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**ALPHONSE CAPONE**

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**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

Department of Justice

201 Liberty National Life Building,

Birmingham, Alabama,

June 16, 1933.

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U. S. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DIRECTOR NATHAN

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Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

*Ms MA*

Please be advised that this office is in receipt of a memorandum from Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher at Atlanta, Ga., stating that [redacted] of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, handed him a copy of a letter purporting to have been written by Al Capone, three copies of which are attached hereto for your information in the premises.

*BoP*

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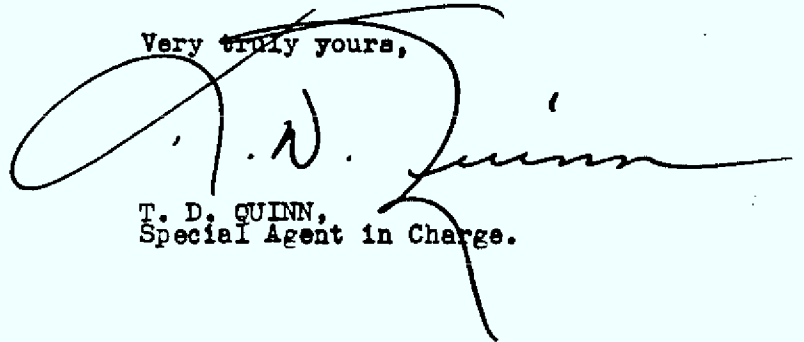
Atlanta Penitentiary

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in the body of this letter are Government officials, the matter is being transmitted to the Bureau in order that proper instructions might be issued before an investigation is undertaken by the Birmingham office.

If authority is granted to go into this matter, I believe that several things mentioned in the letter alleged to have been written by Al Capone should be verified from the records of the Penitentiary at Atlanta, before any investigation is requested of the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'T. D. Guinn', written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the page.

T. D. GUINN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

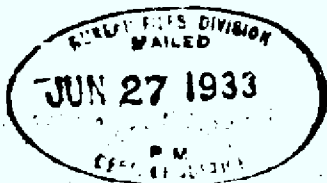
Dear Sir:

Referring further to your letter of June 16, with reference to the request of [Warden Aderhold] of the Atlanta Penitentiary, for an investigation of allegations contained in a letter believed to have been written by Al Capone, inmate of the penitentiary, you are advised that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons has requested this Bureau to proceed with a thorough investigation. Will you please, therefore, immediately institute the necessary inquiry. BOP

You are authorized to confirm the matters to which you refer in the last paragraph of your letter through the records of the penitentiary at Atlanta.

Very truly yours,

Director,



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June 23, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF PRISONS.

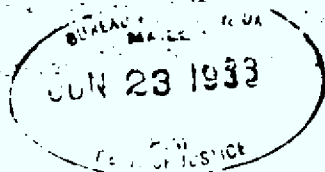
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I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter which I received from my Birmingham Office under date of June 16, 1933, together with its enclosure, advising of the request of [Garden Adarhold] of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta for investigation of certain matters arising through reason of the statements made in a letter allegedly written by Al Capone.

The matter is being promptly forwarded to you, in order that you may have the benefit of the information contained therein and advise if you desire the Bureau to conduct an investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #546991.





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June 23, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

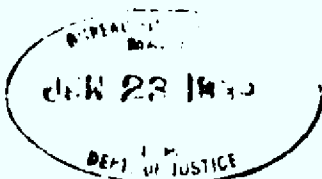
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the  
16th instant with reference to information received from  
BOP [Warden Adierhold] relative to statements appearing in a  
letter allegedly written by Al Capone.

You are advised that a copy of your letter,  
together with its enclosure, has been forwarded to the  
Director of the Bureau of Prisons and you should await  
further advice from the Bureau before proceeding with the  
investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Department of Justice

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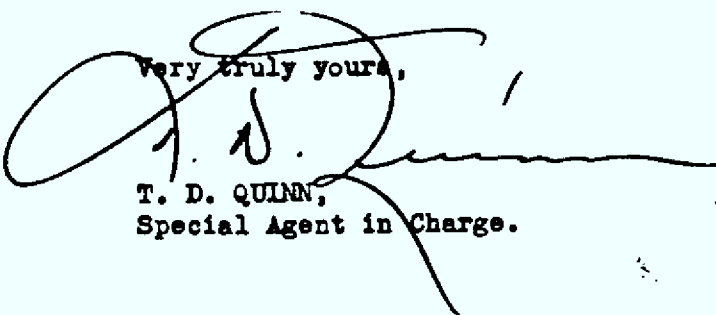
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Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

By reference from Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Atlanta, Ga., a letter has been received, dated June 21st, last, and signed by A. C. Aderhold, Warden, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., copies of which are attached hereto, and which is believed to be self explanatory. BOP

On even date I am advising Mr. Aderhold that this matter has been referred to the Bureau for proper instructions, and that I will be pleased to notify him at a later date concerning what action is to be taken in regard thereto.

Very truly yours,  
  
T. D. QUINN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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201 Liberty Natl. Life Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
June 23, 1933.

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[Mr. A. C. Aderhold,  
Warden, United States Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Ga.]

Dear Sir:

By reference from Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher, receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated June 21, 1933, and which has further reference to your conference with this Agent under date of June 14, 1933 concerning Alphonse Calpone.

In this regard, please be advised that in view of the fact that several of the persons mentioned in this case are Federal officials and under Departmental regulations, the matter has been referred to the Bureau at Washington, D.C. for proper instructions.

I shall be pleased at a later date to advise you in the premises in order that you might be fully informed as to what action will be taken by this office.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your very splendid cooperation rendered Agents of this office, and I trust that I will have the pleasure of meeting you during my next visit to Atlanta.

Very truly yours,

T. D. QUINN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

TDQ:EM

CC: Bureau ✓

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

Atlanta, Ga.,  
June 21, 1933.

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Mr. Fletcher,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Attorney,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is [redacted]  
addressed to Alphonse Capone,  
[redacted]

You will note that this telegram is in reply to request in the letter which reads:

"Just as soon as you get this letter wire me and say that my lawyer spoke to you and they will be there to see you before they go to the Supreme Court, so that I will know that you got this letter."

It is thought that this letter referred to [redacted]  
[redacted]

For your information will say that I am delivery a copy of this telegram to Al Capone, register No. 40886.

Yours very truly,

A.C.Aderhold,  
Warden.

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ALPHONSE CAPOONE - YOUR LAWYER SPOKE TO ME LAST NIGHT AND THEY WILL BE THERE TO SEE YOU BEFORE THEY GO TO THE SUPREME COURT DO NOT WORRY ABOUT MAMA AS SHE IS FEELING FINE NOW AND WILL BE HOME IN A F--- IN A COUPLE OF DAYS SHE WENT THROUGH EVERYTHING BETTER THAN WAS EXPECTED AND IS ALL RIGHT NOW SHE SENDS HER LOVE LOVE FROM ALL [redacted]

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July 6, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

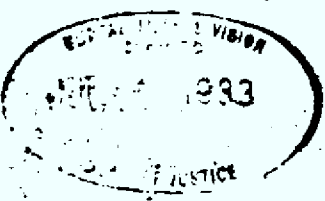
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With reference to your letter of June 23, 1933, with attached copy of letter addressed to Agent Fletcher by Warden Aderhold of the Atlanta Penitentiary, dated June 21, 1933, and the copy of telegram addressed to Al Capone at the penitentiary, you are advised that this matter appears to be the same as that treated of in your letter of June 16, 1933, which was replied to by Bureau letter of June 27, 1933, authorizing you to proceed with the investigation.

It is assumed that you will cover the matter completely in the investigation authorized.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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*Jm*

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June 26, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRICH.

Mr. Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, telephoned with regard to the memorandum forwarded to him by this Bureau under date of June 23, 1933, with reference to information received from [Garden Adenhold] relative to statements appearing in a letter allegedly written by Al Capone, and requested that this Bureau proceed with inquiry based upon the statements in this letter.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

*g. Bates, June 26, 1933*

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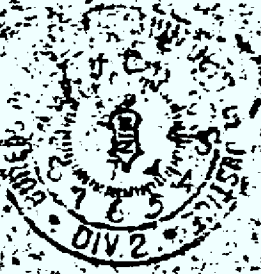
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201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama

June 29, 1933.

Mr. A. C. Merhold,  
Warden, United States Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.



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Dear Sir:

With further reference to letter from this office dated June 23, 1933, in connection with an investigation that is desired at the penitentiary to determine if letter was written by Al Capone, inmate of the penitentiary, this is to advise that this investigation will be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Bureau

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION - U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Birmingham, Alabama.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-8-33</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6-14-21, 7-14-21, 8-2, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>CHAPMAN FLETCHER</b>
TITLE: <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, aliases: Brown; A. Costa; Scarface; Capone; Alphonse Brown; Al Capone; Brown; Scarface; Alphonse Gabriel Capone.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA</b>
O. T. BISHOP; STEPHEN T. BROWN. SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			

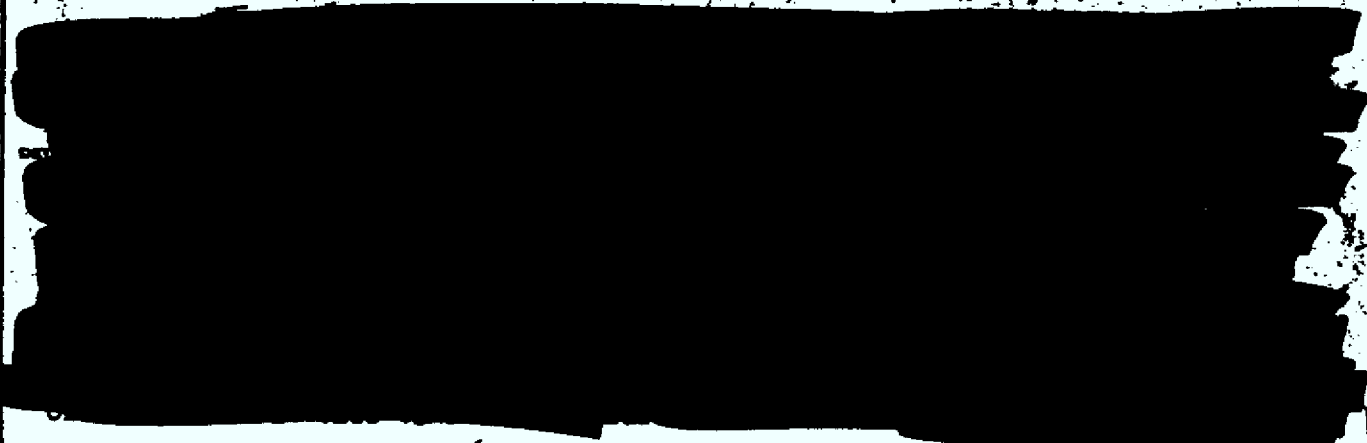
Letter written by prisoner Atlanta Penitentiary, presumably Capone

*Bo-P*



REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated June 27, 1933.

DETAILS: AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.



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"Alphonse Capone -- Your lawyer spoke to me last night and they will be there to see you before they go to the Supreme Court Do not worry about Mama as she is feeling fine now and will be home in a couple of days She went through everything better than was expected and is all right now She sends her love Love from all.

[REDACTED]

Transmitted by Western Union."

On June 16, 1933, a letter was addressed by S. A. C. E. D. Quinn, to the Director, informing the Director as to the complaint made in this case and on June 27, 1933, the Director by letter authorized investigation in this case.

Warden Aderhold has advised Agent that

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

On June 16, 1933, a letter was addressed by S. A. C. T. D. Quinn, to the Director, informing the Director as to the complaint made in this case and on June 27, 1933, the Director by letter authorized investigation in this case.

[REDACTED]

BOP

[REDACTED]

Mrs. Davis, in the office of the Commissioner of Finance and Taxation, State Capitol, Atlanta, Ga., states that license number 1-676B, for 1933, was issued to Mrs. Annie E. Bishop, 1425 Broad Street, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia, about April 29, 1933, for a five-passenger Dodge Sedan, Motor No. S63748.

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BOP

[REDACTED]

A description of Capone as disclosed by the records of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., is as follows:

NAME	ALPHONSE CAPONE, aliases: Brown; A. Costa; Scarface Capone; Alphonse Brown; Al Capone; Al Brown; "Scarface"; Alphonse Gabriel Capone;
Age	33
Height	5'10-1/2"
Weight	255
Build	Stout
Occupation	Gambler
Complexion	Medium fair
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Dark brown
Residence	Chicago, Illinois
Scars	Oblique scar 4" across cheek 2" front left ear;

Description of Al Capone (continued):

Scars (cont.)	vertical scar 2-1/2" on left jaw, oblique scar 2-1/2" below left ear on neck.
Pen. Number	Atlanta Penitentiary No. #0686
Photograph	One mounted and two unmounted retained in Bishop file.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE** - Is requested to secure from the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. information as to all bank or other indorsements which will show the disposition made by Bishop of the checks listed in this report as having been paid Bishop as salary.

**CHICAGO OFFICE** - at Chicago, Illinois - Will conduct discreet investigation to determine whether Dr. Stephen T. Brown, of Atlanta, Georgia, was registered at the Palmer House on or about June 16, 1935, and, if so, the activities of the Doctor during his stay at the hotel, particular attention being paid to any telephone calls placed by the Doctor from his room.

**BIRMINGHAM OFFICE** - At Atlanta, Georgia - Upon receipt of information from the Washington Field Office as to the disposition made by Bishop of the checks received as salary will cause a check to be made of any banks indicated where Bishop might have an account, either savings or checking, and will make such further investigation as other endorsements on these checks may warrant. Also, it will be ascertained the name of the party from whom the automobile owned by Mrs. Bishop was secured and the amount and manner in which these payments for the car have been made, and if payments are being made by check, will ascertain the name of the bank on which the checks are drawn, and such further investigation as the facts warrant.

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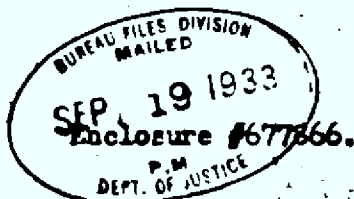
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS

Reference is made to my memorandum dated June 23, 1933, transmitting a copy of a letter which I received from my Birmingham Office under date of June 16, 1933, together with its enclosure, advising of the request of Warden Aderhold of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta for an investigation of certain matters arising through reason of the statements made in a letter allegedly written by Al Capone.

For your further information in this matter I am transmitting herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, September 8, 1933, entitled ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al, CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Alabama** FILE NO. **62-28933**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Washington, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9/14/33</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/12/33</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>Donovan Owens JCM</b>
TITLE: <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, ET AL.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information received from General Accounting Office regarding disposition and endorsements of salary checks of [REDACTED]

*Treasury Dept*

-RUC-

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, September 8, 1933.

**DETAILS:** AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Information was received from the Treasury Department and the General Accounting Office regarding the disposition and endorsements on salary checks of [REDACTED] as follows:

<u>1933.</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Disposition and Endorsements</u>
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS.

In the case entitled ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al;  
CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY,  
there are transmitted herewith copies of the following ATLANTA, GEORGIA,  
reports:

<u>Special Agent</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date</u>
Donovan Owens	Washington, D. C.	9/14/33

Very truly yours,

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Dep. F. M. Service

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.**

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, 9/8/33.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: **[REDACTED]**

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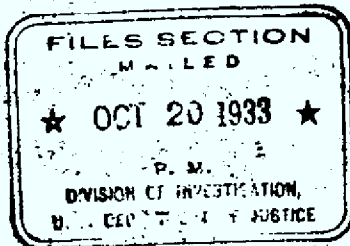
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS

In connection with the investigation now being made by this Division of the mailing of a letter by Alphonse Capone from the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent W. Carter Baus, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 25, 1933, entitled ALPHONSE CAPONE with aliases, et al, Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband out of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #679523.



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September 28, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
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Birmingham, Alabama.

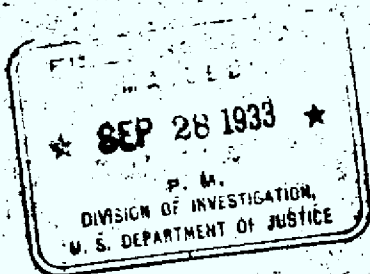
Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the case entitled  
Alphonse Capone with aliases, et al, Conspiracy to Receive  
and Send Contraband Out of the United States Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

For your information, a letter has been directed  
to the Chicago Office requesting that the lead set forth in  
the report of Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher dated September  
8, 1933, be given immediate attention. It is also desired  
that you proceed with the investigation immediately and  
submit a report promptly, without awaiting the results of  
the investigation at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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September 28, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the report of  
Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Alabama, dated  
September 8, 1933, in the case entitled *Alphonse Capone*  
with aliases, et al, Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contra-  
band out of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia,  
wherein you will note that a lead is set forth for your  
office, requesting investigation concerning [REDACTED]

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It is desired that this investigation be given  
immediate attention, and a report submitted not later than  
the day following the receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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FOR ATTENTION OR ACTION  INDICATED

DATE 9/27/33

DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. APPEL \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. BAUGHMAN  \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EGAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. HUGHES \_\_\_\_\_  
MISS GANDY \_\_\_\_\_  
MRS. SKILLMAN \_\_\_\_\_

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*Pls. advise today.*

PLEASE SEE ME \_\_\_\_\_

HAROLD NATHAN  
ROOM 318



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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October 11, 1933.

Nathan.....
Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Locke.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With reference to the investigation of a letter, allegedly written by Alphonse Capone as described in the attached memorandum prepared by Supervisor Stapleton under date of September 27, 1933, I desire to advise that it appears the case originated with a letter received from the Birmingham office under date of June 16th. The matter was referred to the Director, Bureau of Prisons, on June 23rd, and on June 27th the Birmingham office was authorized to proceed with an investigation.

Inasmuch as the authorization was merely in response to a request of the Birmingham office, apparently no tickler was maintained. However, on July 6th an additional letter was sent to the Birmingham office with reference to the case. The report submitted by the Birmingham office is dated September 8th and the investigation covers the period June 14th to 21st, July 1st, August 2nd, 14th, and 20th, and September 2, 1933. The delay was in the Birmingham office and possibly could be accounted for by reason of the many emergency matters confronting that office during that period and in view of the fact that it was not indicated at any time that this particular investigation was of an emergency character.

If you desire, an appropriate letter will be directed to the Birmingham office, calling attention to the delay and instructing that the matter be immediately completed.

OCT 19 1933

Respectfully,  
62-28933-9

*M.H.*  
OCT 18 1933  
V. W. Hughes.

*Yes do so & see that this entire matter is promptly completed.*

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*10/23 J. & H.*

*See Birmingham  
10/17/33  
mmh*

STANFORD BATES  
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF PRISONS  
WASHINGTON

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Locke.....

September 26, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION:

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*Stanford Bates*  
Director.

What is the status of this?

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J. E. H.

*Stanford Bates*

Memo to [unclear] **OCT 19 1933**  
 Sub. Chief Birmingham  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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September 27, 1933.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Locke.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alphonse Capone, with aliases,  
et al, Conspiracy to Receive  
and Send Contraband out of the  
United States Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

On June 14, 1933, Mr. A. C. Aderhold, Warden of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, turned over to Special Agent Chapman Fletcher a letter which had been turned over to him by a

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[REDACTED]

This letter was referred to the Division by Special Agent in Charge Quinn of Birmingham on June 16, 1933, requesting authority to conduct an investigation, and a letter dated June 27, 1933, was forwarded to the Birmingham Office authorizing it to proceed with the investigation.

*Why was this  
delayed from June 27 to Sept. 8?*

Special Agent Chapman Fletcher submitted a report dated September 8, 1933, which discloses that

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The report of Agent Fletcher sets forth leads for the Washington Field Office to ascertain from the Treasury information as to the endorsements of checks and disposition made by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

A report has been received from the Washington Field Office dated September 14, 1933, reflecting the disposition and endorsements of the checks of [REDACTED] however, no report has been received from the Chicago Office of the investigation requested there. A letter is being directed to the Birmingham and to the Chicago Offices requesting that this matter be given immediate attention.

Respectfully,

*T. N. Stapleton*  
T. N. Stapleton.

VWH:CSH

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sirs:

I desire to again invite your attention to the case entitled Alphonse Capone, with aliases, et al, Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband out of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.

This case has now been pending in your office since June 16th. On June 23rd the Division authorized you to proceed with the inquiry. The first report received was that of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, dated September 8, 1933, and that report contained a number of undeveloped leads for the Washington Field and Chicago Offices. The Division has since received a copy of the report of Special Agent Donovan Owens, at Washington, D. C., dated September 14th, but no report has yet been received from Chicago.

It is imperative that this matter be given immediate attention and that complete reports be submitted promptly. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Chicago Office in order that it may proceed immediately with the investigation pending there, and if, after receipt of the report from the Chicago Office, you find additional work necessary, it is suggested that the telegraph be used to forward necessary leads. Otherwise, a summary of the matter should be submitted promptly to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Chicago.

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*W. H. C. S.*

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The above has been discussed with Mr. A. C. Aderhold, Warden, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, who has been cooperating with this Agent, and it may be said that during one of these discussions

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[REDACTED]

In connection with [REDACTED] Atlanta Penitentiary, who recently requested an interview with an Agent of this Division, there is quoted below the memorandum of this interview by this Agent inasmuch as it pertains to Capone and a [REDACTED] at the Atlanta Penitentiary:

"Atlanta, Georgia, September 4, 1933.

"Memorandum to Special Agent in Charge

"From the records of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga. 40



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[REDACTED] at first declined to make any statement to Agent, declaring that if a statement should be made and the prison authorities should learn of it that he would surely be killed as there was a 'lot of stuff going on inside the penitentiary.' [REDACTED] asked that he be transferred closer to New Orleans where his wife and family could visit him, and Agent informed [REDACTED] that this was entirely in the hands of the Attorney General to whom he should make his request, and that the information furnished by him to Agent would be in the hands of the Attorney General who could give the matter full consideration and take such action as he deemed proper, but that Agent had nothing whatever to do with this and would make no recommendation to the Attorney General.

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[REDACTED] also said there was a big racket on the outside to get narcotics into the penitentiary, and that Al Capone was the man on the inside who had charge of this racket, and that Capone was able to do this through [REDACTED]. He says that [REDACTED], a prisoner, was [REDACTED] and kept in close touch with Capone and that Capone's contact with the outside was through [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was very insistent that Agent not disclose the source of this information as he feared that he would be killed.

(Signed): Chapman Fletcher, Special Agent."

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For the information of the Charlotte Office, copy of report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 9-8-33, is being furnished.

