicago about eight years ago; that

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he failed to complete his application on the first papers and a year or so later again took out his first papers and that about five years ago he secured his second papers and that he is now an American citizen. Subject claimed to have obtained these papers in the Federal Building at Chicago, Ill. He stated that the name of his wife is Anna Ronga and that he was married to her in February, 1928, at St. Louis, Mo. and that they have no children.

Agent checked both the first and second declaration papers in the Naturalization office, Federal Building, Chicago, but was unable to find any record of this Subject having secured either his first or second papers.

A request is also being made of the Bureau to furnish this office with the complete criminal record of this Subject through the fingerprints forwarded to the National Bureau of Identification and Information by the U. S. Marshal's office at Chicago.

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Special Agent in Charge,
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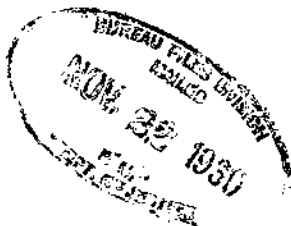
Re: FRANK R. NITTO,
INCOME TAX.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter dated November 17, 1930, regarding the above entitled matter, please be advised that a search of the files of the National Division of Identification and Information fails to reveal any previous criminal record of the above subject, who was arrested by the U. S. Marshall's Office, Chicago, Illinois, on October 31, 1930, charged with violation of the Internal Revenue Act.

Very truly yours,

Director.



U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box No. 1405,
CHICAGO, ILL.

November 19, 1930.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

RE: FRANK RALPH NITTO & ALIASES,
INCOME TAX

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith for your information
and the Bureau file press clipping which appeared in a recent
Chicago paper, relative to the above captioned matter.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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STATE PREPARES FOR NEXT GANG VAGRANT'S TRIAL

Sammons Held as Robber in \$150,000 Bonds.

\$55,725 IN REWARDS.

Rewards totaling \$55,725 are offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the slayer of Alfred Lingle. Of the \$25,000 reward offered by The Tribune \$10,000 will be paid to any person who will give confidential information identifying the slayer of Lingle. All information should be sent to the headquarters established by State's Attorney Swanson in room 503 Temple building, 77 West Washington street. Telephone State 3729.

(Pictures on back page.)

Preparations for the next vagrancy trial were begun yesterday by Assistant State's Attorneys Harry Ditchburne and James A. Brown, who successfully prosecuted James [Fur] Sammons in the test case of the campaign to drive hoodlums from Chicago through use of the 1874 vagrancy law.

One of four public enemies will be the next gangster tried, probably within ten days, before Judge Edgar A. Jonas, Prosecutor Brown said. These four are Jack and Harry Guzik, Lawrence [Dago] Mangano, and Terry Druggan. The state has an excellent chance of convicting any one of these men and subjecting them, like Sammons, to a possible six months' sentence, the prosecutors believe.

Tells Influence of Verdict.

"The best result of the Sammons verdict," said Mr. Brown, "is that a number of gangsters were watching the trial, ready to flock back into Chicago if a not guilty decision had been rendered. These men, for all of whom vagrancy warrants have been issued, will now hesitate to come back and be served."

Sammons yesterday was held to the grand jury on charges of robbery and burglary for his part in the Morand Brothers warehouse whisky raid in 1927. Judge John H. Lyle set bonds of \$150,000, \$75,000 on each charge. Sammons served 18 months in Leavenworth penitentiary on a federal charge in connection with the warehouse looting, but had never been prosecuted by the state. Judge Lyle revived the old charge.

Nitto Spends Day in Jail.

Frank Nitto, alias Nitto, business head of the Capone forces, spent a day in jail yesterday, unable to furnish a bond because of Judge Lyle's policy of refusing to accept bonds from

X CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Wednesday, November 19, 1930.

(Chicago File No. 5-6)



KEPT OFF STREET.

Frank Nitti, Capone aid, released on \$10,000 cash bond after day in custody.

(Story on page 5.)

convict, who on Saturday attempted to extort \$1,000 from a teller in the First Union Trust and Savings bank, 38 South Dearborn street, by threatening to blow up the bank with nitro glycerin, was held to the grand jury in \$60,000 bonds by Judge Lyle.

Moran Arraigned in Lake County.

George [Bugs] Moran, public enemy, who since last June has chosen Lake county as his place of residence, was arraigned yesterday in Waukegan before County Judge Percy L. Persons on a charge of vagrancy. The action is in line with the announced intention of Lake county authorities either to "keep Moran in a cell or out of the county."

Moran was represented by former Circuit Court Judge Claire C. Edwards, before whom the trial of former Gov. Small was held. Mr. Edwards recently resigned from the bench to enter private practice. He asked for

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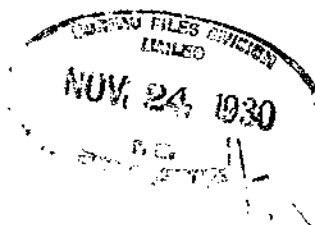
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SCHILDER

With reference to FRANK R. NITTO, with aliases, Index No. 2290, you are advised that this subject was apprehended and taken into Federal custody at Chicago, Ill., on October 31, 1930.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-28-30	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-21-30	REPORT MADE BY: O. C. DEXLEY	2 CH
TITLE: FRANK RALPH NITTO alias FRANK NITTI alias FRANK NOVELLI			CHARACTER OF CASE: INCOME TAX	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Deputy United States Marshal Mack advises that Subject has no record at the Bureau of Identification & Information, Washington, D.C.

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REFERENCE: Report of this Agent dated 11/18/30 at Chicago, Ill.

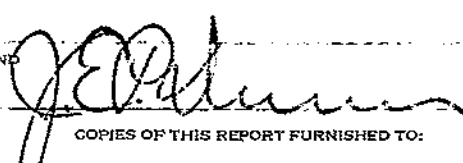
DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Deputy United States Marshal Mack advises that he is in receipt of a communication from the Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. advising that the records of the Bureau of Identification & Information failed to reveal any previous criminal record for Subject Frank Ralph Nitto.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 15, 1932.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Re: FRANK NITTI, with aliases,
Income Tax.

This memorandum will be placed in the proper file to be used as a possible basis in the write-up of an interesting Bureau case.

Special Agent O. C. Dewey advised the writer that this case, involving a henchman of the Al Capone gang at Chicago, should prove of some interest if for no other reason than his association with the celebrated gangster, who is now serving a sentence in the Atlanta Penitentiary. Nitti was apprehended in October, 1930, by an Agent of the Internal Revenue Bureau, accompanied by Pat Roche, Chief Investigator for the office of the State's Attorney at Chicago, and a squad of fifteen officers of the Chicago Police Department. Prior to the above date, he was indicted at Chicago by a Federal Grand Jury for failure to pay income taxes for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927. Special Agent Dewey further advised that the case of Subject Nitti is so wound up in the gang war affairs of Chicago, including the Capone forces and the slayer of Alfred "Jake" Lingle, that certain elements of interest might readily be taken from it.

Respectfully,

J. J. Manning
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New York, N.Y.
June 28, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Sir:

Under date of June 21, 1940 Mr. John F. O'Connell, Chief Investigator in the office of District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, New York City, transmitted to this office a copy of an anonymous letter which was received by Mr. Dewey's office relating to the alleged connection between the mob of AL CAPONE and FRANK NITTI with MUSSOLINI in Italy.

A copy of the aforementioned letter is transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. Thomas E. Dewey
District Attorney
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

I am a patriot and it is my duty to let you know a few facts which I have in my possession. I was keeping "mum" about these. But since Italy is in the war I feel that I am obliged to reveal these facts, which I know to be true. They should be taken care of before the Fifth Column moves. Al Capone and Frank Nitti of Chicago have direct connections with Mussolini in Italy. They both have given letters of introduction to Mussolini to sever_ different people who have gone abroad on business and pleasure in the last twelve years. The Capone Mob, as I will call them, has a treasury of eighty million dollars. This mob at the present time is beyond a doubt the most powerful in the United States because they are to be found in every large city and are getting more powerful everyday. This eighty million dollars has been collected from all the different racketts. The main brain of this mob at the present time is one Frank Nitti. He has under him some twenty two thousand men who are under the direct control of Nittis head men. This huge group of men would do anything since Nitti controls their jobs or "bread and butter". They are of all nationalities and low mentality, and if one should get a "punch in the nose" or is taken from his job, the rest would remain quiet and do as Nitti bids. Today, the unions have been taken over by this Capone Mob; not only local unions, but also international unions as well and are right in the American Federation of Labor at Washington. They have intimidated the heads of these organizations by threats of death and have gained their objective of controlling millions of people. There is to be a hook-up between Lewis and the Capone Mob to controll the workers if and when a revolution should come. They have workers in utility corporations, munitions factories, airplane factories, and they even have seven legislators in Springfield, Illinois. This mob also controls the judges of Cook County through Kelly and Courtney by way of Judge Prystalski. They feel big enough with their own army of faithfuls to overthrow the United States. They have the men and finances and know the weakness of a man making his living under them.

In Chicago, today, this mob controls practically every union. They have one of their own people at the head of each local and have the officers that they control, elected. They also have their own auditors and keep two sets of books because it would prove dangerous if the government should inspect and find the amount of money that has been taken from the unions.

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Garrozso is one who openly boasts that this country needs and will have some one like Mussolini at its head one of these days. It is men like these that control the working men of today. I realize that you know that this Fifth Column can be successful when it is joined with the rest of the traitors in this country. This Capone, Nittis Syndicate are all Mussolinis men; they do work over here for him, take care of different people, and send people back there. They control buildings through Thomas Burke and Electric plants through the Brook Brothers of the Electrical Union. Petrillo of the Chicago Musicians Union, another Capone man, will soon oust Weber of the Internation Union and he will control the musicians, many of which in the last war, was strong for Germany. The whole Chicago Symphony Orchestra was and is today strong German sympathizers. This Capone Mob controls race tracks, gambling houses, slot machines, prostitution, and protective associations besides the unions. They are now going into the wholesale food business. They have their own arsenal with plenty of machine guns, rifles, sawed off shotguns and weapons of all kinds with gunsmiths who know how to take care of them. Gentlemen is this not enough to warrant a show down by the Government authorities. Enough, gentlemen, we better wake up.