The Division has recently requested that all investigation in this case be conducted immediately.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS

Supplementing the memorandum from this Division dated October 20, 1933, in connection with the investigation now being made by the Division concerning the mailing of a letter by Alphonse Capone from the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, there is transmitted herewith copy of a report submitted by Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Alabama, October 23, 1933, entitled ALPHONSE CAPONE with aliases, et al - Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband out of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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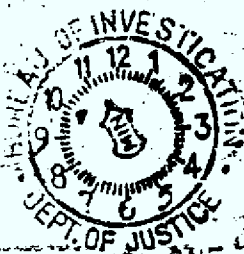
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REPORT MADE AT: Charlotte, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-24-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/23, 24/33	REPORT MADE BY: W. S. MCKINLEY
TITLE: ALPHONSE G. PONE, with aliases, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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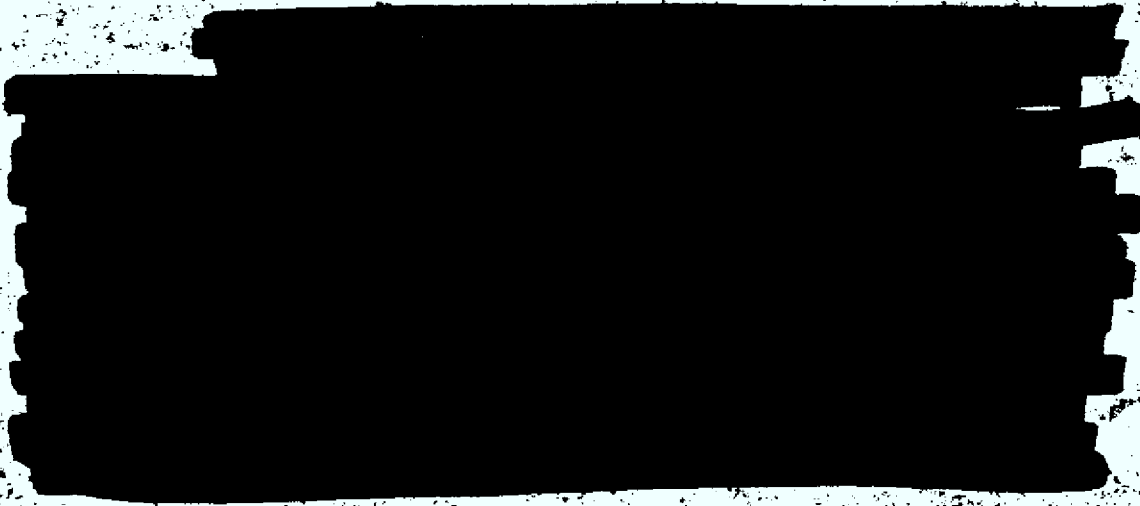


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Report of Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher,  
Birmingham, Alabama, 10-23-33.

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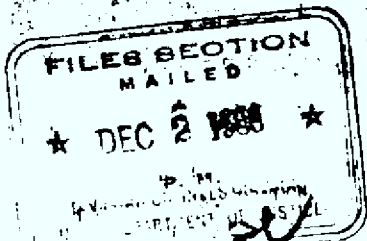
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS.

For your further information in connection with the investigation now being made by this Division, concerning the mailing of a letter by Alphonse Capone from the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a report submitted by Special Agent William S. McKinley, Charlotte, North Carolina, dated November 24, 1933, entitled Alphonse Capone, with aliases, et al - Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband Out of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Inclosure No. 364819.



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801 Liberty National Life Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
December 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Harley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband  
out of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

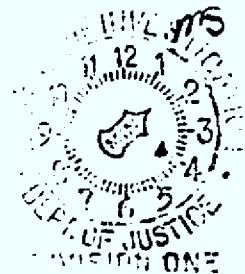
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DIRECTOR

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*at Cooper*

December 5, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER:

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*Sanford Bates*  
Director.

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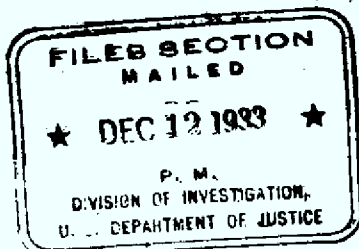
Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 5, 1933 in connection with the case entitled "Alphonse Capone, with aliases, et al, Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband out of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia".

In accordance with your suggestion, the Birmingham Office of this Division has been advised to further interrogate [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

Director.



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December 12, 1933.

TNS:RCL

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

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

In connection with the above case, there are  
transmitted, herewith, copies of a memorandum from Mr.  
Sanford Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons, dated Dec-  
ember 5, 1933, which is self-explanatory.

It is desired that [redacted] b7C  
[redacted], be further interrogated  
in order to ascertain whether he has committed any acts  
which would justify criminal prosecution.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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December 16, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite L,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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RE:

Escape Federal Prisons -  
Escape Act.

Dear Sir:

The Division has received oral information from Mr. Sanford  
Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons, that

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Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

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SANFORD BATES  
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF PRISONS  
WASHINGTON

December 21, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

[ For your information in connection with your investigation [REDACTED]

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I am enclosing herewith a letter from Warden Aderhold dated December 13, 1933, which I would be glad to have you return when you have read it.]

*Sanford Bates*

Director.

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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

Atlanta, Georgia

Office of the Warden

December 13, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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Very respectfully,

(S) A. C. ADERHOLD,  
Warden

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December 27, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alphonse Capone, with aliases,  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send  
Contraband Out of the United States  
Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

There are transmitted, herewith, for your information a copy of a memorandum dated December 21, 1933, received from Mr. Sanford Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons, and a copy of a letter dated December 19, 1933, by W. C. Aderhold, Warden, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, setting forth certain information which he states has already been furnished Special Agent Chapman Fletcher of your office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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TITLE: <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al</b> <i>5/2/29 2/27/33 3/27/33</i>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE US PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA</b>

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REFERENCE: Letter of Special Agent in Charge, W. A. Rorer, Birmingham, Alabama, dated December 6, 1933.

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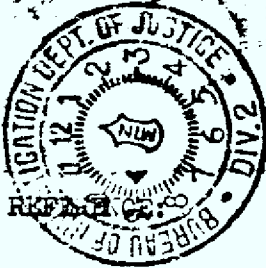
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TITLE <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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Division letter dated December 12, 1933;  
 Reports of Sp. Agt. Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Ala. dated  
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 Report of Sp. Agt. W. S. McKinley, Charlotte, N. C. 11-24-33,

**DETAILS:**

AT ATLANTA, GA.

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TITLE: <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA.</b>

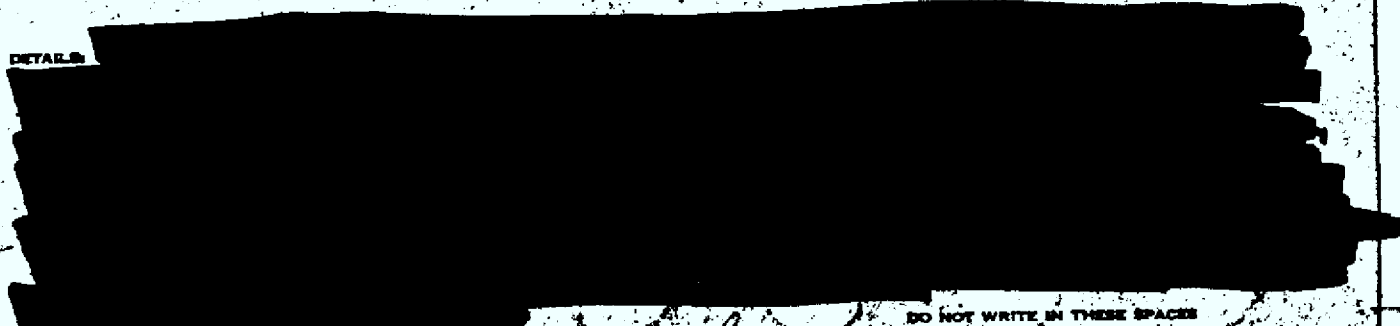
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 24, 1934.

DETAILS: At Miami, Florida:



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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

April 18, 1934

RAA:SLH

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

RE: ALPHONSE <sup>O</sup>CAPONE with aliases, et al  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send  
Contraband Out of the United States  
Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia

I am enclosing the papers which accompanied  
copies of the report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher of the  
Birmingham Division office, dated January 24, 1934, to the Jack-  
sonville office for use in this investigation at Miami, Florida.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures  
cc Division  
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TITLE: <b>ALPHONSE CAPOONE, with aliases, et al</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA.</b>	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE:

Report of Sp. Agt. J. B. Dickerson, Jacksonville, Fla. 4-11-34.

DETAILS:

AT ATLANTA, GA.

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MR. LESTER	.....
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MR. RORER	.....

May 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER:

[ For your information I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just received from Warden Alderhold in connection with the [REDACTED] which your Division is conducting. ]

*Sanford Bates*  
Director.

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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

Atlanta, Georgia.

Office of the Warden  
May 4, 1934.

DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS?  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON?D.C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ult.,

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in which reference is made to

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Capone later received a telegram that was not just clear, and he was called in and told that we believed the money was being transferred through his connections. Although he denied any knowledge of the transfers, he was told that if he attempted to make any transfers, or the least attempt at communicating with outsiders through a code, it would mean the loss of his writing and visiting privilege; that we would not take the time to trace these matters down but would act and investigate afterwards.

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Very respectfully,

A. C. ADERHOLD,  
Warden.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 514,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE with aliases, et al  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send  
Contraband Out of the United States  
Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

For your information in the above entitled case there are transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum dated May 8, 1934, from the Director, Bureau of Prisons, together with copies of a letter dated May 4, 1934, addressed to the Director, Bureau of Prisons from [Warden A. C. Adertold.]



BSP

A review of this file reflects that the report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, on April 11, 1934, set forth undeveloped leads for your office at Atlanta, Georgia, which to date have not been covered. In this connection your attention is invited to Division letter dated October 17, 1933, in which you were instructed to give this case preferred attention.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Chicago office with a request that a report be submitted at an early date covering the undeveloped lead set forth in the report of Special Agent Channon Fletcher, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, January 24, 1934.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #551142

cc - Chicago

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TITLE <u>ALPHONSE CAPOE, with aliases, et al.</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE <u>Conspiracy to receive and send Contraband out of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.</u>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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**DETAILS:**

At Atlanta, Ga.

BSP

A note bearing the name of [REDACTED] was picked up by one of the Guards at the Federal Penitentiary, near the Federal Penitentiary and handed to Warden A. C. Aderhold, who turned the same over to Agent for such attention as was deemed necessary.


[REDACTED]

The above mentioned note is being retained in the Birmingham

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FILE NO. **62-1675**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6-21-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-9-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHARLES R. LAFRANCE, FB</b>
TITLE <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Alabama dated 1-24-34; Division letter dated 5-29-34, to Birmingham office.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



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**M.H. Purvis** SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband  
Out of the United States Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of the report submitted  
by Special Agent Charles E. LaFrance, dated June 21, 1934, at  
Chicago, Illinois, from which it is noted that [redacted]

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Inasmuch as it has been indicated that narcotics  
have been smuggled into the Atlanta Penitentiary, having  
been received through the mails, addressed to employees of the  
Penitentiary, a more detailed inquiry should be made as to the  
nature of [redacted] to determine  
whether they are authentic.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Birmingham

*was for E.A.T.*

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FILE NO. **62-756 24**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/11/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/20 - 26/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>S. A. Temple</b>
TITLE: <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>15 days delay 7-19-34</i></p> <p>Investigation at U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., failed to reveal any evidence of Alphonse Capone having a regular pay roll at this institution.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Division letter dated May 29, 1934 and reports of Special Agents Charles E. LaFrance, Chicago, Ill., dated 6/21/34 and H. C. Douglas, Birmingham, Ala., dated 6/29/34 and 6/7/34.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AT ATLANTA, GA.:</b></p> <p>On June 20, 1934, [redacted] with aliases, [redacted] U. S. Penitentiary, was interviewed by agent [redacted] prior to his release on this date in the presence of Warden A. C. Adarbold and Capt. C. M. Head and he advised that [redacted] a nurse, and [redacted] were the parties who brought money into the penitentiary for Alphonse Capone and convict [redacted] that [redacted] and [redacted] were on Capone's pay roll; that convict [redacted] knew plenty if he would talk. He further advised that he was to meet a party by the name of [redacted] at the Ansley Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., at 5 P. M. on June 21, 1934, who was to pay off for Capone and that he then was to meet [redacted] at the Henry Grady Hotel and deliver to him the money which [redacted] was to turn over to him; that he was also to meet the nurse, [redacted] and [redacted] at this hotel on this date. He promised to meet agent the night of June 20, 1934, at agent's room at the Ansley Hotel, where he was to go more in detail concerning Capone and his pay roll at the Penitentiary. He advised that [redacted] had on some occasions brought money in for Capone and that [redacted] kept Capone advised of everything that was said and done at the Penitentiary, especially if it was something concerning Capone. [redacted] failed to keep his appointment with agent on the night of June 20, 1934, and he did not</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>67C</b></p>			

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contact anyone at the Ansley Hotel on June 21, 1934. When [redacted] left the Penitentiary, he requested that no one fellow his as Capone's gang were going to see who he contacted.

[redacted] also advised that [redacted] made a trip by aeroplane to Miami, Fla, and back for Capone and obtained money which he turned over to Capone.

Warden Adershold advised that [redacted] b30P

In view of the fact that [redacted] failed to keep his appointment with agent and was not seen in or around the Ansley Hotel after his release, it is believed that he made up the above story in order that he would not be followed upon his release and that he could make a safe get away with b7c

Report of Special Agent W. E. Miller, Kansas City, Mo., dated 5/7/34, in the case of [redacted]

[redacted] sets out an interview had by him with convict [redacted] an inmate of the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, Springfield, Mo., which is as follows and is being quoted for future reference in connection with this investigation:

According to [redacted] while in the psychopathic ward at Atlanta, he became [redacted] trusted accomplice and carried frequent messages between [redacted] and other prisoners, many of them being messages between Capone and [redacted]. About July or August, 1933, [redacted] was in [redacted] office when [redacted] and other prisoners, were talking to [redacted] and accusing him of failure to get a commutation of sentence for [redacted] after [redacted] had accepted money for agreeing to do so. According to [redacted] advised them that he could do nothing until [redacted] was out of that office. [redacted] told [redacted] he'd have to get the sentence commuted or "kick back" the money. During the conversation it was mentioned that the money was paid through [redacted], Attorney, Atlanta, Ga., who was [redacted] according to [redacted]. Both [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] had been paid \$2,500.00 through [redacted] for [redacted] commutation of sentence and [redacted] has seen letters in [redacted] possession from [redacted] with reference to the matter. Just before [redacted] and [redacted] left Atlanta for the Federal Hospital at Springfield, [redacted] told [redacted] to keep [redacted] from "blowing up" and talking after arriving at

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Springfield. In this connection it appears desirable to state that [redacted] is a bona fide psychotic patient. [redacted] admitted to [redacted] that the money had been received from [redacted] for securing a commutation of sentence for [redacted] but explained that there was nothing that could be done along that line for [redacted] added that he did not consider himself a double-crosser for keeping [redacted] money and doing nothing for him as [redacted] had plenty of money. [redacted] accompanied the patients, including [redacted] and [redacted] when transferred from Atlanta to the Federal Hospital at Springfield, and according to [redacted] was "after" [redacted] all the way to Springfield because he had not secured the promised commutation of sentence for [redacted].

[redacted] further stated that about June or July, 1933, a prisoner named [redacted] (Atlanta Prison No. [redacted]) who was serving a sentence of one year and one day from New Orleans, La., for violation of the Prohibition Laws, got transferred to the Psychopathic Ward and tried to make [redacted] believe he had money. One day he came to [redacted] office, pretended he was sick and wanted his sentence commuted because of ill health. During the conversation he asked [redacted] what kind of car he drove, and upon being informed that [redacted] had no car, he replied that he knew a way whereby [redacted] could get a new car. During the conversation [redacted] stated that he could raise \$500.00 but [redacted] wanted \$1,000.00 and no agreement could be reached. [redacted] told [redacted] to find out all he could about [redacted] especially ascertain whether he was a safe person to deal with and also whether he could raise any money. [redacted] questioned [redacted] closely and thereafter advised [redacted] that [redacted] had no money and that he was not a safe person to deal with. [redacted] urged [redacted] to discharge [redacted] from the Ward at that time but [redacted] stated he would wait until [redacted] wife visited him the following week as she might be able to raise the money. The day [redacted] wife arrived, he requested [redacted] to have [redacted] inform the [redacted] that owing to [redacted] sickness, he would be unable to go to the regular visiting room; that this would enable him to visit with his wife in the hospital where they would not be under such close scrutiny and he would be better able to discuss finances with her. This was done as requested, and at the conclusion of the visit [redacted] requested permission to see [redacted] concerning her husband's physical condition. The guard took [redacted] and her small child to [redacted] office and waited outside. [redacted] however, called [redacted] into the office. [redacted] immediately told [redacted] that her husband's health and liberty were the most important things to her and that she could get money from an uncle in New Orleans, or, if necessary, she would sell their home. She stated that she had approximately \$500.00 in her purse at that time and exhibited a roll of bills, which, according to [redacted], did not contain over \$50.00. [redacted] asked how she would get the money to him and she replied that she would bring it personally as she did not trust the mails any more than he did. She finally stated that she would visit her husband again

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

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

Transmitted, herewith, is a photostatic copy of a  
letter addressed to the Director of the Bureau of Prisons  
under date of June 26, 1934 by [Warden A. C. Alderhold] of  
the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

[This letter pertains to information furnished by

[REDACTED]

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However, the Division file fails to reflect that  
a report covering this particular inquiry has yet been sub-  
mitted.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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June 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

[ It is probable that your Agent may have reported upon the circumstances contained in the enclosed copy of letter from Warden Aderhold, but in view of the fact that I have communicated with you from time to time about the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Al Capone, I thought it would be well for you to have a copy of this letter with your files.]

*Samuel S. Bates*

Director.

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Department of Justice  
United States Penitentiary  
Atlanta, Georgia

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN  
June 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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Very respectfully,

*A. C. Aderhold*  
A. C. Aderhold,  
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The following day [redacted] would see [redacted] at that time. This was done and the conversation on the second day was the same as that of the first day, [redacted] finally telling [redacted] that money talks and that if she secured the money, to let him again. Upon returning from lunch on this day [redacted] informed [redacted] that [redacted] and the Warden were in a close conference and he feared that [redacted] had stopped at the Warden's office on her way out. [redacted] then told [redacted] that if he were questioned concerning [redacted] conversation with [redacted] [redacted] should say that [redacted] offered [redacted] money to secure the release of her husband; that [redacted] informed her that if it were not for her child who accompanied her, he would have arrested her for attempting to bribe him; that he ordered her to leave the institution at once. [redacted] states that at this time he again urged [redacted] to check [redacted] off the psychopathic ward but by this time [redacted] was afraid to do so, fearing that [redacted] would talk. A few days later [redacted] received a letter addressed to him at the Penitentiary and in this letter [redacted] stated that Gomez was no object and that in a few days she would return and see [redacted]. Upon receiving this letter, [redacted] became desperate and told [redacted] to give [redacted] the "works" to keep him from talking. That night [redacted] got [redacted] into his room and beat him up, warning him that his throat would be cut if he talked. [redacted] was then kicked out of the room and the guard hearing the disturbance and believing [redacted] the cause of it, ordered him to his bed. The following morning [redacted] came to the psychopathic ward quite early and with the assistance of [redacted] questioned [redacted] for about one hour in a closed room. [redacted] the guard on the ward, was also present while [redacted] was being questioned. [redacted] explains that the reason he beat [redacted] was because he had been telling some of the other prisoners that he was going to get his sentence commuted through [redacted]. [redacted] was checked out of the psychopathic ward immediately after the fight, was put in the "hole" for a few days and then sent to the isolation ward. [redacted] believes that [redacted] was taken to the Deputy Warden's office at [redacted] request after being questioned by [redacted] and [redacted], which was very unusual as the guards do not usually interest themselves in fights occurring in the psychopathic ward. It is [redacted] opinion that both [redacted] and his wife will tell what they know concerning this matter as [redacted] completed his sentence during the latter part of 1935 and doubtless can be located at New Orleans through the Police Department.

[redacted] further stated that just before he left Atlanta he heard [redacted] from Toledo, Ohio, negotiating with [redacted] for a transfer as a mental patient. The negotiations were merely in the preliminary stages and [redacted] does not know the final result. [redacted] merely asked what it would cost to get a transfer. [redacted] asked what [redacted] could do and the latter replied that he thought he could take care of things. That was the last [redacted] heard of the matter.

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\_\_\_\_\_ further stated that in August, 1933, \_\_\_\_\_ from Brooklyn, N. Y., and \_\_\_\_\_ another convict, were in the psychopathic ward where they had been admitted on orders of Capone to \_\_\_\_\_ each of the parties named having about one month left to serve. Capone told \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ was paid \$200.00 each for keeping these two men in the psychopathic ward their last month. The purpose of this was to defeat detainers awaiting these men, having a detainer against him from the State of New York. \_\_\_\_\_ told \_\_\_\_\_ to get Capone to send \$500.00 to \_\_\_\_\_ Atlanta attorney mentioned, and that the detainer would be lifted. Capone refused, saying that he would give \$200.00 to \_\_\_\_\_ another Atlanta attorney instead; that if the money were paid to \_\_\_\_\_ he would give it to \_\_\_\_\_ and the detainer would not be lifted. The money was finally paid to \_\_\_\_\_ and the detainer was lifted. \_\_\_\_\_ promptly retaliated by checking \_\_\_\_\_ off the psychopathic ward. A patient by the name of \_\_\_\_\_, who operated the hospital elevator, told \_\_\_\_\_ one night that earlier that day as \_\_\_\_\_ was going up on the elevator, Capone got on the elevator and made \_\_\_\_\_ stop between floors. Capone then shook his fist in \_\_\_\_\_ face and told him to keep both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on the psychopathic ward or Capone would make it \_\_\_\_\_ hot for \_\_\_\_\_ was discharged upon completion of his sentence during the latter part of 1933 and apparently returned to Brooklyn, N.Y. He did not have much use for \_\_\_\_\_ when he left the prison and it is believed he would tell what he knows concerning this matter. \_\_\_\_\_ adds that \_\_\_\_\_ also has a little information concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ matter.

\_\_\_\_\_ further stated that \_\_\_\_\_ former secretary, a prisoner named \_\_\_\_\_ knows plenty but will not talk; that \_\_\_\_\_ has lost his job in \_\_\_\_\_ office. \_\_\_\_\_ another prisoner friend of \_\_\_\_\_ is in isolation and Capone is getting ready to go into isolation, according to the "grapevine" information to \_\_\_\_\_ from Atlanta Prison. According to \_\_\_\_\_, this indicates that there has already been some kind of an investigation at the Atlanta prison. On one occasion \_\_\_\_\_ was advised by Capone that he had given \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000.00 for meal tickets and bath privileges but that \_\_\_\_\_ had double-crossed him.