I would sign this, but I have seen their work and I have heard them say that every man has his price, and with the kind of money they control I am not taking any chances. For identification I will remain:

Sincerely yours,

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P.S.

The heads of labor unions are always endorsing candidates giving assurance to them that their unions are behind them one hundred per cent. But the truth is that they do not control any union votes at all. What you have done for labor shows the men that carry the union card that you are his friend and the friend of all honest union men. What we need today is some one to clean out the corruptness of the A. F. of L. and their international unions, like your have been doing.

(WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM RECORDED COPY)

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS
JANUARY 10, 1934.

M. A. TATE
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1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any message received for transmission at the REPEATED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY REPEATED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, writing, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated-message rate and additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such additional charge shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or in the messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 3,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereto; subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to the foregoing terms.

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

WILLIAM E. KRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

CLASSES OF SERVICE

DOMESTIC MESSAGES

DAY TELEGRAMS. A full-rate expedited service.

NIGHT LETTERS. A deferred day service at rates lower than the fast telegram rate, and one-half times the Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS. In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of full rate telegrams.

This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of full rate telegrams under the conditions named above.

NIGHT MESSAGES. Accepted up to 2:00 a. m. at reduced rates to be sent during night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day. Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination postage prepaid.

DAY LETTERS. Accepted up to 2:00 a. m. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than night message rates, as follows: The fast telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

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(a) Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

CABLE MESSAGES

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NIGHT CABLE LETTERS at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French where transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinated to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be accepted at reduced rates for transmission to certain offices where this service is not available, or to certain offices where this service is available, under circumstances, the details of which are given in the following instructions. Under deferred rate messages, the rate shall be charged on the basis of twenty to twenty-five words depending on the language used. For messages delivered by post. Figures applying to telegrams shall be required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply to any Postal Telegraph office.

WEEK END CABLE LETTERS at exceptionally low rates. Accepted under conditions applicable to Night Cable Letters, provided that Week End Cable Letters will be accepted during the week up to midnight Saturday for telegraphic delivery on the following Monday morning. Indicate "W.E.L." required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply to any Postal Telegraph office.

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Date: JULY 6, 1956

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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From SAC MINNEAPOLIS (62-0-11218)To: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTEN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FRANK NITTI, MISC. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

USA, St. Paul, desires photo FRANK NITTI, Chicago underworld character, now believed deceased.

Please forward two copies complete identification record, including all aliases, addresses, names of associates, description and two copies latest photo.

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Mr. Tamm

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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62-24040-

Mr. Steve Goodman
Haverford Plumbing and
Heating Supply Company
6066-6068 Vine Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19139

November 18, 1974

1 - Mr. Mintz

Dear Mr. Goodman:

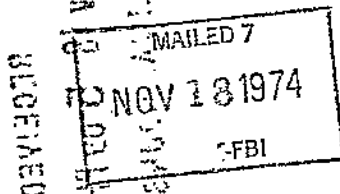
Your letter of November 2nd directed to our Chicago Office has been referred to FBI Headquarters and was received on November 11th.

In connection with your request, enclosed is a copy of Attorney General Order 528-73, which sets forth instituted policies regarding the Freedom of Information Act. Under this Order, certain information, with specific deletions, which in the past this Bureau has not made available to the public, would be released to qualified persons as a matter of administrative discretion. It is not possible to make a determination as to whether you will qualify until you furnish us additional information pertaining to the nature of your project and qualifications which in your opinion entitle you to documents we might have regarding the subjects of your inquiry.

For your information, Mr. Elliott Ness was not actually an FBI employee. He was employed as a Prohibition Agent, Internal Revenue Service, from August 26, 1926, to June 5, 1929, when he was transferred to the Bureau of Prohibition, Department of Justice. He worked in the Department of Justice from July 1, 1930, to August 10, 1933, at which time he became a Senior Prohibition Investigator in the Internal Revenue Service. According to press reports, he died on May 16, 1957, from natural causes at the age of 55.

Sincerely yours,
C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director



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Enclosure

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (3)
- 1 - SAC, Chicago
- 1 - Philadelphia

Attention SACs: Re Chicago letter dated 11-8-74.

1 - Bufile 62-115530 (FOI-REPLIES)

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Mr. Steve Goodman

NOTE: Bufile contains nothing identifiable with Steve Goodman and we have approximately 425 references pertaining to Frank Nitti and Elliott Ness.

DIRECTOR, FBI

11/8/74

SAC, CHICAGO (62-NEW) (C)

ATTN: (LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
UNIT)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
FROM FBI FILES BY STEVE
GOODMAN
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
FOIA

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original letter from STEVE GOODMAN, Haverford Plumbing and Heating Supply Company, 6066-6068 Vine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19139, dated 11/2/74 and received by the Chicago Office; as well as one copy of Chicago's reply to him. Enclosed for Philadelphia is one copy of GOODMAN's letter as well as Chicago's reply to him.