\_\_\_\_\_ further stated that \_\_\_\_\_ was given a horse and a pony for his son, these being given to him either by \_\_\_\_\_ or by a prisoner who worked in the prison hospital office and was known as \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ has since been transferred to the Louisburg prison. \_\_\_\_\_ adds that a prisoner named \_\_\_\_\_ who works in the prison hospital at the present time, knows of several of \_\_\_\_\_ deals.

Agent interviewed \_\_\_\_\_ with aliases, \_\_\_\_\_ with aliases, \_\_\_\_\_ with aliases, and \_\_\_\_\_ being the convict who operates the elevator at the hospital instead of a convict named \_\_\_\_\_ each of the above convicts emphatically denied that they

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
July 17, 1934.

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:                    Re: <sup>0</sup>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al;  
CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRA-  
BAND OUT OF THE UNITED STATES  
PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Reference is made to Division letter dated July 12, 1934, enclosing a photostatic copy of a letter addressed to the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, on June 26, 1934, by Warden A. C. Aderhold of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Division's attention is invited to the report of Special Agent W. A. Temple, dated July 11, 1934, in connection with this case, and it is also suggested that the report of Special Agent W. A. Temple, July 11, 1934, title [redacted] with aliases, et al., be considered in this connection, inasmuch as the allegations in both cases are similar and the investigation is related.

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Hanson*  
J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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August 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
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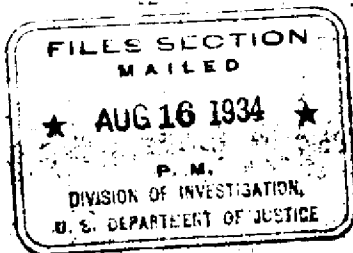
Dear Sir:

RE: ALPHONSE CAPORE, with aliases, et al;  
CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND  
OUT OF THE UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY,  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Your attention is invited to Division letter  
under date of June 26, 1934 and to the report of Special Agent  
Charles R. LaFrance, dated June 21, 1934, Chicago, Illinois,  
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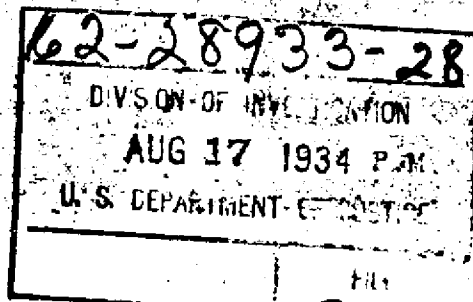
Please see that this investigation receives  
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Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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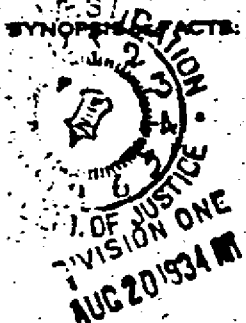


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TITLE: <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** No evidence of [redacted] having gone to Miami, Florida to get money and take it into the penitentiary for Capone. [redacted] activities for the past several months checked. Prisoner [redacted] received a telegraphic money order from [redacted] of Chicago. [redacted] has communicated with prisoners [redacted] and Capone, indicating Capone made him a promise before release from the penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.

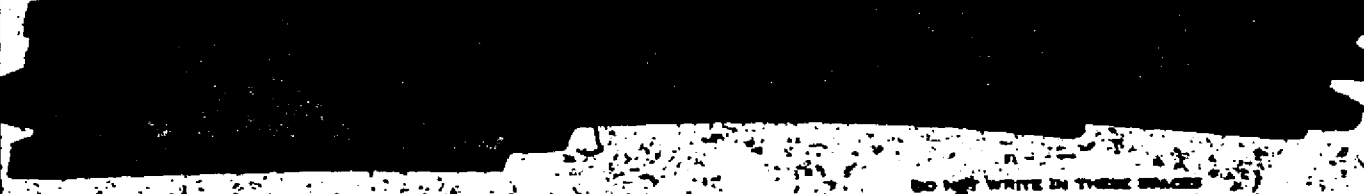
**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent W. A. Temple, Birmingham, Ala. 7-11-34 Division letter 8-4-34.

**DETAILS:** AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

[redacted] Eastern Airways, 401 Hurt Building, Atlanta, Ga., stated that their records failed to show that [redacted] booked passage with their line to Miami, Florida on any of the dates mentioned in reference reports.

[redacted] Eastern Airways, 401 Hurt Building, Atlanta, Georgia stated that they were the only ones with an air line to Miami, Florida from Atlanta, Georgia and that anyone going from Atlanta on a passenger plane would have to go over their line and that everyone who travels over their line must give some name.

Warden A. C. Aderhold, Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia



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[redacted] at the prison hospital, is reported to have approved special diets and professional treatments to which Capone is alleged to have not been entitled. Both of these allegations have been made heretofore and were given investigative attention by the Bureau prior to the receipt of the manuscript at this office. Both [redacted] and [redacted] have been interviewed.

There are only three incidents set forth in the manuscript which appear to relate directly to the subject of contraband. First, there is an allegation to the effect that Capone would knock a tennis ball over the prison wall while playing tennis, and immediately afterward a different tennis ball would be returned over the wall from the outside. There is a suggestion that the substituted tennis ball contained narcotics. My knowledge of the prison and the surrounding terrane leads me to believe that this allegation is ridiculous to the extreme. Secondly, [redacted] is supposed to have brought such articles as underwear into the institution for Capone's use. Third, [redacted] is reported to have taken uncensored mail out of the penitentiary, particularly in connection with the delivery of sums of money to the relatives or friends of Capone's inmate benefactors mentioned above. Of course, the fact that [redacted] may have brought underwear into the penitentiary, and the fact that a guard may have taken uncensored mail out of the penitentiary, are altogether possible.

Personally, I am of the opinion that there is nothing in the manuscript which would aid the Bureau in furthering the investigation of this matter. I am inclined to believe that the only useful purpose which the manuscript might serve would be to have it handed to the Warden of the penitentiary for his information. It might aid him in the administration of the prison. At least, the Bureau might desire to have the contents of the manuscript discussed with [Warden A. C. Aderhold] in order to secure his reactions.

Very truly yours,

  
E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] emphatically denied ever having made a trip to Miami, Florida in the past five years and denied ever having taken money or anything else into the penitentiary to Capone or anyone else.

During the course of the interview with [REDACTED] he dropped the remark that he could not have gone to Miami, Florida from Atlanta as there was no plane from Atlanta at that time, saying further that the only way he have gone would have been from Montgomery, Ala. When he accidentally dropped this remark, he immediately changed the subject and Agent did not question him concerning his access to this knowledge, as it was thought best to check the passenger records at Montgomery and ascertain if he might have gone from there.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

For the information of the Detroit and New Orleans Division Offices, who have not previously received copies of reports relative to instant investigation, it is stated that Alphonse Capone, and other prisoners in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., are reported to have received or conspired to receive and send contraband from the Penitentiary; that Capone and others may have received special favors from doctors or other prison officials; and have corresponded with various sources outside of the penitentiary for the purpose of receiving money or requesting that prison officials on leave be tendered every courtesy by Capone's friends; that [REDACTED] made an aeroplane trip to Miami, Fla., where he obtained money for Capone.

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The Division has instructed that this investigation should be given preferred attention.

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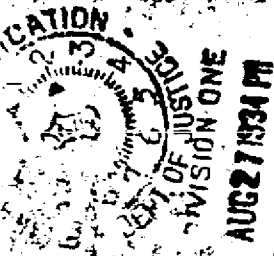
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TITLE <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[redacted] advised that he met Capone while in Atlanta but that he does not know much of his activities. States that [redacted] slipped Capone candy, pie, cake and other things from the kitchen and that the fifty dollars is probably for such favors. He further stated that some of Capone's crowd lives on Peachtree Street in Atlanta and that Ralph Capone occasionally visits there. He also advised that one [redacted], recently released from Atlanta, is probably Capone's contact man. He also stated that [redacted] approached him about a contemplated break and that [redacted] was close to [redacted] and Capone.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent H. C. Douglas, Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 15, 1934.

**DETAILS:** At Lyons, Georgia:

Agent located [redacted] Georgia, where he is the [redacted] advised that the fifty dollars that [redacted] asked him to speak to Capone about when he went back to Atlanta is more than likely money that Capone was paying [redacted] for having slipped pie, cake and other delicacies to Capone from the kitchen while [redacted] was a kind of trusty in Atlanta. [redacted] further stated that he had met Capone and [redacted] in Atlanta prior to his transfer to Maxwell Field, Alabama, and that when he was sent back to Atlanta from Maxwell Field he was requested by [redacted] to tell Capone that his [redacted] wife had received the fifty dollars. [redacted] is of the opinion that [redacted] was trying to play up to Capone in order that he might make a connection with some of Capone's crowd when he got out of jail.

[redacted] further advised that some of Capone's crowd had a place somewhere on Peachtree Street in Atlanta and that he knew that Ralph Capone would occasionally

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visit there in order to try and contact Al Capone or get information concerning him. [redacted] says that Capone played tennis with one [redacted] who has been recently released from Atlanta and is now playing baseball somewhere in West Virginia and Al thought quite a lot of [redacted] and if anyone is giving out any information to Capone's crowd or making any outside connections for Capone he believes it is [redacted]

Piece further stated that one [redacted] and his pal [redacted] (last name unknown to [redacted]) approached him about a contemplated break and that they are close to Capone and [redacted] and that he told them he was not interested and that he heard no more about it. [redacted] was quite emphatic in that he knew nothing of the personal activities of Capone and says that he only knew Capone as they were both taking needle baths in the hospital at the same time.

[redacted]

No leads are being set out to the Birmingham Office to check up on the information received from [redacted] concerning [redacted] and [redacted] the same being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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Subsequent to conducting above investigation, Division letter of reference, with enclosures, was received, suggesting that [redacted] inmate of the Atlanta Penitentiary be interviewed.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, at Selma, Ala., will interview [redacted] relative to [redacted] staying with him on Jan. 10, 11, 12, and 13, 1934 and if he was there all the time.

The BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, at Montgomery, Ala., at Maxwell Field, will interview the officer in charge to check on [redacted] statement that he stopped and talked to him on about Saturday, Jan. 13, 1934. Will also interview [redacted] prisoner at Montgomery, relative to information he might have concerning Capone's activities in the Penitentiary and to the \$50.00 received by his wife from Capone. Will also check the passenger records at the Airport in Montgomery to see if [redacted] booked passage to Miami, Fla., on Jan. 10, 11, 12, 13, 1934 or on May 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1934.

At Atlanta, Ga., at the U. S. Penitentiary, will interview [redacted] in accordance with the information contained in Division letter dated 8/4/34.

The DETROIT OFFICE, at Detroit, Mich., at [redacted] will interview [redacted] relative to his association with Capone at the Atlanta Penitentiary, ascertaining what connections Capone had for sending or receiving contraband. Also ascertain from him who [redacted] is and why [redacted] sent him \$100.00 while he was in the Atlanta Penitentiary. It is noted in one of the letters that Capone has not treated [redacted] according to a promise and it is therefore possible that [redacted] will furnish any information of value he may have.

The CHICAGO OFFICE, at Chicago, Ill., at [redacted], will interview [redacted] relative to the \$50.00 money order sent from Chicago to [redacted] Atlanta Penitentiary and signed by [redacted] obtaining from him any information that he might have regarding the identity of the person who sent this telegram.

The JACKSONVILLE OFFICE, at Jacksonville, Fla., will through the [redacted] there, who is a cousin of [redacted] locate and interview [redacted] concerning his knowledge of Capone's activities at the Penitentiary.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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August 24, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Please be informed that the Secretary to Colonel Gates telephoned and stated an Associated Press Reporter was making inquiry, stating a message had been received indicating that Al Capone had been detected directing outside activities from his cell in the Atlanta Penitentiary.

I advised her that she should inform the Reporter that the Division had no statement to make concerning this matter.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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October 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Attention is invited to Division letter dated  
August 16, 1934 advising that the report of Special  
Agent Charles E. LaFrance, dated June 21, 1934, Chicago,  
Illinois contains a lead for the Chicago Office.

Please give this matter appropriate investiga-  
tive attention at the earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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TITLE: <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband out of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.</b>

**SYNOPSIS:** [REDACTED] claims no knowledge of Capone's activities at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, and denies [REDACTED] received \$50.00 from Capone. No record of [REDACTED] having booked passage from Montgomery to Miami, Fla. at Montgomery Airport.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent H. C. Douglas, Birmingham, Ala., 8-15-34.

**DETAILS:** At Montgomery, Ala.

**DETAILS:** [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], a prisoner at Federal Prison Camp #8, stated that while he was confined at the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., he worked in the shoe factory, and that occasionally in connection with this work at the shoe factory, he came in contact with Alphonse Capone. [REDACTED] denied having any knowledge concerning the activities of Capone in connection with the receiving or sending of contraband in and out of the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. He also denied that his wife ever received \$50.00 from Capone, and denied ever mentioning to [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had received \$50.00 from Capone. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was known as "Big Shot" at the Federal Prison Camp, and was very much inclined to exaggerate. [REDACTED] stated that after he was transferred from the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta to the Federal Prison Camp at Montgomery, the prisoners continuously "kidded" him about being Capone's right hand man. The records at the Federal Prison Camp indicate that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Eastern Air Lines, Montgomery, Ala., advised agent that there are no direct air-line connections between Montgomery, Alabama and Miami, Fla. [REDACTED], after checking passenger records, advised that the name [REDACTED] does not appear on the passenger records on January 10, 11, 12, 13 or on May 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1934.

[REDACTED], Eastern Air Lines, informed agent that he has charge of the leasing of all private planes out of the Air-Port at Montgomery, and that he has no recollection or record of ever leasing a plane to a person named [REDACTED]

Special Agent H. C. Douglas ascertained that [REDACTED], reported associate of Capone in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., was released August 17, 1934, and returned to Birmingham, Ala.

Special Agent A. H. Watkins ascertained that [REDACTED] associated with [REDACTED] a prostitute, who resides at [REDACTED] in Birmingham. Discreet inquiry was made through the [REDACTED] woman, who advised that [REDACTED] is frequenting the vicinity of the [REDACTED] near Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Inquiries are being made in Tuscaloosa, Ala. at present for the purpose of locating and interviewing [REDACTED] for any information he can furnish relative to favoritisms shown Capone, or evidence that he smuggled contraband while incarcerated at the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

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DOB: [redacted]  
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Post Office Box 514,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
October 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send  
Contraband Out of the U. S. Peniten-  
tiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. M. Sirens, dated Birmingham, Alabama, October 5, 1934, in the above captioned case, copy of which was forwarded your office, which refers to an interview with [redacted] an inmate at Federal Prison Camp No. 6, Montgomery, Alabama, noting [redacted] denies that he or his wife received \$30.00 from Al Capone. The same report indicates that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Miami, Florida. b7c

Kindly refer to the report of Special Agent J. P. Lacour, dated Jacksonville, Florida, August 23, 1934, and the report of Special Agent H. C. Douglas, dated Birmingham, Alabama, August 15, 1934, and interview [redacted] in Miami, Florida, for full details relative to any money she or her husband may have received from Capone; also ascertain if [redacted] visited or communicated with [redacted] between the dates of May 27 and 30, 1934, and June 10 and 13, 1934. In the event [redacted] contacted [redacted] it is suggested that a statement be obtained from her relative to any and all information [redacted] furnished, indicating that he was receiving money from Capone or smuggling contra- band into or out of the U. S. Penitentiary in Atlanta for Capone or others.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division ✓

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband  
out of the United States Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Attention is invited to Division letter dated

October 1, 1934.

It is desired that a report be submitted in  
this matter without further delay.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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TITLE: <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE with aliases, et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA.</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent Charles E. LaFrance, Chicago, Illinois, 8/21/34; report of Special Agent H. C. Douglas, Birmingham, Alabama, 8/15/34; Division letters to Chicago office, dated 8/26/34, 8/16/34, 10/1/34 and 11/5/34.

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TITLE <b>ALPHONSE BAPONE, with aliases, et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent H. G. Douglas, Birmingham, Alabama, 8/15/34.

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DETAILS:

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October 18, 1938

Mr. J. W. Reese  
#1 Fire Station  
Altoona, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Reese:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your postal card dated October 11, 1938, relative to the birthplace of Alphonse Capone.

Please be advised that by Departmental regulation the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice are confidential and, therefore, I am unable to be of any assistance to you in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Crowl .....
- Mr. Lawsey .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Foxworth .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Lester .....
- Mr. McIntire .....
- Mr. Nichols .....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

cc-Pittsburgh

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**Jax**

FILE NO. **62-907**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>11/30/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11/28/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>B. L. Tollett</b>
TITLE: <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, ET AL.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED], Miami, Florida, wife of [REDACTED] inmate of Prison Camp No. 8, Montgomery, Alabama, states she does not know [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] of no one else has sent her \$50; that she has never discussed Al Capone with her husband; [REDACTED]

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Birmingham Office, dated October 12, 1934.

**DETAILS:** At Miami, Florida:

Agent interviewed [REDACTED], Miami, Florida, who by her own statement has been a resident of Miami, Florida, for the past six years and who has resided at said address since November, 1933, being away for only one week which was about the middle of September, 1934, at which time she visited her husband [REDACTED] at Federal Prison Camp No. 8, Montgomery Alabama.

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[REDACTED] states that she has received no money of any consequence from her husband since his incarceration. She is quite positive that she has never received \$50.00 at any time nor anywhere near that amount.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] states that her husband may have casually mentioned the name of Alphonse Capone, but that he never mentioned receiving any favors from him. To her knowledge, her husband was employed in the Shoe Department of the penitentiary while confined at Atlanta, Georgia.

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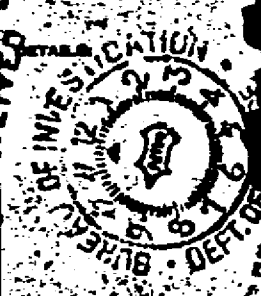
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TITLE <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.</b>
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. C. Douglas, Birmingham, dated 8-15-34.			
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THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE will endeavor to locate [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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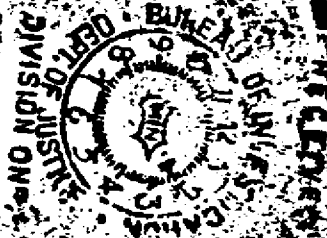
THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, at Alcatraz Prison will interview [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED], concerning the maintenance at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., by Al Capone of a payroll whereby he maintained contacts with the outside world. For the information of that office it is stated that Alphonse Capone, and other prisoners in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, are reported to have received or

conspired to receive and send contraband from the Penitentiary; that Capone and others may have received special favors from factors or other prison officials; and have corresponded with various sources outside of the penitentiary for the purpose of receiving money or requesting that prison officials on leave be tendered every courtesy by Capone's friends.

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P. O. Box 114,  
Birmingham, Alabama  
December 8, 1934

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62-786.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, La.

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.  
CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRA-  
BAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY,  
ATLANTA GEORGIA.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto please find Birmingham, Alabama Police  
photograph number [redacted] of [redacted] who is believed iden-  
tical with [redacted] your  
file [redacted] as indicated in the report of Special Agent L. A.  
Kinfolk, dated at New Orleans, La., December 7, 1934.

This is to advise that [redacted] was released from the  
U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia August 2, 1934, and avail-  
able information indicates that while in the penitentiary at  
Atlanta he associated with Alphonse Capone, and is suspected of  
smuggling while an inmate there.

Kindly interview [redacted] Mississippi for  
all details concerning Capone's activities relative to receiv-  
ing or sending contraband, and ascertain if Capone was known to  
have incurred the favor of prison officials, doctors and others  
while incarcerated there, and through these sources obtained any  
special favors, communicated with the outside world or smuggled  
contraband into the penitentiary.

Kindly return the photograph when it has served its pur-  
pose.

Very truly yours,

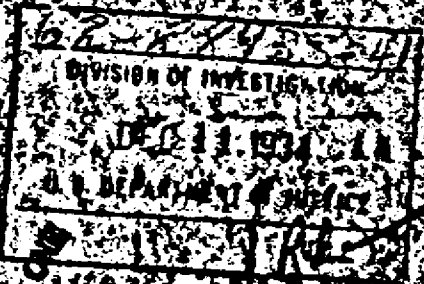
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Special Agent in Charge

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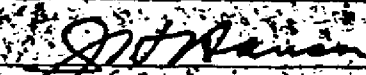
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Inquiry at Tuscaloosa, Alabama Police Department failed to reveal the whereabouts of [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED]

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. P. Lacour, Jacksonville, Fla. 8-23-34.

**DETAILS:** This investigation is based upon information furnished by the Jacksonville office to the effect that [REDACTED] recently released from Atlanta Penitentiary, was a very close friend of Alphonse Capone, former prisoner and inmate of Atlanta Penitentiary, and that [REDACTED] might be able to furnish some information concerning the smuggling of contraband out of the United States Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, due to the fact that [REDACTED] is alleged to have been a very good friend of Capone's while he was in the Atlanta Penitentiary; also that [REDACTED] had a wife who is reported to be residing in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

FILE NO. **62-659**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>1-10-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>1-7-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>L. A. KINDELL</b>
TITLE: <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases; et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PEN. ATLANTA, GA.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[redacted] state prisoner, Belzoni, Miss., states he can furnish considerable information in instant matter but prefers to wait until after his trial in the State Court, February, 1935. Names several whom he intimates are "good leads".

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Birmingham Office, December 8, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT BELZONI, MISSISSIPPI**

[redacted] a state prisoner in the County Jail, when first approached, stated he knew "plenty" concerning instant matter but would not talk as he did not care to invite suicide, meaning the Capone syndicate would "rub him out". He was assured of the confidential nature of the investigation. He then made the proposition that if the Government would request the state authorities at Belzoni to surrender him to Federal jurisdiction at once, for trial on the [redacted] and [redacted] cases, he would tell the whole story. He fears the State Prison at Parchman, Miss. He felt certain that if the Government would make this request, it would be granted. He was told that there would be no bargaining or trading; that any statement he might make must be without bargaining that the government might, of its own initiative, make request either prior, or subsequent to his state trial, set for the second week in [redacted] 1935. He appeared satisfied and advised that if an agent interviewed him after his state trial he would tell all he knew.

During the course of the interview, he asked, at various times, if the names of the following appeared in the file and intimated they were good

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[redacted] reported to be serving a 25 years sentence for [redacted] is a clerk in the hospital and contact has been between the prisoners and the doctors. Can get anything he wants for himself or prisoners.

[redacted] Arranges for the prisoners to get "diet tickets". Very friendly with Capone who received these tickets regularly, entitling him to better food.

[redacted] Atlanta, Ga. bootleggers who were shown favors and very friendly with Capone.

[redacted] admitted that he has been to the Capone headquarters on Peachtree Street, in Atlanta. He stated when he, [redacted] left the prison he had \$250.00 in cash.

Agent requested Sheriff John Purvis, who states he has an ironclad case, to telephone the Division Office when [redacted] is convicted. He will be held only a few days and then transferred to Parchman.

[redacted] photograph is returned to the Birmingham Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE: At Belzoni, Miss., will endeavor to interview [redacted] before his departure for Parchman.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **62-1675**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>1/11/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>1/8 &amp; 10/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>E. H. WILLIAMS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>ELC</b></span>
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TITLE: <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA</b>
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: b7c

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. H. Williams, Chicago, Illinois, dated 11/13/34.

DETAILS: Agent conducted additional discreet inquiries in the neighborhood where [redacted] and her family reside at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. Agent interviewed the occupants of [redacted] Chicago, regarding any information they might have concerning [redacted] and her family and what connection there might be between that family and Alphonse Capone. None of the persons interviewed were able to give any additional information than that already set out in the report of reference. It should be noted that this neighborhood is composed of persons of Bohemian extraction, and that they are decidedly uncommunicative when questioned about one of their neighbors. For this reason Agent was unable to secure the names of the persons interviewed.

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Postoffice Box 514,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
January 18, 1935.

JRH:MS  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:            Re: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.  
CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND  
OUT OF THE U. S. PEN., ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

With reference to the report of Special Agent L. A. Kindell,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, January 10, 1935, in connection with the  
above entitled case, I am enclosing herewith for your information  
the following reports:

Report of:

Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Alabama 9-8-34  
Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois, 9-25-34  
Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Alabama, 10-23-34  
Special Agent Wm. E. McKinley, Charlotte, N. C., 11-24-34  
Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Alabama, 1-24-35  
Special Agent W. A. Temple, Birmingham, Alabama, 7-11-34  
Special Agent H. G. Douglas, Birmingham, Alabama, 8-15-34  
Special Agent E. H. Williams, Chicago, Illinois, 11-13-34  
Special Agent L. D. Sosey, Detroit, Michigan, 11-20-34  
Special Agent S. L. Tollett, Jacksonville, Florida 11-30-34  
Special Agent Walter A. Scott, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama, 12-3-34  
Special Agent P. C. Dunne, Birmingham, Alabama, 12-13-34.

The above reports are being sent to you for your assistance  
in conducting an interview with [REDACTED] b7C

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Division

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Alabama** FILE NO. **62-1238**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/27/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>1/18/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. E. GORRATH - NY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALPHONSE CAPOE, with aliases, et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** [redacted] inmate Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary, furnished information certain convicts in connivance with certain guards at Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, "strong armed" Subject Capone on a number of occasions and extorted large sums of money from Capone. That guards [redacted] brought into Penitentiary narcotics; that the guards or civilian employes would take out messages for convicts, if paid. Heard rumors only that [redacted] was presented with pony by Subject Capone.

R. W. G.

**REFERENCE:** Report Special Agent Walter A. Scott, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama, dated December 3, 1934.

**DETAILS:** At San Francisco, California,

[redacted] inmate Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary, furnished the following information in strictest confidence and under no circumstances wishes his name revealed, and is under the impression that his life would be taken if he became known as a "squealer".

[redacted] stated that he was committed to Atlanta Federal Penitentiary [redacted] to serve [redacted] years for [redacted] and was removed to Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary in [redacted] that while in Atlanta Federal Penitentiary he worked as a [redacted] that Alphonse Capone was a fellow convict at Atlanta; that on a number of occasions money was obtained from Al Capone through extortion and threats of death and bodily harm while at Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28933-45	RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>MAR 6 - 1935</b>
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by certain convicts with the cooperation and connivance of certain guards, named Guard [redacted] nick-named [redacted] now a [redacted] at Alcatraz Penitentiary; Guard [redacted] and Guard [redacted] both of whom are, as far as he knows, still at Atlanta Penitentiary, and probably other guards; that he knows of two or three occasions on which Subject Capone was "strong armed" by convicts [redacted] (first name not known) [redacted] (first name not known), and [redacted] the point of a knife stuck on the throat of Al Capone, and he was made to promise to produce a specified sum of money - \$1000 at the time; that Guards [redacted] and [redacted] received a part of this money, that other convicts who were beneficiaries of the extortion obtained from Subject Capone were [redacted] a convict from Los Angeles (last name not known) and [redacted] now an inmate of Alcatraz Penitentiary.

[redacted] stated that convict [redacted] has established a contact at a small hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, name of which sounds like Friedman, but he is not sure of correctness of name; that the money extorted from Subject Capone was brought to the said hotel and called for by Charles [redacted] the [redacted] with part of the money extorted from Capone would buy up morphine and bring it into the penitentiary and deliver same to convict [redacted] who sold the dope to other convicts; that he [redacted] on two occasions saw Guard [redacted] deliver morphine to convicts [redacted]

[redacted] further stated that in corroboration of his statements in regard to Guards [redacted] the Government should be able to readily verify same from an ex-convict, one [redacted] (spelling not certain) who was a cell-mate of his [redacted] at Atlanta Federal Penitentiary and who on his release from Atlanta Penitentiary went to Albany, New York, and made several shipments of narcotics through an underworld contact to Guards [redacted] which shipments of narcotics were eventually brought into the penitentiary at Atlanta; that convict [redacted] used his sister, believed to live in Albany, New York, to help make outside underworld contacts and to whom convict [redacted] furnishes money.

[redacted] also further stated that there was a rumor at Atlanta Penitentiary that Subject Capone gave [redacted] a Shetland pony but he has no direct information concerning same. He also further stated that the guard or civilian employee at Atlanta Penitentiary who would not take out letters, messages or money to be forwarded to connections, rela-

tives or friends of the convicts was the exception and for which he would charge "plenty"; that in case of money being surreptitiously sent out by convicts, a man by the name of [REDACTED] and a foreman or guard in charge of the tailor shop at Atlanta, a man about 40 years of age, height 5' 8", weight about 180 pounds, slightly gray hair, would charge 30 percent of the amount taken out as a commission; that guards [REDACTED] and other guards and foremen took a commission of 50 percent of the money taken out.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Detroit, Michigan</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/22/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/11 &amp; 14/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>L. D. SOOY</b>
TITLE <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE with aliases, et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED]

**REFERENCE:**

Reports of Special Agents H. G. Douglas, Birmingham, Alabama dated 8/15/34 and L. D. Sooy, Detroit, Michigan dated 11/20/34.

**DETAILS:**

[REDACTED]

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*[Signature]*

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Re: Detroit File #42-744  
ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al

Report was submitted by your office under date of November 20, 1934 which set out a lead for this city which has not been covered. A report was dictated on this case on the day of my arrival.

There is every indication to believe that this lead should have been covered at an earlier date, due to the fact that the work was to be done in this city. I personally overlooked this matter and failed to call the Agents attention to the delay.

Report of Inspector J. B. Egan  
Detroit, Michigan, March 10, 1935

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW ORLEANS, LA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/26/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/17/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. W. MADGE</b>
TITLE <b>ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases; et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SELL CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** [redacted] alias [redacted] fugitive. In [redacted] case, Birmingham office of origin, is now confined in the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, Miss., on a [redacted] year sentence. He may be interviewed there with respect to his association with Alphonse Capone, and of smuggling activities while in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent L. A. Kinzell, New Orleans, La., 1/10/35; letter from Birmingham Office 12/8/34.

**DETAILS:** As is indicated in report of Special Agent A. Rosen, dated at New Orleans, La., April 8, 1935, captioned [redacted] alias [redacted] fugitive, this individual is now confined in the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi, to serve a sentence of [redacted] years, and he may be interviewed there with respect to his associations with Alphonse Capone, as reference letter from the Birmingham Office, in the instant case, states that he is suspected of smuggling while an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., while Subject Alphonse Capone was incarcerated there.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:** BIRMINGHAM OFFICE will interview [redacted] at the State Penitentiary, Parchman, Miss., relative smuggling activities at U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., when he and Subject Alphonse Capone were inmates of that institution.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. W. Madge</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28933-47	RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 29 1935
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3200 Post Office Building  
New Orleans, La.  
May 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

Re: Alphonse Capone, with aliases, et al.  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send Con-  
traband out of the U. S. Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

I am transmitting herewith copies of reports forwarded  
to this office with Birmingham Bureau Office letter of January  
18, 1935, in the above entitled case.

These reports are listed in the reference letter.

Very truly yours,

D. T. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
May 17, 1935.

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

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al,  
Conspiracy to receive and send contra-  
band out of the U. S. Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. W. Magee, dated New Orleans, La., April 26, 1935, which calls attention to the fact that [redacted] is now incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi, which is in the territory covered by the Birmingham office, requesting that [redacted] be interviewed at [redacted].

Please be advised that Special Agent W. A. Temple interviewed [redacted] at Parchman, Mississippi on May 4, 1935, at which time [redacted] alleged that he received \$6500 for Alphonse Capone while incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on or about July 17, 1934, and that [redacted] was paid \$250.00 for handling the money for Capone. [redacted] has indicated that he will furnish more information in the event the United States Attorney and District Judge at Birmingham, Alabama, will see that a light sentence is imposed on him relative to the [redacted] case pending against him in the Northern District of Alabama (Birmingham file [redacted]).

Special Agent D. O. Smith discussed the facts of instant case with Hon. Jim C. Smith, United States Attorney, Birmingham, Ala., at which time the latter stated he had caused a complaint to be filed against [redacted] in Mississippi, primarily for the purpose of holding him and to encourage the Mississippi State authorities to prosecute [redacted] on [redacted] charges, for which latter violation he has been sentenced to the State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi, for [redacted] years; that he doubts if [redacted] could or would furnish reliable in-

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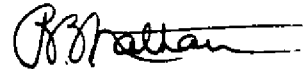
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formation indicating the smuggling activities or irregularities relative to instant case at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., but Attorney Jim C. Smith will assure [REDACTED] that his cooperation will be mentioned to the proper officials when [REDACTED] is tried in the [REDACTED] case in the Northern District of Alabama.

In view of the attitude of the United States Attorney in Birmingham, I am instructing Special Agent W. A. Temple to reinterview [REDACTED] and inform him relative to the attitude of the United States Attorney at Birmingham. Agent Temple is also being instructed to handle this matter at the earliest date possible and to submit his report promptly.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

RE: Alphonse Capone, with aliases,  
et al, Conspiracy to receive and  
send contraband out of the U. S.  
Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication of May 17, 1935, setting forth the results of an interview had by Special Agent W. A. Temple with [redacted] who is presently incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi. It is noted from your letter that Agent D. O. Smith has discussed the facts in this case with United States Attorney Jim C. Smith of Birmingham, Alabama, and upon the authorization of Mr. Smith, intends to advise [redacted] that his cooperation will be brought to the attention of proper officials when [redacted] is tried in the Northern District of Alabama upon charges of violation of the [redacted] b7c b7D

The Bureau desires that when Agent Temple again interviews [redacted] he clearly bring out the fact that the United States Attorney at Birmingham and not the Bureau is offering this inducement to [redacted] for the furnishing of information to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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June 1, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

Re: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al;  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send  
Contraband out of the United States  
Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

There is being transmitted herewith a copy of a  
letter received from the Birmingham Office of this Bureau,  
dated May 17, 1935, setting forth information obtained in  
an interview with [redacted] who is presently  
incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Parchman,  
Mississippi, concerning the above entitled matter. b7c b7D

This copy is being referred to you for your  
information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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received \$250.00. He would not state who received the balance but would furnish the proof if assured of a light sentence in the case. When asked how he got his part of the money out of the Penitentiary, he stated that when he was released that early that morning he took a big dose of salts and that he placed the \$250.00 which was two \$100 bills and a \$50 bill in a finger stall and swallowed same, that when he went to a hotel in Atlanta, Ga. which was run by [redacted] that he obtained a room and that when the salts worked him that he passed the finger stall which contained the \$250.00. He said that [redacted] changed the \$50 bill for him and that [redacted] had one of the porters to get one of the \$100 bills changed at one of the banks and he got the other \$100 bill changed at one of the Banks, that he could furnish the name of the banker who changed same for him.

Before making any further statement relative to this matter he requested that the Hon. Jim Smith, U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, Ala. and Judge W. I. Grubb of the U. S. District Court, Birmingham, Ala. be interviewed and acquainted with this matter with the request that he, [redacted] be advised as to what the Court would do with his case pending against him if what information he furnished relative to the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., proved of value to the Government.

Special Agent D. O. Smith, discussed the principal facts of instant case with Hon. Jim C. Smith, United States Attorney, Birmingham, Alabama, who advised confidentially that he had filed a complaint against [redacted] on the case in Mississippi, primarily for the purpose of insuring [redacted] prosecution in state courts there on a charge of burglary; that in his opinion [redacted] is exaggerating the information relative to his association with Capone in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.; that, however, an agent of this Bureau is authorized to instruct [redacted] that if he will furnish information relative to the Capone case, which is reliable and which can be established definitely by thorough investigation by this Bureau, he will see that the proper officials are informed that [redacted] has cooperated in this case, when he is called for trial on the case.

The United States Attorney in Birmingham wants it thoroughly understood that he is not encouraging [redacted] to misrepresent any facts to him; that [redacted] should furnish all the reliable information available, after which further consideration will be given to his manner of cooperation.

On May 21, 1935, agent reinterviewed [redacted] at the State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, and advised him that if he, [redacted] would furnish information relative to the Capone case, which was reliable and which could be established definitely by thorough investigation, that the United States Attorney, Jim Smith, Birmingham, Alabama would see that the proper officials were informed that he, [redacted] had cooperated in this case, when he is called for trial on the case.

[redacted] advised that he was expecting his father and others over to see him the first Sunday in June and that he wanted his father to talk to the United States Attorney, Birmingham, upon his return and then write him and if an agent would come back to see him in about 10 days after the first Sunday in June he felt like he would be in a position to furnish information that would be reliable and material in this case.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: The BIRMINGHAM OFFICE at Parchman, Mississippi, will re-

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interview [redacted] on or about June 10, 1935 relative to smuggling activities at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., when he and Capone were inmates of that institution.

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Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
July 17, 1935.

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

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al,  
CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND  
OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA.

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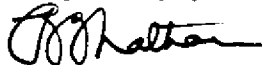
Dear Sir:

In connection with the above case, you are advised that Special Agent W. A. Temple of this office has interviewed [redacted] at the Mississippi State Prison, Parchman, Miss. on two occasions since the submission of his report dated May 25, 1935. b7c  
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[redacted] has informed Agent Temple that he does not desire to tell what he knows about this matter until his father has had an opportunity to talk to the United States Attorney at Birmingham concerning the [redacted] case pending against him.

[redacted] has promised to inform this office at such time as he desires to make any further statements, and at that time he will be again interviewed. Every effort will be made to bring this case to its logical conclusion as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Atlanta

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
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Washington, D. C.

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RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al,  
Conspiracy to Receive & Send Contraband  
Out of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
W. A. Temple, Birmingham, Alabama, dated May 25, 1935, and to my letter  
of July 17, 1935.

On August 29, 1935 Agent Temple called at the Prison  
Camp office, Parchman, Mississippi, for the purpose of again interviewing  
[redacted] At that time Agent Temple was informed by Sergeant  
J. P. McDonald, who has charge of this Prison Camp, that [redacted] has  
recently addressed a letter to Mrs. Capone. This letter was not mailed  
by the prison authorities, and a copy was made by Special Agent Temple.  
Copies are attached to this communication. It is noted that the envelope  
was addressed to Mrs. Capone care of Palm Island Estate, Miami, Florida.

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From the attitude that [redacted] has taken in this  
matter, it seems to me that he is endeavoring to receive leniency in  
connection with the pending [redacted] charge, without actually having  
any information of value to furnish. It also seems that he may be con-  
templating some kind of shake-down scheme with reference to Mrs. Capone.

I would appreciate the advice of the Bureau as to  
whether it is deemed desirable to continue the periodic contacts with  
[redacted] In the absence of such contacts, there are no leads in the  
Birmingham territory, and this case should either be closed or Referred  
Upon Completion to the Atlanta office. Any further activity in this  
district will be held in abeyance pending Bureau instructions.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Camp #6, Parchman, Miss.,  
August 25, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Capone

No doubt you will be quite surprised to receive a letter from me. But Mrs. Capone I am a good friend of your husband and have known him for some time, in fact the rings and belt buckles he sent you from Atlanta were made by me. I also am the boy that taught Al to play tennis. Well what I wanted to tell you is that I am serving [REDACTED] years in the Mississippi State Pen. I got this time after I left Atlanta last year in August. Well as you may know the Government is trying to put a charge against Al for bribing some of the officials in Atlanta. Also having contraband money inside of the walls, so they want to take Al's good time away from him so the Government has sent a Special Agent over here four times to see me and try to get me to give them a signed statement against Al that I used his money while I was in Atlanta the Gov. has offered to help me out if I would sign the statement against Al and some of the officials. But I wont sign nothing against no one for I am not a man of that caliber and never was as Al will tell you. Now Mrs. Capone I do wish you would send Ralph or John over here or one of Als attorneys so I can give him or them a statement in Als behalf for something had better be don about it or I am afraid that Al will loose all of his good time. Also be tried again on some other charges I sure would like to talk to some of you about this case as I know much more than I care to write so tell Soney hello and how is his Belt Buckle getting along now send my best regards to Al I am

Yours truly

(Signed) [REDACTED]

Camp #6, Parchman, Miss.

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Mrs. Al Capone,  
Miami, Fla.  
care Palm Island Estate.

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September 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: ALPHONSE CAPONE with aliases,  
ET AL, Conspiracy to Receive  
and Send Contraband Out of the  
U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of  
September 4, 1935 requesting advise if your office  
should continue the periodic contacts with  
[redacted] at the Prison Camp, Parchman,  
Mississippi.

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From the attitude of [redacted] as  
reflected by his letter of August 25, 1935 to  
Mrs. Al Capone, Miami, Florida, a copy of which  
you forwarded with your communication, the Bureau  
desires the periodic contacts be discontinued.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Post Office Box 514,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
September 20, 1935. b

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al,  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband  
Out of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the entire Birmingham  
file in the above case.

It is noted that this case has been kept pending  
in the Birmingham district for the purpose of contacting one [redacted] b7c  
[redacted] at the Prison Camp, Parchman, Mississippi, [redacted]  
having alleged that he could furnish information of interest. Num-  
erous contacts with [redacted] have indicated that this individual is  
merely endeavoring to obtain leniency in connection with a pending  
prosecution, and probably does not possess any information of interest.

The Bureau has instructed that this angle of the  
case receive no further attention, and there being no further leads  
in this district the case is being considered Referred Upon Completion  
to the Atlanta Office, which should consider itself the Office of  
Origin for any further investigation deemed necessary.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
501 Healey Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
November 19, 1935.

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

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RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband  
Out of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta,  
Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 14, 1935 and letter from the Birmingham Office dated September 20, 1935, relative to captioned matter.

A review of the file in this case reflects that no material information of an evidential nature has been developed regarding this matter which was definitely corroborated by subsequent investigation. No definite proof has been obtained that subject Capone and other prisoners received or conspired to receive and send contraband from the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary as alleged.

In view of the foregoing, the Bureau is requested to advise whether further investigation is desired in the premises.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 10, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE with aliases, et al;  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband  
Out of the U. S. Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 19, 1935 in which you request to be advised whether further investigation is desired in the above entitled case.

There is being transmitted herewith a photostatic copy of a story entitled "The Biography of Al Capone's Life in the Atlanta Penitentiary", which manuscript was turned over to the Bureau by a Mr. R. W. Nicksan, Executive Editor of the Real Detective Stories, 444 Madison Avenue, New York City, in whose possession it was entrusted by a Mr. F. Barrett of Baltimore, Maryland, the presumed author thereof.

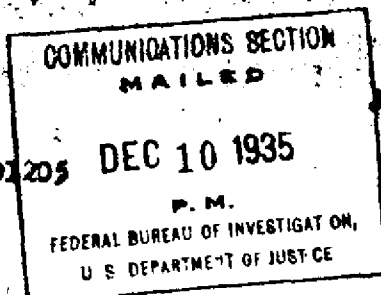
Investigation is being conducted by the Washington Field and New York City offices for the purpose of determining the identity of the writer of this story and ascertaining from him the source of the facts and information contained in this biography.

However, the Bureau desires that the Atlanta office make a careful check of this manuscript to ascertain whether there are any leads obtainable therein which would assist in the investigation of the above entitled case. This matter should be placed in line for early attention and a report submitted at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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January 29, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases,  
et al; Conspiracy to Receive and Send  
Contraband Out of the U. S.  
Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*W. B. A.*

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al;  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contra-  
band Out of the U. S. Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to my letter dated December 10, 1935 which transmitted to your office a photostatic copy of a story entitled, "The Biography of Al Capone's Life in the Atlanta Penitentiary", and instructed that a careful check be made of this manuscript for the purpose of ascertaining whether there were any leads reflected therein which might assist in the investigation of the above entitled case.

The Bureau file reflects that this matter has not been receiving prompt attention, and you were advised of your delinquency by Bureau letter dated January 29, 1936.

You are therefore instructed to place this matter in line for immediate attention and submit a report not later than March 21, 1936.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
501 Healey Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
March 19, 1936.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al;  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contra-  
band Out of the U. S. Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letters of December 10, 1935, and March 5, 1936, Bureau file #62-28933, regarding the story entitled, "The Biography of Al Capone's Life in the Atlanta Penitentiary". The manuscript of the story mentioned above has been perused by me and it has been given a careful detailed study by Special Agent Walter M. Bott, who since the latter part of December has been assigned almost exclusively to investigations at the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. Agent Bott has also kept alert while conducting his other investigations at the penitentiary in order that he might secure indirectly anything pertinent to the various alleged activities of Al Capone enumerated by the author of the story. Due to the fact that Agent Bott has spent approximately three months time working in and around the penitentiary, he is now somewhat conversant with conditions there.

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A review of the manuscript reveals allegations of infractions of prison rules by inmates who were purported to have been employed by Capone to furnish him with special comforts. According to this story, Capone enjoyed better food and clothing than other prisoners and is alleged to have paid for these favors by having his brother give certain specified amounts of money to the relatives and friends of his inmate benefactors. The manuscript implies that practically all of the officials of the penitentiary connived with Capone to violate prison regulations. Specific accusations, however, are very few and indefinite.