GOODMAN requests information concerning FRANK "The Enforcer" NITTI and also requests a copy of a report by ELLOITT NESS.

Chicago indices contain numerous references to FRANK NITTI and as the Bureau is aware ELLIOTT NESS was a Treasury Agent in Chicago during the Prohibition Era.

The Bureau is requested to appropriately reply to Mr. GOODMAN's letter.

An information copy of this letter is being sent to Philadelphia in view of GOODMAN's residence there.

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CONFIRMATION TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH ASSISTANT US-

ATTORNEY GREEN AND

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box 1405,
Chicago, Ill.

62-24090

September 5, 1930.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Frank Nitti

SEP 5 1930

Confirming telephone message and supplementing telegram to the Bureau on even date, will advise that in connection with the request that this office assign two agents to guard an important witness, the following events have transpired.

Immediately after receipt of the telephone call from your office, I conferred with officials in the U. S. Attorney's office in Chicago and there ascertained that Asst. U. S. Attorney Green was acquainted with the circumstances in the case. Mr. Green suggested that he would confer with

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and subsequently they would call at this office for a conference in order that the details of the plan which they propose might be discussed. On September 5, 1930, Mr. Green called at this office with

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I informed the gentleman that my interpretation of the instructions which I had received was different from the plan which they had outlined, that I had no authority to assign agents for such an extended period and would refuse to do so until instructions were received to that effect. I offered him the services of the two agents, as the Bureau had requested, for a period not in excess of ten days if that would serve their purpose completely. [redacted] intimated that this would be ^{b6 per IRS} entirely too brief a period for their purposes.

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I am of the opinion that the time involved in this case was not made clear to you and, consequently, will await further directions before proceeding with this case.

Very truly yours,


H. H. CLEGG,
Special Agent in Charge.

HHC/EC

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
P.O. Box 1405,
Chicago, Ill.

SEP 11 1930

September 6, 1930.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Supplementing the letter from this office dated September 5, 1930, relative to the request of U. S. Attorney's office in Chicago for two men to be assigned to guard [redacted]

[redacted] and with reference also to the Bureau's telegram dated September 5, 1930, you are advised that I today called upon Asst. U. S. Attorney Green, who is handling this matter in the local U. S. Attorney's office, and explained the matter to him, and he again expressed the opinion that the length of time that would be necessary to guard this witness would be a minimum of three months.

Mr. Green said he perfectly understood the situation of this office in this matter and he appeared not at all displeased at the action that was taken. I informed him that the length of time appeared to me to be unreasonable and I did not have the authorization to assign two men for such an extended period to a case of this type.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Olegg
H. H. OLEGG,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
POST OFFICE BOX 1405,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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September 8, 1930.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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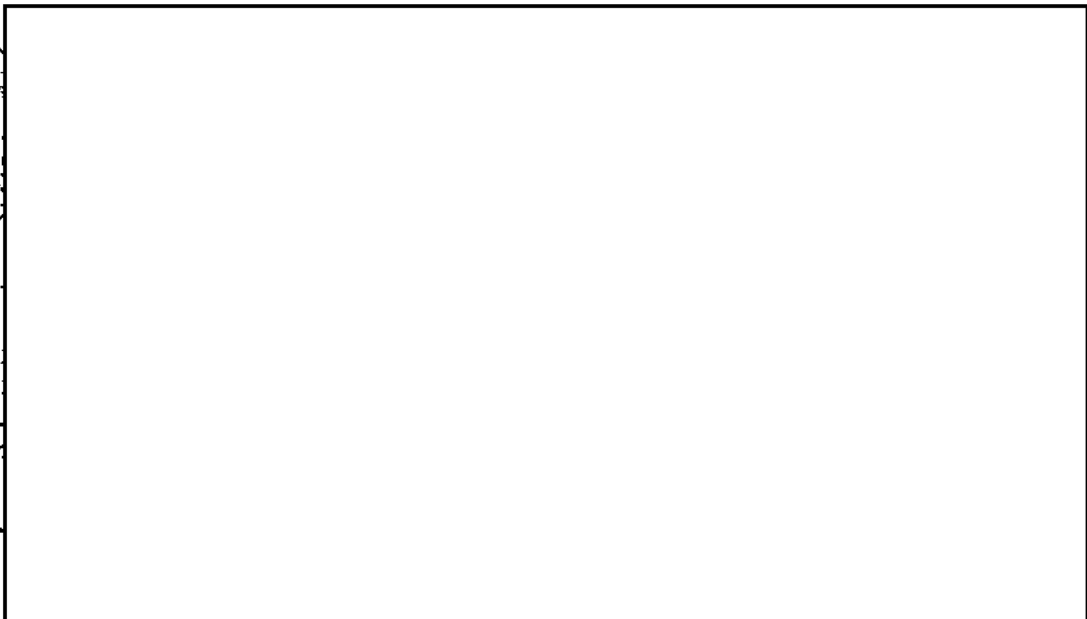
0. RE:
Guarding Government Witness