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The specific pertinent allegations appear to be as follows:  
[redacted], formerly a guard at the prison, is accused of having taken uncensored mail out of the institution for Capone. [redacted]

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[redacted] at the prison hospital, is reported to have approved special diets and professional treatments to which Capone is alleged to have not been entitled. Both of these allegations have been made heretofore and were given investigative attention by the Bureau prior to the receipt of the manuscript at this office. Both [redacted] and [redacted] have been interviewed. b7c

There are only three incidents set forth in the manuscript which appear to relate directly to the subject of contraband. First, there is an allegation to the effect that Capone would knock a tennis ball over the prison wall while playing tennis, and immediately afterward a different tennis ball would be returned over the wall from the outside. There is a suggestion that the substituted tennis ball contained narcotics. My knowledge of the prison and the surrounding terrain leads me to believe that this allegation is ridiculous to the extreme. Secondly, [redacted] is supposed to have brought such articles as underwear into the institution for Capone's use. Third, [redacted] is reported to have taken uncensored mail out of the penitentiary, particularly in connection with the delivery of sums of money to the relatives or friends of Capone's inmate benefactors mentioned above. Of course, the fact that [redacted] may have brought underwear into the penitentiary, and the fact that a guard may have taken uncensored mail out of the penitentiary, are altogether possible.

Personally, I am of the opinion that there is nothing in the manuscript which would aid the Bureau in furthering the investigation of this matter. I am inclined to believe that the only useful purpose which the manuscript might serve would be to have it handed to the Warden of the penitentiary for his information. It might aid him in the administration of the prison. At least, the Bureau might desire to have the contents of the manuscript discussed with [redacted] in order to secure his reactions. BOP

Very truly yours,

  
E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 26, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases,  
ET AL; Conspiracy to Receive  
and Send Contraband Out of the  
United States Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 19,  
1936 advising that the manuscript entitled "The Biography  
of Al Capone's Life in the Atlanta Penitentiary" has been  
carefully studied and that there appears to be no specific  
accusations or apparent allegations which would require  
investigation by this Bureau in connection with the above  
entitled case.

The Bureau can see no objection to your discussing  
the contents of the manuscript with Warden A. C. Aderhold,  
in order to obtain from him his reactions and opinion as to  
the possibility of the alleged incidents and acts having  
occurred. For your information, however, this manuscript  
has previously been brought to the attention of Mr. Sanford  
Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, and the information  
contained therein may possibly have been referred to Warden  
Aderhold by him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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- Mr. Pennington .....
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Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Record of Telephone Call of Visitor.

July 25, 1936.

Time 4:05 P.M.

Name

Va., tele. locally.

Referred to

Details:

██████████ stated he had just got into town enroute to New York and wanted to see the Director. When informed the Director was out stated he wanted to talk to him about a gangster with the Capone gang. Was asked if he desired to speak with anyone else and stated no. Then inquired if a person named ██████████ worked here and if so to have ██████████ write him at New York in care of the Post Office at the 52nd St. station.

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Files disclose that ██████████ wrote to Bureau 8/27/35 offering to furnish information re Dutch Shulz. Was advised 9/5/35 that ██████████ conducting no investigation on this person and referring him to Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury.

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Birmingham, Ala.  
Oct. 8, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Ga.

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases; et al;  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband  
Out of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:-

A review of the file entitled [redacted] alias [redacted] who was recently placed on probation by the U. S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama, at Birmingham, Ala., after entering a plea of guilty to the [redacted] violation with which he was charged, reveals a copy of a letter in the above entitled case dated May 17, 1935, in which it appeared that possibly [redacted] would supply material evidence in connection with the violation of ALPHONSE CAPONE while incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., should he [redacted] receive consideration by the Judge in sentencing

A review of instant file however reflects only one serial, namely a copy of a letter dated Sept. 20, 1935, addressed to you, with which there was transmitted the entire file of the Birmingham office and in which information appeared that no further investigation as regards [redacted] should be conducted by this Bureau. It is thought desirable, however, at this time that should you desire [redacted] to be reinterviewed for any possible information in his possession, that same may be arranged through the cooperation of the U. S. Probation officer here. However no further investigation in this regard is being undertaken by the Birmingham Field Division unless so requested.

Very truly yours,

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E. A. Soucy,  
Special Agent in Charge

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— Allona Pa  
Oct 11, 1938

B. F. I. Washington D. C.

Dear Sirs:

The City  
Fireman at #1 Fire Station  
Allona Pa. Had an argument  
in regard to where Al. Scarface  
Capone was born, and whether  
it was possible to have him  
defeat it, and if so on what  
evidence.

I would like to have you  
give us an authentic, correct  
and concise answer.

J. W. Reese #1 Fire Station

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cc: Patricia  
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United States Department of Justice**

Atlanta, Georgia  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases;  
et al. Conspiracy to Receive and  
Send Contraband Out of the U. S.  
Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Birmingham Office, to  
Atlanta, dated October 6, 1938, wherein reference is made to [REDACTED] b7c ]  
[REDACTED] alias [REDACTED] Reference is also made to Bureau  
letter to Birmingham dated September 14, 1935.

In view of instructions contained in the second reference  
letter, no further action will be taken in this connection in the  
absence of instructions from the Bureau to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

*J. W. Vincent*  
J. W. VINCENT, F. B. I.  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Birmingham

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TO : E. P. COFFEY *EC*

DATE: 6-27-45

FROM : H. B. LONG

SUBJECT: Alphonse Capone, with aliases; et al;  
Conspiracy to receive and send Contraband out of the U. S.  
Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.  
Bureau File # 62-28933

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- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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- Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The file maintained in the Laboratory in this case has been disposed of and there is attached an envelope containing the material which was in the Laboratory File and which is not duplicated in the Investigative File. It is desired that the Records Section file this as an enclosure behind the file.

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# Father's Day at Alcatraz—for the Capones

BY ERNEST LENN

It was father's day on Alcatraz the other day.

In a dramatic meeting Al Capone saw his son for the first time in five years. They scarcely recognized each other.

They had been strangers since 1933, when Capone was sentenced to prison for income tax evasion. The son, then, was a youngster of about 14, kept unaware of his father's gangland activities.

He knew his father only as a busy man who came home tired, lavished affection on him, and who had once played tin soldiers with him on the floor.

Capone, then, was the underworld big-shot. Those were the days when gorillas and torpedoes meted out "handfuls of clouds"—death—and machine guns chattered like noisy typewriters in Chicago's streets.

He was the fastidious dresser who flaunted finely woven, pearly gray

suits. Yet who, in the security of a hideaway home, parted with his retinue of 18 bodyguards who flanked him like a Maharajah's escort and protected his wife and young son like any other father.

When they met in Alcatraz, they stared at each other. For both had changed.

Capone looked at the young man in a college-cut suit, poised and tall, on summer vacation from an East-

ern college, and muttered, "My boy."

The son looked at the short man in the ill-fitting gray prison uniform, the uniform of the toughest son in the country, and said, "Dad!"

Capone wanted to take him by the shoulders, and hold him, and thump him affectionately on the back.

The boy wanted to put his arm around his father and tell him he

understood, and that in no time he would be out, and they could start all over again.

But they couldn't. This was Alcatraz. This was the visiting room, where plateglass separates you, and you talk through a narrow slit in the glass, with a guard looking at you all the time.

Capone moped about his cell glumly after his son had left.

"I tried to keep all this from the

kid, when he was little," he muttered. "I tried to be a good father. I didn't want him to know about me. Now he comes and sees me here, like this. It must have hit him between the eyes."

Word of the meeting streaked through the prison. Convicts buzzed it in the shops, whispered it out of the sides of mouths in the mess hall. It got to the dungeon, and solitary, via the thumpings and

bangings that are the special grapevine.

Sentimental softies that they are—even though they're the nation's toughest criminals—the convicts glowed, and wagged their heads approvingly, and said it was decent of the kid to come.

And those who had children of their own were strangely silent.

And the spirit of Father's Day permeated each and every cell.

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# Capone's Son Visits Alcatraz



Twist sky and one down steps that lead to a yard, over concrete that leads to the shops, through green that mocks their own drab array, moves a long line of convicts each morning — old tan uniforms. The change was recent. This picture, snapped from a ferry by a News-Examiner photographer, is one of the most dramatic ever taken of The Rock. It also reveals a new style trend on the island—the men are wearing their "summer gray" instead of the

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**Capone Appeals for Freedom**  
 CHICAGO, May 29. — At-  
 torneys for Alphonse (Scarface) Al-  
 Capone, imprisoned Chicago gang-  
 ster, moved today to clear the way  
 for permanent freedom for him  
 when he is released from Alcatraz  
 Prison, supposedly next year.

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## Life on the Rock Shows Case Hardened Criminals They Can't Beat the Law

Warden James A. Johnston of Alcatraz prison, in an interview authorized by Atty. Gen. Cummings, tells here the behind-the-scenes story of the life of Al Capone and other criminals confined on "the rock" in San Francisco bay. This is the first of three articles presenting for the first time a complete account of conditions, administration and policies at Alcatraz.

By ALFRED F. RECK

OAKLAND, Calif.—They can't be reformed! The federal prison on Alcatraz island is an institution of punishment, not of reformation. A prisoner at Alcatraz, dread "devil's island" of America, not only gives up his identity for a number but he loses his individuality and becomes, as far as his warders can make him, an automaton, entirely subservient to the strict rules of the penitentiary.

There is little or no hope of preparing men, regarded as tough enough for confinement on the island, to be useful citizens upon their release. The men on the bleak, 12-acre rock in the middle of San Francisco Bay are case-hardened criminals.

### Incorrigibles to Alcatraz

The main job is to impress on their minds a life-long lesson of the power of the United States government and a realization that they are not greater than the constituted authorities.

These and other facts of life on "the rock" were revealed by Warden James A. Johnston in an interview authorized by Atty. Gen. Homer Cummings.

"Alcatraz as a civil prison is an experiment which may have its effect on prison systems throughout the world," said Warden Johnston. "We get only the most perplexing problems—problems for the most part which cannot be solved in other prisons."

"No prisoner is ever sentenced directly to Alcatraz. All have been transferred from other institutions as incorrigible or to break up prison gangs."

"Other prisons have no way to control the type of men or the number which they receive. On Alcatraz we can handle only a limited number and take only those prisoners whose cases have been passed upon by prison boards and when their transfer is approved by the federal director of prisons."

### Deflate Their Ego

With such notorious criminals as Al Capone, Machine Gun Kelly, Harmon Waley and Albert Bates on "the rock," Warden Johnston has a difficult task but he believes he is accomplishing the purposes for which the prison was established.

They get the super-criminals of at

least those with super ego, and our job is to deflate that ego," he explained. "We play them down, not up."

"We have had some tough customers, but I believe we have whittled them down to their proper size. We have brought all of them to the realization that they are not as big as they thought they were."

At the present time there are approximately 370 prisoners on escape-proof Alcatraz. That term "escape-proof" is used intentionally, for, according to Warden Johnston, an est

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cape from the island is next to impossible.

Everywhere, night and day, the prisoners are surrounded with safeguards impressing them with the helplessness of their position. Military trained guards, crack shots, schooled in the latest theories and practices of keeping a man confined, maintain an alert, 24-hour vigil.

#### Electric Eye Guards

The keen eyes and ears of the guards are supposed to see all, hear all. If by chance the human element should fail in alertness, there are mechanical safeguards which cannot be tampered with. At strategic points throughout the prison are located electrical metal detectors, which are both visible and audible.

No prisoner can enter a cell block or leave his place of work with a single piece of metal on his person, whether it is a gun, a knife or a tiny nail.

Should a prisoner, concealing a bit of metal, pass one of the electric detectors, lights flash, revealing the exact location of the metal, and a buzzer sounds.

Not only are the men inspected by the "electric eye," but every bit of raw material, foodstuff and laundry entering the island is subjected to the same mechanical scrutiny as well as human inspection.

"We take no chances," said Warden Johnston. "We cannot afford to relax for an instant."

All of the cells and bars are built of tool-proof steel.

"No tools, which could be smuggled into the prison or made by the prisoners, themselves, can make a dent in this steel," the warden explained.

#### One Tried to Escape

If by some unforeseen relaxation in vigilance a prisoner should happen to scale the wall of the recreation yard or make a break while outside the enclosure, there are strands upon strands of barbed wire skirting the entire border of the island.

"The wire, which follows the edge of the island, is not so much to stop an escaping prisoner," Warden Johnston said, "but to slow him down."

"How many prisoners have attempted to escape since the department of justice took over Alcatraz from the army?" the warden was asked.

"One," he replied grimly, "and that one died."

The one break for freedom was made by Joe Bowers, a mail robber, on Apr. 27, 1936. Bowers, working at the incinerator outside of the main prison walls, tried to climb the barbed wire.

Alert guards called for him to halt. Bowers kept on, climbing to the top of the wire. Below was the churning surf and jagged rocks. Two shots sounded. Two bullets struck Bowers and he tumbled off, head first, to the rocks 50 feet below. Not only were the bullets fatal but Bowers' neck was broken.

Other prisoners did not consider Bowers' break as an attempt to escape. The imprisoned mail robber went "stir crazy" is the way the prisoners explained it. He chose death to continued confinement on Alcatraz.

#### Prisoners "Dressed In"

The first impression a prisoner receives of Alcatraz may not be unpleasant. True enough, the island is rocky and bleak but there are a few trees, palm and pine, growing in the rocks and the buildings are neat and clean.

But lined up to receive the prisoners is a reception committee of waiting guards with ready rifles. The guards are dressed in trim blue uniforms of a military cut. One glance at the guards and the prisoners know they mean business. The alert rifles are the first lesson in obedience.

The prisoners are marched up the steps. A guard in the office makes certain of their identity. They want to make sure they are getting the right men, for it's mighty hard to get off "the rock" once you get on. "Then," said Warden Johnston, "we dress them in."

The "dressing them in" business as practiced at Alcatraz serves a double purpose. It doesn't mean what it sounds like. Literally, it's undressing them in.

In the first place, this operation provides the guards an opportunity to make a thorough search for any hidden weapons and, secondly, it serves further to deflate the prisoner's ego.

It is lesson No. 2 in the course on obedience.

"I never saw a naked man yet who could maintain any sort of dignity," said Warden Johnston. "There is very little egotism left in a man when you parade him before other men in his birthday suit."

#### Firm but Just

The doctors next take the prisoner to hand. He is given a complete medical examination. This may take anywhere from one to 10 days, during which time the prisoner remains in quarantine.

During the quarantine period, Warden Johnston talks to the new prisoners. The gray haired prison chief, with years of experience at Folsom and San Quentin behind him, explains the rules of the prison fully and the convict is impressed with the fact that no infractions will be tolerated.

"We try to be firm but just," Warden Johnston said. "We tell the prisoners what they have to do and that as long as they obey the rules without question we'll get along together. But once they try to violate a rule, then we step on them."

If a prisoner is found to be in need of medical attention, he is so classified and, according to the warden, receives better treatment than the average person on the outside.

#### Conversation Restricted

About this "rule of silence"—a rule often complained of by departing prisoners.

"There is no absolute rule of silence on Alcatraz," Warden Johnston said. "There are places where we do not permit talking and there are places where we do."

The prisoners at work are allowed to talk to men in their own shops on matters referring to their work. In the yard there is no restriction to conversation during the recreation period, except when the men are en route to and from their cells.

General conversation is not permitted in the mess hall during meals or while the men are marching in. They are permitted to ask for food to be passed them from the man across the table or beside them but they cannot talk to a person behind them or at a distance away.

In the mess hall and at work, conversation is restricted to the absolute necessity. Otherwise, they must remain silent.

"This so-called man breaking rule of silence' does not exist throughout the prison."

## An American You Should Know

Irey Brings 30 Million  
Dollars to U. S.  
Annually.

BY DELLA PYNCHON.

**T**HE chase goes on for tax evaders. Elmer Irey, chief of the intelligence unit of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, with a force of 215 special agents, extracts from shy taxpayers about 30 million unexpected dollars a year.

Irey has been 36 years in Government service. Almost he qualifies as a "cliff dweller." At the age of 5 he moved to Washington from Kansas City, where he was born. Educated in Washington public schools, with a year's sniff of law at Georgetown, Irey was holding a clerk's job at 18 in the Post Office Department. For 12 years he



Elmer Irey

worked up inside and outside as the "eyes and ears" of the postmaster. Athletically speaking, he is "no bench warmer." Criminal investigations have sired qualities of physical and mental activity. Here is a man, you say, who will not give up nor lose his good nature, his ready smile.

The intelligence unit harks back to war times. In 1917 Daniel C. Roper, present Secretary of Commerce, was appointed commissioner of internal revenue.

"Almost over night," Irey says, "Roper was charged with the duty of building up a tremendous organization to take care of work incident to the new income tax and other tax laws to raise money for war needs." Roper sent for Irey. The intelligence unit was born in 1918, with Irey its first chief from inception to date.

Volume and needs increase with the Nation's growth. Internal Revenue personnel is now 24,000, Treasury, 85,000. The unit investigates all income, inheritance and miscellaneous tax evasions. It investigates all charges affecting Internal Revenue personnel, attorneys and agents practicing before the Treasury Department and all persons being considered for appointment to responsible positions in all branches of the Treasury.

Tax evaders have continued hopeful. Irey has had some dramatic cases. For two years he worked on Al Capone and his "gang" before these public enemies "took the count" on tax evasions. The "big shots" in New York racketeering came next. Forty-seven gamblers, bootleggers, public officials and a new type of racketeer, who exacted tribute from legitimate business—all landed in jail. The movie colony came in for a bit of undesirable publicity. In excess of several millions was collected from tax-shy "stars."

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**CAPOE TAX CASE**  
**FIXED AT \$101,416**

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At Capone's civil income tax obligations have been stipulated as \$157,416 for the years 1924 to 1929, the United States board of tax appeals announced yesterday in Washington. Capone's attorney, Michael Ahern, appealed from original claims of \$222,842 and the stipulation was the result. Capone is serving an eleven year prison sentence at Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay.

Cases against five of Capone's associates were also settled, the board announced, as the result of Chicago hearings completed Monday. The cases were those of Capone's brother, Ralph, Jack Guzik, and James, Frank and Louis Mondt. The five claimed that the government had erroneously computed their taxable income on the basis of "unidentified bank deposits."

The claims were scaled down as follows: Ralph Capone, from \$311,282 to \$69,608; Guzik, from \$822,752 to \$378,534; James Mondt, from \$167,663 to \$31,021. Frank Mondt agreed to an assessment of \$26.50 in taxes and \$6.63 in penalties and Louis dropped his appeal of \$20.41 in taxes and \$10.21 in penalties.

*Chicago Tribune*

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# U. S. AND CAPONE CLAN TALK TAXES

Some Agreement Reached on  
Amounts Owed—How to  
Collect, Next Question.

By the Associated Press.  
CHICAGO, March 12.—The big-  
time "collectors" of 1924-1925—the  
Capone clan—yesterday came to some  
agreement with Uncle Sam on what  
the Treasury Department "may" col-

lect on back income taxes,  
the books at a million af-  
ter dollars.

Attorneys for the Un-  
Board of Tax Appeals  
for various members of the  
syndicate, negotiated  
amount which the Govern-  
settle for.

Ralph Capone, brother  
has already served a pri-  
for tax evasion, will be  
pay \$89,568 to settle  
claim.

Jack Guzik, Capone's  
like Al serving a term  
tax delinquencies of \$378  
pared with the Govern-  
752 claim.

James Mondt, gambler,

ment decided, must pay \$81,021 of a  
\$107,562 assessment.

The appeal of Al Capone, sched-  
uled to be heard today, was post-  
poned until Monday. Al's bill read  
\$322,842.

Just what is going to be done to  
get the cash in the till was not indi-  
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ALCATRAZ (CAPONE)

# ANOTHER DAY FOR CAPONE

## CHRISTMAS BRINGS NOT A REAL CARD



SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—(U.S.)—Al Capone, "Machine Gun" Kelly and the rest of the tough boys at Alcatraz will know it's Christmas tomorrow, but not by the presents they get.

Warden James A. Johnston disclosed today that no packages have been or will be delivered to prisoners, not even after a close inspection by guards.

Christmas cards delivered to the rock-bound fortress in San Fran-

cisco Bay have been copied in the warden's office, and typewritten transcripts are delivered to the convicts.

The only Christmas present the inmates will receive, it was intimated, will be the pack of trained

police dogs assigned to Alcatraz by authorities in Washington. The dogs are in training elsewhere, and may be shipped here in time to spend Christmas watching Uncle Sam's prize "bad boys" to see that they don't get away.

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LEGAL ADVISORS OF AL CAPONE TODAY FILED WITH THE SUPREME COURT  
 A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI, WHICH, IF GRANTED, WOULD MEAN THE  
 COURT WOULD REVIEW THE DECISION OF THE LOWER COURT BY WHICH THE  
 GANGSTER WAS DENIED A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

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### Jail 'Overworld' and Capones Will Vanish, He Feels

Editor, The News:

**T**ERROR is driven into the heart of the underworld by sending Al Capone to the American Devil's Island for failure to pay his income taxes!

What a travesty all this pother concerning the underworld while on a wholesale scale the "overworld", the big bankers, profiteers, food gougers and rent sharks, spread suffering to millions!

There is this difference: Al Capone and his like take from the rich while the profiteers and financial buccaneers take from the poor. Also the latter are above the law; in fact, they put up the money to elect men who will make laws in their favor.

There is warfare in every Congress, equal to any gangland warfare between the few men who are fighting for the poor people and the representatives of the munitions trust, the steel trust, the cotton trust and others.

If we could send all the labor-exploiting, consumer-gouging individuals to Devil's Island, then wipe out the whole profit-motive system by government ownership, our Al Capones would automatically disappear.

ROBIN HOOD.

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Mr. Capone's lawyer still protests against moving his famous client from Atlanta to the Government's prison for "bad man" on Alcatraz, rocky island just inside the Golden Gate of San Francisco. You sympathize with the lawyer, his prosperous client

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suddenly whisked to a point three thousand miles away.

Capone is said to be indignant because the warden of Alcatraz plans to "keep him away from all contact with his former underworld associates."

He and the other alleged "bad men" will be isolated, no baseball club, not even a radio. Well may Mr. Capone say "You might as well be in jail."

He may, like a distinguished prisoner of long ago, find comfort and encouragement watching some spider spin its web, never discouraged. But one spider is poor amusement compared with a good radio set.

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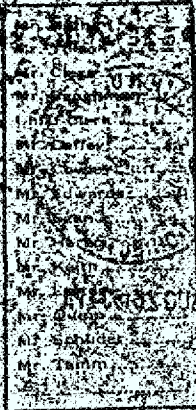
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# Capone Glimpses New Bridge from Alcatraz Island Prison

By WEBSTER K. NOLAN.  
ALCATRAZ FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23 (By International News Service). — From this bridgeless islet around whose rocky apron a swirling sea races toward the Golden Gate, "Scarface" Al Capone, erstwhile monarch of the underworld, today gazed at the gaunt half-completed steel skeleton of the world's two mightiest bridges.

They seemed to mock the linkless loneliness of this Gibraltar-like "Devil's Island" that is now the home of the former gangster king and of 99 lesser entities from the nether life.

Capone and a select assortment of the country's most desperate felons were brought here from Atlanta, manacled in pairs on a traveling fortress that did not disgorge its human cargo until Alcatraz itself was reached.

### FETTERED TO SEATS.

Chained and bolted in their "chair car" seats, Capone and his 52 companions of the bizarre tour were released only when the barge carrying their "private cars"

moored at the Alcatraz Government wharf.

It was the first time in the history of this grim little islet in midstream that a train had touched its steep and rocky shores.

Warden James S. Johnston said the famous aggregation of convicts is making itself at home and apparently likes the new surroundings, that is, compared to the penitentiaries.

"No one will ever know the name or number of a prisoner on Alcatraz," said Warden Johnston.

Within a few hours after the transfer had been effected, all the newcomers had been photographed, fingerprinted, numbered and garbed in the new uniform specially provided by the Government for its Alcatraz prisoners.

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(News by the Associated Press.)  
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A coast guard cutter, guns ready for any emergency, maneuvered near-by as a barge carrying the three prison railway coaches was towed to the island dock.

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This was done to prevent any possible attempt of confederates to liberate the prisoners who were chained in pairs to the seats of the coaches.

Crowds gathered at the small stations as the train neared its destination, but guards kept curious spectators at a safe distance.

#### CRY FOR "AL" UNHEEDED.

At one station a cry went up for "Al" but Capone did not answer.

Two of the three coaches were occupied by the prisoners and guards in the other kept constant watch.

Warden Johnston was waiting at the barge, docked at Tiburon, and the custody of the prisoners was turned over to him by Warden A. C. Aderholt of Atlanta.

Capone received the same treatment as the other prisoners upon his arrival at the island.

The convicts received numbers from 49 to 101, as forty-eight numerals already had been used for forty-seven prisoners already on hand and one man had been sent to Folsom prison with an Alcatraz number.

The new prison, formerly an army disciplinary barracks, once was an old Spanish fortress.

Swirling tides lash at its rocky sides and although trained swimmers have paddled to and from the island, prison officials said it was unlikely that any of the prisoners ever would escape by attempting to swim ashore.

In Washington, Bates also confirmed the transfer of James Carson and "Frisco" Eddie O'Brien. He declined to name others in the group.

## CAPONE IN ISLAND CELL

SAY PRISON OF ALCATRAZ GETS  
FORMER GANG CHIEF.

Guns of Coast Guard Cutter Cover  
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Complete:

## VEIL OF SILENCE

Orders to Break Contacts  
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### May Be Shoemaker.

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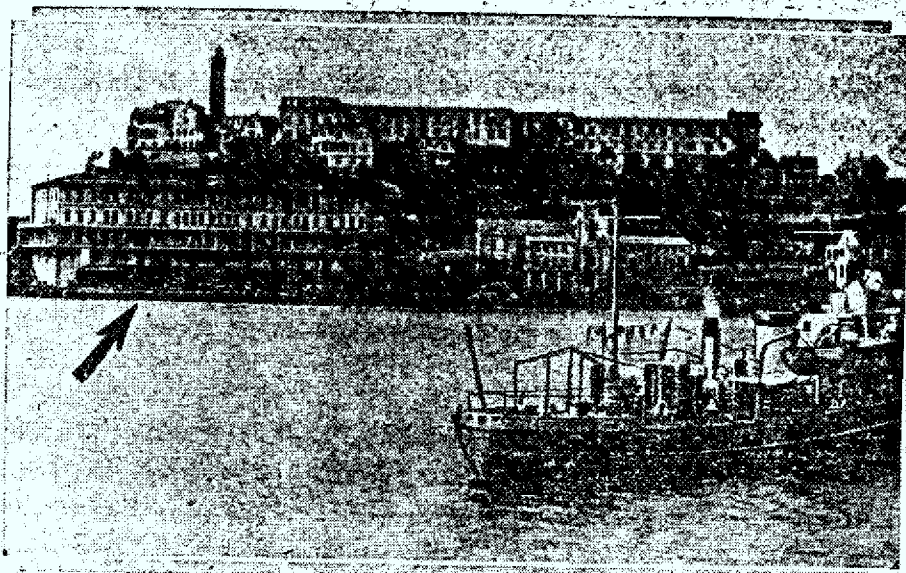
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# AL CAPONE ARRIVES AT "DEVIL'S ISLAND"



Al Capone and forty-two other dangerous prisoners were being unloaded at the "Devil's island" of the United States, Alcatraz prison, off the coast of San Francisco, when this picture was made. The prison train is seen on a barge at the dock in the distance. In the foreground is a United States coast guard cutter, which prevented all boats from approaching closer than 300 yards.

[Daily News-Wide World photo.]

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Al Capone, former Chicago gang leader, was among a group of fifty-three prisoners who was taken to the new federal penitentiary on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay recently.

The photograph shows the three armored railroad cars at the right, which were taken to the island on a car ferry. The prisoners, under the watchful eyes of the guard carrying

prisoners, are shown leaving the coaches for transfer to the new cells on the prison island.

It was announced that Capone would resume his prison job as a shoe maker.

### ISOLATION FOR CAPONE

EX-UNDERWORLD CHIEF COMPLETELY CUT OFF AT ALCATRAZ.

All Knowledge of Outside Events Will Be Prohibited by Government in Attempt to Break Gangster Contacts.

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(By the Associated Press.)

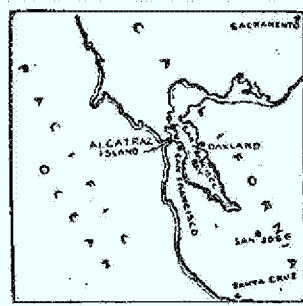
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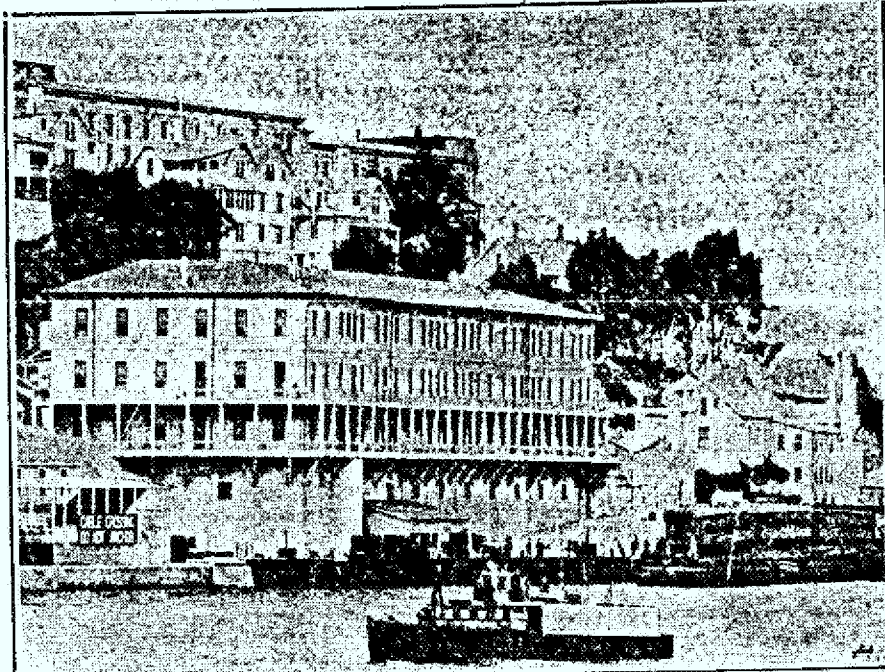
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HOW AL CAPONE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ALCATRAZ ISLAND PRISON.



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The photograph shows the three armored railroad cars at the right, which were taken to the island on a car ferry. The prisoners, under the watchful eyes of the guard carrying

rifles, are shown leaving the coaches for transfer to the new cells on the prison island.

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The prisoners will not be permitted to read the newspapers.

It was intimated Capone would be

put to work at a shoemaker's bench, the task to which he was assigned before his transfer with a group of other convicts from the Atlanta federal penitentiary.

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Al Capone resents being referred to as "public enemy No. 1." In view of the numerous exploits in crime, there seems to be no reason for acceding to Capone's desire to be retired from the head of his class.

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## Al Capone Loses His Identity in Cell at Alcatraz

Not Even Given Number as  
Worker in Prison's  
Tailor Shop

ALCATRAZ FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23 (U.S.).—Al Capone, who once ruled an underworld kingdom but who now has not even a number to distinguish him from 99 other blue clad Federal felons, tonight awaited the order which is expected to send him to the prison tailor shop for eight years.

In the Atlanta penitentiary "Scarface Al" worked in the shoe shop and become proficient in the bootmaker's art. Now he will have an opportunity to turn out men's suits—but not the \$150 variety he wore as the sartorially perfect "big shot" of gangdom.

### NO OUTSIDE CONTACTS

Only by secret listings behind the grim walls of Alcatraz will the prisoners be known. Keepers cannot talk about the inmates, Warden James S. Johnston said today:

"No one will ever know the name or number of a prisoner on Alcatraz. If the identity of a prisoner is revealed, the disclosure must come from Washington. This is an island of no outside contacts for convicts."

Warden Johnston said Capone and the 52 others who came here with him manacled in pairs and chained and bolted in their "chair car" seats, apparently "approved of" the surroundings. There are now 100 Federal convicts on the "Isle de Alcatrazes," or "Island of the Pelicans."

### LIFE NOT CRUSHING

All were to be assigned today to routine duties, some in the shoe shop, some in the laundry. Some in the clean-up brigades, and some, including "the big fellow," to the tailor shop.

Although none but dangerous and virtually incorrigible prisoners will be assigned here, Alcatraz prison life will not be of the rigorous, life-crushing type the "American Devil's Island" description connotes.

Each Sunday the men will be permitted the comparative freedom of the prison yard, to engage in baseball games or any other recreational activities that can easily be arranged. Warden Johnston was careful to point out the inmates will not be "coddled," however.

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Mr. Al Capone, able in his line, is indignant, his lawyers almost weep because Mr. Capone, in the dead of night, is transferred from the peaceful prison of Atlanta, Georgia, to the rock prison of Alcatraz Island, where Government keeps its "most desperate prisoners."

Mr. Capone, who says he has been "a model prisoner, as all his guards will testify," may be comforted by the suggestion that our Government sees in him some resemblance to Napoleon Bonaparte. Napoleon was a model prisoner on the island of Elba, but did not stay there long, and, when he came back, made considerable trouble.

The British transferred him to St. Helena, a rocky, distant island, like Alcatraz, only more so. And there Napoleon stayed till he died, his corpse coming back in triumph, to be buried in Paris.

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### Capone Is Isolated From Former Pals

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## Al Capone and 42 Prison Pals Locked in New Island Cells

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The official announcement that Capone was in the group came from Director Sanford Bates of the federal prison bureau at Washington shortly after the special train bearing the prisoners from the Atlanta penitentiary arrived here.

**Train Shunted Several Times.**

The train was shunted several times as it neared its destination to prevent any possible attempt to escape and to avoid crowds which gathered at towns along the route.

Warden James A. Johnston, who several days ago informed Attorney General Homer S. Cummings that "Alcatraz is ready," personally supervised the transfer of the desperadoes from the mainland to the fortress-like island prison.

A group of heavily armed federal men and guards from the new prison hastened to Tiburon, a town north of the island, as the train arrived. The cars then were switched to a large barge and a launch towed it to the island dock. Spectators were warned by the guards not to approach too closely.

**Escape Plot Foiled.**

The prisoners were brought here in the government's plan to segregate the more desperate characters. Atlanta prison officials also had reported an escape plot was brewing in the prison there and the convicts were removed Sunday night, four days ahead of schedule.

Capone's Atlanta attorney, Frank A. Doughman, said Capone had protested being transferred. He added his conduct had been classed as excellent by the Atlanta warden. The attorney expressed the belief the government might eventually take Capone to McNeil Island prison near Seattle, Wash.

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#### A Model Prisoner.

Transfer of Al Capone from Atlanta Penitentiary to Alcatraz Island, in San Francisco Bay, along with nearly half a hundred other prisoners, is reported to be bitterly resented, not publicly by the prisoner himself, for he has been given no chance at proclamation, but by his attorney, who declares that the former "Public Enemy Number One" of Chicago was in every respect a model prisoner. According to the lawyer, Capone has conducted himself ideally as an inmate of the Atlanta institution and does not deserve this stigma of removal along with convicts who are rated as dangerous. He intimates that the warden at Atlanta wanted to get rid of Capone because he feared he would be charged with granting him special privileges, even if he was treated only as well as others with similar records.

Capone, given a ten-year term for tax evasion—a trifling offense compared with those of which he was accused, but which could not be proved against him, including murder by proxy and ruthless racketeering—has a year and a half to serve before he will be eligible to parole. Which brings up the question of why a

parole should be granted to a man who cannot conceivably be restored to liberty without danger to the community. Probably he has been a "model prisoner." That is his established line of action. He outwardly conformed to the law even in his most active days as head of a robbery and murder gang. So careful was he in his work that the only way to "get" him was to dig up his income tax returns and prove that he had cheated the Government out of large sums by concealment of revenues derived from illegal sources.

There should be no sympathy for this man, and there should be no parole. The leniency that has been shown toward malefactors of his type in the past has been productive of the most evil results. No degree of rule observance on his part while in prison can make him worthy of any abatement of his term, which should, in view of his utter viciousness, have been far longer than ten years.

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## Capone on 8-Hour Work Shift at Alcatraz

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An eight-hour work period each day except Sunday has been mapped out for the new arrivals, including the former Chicago gang chief, Warden James A. Johnston said.

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## EXPLAINED AS PRECAUTION.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Capone, ex-Chicago gangland king, was lodged today in Uncle Sam's new "Devil's Island" prison in San Francisco Bay, the Department of Justice announced officially.

"Just precautionary," said Sanford Bates, director of federal prisons, in explaining Capone's removal from the Atlanta penitentiary. Capone had not been violent, Bates added.

Others in the party with Capone, Bates disclosed, included "Frisco Eddle" O'Brien, a train robber, and James Colson. Alvin Karp, a Chicago gunman and enemy of Capone, was not in the party. Bates declined to make public the entire list, but said most of the men were not well known.

## CAPONE PROTESTS.

ATLANTA, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Shaken from a sound sleep and hauled out of his cell in the federal prison here at midnight, Al Capone protested vigorously, his attorney said, against such treatment being accorded "a model prisoner."

Frank A. Doughman, Capone's Atlanta attorney, today said he had learned that the former Chicago gangster was the last prisoner rounded up.

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# CAPONE CUT OFF FROM WORLD IN PRISON ON LONELY 'DEVIL'S ISLAND'

Notorious Gangster Begins Isolated Life With 66 Other Federal Prisoners—Swift Currents, Rigid Restrictions Make Old Spanish Fortress Almost Escape-Proof

By JAMES A. SULLIVAN  
United Press Staff Writer

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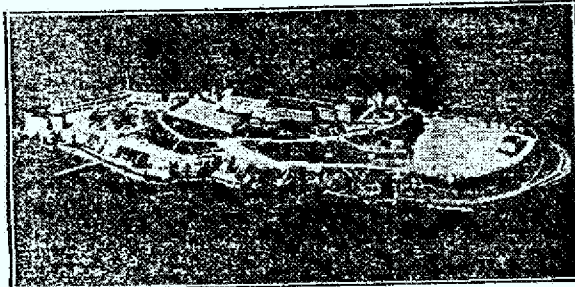
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With the elaborate precaution of war maneuvers in uncertain territory, the Federal government transferred Capone and the 52 other prisoners.

Among the companions of Capone, it was reported, is Alvin Crip. When Capone ruled the Chicago liquor trade Crip was one of his arch enemies.

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Capone and the 52 other prisoners brought here by special train yesterday were "dressed in" soon after their arrival. After their light summer outfits had been exchanged for heavier wear—cool fogs and cooler winds sweep this lonely island—the prisoners were fed in the new mess hall.

In the ceiling above them were steel knobs. From those knobs can pour suffocating floods of tear gas, for it is the Federal theory that most prison riots start in the mess hall and the authorities seek to prevent disturbances at Alcatraz.

#### Inside Guards Unarmed

Following this same plan of preventing outbreaks, the inside guards carry no arms. But the men on the battlements are said to be the keenest sharpshooters in Federal service. News of Capone will be scattered

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# Manacled in Pairs, Capone, 99 Others Reach Alcatraz

By WEBSTER K. NOLAN  
ALCATRAZ FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, SAN FRANCISCO.  
Aug. 23 (I.N.S.)—From this bridgeless islet, around whose rocky apron a swirling sea races toward the Golden Gate, "Scarface" Al Capone, erstwhile monarch of the underworld, today gazed at the gaunt half-completed steel skeleton of the world's two mightiest bridges.

eslles, in whose dungeon Dumas' Count of Monte Cristo languished for 20 years, until the Abbe Faria effected his escape.

They seemed to mock the linkless loneliness of this Gibraltar-like "Devil's Island" that is now the home of the former gangster king, and of 98 lesser entities from the nether life.

**Escape Impossible**  
No Count of Monte Cristo, "Scarface" Al Capone, late vice lord of Chicago, nor any of the incorrigible cohort that keeps him company on wind-blown Alcatraz, can entertain any schemes of escape.

Capone and a select assortment of the country's most desperate felons were brought here from Atlanta, Ga., manacled in pairs on a travelling fortress that did not disgorge its human cargo until Alcatraz itself was reached.

The Federal authorities selected Alcatraz because they believe no man can conquer the currents that swirl fiercely about the islet's jagged cliffs.

Chained and bolted in their "chair car" seats, Capone and his 52 companions of the bizarre tour were released only when the barge carrying their "private cars" moored at the Alcatraz government wharf. It was the first time in the history of this grim little islet in midstream that a train had touched its steep and rocky shores.

Within a few hours after the transfer had been effected with military thoroughness, all the newcomers had been photographed, fingerprinted, numbered and garbed in the new raiment specially provided by the government for its Alcatraz contingent of undesirables.

**Identities Guarded**  
Warden James E. Johnston said:

Atlanta denim was discarded for Alcatraz cassimere of a misty blue, as though, oddly enough, to camouflage the convicts, making them almost indiscernible in the fog that drapes the isle at dawn.

"No one will ever know the name or number of a prisoner on Alcatraz. If the identity of any prisoner is revealed, the disclosure must come from Washington. This is an island of no outside contacts for convicts."

The freshly arrived inmates were to be assigned today to their new jobs—to the prison shoe shop, the tailor shop, the laundry and the cleanup brigades. Capone, it is expected, will be assigned to the tailor shop.

Alcatraz is an island of no contacts, but from the barred windows of the cells, the nation's worst desperadoes may see in the near distance the Metropolitan centers of San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and Piedmont.

Alcatraz, a name that is redolent of California's cavalier days, has long been likened to the famed and fearful Chateau d'If, on a Mediterranean islet off Mar-

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## CAPONE IS PLACED ON 48-HOUR WEEK

Chicago Gangster Is Assigned to Labor in New Alcatraz Prison.

By the Associated Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, August 23.—Prison labor—48 hours a week of it—was in store today for Al "Scarface" Capone and 52 other convicts transferred yesterday from other prisons to the new escape-proof Federal penitentiary on Alcatraz Island.

An eight-hour work period for each day except Sunday has been mapped out for the new arrivals, including the former Chicago gang chief, Warden James A. Johnston said. The convicts, whose arrival increased the prison population to an even 100, will labor in the prison laundry, the clothing shop, shoe shop, kitchens and at maintenance occupations.

### View of San Francisco.

In their leisure and recreational hours, they may study the San Francisco skyline, so close that details are clearly visible when not obscured by fog; watch ocean liners and freighters pass in and out of the Golden Gate, or keep track of the progress on the two great bridge projects stretching out across the surging water.

The transfer of Capone to the new prison, which Attorney General Homer S. Cummings said was for convicts who attempted to maintain outside contacts at other penitentiaries and were potential jail-breakers, brought a protest from his attorney at Atlanta, Frank A. Doughman.

### Capone Also Protests.

Capone himself protested when he was shaken from a sound sleep at Atlanta and hustled aboard the Alcatraz-bound train against such treatment for "a model prisoner," Doughman declared.

The former Chicago gangster was convicted of income tax evasion and sentenced to 11 years—~~he~~ will be eligible for parole in a year and a half.

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## Capone Resentful at Transfer To American "Devils Island"

Atlanta, Aug. 22 (U.P.)—Al Capone is deeply resentful toward the Federal Government for having removed him from Atlanta Penitentiary to Alcatraz Prison, in San Francisco Bay.

Frank A. Doughman, Capone's attorney here, said he was certain his client was among the 43 prisoners who reached the island prison by transcontinental train today.

Doughman was informed, he said that Capone took the transfer "mightily seriously."

"He complained," the lawyer said, "that his good prison record did not merit his being classed with the dangerous type of prisoner destined for Alcatraz. He reminded prison

officials that he had never been disciplined.

"This prison transfer is shockingly unfair to a man who has made a perfect prison record and obeyed all the rules."

San Francisco, Aug. 23 (U.P.)—Al Capone, mightiest gang leader in the prohibition era, was behind the walls of Alcatraz Island Prison tonight after his arrival here, with 42 "dangerous" prisoners aboard a transcontinental train.

Traveling in six cars, under heavy guard and with all windows barred, the prisoners reached San Francisco from Atlanta and were taken at once aboard a rail car ferry to the American "Devil's Island."

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# CAPONE AND 52 OTHER FELONS ON DEVIL'S ISLE

U. S. Moves Mass Transfer  
of Incurrigible Criminals to  
New Prison at Alcatraz

By EDWARD McQUAID

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22 (U.S.)—Across the gray waters of San Francisco Bay there moved today the most sinister cargo of local history.

It was a human cargo, and reluctantly it reached journey's end—the glowering battlements of Alcatraz, America's newly christened "Devil's Isle."

## CAPONE ONE OF THEM

Manacled in pairs, 53 of the nation's worst desperadoes, among them the once powerful "Scarface Al" Capone, stepped suddenly ashore and marched to their cells amid a sudden, ironic burst of sunshine that bared the full beauty of the hills and the bay and the skyline that many of these men will never see again except from behind bars.

Thus ended one of the most bizarre incidents in American penal history—a mass transfer of incurrigible criminals across the continent, attended by all the secrecy and special precautions that marked war-time troop movements.

All the way from the Federal prison in Atlanta, Ga., they came to institute at Alcatraz the new Federal policy of segregating the unregenerate.

## FIRST IN 26 YEARS

To avoid both sensation-seekers and possible attempts at a "rail jail break" of its passengers, the prison train back-tracked into a circuitous route at dawn today, switched to a little-used single spur track at Greenbrae and finally arrived at Liburon.

It was the first passenger train that has visited the picturesque little yachting center in 26 years.

But despite the supposed secrecy of the train's movement, the town was there en masse to see it roll into the yards.