FRANK NICK

Reference is made to telephone conversation with the Bureau on September 6, 1930, as confirmed by Bureau letter of the same date with reference to the assignment of two Agents to guard an important witness. In this connection you are advised that immediately after telephone conversation with you I conferred with Assistant United States Attorney Green, who subsequently advised that it would be unnecessary to begin any action in this case until September 8, on which date the arrangement was outlined by and confirmed by

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Mr. Green as follows:



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Under no circumstances will we extend this assignment

[REDACTED]

Upon the arrival of Assistant United States Attorney Green at his office this morning he will be requested to transmit in writing to this office the action he desires to be undertaken in order that the Agents will have definite instructions for holding the witness in custody in the event his attitude or mind should change as to the plans which are now being made.

Agents have been instructed by me to take no chances and that in the event it became necessary to do so in order to protect themselves they could leave the witness in order to seek safety, or if necessary they could use Agent Larimer's car and proceed to any other place which they thought necessary in order to insure their safety. [REDACTED] made a similar recommendation, stating that the safety of the Agents was more important than the safety of the witness, if circumstances warrant their leaving the witness. I have also instructed the Agents that they are to take no instructions from anyone other than officials of this office in this matter, and that any suggestions that may be made to them by the Internal Revenue officers are not to be interpreted as instructions, unless, in judgment of the Agents, these suggestions are valuable, and in case of doubt they are to communicate with me by telephone for confirmation. I have instructed the Agents to report to me by telephone at least three times each day in order to advise the present status of the arrangement. I have also authorized Agent Larimer to use his car in order to continue in effect the pretext that the witness and the two Agents are real estate men and in order that their remaining in the room assigned them will not arouse suspicion. They were informed, however, that they should not visit Chicago or other towns where the witness is well known but should confine their travels in the car to the rural sections surrounding Highland Park.

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Agents are under instructions to discontinue their activities September 16, 1930. It is likely, however, that this office will be requested to continue them until September 18, which will be ten days from the date the assignment began. I also inferred that efforts might be made to have the Department authorize a renewal of these instructions for a continuance beyond the limit now fixed. Due to the condition of the work in this

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P. O. Box 1405,
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September 9, 1930.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re:
Guarding Government Witness.

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled matter to which Special Agents Larimer and Butterworth are assigned, there is enclosed herewith for your information a copy of a letter dated September 8, 1930, received at this office from the United States Attorney at Chicago.

The letter was forwarded to this office in accordance with my request, and authorizes the action which the Agents are undertaking.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Clegg
H. H. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1405
Chicago, Illinois

September 18, 1930

Director
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the Bureau's authorization of assignment of two Agents to guard [redacted] which has been investigated by the Intelligence Unit of the b6 per IPS [redacted] you are advised that on this date at 7 o'clock A. M. Special Agents R. N. Butterworth and Hugh Larimer delivered the witness in question into the care of [redacted]

[redacted] and approval for such action was given by Assistant United States Attorney Green.

b3 26 USC 6103
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United States Attorney Johnson telephoned me this morning inquiring as to the present status and if this Bureau was continuing to perform services in this connection beyond the ten-day limit. I informed him we were discontinuing our services at the conclusion of the ten-day period, and that in accordance with the suggestion and arrangements previously made by [redacted] b6 per IPS [redacted] and approved by Assistant United States Attorney Green, the witness had been delivered into the care of [redacted] this morning at Evanston, Illinois.

This matter is therefore being carried as a closed case in the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1405,
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September 26, 1930.

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Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

FRANK Nitti

Re: - WITNESS
INCOME TAX.

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Dear Sir:

Supplementing information contained in my letter to you dated September 18, 1930, this is to advise that upon receiving additional instructions from the Bureau, Agents Larimer and Goldman of this office continued to guard the above named witness from 7 P.M. September 18, 1930 until 9⁴⁵ A.M. September 22, 1930 when

b3 26 USC 6193
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Very truly yours,

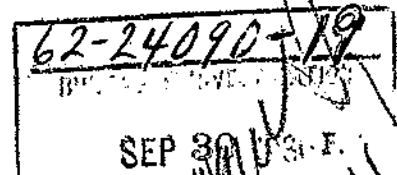
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H. H. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.**

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-3-30	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/18-26/30	REPORT MADE BY: O. C. DEWEY - GH
TITLE: CHANGED FRANK R. NITTO alias Frank Nitti alias Frank Novelli			CHARACTER OF CASE: INCOME TAX

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject indicted March 14, 1930, at Chicago for failure to pay income tax for 1925, 1926, and 1927. Interview with [redacted]

[redacted] and data regarding Subject obtained. Raid made by Internal Revenue Agents and Police on Carleon Hotel on tip that Subject was living at this hotel. Subject not located.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

This matter predicated upon the following letter received from United States Attorney George E. Q. Johnson on September 17, 1930:

"On a recent visit to Washington I had a conference relating to law enforcement in Chicago, and among other things it was determined to refer to the Bureau the apprehension of Frank Nitto alias Nitti, an important gangster under indictment here. I am enclosing his photograph. For further information as to his habits I would refer you to [redacted]"

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DETAILS:

Agent called at the office of [redacted]

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[redacted] in an effort to ascertain further facts regarding this matter. Agent was referred to Mr. Dwight H. Green, Special Assistant United States Attorney, who is handling this matter. Mr. Green advised Agent that on March 14, 1930, indictment #21246, charging Subject with failure to pay income tax for the years 1925, 1926, and 1927 was returned by the Federal Grand Jury. The substance of this indictment is as follows:

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apprehended, but that he had received no word as to the success in locating Nitte, but that he was advised by [REDACTED]

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At the United States Marshal's office, Chicago, Agent ascertained that this indictment was returned on March 14, 1930; that a not found return was made on the warrant on April 1st, 1930, and a certified copy of the indictment with warrant attached was forwarded to the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida. On July 29, 1930, an alias warrant was issued in Chicago based on the same indictment and this warrant is now in the hands of Deputy U.S. Marshal Spizzerri.

Agent interviewed [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Agent conferred again with Mr. Green relative to the bond of Subject and was advised that at the time the indictment was returned, Nitto's bond was set at \$50,000.00. Agent apprised Mr. Green of the information received by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Mr. Green stated that United States Attorney was reluctant to negotiate with any of the gangsters in Chicago and he felt sure that he would not consent to reducing Nitto's bond. In this connection it was pointed out that Ralph Capone, brother of Al Capone, when indicted for evading his income tax was placed under a bond of \$35,000.00 and that he was considered of a more desperate type than Subject Nitto.

Agent further learned from Mr. Green that in the papers obtained by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Description obtained of Subject is as follows:

Name - Frank H. Nitto
Age - 41 yrs.
Height - 5'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Weight - 145 lbs.
Build - Medium
Hair - Black
Eyes - Dark
Complexion - Dark
Clean shaven
Eyeglasses - None
Residence - Unknown
Occupation - Liquor dealer
Race - White
Nationality - Italian American
Fingerprints - $\frac{31}{28}$ $\frac{MM}{01}$ $\frac{14}{}$
Photograph available
Criminal Record - Not yet obtained

REWARD - \$1,000.00 reward
offered by Chicago Association
of Commerce, Chicago, Ill.

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A letter is being forwarded to the Director requesting that a search be made of the records of the National Division of Identification & Information in an effort to obtain Subject's fingerprints and police photograph, as well as his complete criminal record.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: JACKSONVILLE OFFICE

Photograph of Subject and his wife being forwarded to the Jacksonville Office with request that it be ascertained from the Miami Police whether or not Nitto has ever been arrested in Miami, Florida. It is further suggested that inquiries be made at the Illinois Golf Association, Miami, for such information as may be learned regarding Subject.

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This office will keep in touch with [redacted] and will endeavor to locate and interview Dr. Chesrow, former husband of Subject's wife, and also endeavor to obtain information from Subject's father-in-law, Dr. G. Rogna, 1200 McAllister Place. Effort will also be made to obtain information from Dr. Gustave Kolischer, 108 N. State Street. Interview will also be had with Joe Stenson, 310 S. Michigan Avenue, and inquiries will be made of the Thomson & McKinnon brokerage concern, 209 S. LaSalle Street, relative to the 300 shares of Yellow Taxicab Company stock purchased by Subject in October 1927.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

OCT 8 1930

In compliance with your instructions, the following information is submitted relative to the status of the case of Frank Nitti, alias Onitto. The Bureau file discloses that no reports have as yet been submitted by the Chicago Office.

In accordance with your instructions, a telegram was dispatched to the Chicago Office, requesting that a photograph, fingerprints and other data for use in the preparation of an Identification Order for this subject be obtained by that office. A letter has been dispatched to the Chicago Office, requesting that investigation in this case be expedited.

Mr. Harvey talked with Mr. Clegg concerning this matter and Mr. Clegg advised since this case had been turned over to the Bureau for investigation, [redacted]

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No information, however, was found as to Nitti's whereabouts. Mr. Clegg also advised that this case has not, to date, received preferred attention by the Chicago Office; however, Special Agent Dewey is conducting an investigation in the matter and has called at the office of the Special Intelligence Unit at Chicago and obtained such information as is available concerning Nitti. It was ascertained that his fingerprints were at one time in the possession of the Chicago police; however, these have been destroyed by reason of a court order.

In connection with this matter, there is a letter in the Bureau file from the Chicago Office, over Mr. Clegg's signature, dated September 26th, which sets forth information to the effect that Agents Larimer and Goldman of the Chicago Office continued to guard witness [redacted]

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If there is an indictment we can issue an I.C. but we cannot drop our regular work at Chicago or elsewhere for this case since it is not of primary jurisdiction.

This information supplemented information furnished by Agent Clegg in his letter of September 18th, indicating that Special Agents Larimer and Butterworth, in accordance with Bureau instructions and at the request of the U. S. Attorney at Chicago, had guarded the witness [] from September 8th until September 18th, 1930, on which latter date the witness was brought to the Federal Building for the purpose of testifying before the Federal Grand Jury, then in session.

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Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
V. W. Hughes. Per RWH

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-11-30	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-3-30	REPORT MADE BY: O. C. DEWEY - GH
TITLE: FRANK R. NITTO alias Frank Nitti alias Frank Novelli			CHARACTER OF CASE: INCOME TAX

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Identification order issued by Chicago Association of Commerce offering \$1,000.00 reward for Subject's arrest. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Data obtained b6 per IRS for issuance of Bureau identification order. History of Subject's entrance into Chicago gangland given.

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REFERENCE:

Report of this Agent dated 10/3/30 at Chicago, Ill.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Telegram received from the Director on October 2nd requesting that photograph, fingerprints, and other data for use in preparation of identification order of Frank Nitto be obtained.

Agent conferred with [REDACTED]

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Agent interviewed Commissioner of Police John H. Alcock, City Hall, Chicago, and apprised him of the fact that this Department was preparing an identification order for the apprehension of Frank Nitto, who is under indictment, charged with evading his income tax. Commissioner Alcock gave Agent a note to Chief of Detectives Norton requesting the latter to give Agent every available assistance.

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Colosimo was in need of a body guard and in 1915 sent to New York City and secured Johnny Torrio as his personal body guard. When the prohibition law went into effect on July 30, 1919, Colosimo was one of the first to enter into illicit liquor dealings in an extensive manner. In need of further protection from rival gangs, Colosimo went to New York during the early part of 1920 and brought back with him Frankie Yale and Alphonse Capone, who was also known as Al Brown. Both of these two individuals, like Johnny Torrio, were members of the Five Point Gang of New York City, which was headed by Monk Eastman and Big Jack Zelig. On May 11, 1920, Jim Colosimo was killed and his extensive vice operations fell into the hands of Johnny Torrio and Al Capone. Torrio's political drag under the administration gradually increased and this brought him in contact with one Joe Stenson, a wealthy Chicagoan and ex-brewer. Arrangements were made by Torrio with Mr. Stenson to use his breweries. In October 1923 Torrio was fined for illegally manipulating a brewery transfer and it was at this time that Joe Stenson was revealed as being behind the beer operations of Al Capone and Johnny Torrio. In the latter part of 1925 through the vigilance of Chief of Police Morgan Collins and Captain Matthew Zimmer of the Chicago Police Department, the Sieben Brewery on the north side was raided and Torrio and several others were arrested. This matter was brought before United States Attorney Olsen and Torrio was later sentenced to ten months in the County Jail at Waukegan, Illinois. Following his release, conditions among the various rival gangs in Chicago were at such a state that Torrio disappeared and has not been heard of since. It is surmised that he has returned to Italy. During the period that Torrio was confined in jail, Al Capone began to rapidly rise to power in gangland, and it is believed that at this time he imported various hoodlums from New York, among them being Frank Nitto. The Chicago Police Department has no information as to Frank Nitto's origin, nor are they able to give the name of his mother or father or any relatives. The Chicago newspapers advanced the information that Nitto is possibly an alien as it is generally understood that he was born in Italy.

From Subject's signature card at the Schiff & Company State Bank, it was learned that Subject's father's name is Luigi Nitto or Nitti, and his mother's name is Rosa Nitto or Nitti. Their address is not given.

Agent called at the Chicago Association of Commerce, 1 N. LaSalle Street, and interviewed Mr. Paul Shanahan, who advised that his office had no data concerning Nitto and that through the request of the Internal Revenue Department the Citizens Committee for Prevention and Punishment of Crime of the Chicago Association of Commerce, had posted \$1,000.00 reward for Subject Nitto's arrest. Mr. Shanahan stated that this reward was good until Subject was apprehended.

Agent called at the Chicago Crime Commission, 300 W. Adams Street and checked their records as to Frank Nitto for possible information. Their records contained principally newspaper clippings regarding this Subject, also his complete criminal record which consisted of his arrest in April 1925 for disorderly conduct and his arrest on November 24, 1927, for carrying concealed weapon. In this latter case Subject was arrested in company with one Joseph Casioni at 22nd Street and Michigan Avenue by Sergeant Cooper's Squad of the Detective Bureau. A loaded revolver was found in the side pocket of the car. This case is reported in Municipal Court, Chicago, as #800776 and was tried before Judge William E. Melander. Nitto and Casioni testified at the trial that the revolver belonged to the person from whom they borrowed the automobile. Both subjects were released.