They didn't see much. There was just a locomotive and five cars. Two cars were left behind. A locomotive shunted the remaining three onto a waiting barge. Department of Justice agents and railroad detectives, brandishing rifles, kept the crowds at a distance as the cars groaned onto the pier.

All that could be discerned behind the thick steel mesh covering the prison car windows was a row of wryly grinning faces, each indistinguishable from its neighbor, and a blur of blue denim shirts.

Soon the barge, towed by the tug Sea Rover, left the tip of Marin county's south shore and slid through Raccoon Straits, in the shadow of the beautiful villas on Belvedere's wooded hills, and on to Alcatraz.

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**Ralph Capone Seized  
In Chicago Raid**

CHICAGO, Aug. 22 (I.N.S.).  
Ralph ("Bottles") Capone was arrested in Berwyn today for questioning concerning his trying to restore the Capone vice, gambling and racketeering dynasty, dormant since the imprisonment of brother Al.

**Capone's Attorney  
May Protest**

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 22 (U.S.).  
Al Capone was not pleased by his transfer from the Atlanta penitentiary to "escape-proof" Alcatraz in California, but his Atlanta attorney, Frank Doughman, said he was undecided whether he would file a formal protest.

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# CAPONE IN A CELL ON ALCATRAZ ISLE

With 42 Others He Is Whisked  
to Bay Prison in Secrecy  
After Trip From Atlanta.

## HE PROTESTED TRANSFER

Felt It Would 'Taint Record,'  
Attorney Says—Brother Is  
Held in Chicago Racket.

By The Associated Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—Al Capone, former Chicago gang leader, and forty-two other convicts were imprisoned with the utmost secrecy today in the new Federal prison on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay.

The announcement that Capone was in the group came from Sanford Bates, director of the Federal Prison Bureau at Washington, shortly after the special train bearing the prisoners from Atlanta penitentiary arrived here.

The train was shunted several times as it neared its destination to prevent any possible attempt to escape and to avoid crowds which gathered at towns along the route.

Warden James A. Johnston, who several days ago informed Attorney General Cummings that "Alcatraz is ready," personally superintended the transfer of the desperadoes from the mainland to the fortress-like island prison.

A group of heavily armed Federal men and guards from the new prison hastened to Tiburon, a town north of the island, as the train arrived.

The cars then were switched to a large barge and a launch towed it to the island dock. Spectators, who were warned by the guards not to approach too closely, said they observed gray-clad men behind the screen windows.

After the barge docked at the island, prison automobiles took the convicts up the steep roads of the island to the newly reinforced cells.

The prisoners were brought here in the government's plan to segregate the more desperate characters among the convicts. Atlanta prison officials also had reported an escape plot was brewing in the prison there and the convicts were removed Sunday night, four days ahead of schedule.

### Capone Protested Transfer.

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Frank A. Doughman, the attorney, said guards entered Capone's cell as the hundreds of inmates slept and gave him only a few minutes to prepare for the trip.

Capone protested all during the transfer to the guarded coaches, according to the lawyer, asserting he had obeyed all the rules and getting guards to admit he had a perfect record.

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# CAPONE IN A CELL ON ALCATRAZ ISLE

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and the warden faced possibilities of being charged with granting him special privileges if he was treated even as well as other prisoners with similar records.

"They admitted to me Capone's record was good," Mr. Doughman said as he vehemently criticized the transfer and called it "an outrageous act" because Alcatraz has been set aside for dangerous and unruly prisoners.

Such "unfair treatment," he charged, would "taint the record" of the former gangster, a record in prison which was "above reproach."

Capone, serving ten years for tax evasion, has a year and a half more to serve before he will be eligible for parole.

### Ralph Capone Is Arrested.

Special to The New York Times.  
CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Ralph Capone, brother of Al Capone, and five other men, several of whom are believed to be former members of the old Capone gang, were arrested today by police from the State Attorney's office in a raid on a flat above a tavern in Berwyn, a western suburb.

The State Attorney's office asserted that Ralph Capone and his associates were forcing saloonkeepers in the western part of Cook County to buy the beer of the Calumet City Brewing Company.

It was reported that the police found records in the flat which indicated the extent of these operations.

The procedure by which Ralph Capone and his newly organized gang are alleged to have attempted to force saloon keepers into taking

the beer is reminiscent, according to the State Attorney of the methods used by Al Capone in the days of his power, when he was forcing speakeasy owners to handle his illegal beer.

When the tavern keepers demurred Ralph Capone's "sales force" would leave a barrel or two, telling the proprietor to use it and pay for it later, authorities alleged.

In Cicero and neighboring suburbs the Capone men, through what is alleged to be a tie-up with authorities, could force those saloons not taking their beer to obey the 1 A. M. closing law, while competing saloons, which took the beer, could stay open later, it is charged.

Ralph Capone returned to Chicago after his release Feb. 27 from the McNeil Island Federal penitentiary at Seattle, where he served a sentence for income tax evasion, and was reported to have begun immediately the reorganization of the remnants of his brother's old gang.

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**MYSTERY IS SOLVED—  
CAPONE AT ALCATRAZ**

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 22.—  
(UP)—Al Capone, king of the prohibition era gangsters, entered Alcatraz prison today in company with forty-two other federal prisoners classed as among the most dangerous convicts in the United States.

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## Al Capone Spirited to Isle

**SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—**  
 (By International News Service.)—  
 Presence of a large white launch near Alcatraz Island shortly after 7 a. m. today led to reports that the transfer of forty-three prisoners, supposedly including Al Capone, from eastern prisons to the new federal "Devil's Island" in San Francisco Bay and had been accomplished.

No information or confirmation was forthcoming from prison authorities.

And there was no report of their transfer from train to boat at any northern bay point.

The heavily guarded "ghost train," on which the prisoners made a fast trip from Atlanta and other eastern points to California, arrived at Martinez shortly before 6 a. m.

After heading ostensibly for Oakland and the regular bay crossing to San Francisco, the train "back tracked" and crossed the Southern Pacific bridge at Martinez for the north side of San Francisco Bay.

This would have enabled the transfer to be made to boat at any number of isolated points, or at San Rafael, bay point near the prison.

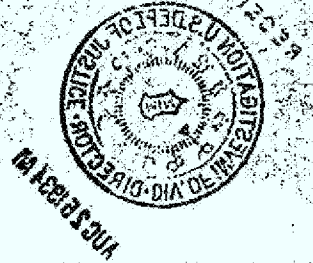
It also would have been possible for the train to have made its way into the great Mare Island Naval Yards at Vallejo, although this was regarded as unlikely on account of the additional mileage that would have been required for the switching operation.

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**'S ISLAND'**  
**SCAPONE**

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22 (By International News Service).—Utmost secrecy surrounded the expected arrival here today of 43 Federal convicts, one reported to be "Scarface" Al Capone, from Atlanta Penitentiary for transfer to Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay—the American "Devil's Island."

A special squad of Department of Justice agents surrounded the train when locomotives were changed at Los Angeles. The scene bristled with sawed-off shotguns, rifles and tear gas guns. Spectators were ordered to "stand away from the cars."

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# Capone Feels He's Victimized

## Transfer to Coast Prison an 'Injustice' and He May Start Legal Proceedings.

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ATLANTA, Aug. 22.—Al Capone, America's first public enemy No. 1, feels that the Government has done him an injustice by removing him, along with forty-two dangerous prisoners, from the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary to the escape-proof Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay.

Frank A. Doughman, Capone's Atlanta attorney, revealed to the United Press that the former Chicago gangster is definitely a member of the convict group which was secretly removed by Government men from the penitentiary here at midnight on Saturday and entrained for a speedy trip across the continent.

Department of Justice officials have refused to confirm whether Capone is on the train, which is expected to reach San Francisco late today. The assumption is that the convicts are designed for Alcatraz Island, where the Government's incorrigibles are being confined.

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Whether Mr. Doughman will start legal proceedings as a result of the removal from here will not be decided until he has conferred with Capone's wife, who is in Chicago. What legal action could be taken was not revealed by Mr. Doughman.

"Legally, Capone is in the custody of the United States Supreme Court and if the court decides the case in his favor, the Government would have to return him to Atlanta," Mr. Doughman said. "A petition for a writ of certiorari in Capone's case to obtain his release on habeas corpus is pending before the Federal Supreme Court, which will not act until October.

### Called Great Injustice.

"This prison transfer is shockingly unfair to a man who has made a perfect prison record and obeyed all the rules."

There were unconfirmed reports that the prisoners were hustled out of Atlanta's "Big House" because paraphernalia for a possible break was found inside the prison. There was no indication, however, that the one-time immigrant boy had any connection with any jail break plans.

Although a model prisoner, Capone has made plenty of attempts to obtain his release since his incarceration here on May 8, 1932, through the legal process of habeas corpus. His last attempt resulted in the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans denying him freedom on the plea that his conviction was circumvented by the statute of limitation. It is on this last refusal of habeas corpus that a writ of certiorari is being sought from the highest court.

### Prison Train Changes Route.

MARTINEZ, Cal., Aug. 22 (U.P.).—The course of the Federal prison train, believed to be carrying Al Capone among forty-three prisoners, was changed abruptly today, apparently in a maneuver to avoid bringing the train directly into San Francisco.

When the six-car train, heavily guarded and with barred windows, reached here it was run across the bridge and northward to the Sacramento branch, instead of following a route which

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When the six-car train, heavily guarded and with barred windows, reached here it was run across the bridge and northward to the Sacramento branch, instead of following a route which would have taken it into Oakland, en route to Alcatraz Prison.

While train crews guarded the shift closely, it was believed that the train would be moved over the Shellville branch to the Northwestern Pacific lines in Marin County.

This course would bring it into Sausalito, which faces the rear walls of Alcatraz Prison, to which stronghold the prisoners are being moved.

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**CAPONE'S TRAIN REACHES COAST**

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22 (I.N.S.)—Utmost secrecy surrounded the expected arrival here today of 43 Federal convicts, one reported to be "Scarface" Al Capone, from Atlanta Penitentiary for transfer to Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay—the new American "Devils Island."

The six-car train bearing the convicts passed through Los Angeles at 8:20 o'clock last night, but Southern Pacific Railway officials, enforced to secrecy by Department of Justice agents, refused to give out any information.

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# 'CAPONE TRAIN' DRAWING NEAR ISLE PRISON

Al May Be Aboard, but No  
One Knows; Alcatraz Ready;  
Guards Repel Curious Crowd

(Picture on Back Page.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—While two barred and guarded coaches neared Alcatraz prison tonight with its cargo of federal prisoners, no one appeared to know if Al Capone was one aboard.

United States Attorney General Cummings, after being quoted to the effect that Capone is definitely not headed for the desolate isle, designated for criminals of the savage type, refused to say anything more.

However, from his utterances it appeared that Chicago's No. 1 income tax dodger is being moved. He said:

"That's one point on which reports are wrong. Capone is not headed for Alcatraz. That's all I can say at this time."

At Del Rio, Tex., a guard on the Atlanta train threatened to shoot citizens who dared to try for a peep at its passengers.

For a few moments, the throng disregarded his warning but stepped back when he upraised his rifle and prepared to shoot.

At New Orleans some persons thought they recognized Capone, and newspaper photographers attempted to take pictures, but the man they had nominated quickly stepped aside.

There was no satisfaction to be had from Warden James A. Johnson at the federal government's "Devil's Island." He said simply that if Capone was coming he would be taken care of.

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## Scarface Al's Whereabouts a Big Mystery

(Picture on Page 2.)

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 20.—[Special.]—Considerable mystery developed tonight as to just where Al Capone, supposed to be serving an eleven year sentence in Atlanta federal penitentiary, might be.

Attorney General Cummings, who is in San Francisco at the present time, was quoted by a daily newspaper today as saying the former gang chief of Chicago was not on his way with forty-two others to Alcatraz Island, the government's new "Devil's Island," in San Francisco bay. At the same time he refused to say where Capone is; that "we never discuss such matters."

### Two Cars of Men on Way.

Two closely guarded and steel barred cars are now en route to the island from the Atlanta penitentiary. The cars left Atlanta night before last, the prisoners having been transferred one by one from their cells in the darkened institution to the train.

Capone was believed to have been definitely recognized when the train reached New Orleans yesterday. A convict said he was on the car, pointed him out, and the person pointed out was said at least closely to resemble Capone. He ducked, as of yore, when a camera was aimed at him. In a "slip" a guard on the train practically admitted that Capone was one of the group of "incorrigibles" being transported to the new prison.

### Guns Bristle in Texas.

Today at De Rio, Tex., a guard threatened to shoot when spectators crowded too close to the train bearing the 42 men. The convicts jeered at the guard, but the crowd fell back when rifles and machine guns bristled throughout the two cars.

"Capone is not headed for Alcatraz," Cummings was quoted as saying here tonight. "That's all I can say at this time. But that's one point on which the newspapers are wrong." Later he denied making any statement whatever.

At the new prison Warden James A. Johnston said:

"If Capone's coming here we are ready to take care of him."

If on schedule, the train bearing the 42 should arrive here Wednesday. It is expected the prisoners will be taken from the train at some small station and brought in armed cars to a point on the bay where they will be put aboard tugs and carried to the island.

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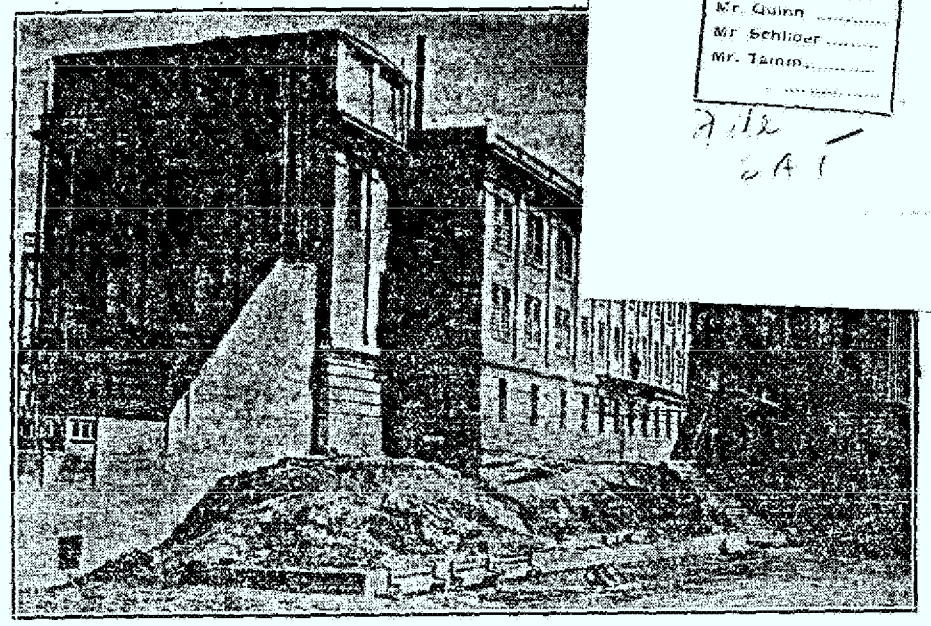
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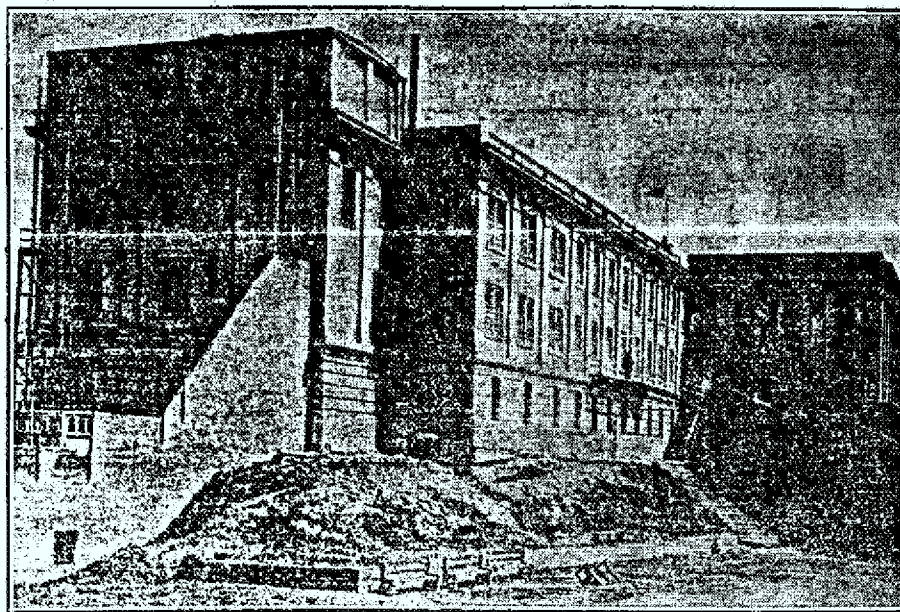
**Where Capone May Be Imprisoned**



The main building on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco bay, the prison to which Al Capone and other convicts are being moved. In the foreground is the exercise yard. The wing jutting to the right is the main cell block. (Story on page 3.) [Associated Press Photo.]

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*Where Capone May Be Imprisoned on Alcatraz Island*



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*(Story on page 1.)*

*[Associated Press Photo.]*

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# CAPONE? TRY UNCLE SAM

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Reports that Al Capone is aboard a heavily guarded train bearing him to the new federal prison on Alcatraz Island remained without official confirmation today.

United States Attorney General Homer S. Cummings declined to discuss the matter after the San Francisco Chronicle quoted him as saying the former Chicago gang leader "is not headed for Alcatraz."

The train, presumably carrying Capone and forty-two other prisoners, passed through El Paso, Tex., about midnight. One of the prisoners, who closely resembled Capone—even to the long scar on his face—waved to a news reporter, but heavily armed guards refused to allow any one to communicate with the prisoners.

The prison cars should reach here late tomorrow.

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**ISLAND WAITS FOR CAPONE.**

**The Convict Population of Alcatraz Is Only Forty-Seven.**

*(By the Associated Press.)*

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—Everything is ready for Al Capone—on a rock in San Francisco Bay.

Alcatraz Island, the new federal penitentiary for incorrigibles, to which Capone and forty-two other convicts are being brought, has been ready for several days.

The convict population of the island—a twelve-acre rock a mile and a half from the San Francisco shore—was announced at forty-seven just prior to the attorney general's visit. It is equipped to hold several hundred.

Once a Spanish fortress, the island served for many years as a United States army disciplinary barracks until its transformation into a regular prison. Equipped with the latest devices of steel and weapons against attempted escape, it was described by Attorney General Cummings as "a vital part of our work of segregating the most dangerous criminals."

The swirling currents from the Golden Gate form a natural barrier against escape and also isolate the island against unauthorized communications from the outside.

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**AL CAPONE PASSES  
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Former Overlord of Chicago  
Underworld Transferred  
from Atlanta

Heavily guarded by government officers, Al Capone, once supreme master of Chicago's underworld and now a federal convict, passed through New Orleans Sunday en route, with 42 other prisoners, to the new Alcatraz prison at San Francisco.

The prisoners are being transferred from the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. Alcatraz prison was recently established to house the more desperate criminals in federal prisons over the country.

The departure of Capone and his convict companions from Atlanta was guarded with the deepest secrecy. The fact that the former underworld chieftain was being transferred did not become known publicly until the train on which he

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was a passenger neared New Orleans.

The federal officers and prisoners traveled aboard private cars attached to a Louisville and Nashville railroad train which reached New Orleans early Sunday night.

The two cars carrying the prisoners and federal agents were switched from the L. and N. engine to a Southern Pacific locomotive at Esplanade avenue and the Mississippi river.

A train ferry was waiting at the river for the transfer, which took place around 6 p. m. The ferry was then dispatched across the river and the train and ~~two~~ coaches of prisoners and guards headed westward.

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# CAPONE AND 42 OTHERS SPEEDING TO ISLAND PRISON

**Movement from Atlanta to  
Alcatraz Veiled in Deep  
Mystery.**

New Orleans, La., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Al Capone, America's public enemy No. 1 long before the world had ever heard of John Dillinger, is on his way to a new prison home.

He is being transferred, with great secrecy, from the Atlanta penitentiary to the new Alcatraz prison in San Francisco bay—the prison federal authorities call "impregnable."

With forty-two other prisoners, Capone was whisked out of the penitentiary in Atlanta early yesterday. Guarded by a picked squad of federal agents carrying automatic shotguns, the prisoners were placed in two specially built screened and barred railroad cars and started on their way to Alcatraz—the island prison fortress designed for convicts considered too dangerous to be kept in ordinary penitentiaries.

#### Identified by Reporters.

Although federal authorities maintained silence about reports the former Chicago gang leader was being sent to the Pacific coast prison, his presence in the group was established by newspaper men when the convict cars arrived here.

Files and other utensils for a jail break found in the cells of some of the forty-three prisoners speeded the plans of the government to send the men to Alcatraz.

The only other known prisoners reported in the group with Capone were "Frisco" Eddie O'Brien, Eddie Colson and Alvin Crip. O'Brien and Colson were train robbers and Crip was a Chicago gunman, at one time an enemy of Capone.

#### Warden Accompanies Prisoners.

Warden A. C. Aderholt of the Atlanta penitentiary accompanied the prisoners.

Extreme measures were taken by guards to prevent news of the transfer from becoming known. Nothing was done until midnight Saturday. Then, in the darkened cell blocks, guards awakened each man separately and escorted him silently to the prison door. There four guards took him to the railroad cars, where he was assigned quarters for the transcontinental journey.

Capone is serving eleven years for income tax evasion. He was lodged in the Atlanta penitentiary on ~~Mar. 4, 1932.~~

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# Warn Boats to Shun U. S. 'Devil's Island'

BY HAROLD HEROUX  
International News Service Staff Correspondent.

ALCATRAZ ISLAND, Cal., Aug. 20.—Within a few days ferryboat captains will be changing their courses to avoid coming close to this island in the middle of San Francisco Bay and the site of Uncle Sam's newest federal penitentiary.

Because James A. Johnston, warden of America's so-called "Devil's Island," has erected huge signs for all to read, including ferryboat skippers.

A typical sign, painted in large black letters on a vivid yellow background, reads:

"Warning—Keep Off!"  
"Persons attempting to enter without authority do so at their own risk!"

To back up this warning are numbers of trained gun guards, armed with the latest efficient equipment and stationed in a series of towers; some to be seen from a distance; other guards are concealed.

Advised of a report that Al Capone was being transferred here from Atlanta, Johnston said:

"Whether or not Al Capone is



"Scarface Al" Capone,

coming, we are ready for the worst of them."  
Forty-eight "tough customers" are already in cells here.

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## CAPONE RUSHED TO NEW 'DEVIL'S ISLAND' CELL

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 20.—  
(By International News Service.)—The train bearing forty-two federal prisoners from Atlanta to Alcatraz prison in San Francisco Bay slipped quietly through Houston early today.

It was not known that the train had passed through Houston until several hours afterward.