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In reference report of this Agent dated 10-3-30, sets forth information received from [redacted]

A search of the records of the Chicago Crime Commission reveals that on August 29, 1923, Frank Nitto, age 62, was killed at Stickney, Illinois, and that his body was not found until sometime later. When the Police commenced investigation they interviewed members of the family, and two of the children, Charles Nitti and [redacted] involved their mother, Sebellia Nitti, and a farm hand, Peter Cudella, in the killing of their father, Frank Nitti. Peter Cudella and Mrs. Sebellia Nitti were arrested and charged with the murder of Frank Nitti. On July 9, 1923, these two individuals were sentenced to hang on October 12, 1923. The case was carried to Justice Carter of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois and a stay of execution was granted. Both individuals were later released on bail after considerable newspaper propaganda as to hanging a woman. The case was finally dropped. The newspaper records reveal no mention of a son by the name of Frank Nitto or Frank Nitti. It lists the three children as James, age 16, Charles, 12, and [redacted] From photograph in this file it is not believed possible that Mrs. Sebellia Nitti is the mother of Subject as she at this time appears to be not more than 35 years old.

Agent called at the office of Pat Roche, 77 W. Washington Street, who is the Chief Investigator for the States Attorney's office. Mr. Roche was out of town but Agent had an interview with his assistants, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Seyferlich. Neither of these men could furnish any personal history regarding Nitto other than that he was a close associate of Johnny Torrio and is believed to have come from some gang on the east side of New York. Relative to Subject's wife, Mr. Seyferlich advised that she was formerly Anna Ronga and not Rognia as previously reported.

Dr. Ronga is a prominent Italian physician and is believed to be a son-in-law of J. P. Marzano, who operates an undertaking parlor at 931 Polk Street. The elder Mr. Marzano just recently died, according to Mr. Seyferlich. Questioning Mr. Seyferlich as to possible whereabouts of Nitto at this time, he stated that Nitto was a close friend of one Steve Schiovone, who was a Capone gangster and resided somewhere in Cicero, Illinois. Schiovone some time ago was shot at Roosevelt Road and Michigan Avenue but recovered. Mr. Schiovone suggested that a raid be made on the Antonette Hotel located at 22nd and Laramie Avenue in Cicero. He also suggested that an informant be placed in the Western Hotel at 22nd and Cicero Avenue, which place is the hangout of various "alcohol cookers" and from whom information can possibly be obtained inasmuch as there is now a thousand dollar reward for Nitto's apprehension. Mr. Seyferlich stated that it would be useless for an Agent to cover either the Antonette Hotel or the Western Hotel as they are furnished police protection and these hotels maintain their spotters so that when a stranger is seen in the vicinity any individual who is believed wanted is immediately notified. He suggested that the best way would be to conduct a raid on the hotel covering both the back and the front entrances and go through the place from top to bottom. Cicero is known as the Capone gang headquarters.

Agent conferred further with [REDACTED]

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Several of the identification orders issued by the Chicago Association of Commerce were obtained and are being attached to copies of this report for Jacksonville and New York to aid them in their investigation. Also attached to the New York copies of this report is the initial report of this Agent dated 10/3/30.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: NEW YORK OFFICE

The New York Office is requested to ascertain from the Police Department and other sources all information possible regarding

Count 1. That Frank R. Nitto, late of the City of Chicago, on March 15, 1926, at Chicago unlawfully did then and there wilfully attempt to defraud the United States by wilfully and knowingly attempting to evade and defeat an income tax in the sum of \$97,699.25 due the United States upon his net income for the calendar year 1925, which tax was imposed by an Act of Congress, approved February 26, 1926.

The said defendant during 1925 was an individual, whose legal residence and principal place of business were at Chicago; that he was single and on December 31st, 1925, had no dependants and was a person required by law, after the close of the calendar year 1925 and on or before March 15, 1926, to make to the Collector of Internal Revenue a return for the year 1925, stating specifically the items of his gross income; that the defendant derived and received a gross income amounting to \$426,261.99 for the calendar year 1925, and that the income due the United States for said period was \$97,699.25.

Count 2. That Frank R. Nitto derived and received during 1926 a gross income of \$169,674.13, and after the close of the calendar year wilfully failed to make a return required by the Act of Congress or any return whatsoever to the said Collector of Internal Revenue for the calendar year 1926, etc.

Count 3. That Frank R. Nitto unlawfully, wilfully, and knowingly attempted and did evade a tax of \$33,552.29 on a gross income of \$169,674.73 for the calendar year 1926, etc.

Count 4. That Frank R. Nitto unlawfully did then and there wilfully fail to make a return on his gross income for the year 1927; that the defendant derived and received a gross income of \$146,951.69 for the year 1927 and on or before March 15, 1928, wilfully failed to make a return to the Collector of Internal Revenue, etc.

Count 5. That Frank R. Nitto did unlawfully, wilfully, and knowingly attempt to defeat and evade a tax of \$27,571.67 due the United States for the calendar year 1927 on a gross income of \$146,951.69, etc.

Conferring with Mr. Green, he advised Agent that Subject Nitto handled all the money of the Al Capone gang, which operates liquor, gambling, and vice joints in the City of Chicago; that in April 1930 he had received word that Nitto was in Miami, Florida, living at the home of Al Capone and had been seen daily at the Illinois Golf Association grounds. Mr. Green stated that he forwarded certified copy of indictment and warrant to the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, to have Nitto