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He is being transferred, with great secrecy, from Atlanta penitentiary to the new Alcatraz prison in San Francisco Bay—which the federal prison authorities call "impregnable."

With forty-two other prisoners Capone was whisked out of the penitentiary in Atlanta in the early hours Sunday. Guarded by federal agents carrying automatic shot-guns, the prisoners were placed in two specially built screened and barred railroad cars and started on their way to Alcatraz—the island prison fortress designed for convicts considered too dangerous to be kept in ordinary prisons.

Although federal authorities maintained a tight-lipped silence about reports the former Chicago gang leader was being sent to the Pacific coast prison, his presence in the group was established by newspapermen when the convict cars arrived here.

When the two cars were stopped for a change of trains a prisoner who strongly resembled Capone just grinned when some one called:

"Is that you, Al?"

While the cars waited to be ferried across the Mississippi River the guards kept the curious at a distance, but newspaper men got within hailing distance. One called out:

"Is Al Capone in there?"

One prisoner nodded his head and yelled back:

"In this car, by the sixth window."

### SIGHTED IN WINDOW.

The occupant of window No. 6 looked just like the ex-gang lord. He grinned when the reporter called to him and ducked hurriedly—as Capone did in days gone by—when a photographer aimed a camera in his direction.

An unidentified official was asked if Capone had special drawing room accommodations. He replied heatedly:

"Of course he hasn't."

Then he checked himself and added hurriedly:

"That is, if he was on here he'd be treated just like the rest of them."

Flies and paraphernalia for a jail break found in the cells of some of the forty-three prisoners speeded plans to send them to Alcatraz.

### CAPONE ENEMY ABOARD.

The only other known prisoners reported in the group were "Frisco" Eddie O'Brien, Eddie Colson and Alvin Crip. O'Brien and Colson were train robbers and Crip was a Chicago gunman, once an enemy of Capone.

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## WHISK CAPONE ACROSS U. S. TO DUNGEON ISLE

Al Capone and 42 other federal prisoners from Atlanta were on their way today to America's Devil's Island.

As the convicts were being whisked across Texas in two especially built and heavily guarded prison cars, officials of Alcatraz island, the new federal prison in San Francisco bay, pointed out that escape from the place was practically impossible.

### Group's Departure Abrupt

Capone and the others had been spirited away from the Atlanta penitentiary three days ahead of schedule after it was reported that files had been discovered in the cells of some of the men slated for removal.

The new home of Chicago's erstwhile public enemy No. 1, where he will serve more than eight years of his original 11-year term, was once a Spanish fortress. The island, a grim rock in the middle of the bay, served for many years as a U. S. army disciplinary barracks until its transformation into a regular prison.

### Currents Bar Escape

Equipped with the latest devices of steel and weapons against attempted escape, it was described by U. S. Atty. Gen. Cummings as a "vital part of our work of segregating the more desperate criminals."

The swirling currents and riptides from the Golden Gate form a natural barrier against escape and also isolate the island against unauthorized communications from the outside.

Warden James A. Johnston, on the occasion of the inspection of the prison Saturday by Gen. Cummings, announced that everything was in readiness for the several hundred prisoners scheduled to be taken there.

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## Al Capone Is on Way to New 'Devil's Island'

(Picture on Back Page.)

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 19.—(AP)—The Constitution says that Al Capone was among 43 prisoners transferred today from the federal penitentiary here to the government's new Alcatraz Island prison in San Francisco bay.

The transfer was made three days ahead of schedule because of the discovery of flies in the cells of some of the prisoners selected for removal.

In the special car attached to a regular passenger train leaving here at 4:16 a. m. were 19 prisoners who arrived last night from Pennsylvania en route to the new prison to which the government has announced its most notorious prisoners will be sent.

Serves in Shoe Shop.

Capone, former Chicago gang chief, has been doing a turn in the prison shoe shop to which he was assigned upon entering the prison three years ago to serve 11 years for income tax evasion.

Last midnight two passenger coaches were shunted onto the federal penitentiary siding and a few minutes later the guards began marching the prisoners, one by one, from their cells to the cars.

The only prisoners whose names were learned besides Capone were Frisco Eddie O'Brien, Eddie Colson, and Alvin Crip. O'Brien and Colson were identified as notorious train robbers and Crip was said to be a former Chicago gunman and a bitter enemy of Capone before they were sent to the penitentiary.

Keep Convicts in Ignorance.

Working silently and under cover of darkness, the guards took every precaution to keep the news of the transfer from other prisoners, and it was presumed the 43 selected were not aware of the fact until they were tapped on the shoulder and told to dress.

Each prisoner was awakened separately, marched through the darkened cell blocks and escorted from the prison door to the cars by four guards. In the coaches they were assigned immediately to quarters for the trip across the continent to the "Devil's Island" of the United States, from which escape is considered impossible.

Convicts at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Two heavily guarded railroad coaches carrying two score or more prisoners from the federal penitentiary at Atlanta passed through here late today headed for Alcatraz Island.

A picked squad of government agents armed with automatic shot-guns guarded the two specially constructed steel barred coaches.

No one was allowed near the cars as they stood for ten minutes shunted off to a siding in the Louisville and Nashville yards waiting to be ferried across the Mississippi river.

Bystanders were able to get within hailing distance.

Says Al's Among Them.

"Is Al Capone in there?" one called out.

A prisoner nodded his head and yelled back: "In this car—by the sixth window."

The prisoner at the sixth window closely resembled Capone.

Unable to distinguish the prisoner because of the poor light, the bystander called out again:

"Is that you, Al?"

"Al" or whoever it was, grinned back, but ducked out of sight when a camera was aimed at him.

At the same time a uniformed prison guard standing on the train steps raised his gun and commanded the photographer to "get away from here."

Another man asked an unidentified official if Capone had special "drawing room accommodations."

"Of course he hasn't," exclaimed the official. Checking himself, he added hurriedly: "That is, if he was on here he'd be treated just like the rest of them."

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# SENT TO 'DEVIL'S ISLAND'



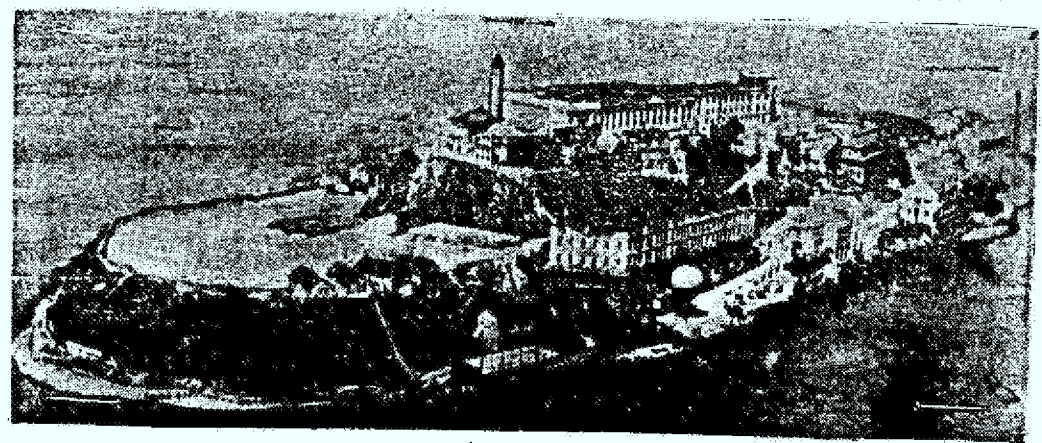
Al Capone, shown at left, Chicago's erstwhile public enemy No. 1, who is being transferred from the Atlanta federal penitentiary to Alcatraz Island prison off the Pacific coast. At bottom right is a view of desolate Alcatraz Island, surrounded by the swirling waters of San Francisco Bay.

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The island consists of a rocky bluff, the sides of which rise precipitously from the sea. Around the base of the bluff race the treacherous waters of the bay, making approach or departure by swimming almost impossible.

The island is a mile long and narrow. Its area is twelve and one-half acres.

The prison includes its own recreation and hospital facilities, and is a self-sufficient establishment. It is more than a mile from the nearest point of the mainland.



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## ALCATRAZ SITS ON HIGH BLUFF IN CHOPPY SEA

Prison for Capone Formerly Used by U. S. Military; Only One Escape Recorded

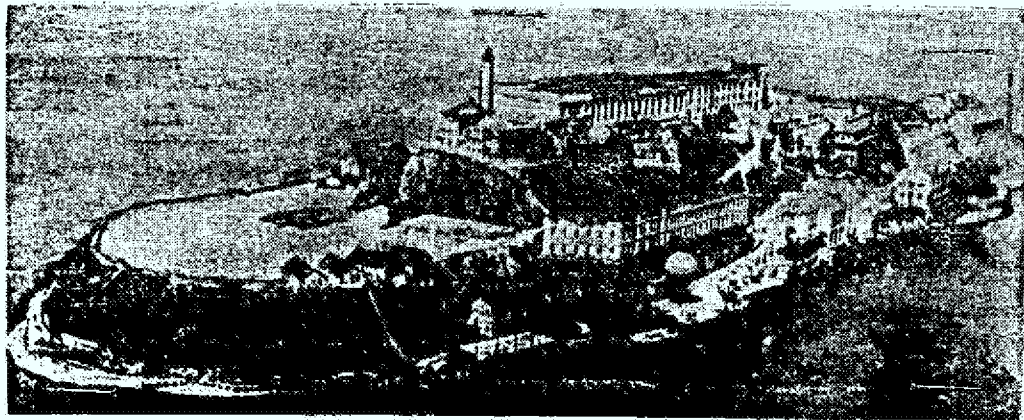
Desolate Alcatraz, known as America's "Devil's Island," was established as a military prison twenty-five years ago. At the request of Attorney General Cummings it was transferred to the Department of Justice last October, so that the government might confine there 600 of its most dangerous convicts.

In the records of the prison during the years it was used by the military, only one escape occurred. This was accomplished through forged release papers.

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# Al Capone Bound for Grim Island Prison at Alcatraz

## Sped by Train With 42 Others From Atlanta; Faces Eight More Years.

From the comparative ease and quiet of the federal penitentiary at Atlanta,

Chicago's own Al Capone was yesterday headed for the grim and desolate island prison, Alcatraz, in San Francisco Bay.



Map shows location of Alcatraz Island.

The country's erstwhile No. 1 bad man was one of forty-three government prisoners to be removed from their Atlanta cells at daylight yesterday, according to the Atlanta Constitution.

### IN SPECIAL COACHES.

At 6:10 a. m. they were herded aboard a couple of special coaches and left Atlanta for San Francisco via the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The only prisoners whose names were learned besides Capone were "Frisco Eddie" O'Brien, Eddie Colson and Alvin Crip. O'Brien and Colson were identified as notorious train robbers and Crip was said to be a former Chicago gunman and a bitter enemy of Capone before they were sent to the penitentiary.

### MOVE DISCLOSED.

Government officials made every effort to keep Capone's transfer a secret.

It was understood that the reason for secrecy was to avert any possibility of an attempt by an army of criminals to storm the train and free not only Capone but the more desperate criminals who are his traveling companions.

At the federal prison at Atlanta no confirmation was forthcoming as to whether there had been a movement of prisoners.

Capone has been doing a term in the prison shoe shop, to which he was assigned upon entering the prison three years ago to serve eleven years for income tax evasion.

(A description of Alcatraz prison, America's "Devil's Island," appears on Page 2.)

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SAN ANTONIO, TEX.--THE TRAIN BELIEVED TO BE CARRYING AL CAPONE AND SOME 40 OTHER PRISONERS FROM ATLANTA TO ALCATRAZ PRISON WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE HERE AT 2:50 P.M. FEDERAL AND RAILROAD OFFICIALS MAINTAINED STRICT SECRECY REGARDING THE TRIP.

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**PROBE CAPONE RULE  
OF BERWYN TAVERNS**

Mayor Maurice Shay of Berwyn today ordered Chief of Police John Regan to investigate all taverns in the suburb, and if he finds any former associates in the one-powerful Capone syndicate to run them out of town. The action followed reports that the Caponeites have been moving their gambling interests from Cicero to Berwyn.

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## Berwyn Balks Capone Gang Tavern Rule

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Tavern owners are said to have been promised immunity from the 1 o'clock closing ordinance if they took on beer put out by breweries in which the gangsters have an interest.

Mayor Shay revealed he had

asked for the resignations of Frank O. Rettig and David Radcliffe, members of the police and fire commission.

Mayor Shay's action followed a conference of Cook County village mayors with State's Attorney Courtney last Tuesday. At that time Mr. Shay was complimented by the prosecutor for closing the Club Ritz in Berwyn, when it was learned that "Machine Gun Jack" McGurn and Louis "Doc" Stacy, well-known hoodlums, had an interest in the place.

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## BERWYN MAYOR ACTS TO BLOCK OLD CAPONE GANG

### Reports Hoodlums Are Invading Town.

Acting on reports that members of the once powerful Capone gang were invading Berwyn with their slot machines, gambling houses, and outlaw liquor, Mayor Maurice Shay yesterday ordered Chief of Police John Regan to make a thorough investigation of every tavern owner. Should any of them be found to have hoodlum connections, the mayor said, their licenses will be revoked immediately.

For some time reports have been current that the old Capone syndicate has been gradually shifting its seat from Cicero to Berwyn, the suburb directly to the west. Concerted action by the state's attorney and federal agents in seizing slot machines and raiding illicit stills is believed to have spurred the gangsters to seek a more quiet territory for their business.

#### Taverns Promised Immunity.

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"It has been brought to my attention that certain political appointees and office holders are encouraging the migration of the gangsters," he asserted. "While I have nothing definite on which to act, I have ordered Chief Regan to investigate the records of every tavern owner."

#### War on Gambling.

The mayor and Chief Regan consulted the state's attorney recently on the alleged activities of a slot machine and gambling syndicate in the suburb. After promising his cooperation, State's Attorney Courtney complimented the mayor on his recent action with regard to the Club Ritz at Wesley avenue and Roosevelt road.

The club opened for a few days before a license had been applied for. Mayor Shay said when he learned "Machine Gun Jack" McGurn, Capone gunman, and Louis (Doc) Stacey, another well known hoodlum, were reported to be interested in it he closed the club immediately. Recently it was reopened under reputable management, he declared.

#### Ministers Pledge Aid.

When apprised of the investigation the Rev. Warren N. Clark, president of the Berwyn Ministers' association, promised the cooperation of the organization to keep hoodlums out of the suburb. At a recent board meeting another citizen arose and announced that unless village officials took action, he would see to it that a vigilance committee was formed to take matters into their own hands.

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**Capone Hurts Hand  
in Prison Shop**

A hand injury, received in the shoe shop of the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., is forcing Al Capone, former Chicago beer lord, to go to the prison hospital daily for treatment. The injury is not serious, it was learned, but physicians are carefully watching it.

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That scene, convicts of all kinds watching criminals in the prize-ring assaulting each other, applauding the hardest blows, should be preserved for future generations. It represents the effort of a highly intelligent, civilized government to reform criminals.

If there should be no convict prize-fighters available on another occasion, it might be arranged to amuse the convicts with a dog-fight, badger-drawing, cock-fight or rat-killing match between terriers.

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**Big-Shot Al Capone  
Bets Cigaretts on  
Prison Pugilists**

ATLANTA, July 5.—(AP)—Al Capone enjoyed his Fourth of July—he took time out from work in a shoe shop at the federal penitentiary to watch a two-hour boxing show.

The one-time big gang leader of Chicago, in the best of health, climbed on a bench and shouted advice to the boxers and wagered cigarettes on the outcome of the fights, cigarettes being the legal tender of the penitentiary. The show was an all-prison affair.

Capone entered the prison two years ago. He is serving eleven years for federal income tax evasion.

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# CAPONE LOSES LIBERTY PLEA

NEW ORLEANS, May 29.—  
(AP.)—Al Capone, American No. 1 public enemy of prohibition times, today lost his appeal for release from the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

The United States District Court of Appeals here denied the appeal of the former gangster chief of Chicago for release from the penitentiary on a writ of habeas corpus where he is serving a 10 year sentence for evasion of the income tax laws.

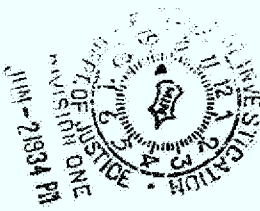
The former beer and liquor baron sought the writ on the contention that the offenses for which he was convicted were barred by the three-year statute of limitations.

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THE APPLICATION FOR THE WRIT, APPEALED FROM THE ATLANTA DISTRICT COURT, WAS BASED ON CAPONE'S CONTENTION THAT THE STATUTE OF LIMITATION HAD EXPIRED WHEN HE WAS INDICTED FOR DEFRAUDING THE GOVERNMENT C INCOME TAX.

THE DECISION WAS WRITTEN BY SENIOR CIRCUIT JUDGE NATHAN P. BRYAN, AND CIRCUIT JUDGES JOSEPH C. HUTCHINSON, JR., AND SAMUEL H. SIBLEY.

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NEW ORLEANS--THE U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS TODAY DENIED ALPHONSE CAPONE, "A WRIT" OF HABEAS CORPUS WHICH WOULD HAVE FREED HIM FROM ATLANTA PENITENTIARY.

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**Capone Lawyers File  
 New Writ for Liberty**

**Court Sets Saturday for U. S.  
 to Act on Plea**

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 15 (AP).— Another effort to obtain the release of Alvin Karpis, Chicago gangster now serving a 30-year term in the Atlanta Federal penitentiary for income tax evasion, was made today when a writ of habeas corpus was filed in Federal District Court.

Judge E. Marvin Anderson set 10 A. M. Saturday for the hearing. The Government is called upon to show cause why Karpis should not be released.

Capone will be present for the hearing. In his petition, Karpis' allegations of a "regular and statute of the United States" in Capone's case and the writ made that he was "innocent".

The petition was filed by Robert Doughman, Atlanta, who is associated with William C. Leahy and William J. Hughes Jr., Washington, D. C.

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# CAPONE MUSTERS PRISON MOB TO SAVE SELF FROM FOES

Who are the men that form Al Capone's bodyguard in the Atlanta Penitentiary and protect him from the threat of assassination, stalking him even behind prison walls? In this, the last installment of his fascinating series on Capone, Tarleton Collier describes the big boy's cellmates and their manner of operation as an "inside mob."

BY TARLETON COLLIER.

ATLANTA, Nov. 11.—A dark-eyed stripling paused at the telegraph desk in an Atlanta hotel lobby the other night and wrote a message to his father. It announced the lad's safe arrival. It concluded:

"You are the best dad in the world.—Son."

The boy was John Capone, son of prisoner No. 40884 of the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary. Arriving from Chicago for his monthly visit to his father, he had performed the first duty imposed on him by his father's friends, to say all was well and he had added for himself that assurance of loyalty.

### REDEEMING QUALITY.

Alphonse Capone, undoubtedly possessed some quality that attracts the loyalty of those he trusts and commands without it he could not have become the leader of a powerful outlaw empire in which men lived and fattened on violence, and every one had a price on his head.

This loyalty, may not always be

metal clubs from the prison shops are no less dangerous.

### DOMINATES FIVE MEN.

Capone dominates also the five men who live with him in cell 3-7 of section "A" in the Atlanta prison. It is a mutually sympathetic group which dwells there (subject, of course, to being shifted at any time even as this is written). They are outlaws with the burden of many years imprisonment upon them, restless and reckless souls.

Sentences of the six men total 117 years and all but one of the other five are facing longer terms than Al Capone. That one is Joe McCann, sent from New York for money order theft and falsification and, like Capone, in for a stretch of ten years.

The others have the name of desperate criminals, as their hopeless, long terms signify, and three of them have known the game of long chances.

Denny Kolback and Chippie Robinson are two of them. They were partners in a mail robbery venture in St. Louis which ended, as all outlaw ventures must end at last, in failure, in arrest and in



**BODYGUARD**—One of Al Capone's cell-mates, who acts as a bodyguard in prison. This is Joseph McCann, serving 10 years for money order theft in New York.

inspired by affection as in the case of his son. Reward of one sort or another, promise of reward, or moral and spiritual intimidation may gather men to a leader.

In the Atlanta penitentiary Capone has mustered a following of fellow-prisoners, a sort of new mob, who accompany him upon occasions of recreation when all prisoners mingle together.

He may need help sometime, because he has enemies here and in a sense is "on the spot," envious of his reputed wealth, several prisoners are known to have made arrogant demands upon him for money. A more active danger menaces from underworld figures who had reason to hate him in the old gang days and whom fate

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Carter Rose is another of Capone's cellmates in for a 25-year stretch. He was sentenced in Atlanta, also, for mail robbery. Armand Marquis is the sixth man of the group. Marquis is the unusual type, a "dark, intense, nervous man. He has the name of being a "pyromaniac," a "fire-bug," and he is doing 22 years for arson.

The six are huddled together in the large cage nearly 12 hours of every day, for the most part without much conversation but with a great deal of understanding. Capone's dominance of the group seems inevitable, but his leadership outwardly has amounted to nothing more than to establish a

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And then there are men whose dislike he has incurred for one reason or another — for grievances fancied, trivial, or serious — since he has been here. Already there are tales of several brushes in which Capone or members of his bodyguard have figured — fights the details of which have been carefully veiled by the tight-

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Others who have dwelled in section "A" say there has never been a quarrel among these prisoners.

There has never been a difference, for example, about the occupancy of the bunks, two of which are upper berths, four lower. Capone sleeps below.

Number 40888 watches silently



**PARTNER**—Edward W. O'Brien, who is Al Capone's usual tennis partner in the Atlanta Federal prison. O'Brien was star shortstop of the prison ball team known as the "Commodore Feds."

slipped attitude of the underworld and which have not gone into Capone's conduct record.

In the bodyguard of the big shot are to be found "Barber" Rocco, "Dago" Marks, Carl Bolton, known as "Pegleg," Armand Marquis, "Suwance," a laundry worker; a prisoner from Washington known generally as "Lifer," another named McGinnis, and a few others.

This bodyguard is vigilant and loyal. Capone, accustomed to vigilance outside, figures he may need help here. The old menace of machine guns and shotgun slugs is gone, but knives and

with a contained interest while his cellmates play at dominoes in the leisure hour after the radio is turned off. Cards and dice being forbidden—although the latter are contrived occasionally in secret—prisoners have devised a sort of poker to be played with dominoes.

It can, and does at times, become a furious gambling game, but Capone rarely takes part. He is the backer of gamblers rather than himself a participant.

With no great amount of money in circulation among the prisoners cigarettes become the prison currency. With cigarettes you buy favors, you reward services, you tip the barber, you bet on ball games. They are legal tender in this half-world.

Neither at gambling nor backing gamblers, whether the pawn is a cigarette or a million dollars, is Al Capone likely to be stirred or discomfited. He is described as a "deep one," poised and rational. His habits and tastes are normal and intelligently calculated to be of service to his needs.