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62-99379-9

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: August 18, 1955

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT:

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DATE 12/21/89 BY [REDACTED]

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On August 12, 1955, [REDACTED] your office saw [REDACTED] who is preparing various reports and papers on Communist aggression for distribution to Government agencies within the Executive Branch. None of his material is for publication. Since it is difficult for the American people to understand that Russia's leaders are hoodlums, murderers, et cetera, [REDACTED] would like to draw an analogy in his writings between the Russian leaders and some vicious American criminals. He wanted to get case histories on such American criminals to use for this purpose. [REDACTED] discussed with him the following individuals:

John Dillinger, [REDACTED] Carl Hall, "Baby Face"
Nelson, Alvin Karpis, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Ma Barker, William Earl Cook,
Louis Buchalter, [REDACTED]

Attached are blank memoranda on these individuals with the following exceptions:

[REDACTED] although we sought and apprehended him prior to his most recent escape, the Bureau is not presently looking for him.

[REDACTED] apparently desires to portray.

In addition [REDACTED] indicated a desire for a good case illustrating a "Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde" type of criminal. For this purpose, we have included memorandum on the [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached memoranda be approved and furnished to [REDACTED] AND LETTER BY SPECIAL MESSENGER 8-19-55. 62-99379- [REDACTED]

Enclosures (12)

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DONE
8-20-55
TO HIS HOME
PER HIS [REDACTED]

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August 19, 1955

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DATE 12/29/79 BY [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM

RE: LOUIS "LEPKE" BUCHALTER, with aliases
Antitrust; Harboring; Perjury

BACKGROUND:

Louis "Lepke" Buchalter was born in New York City on February 6, 1897, the son of Barnett Buchalter, who had come to America from Russia and operated a hardware shop on the lower East Side of New York City. His mother was refined and well educated, and one sister was a school teacher. His brothers included a dentist and a rabbi. In his youth, Buchalter attended the public schools and assisted his father in the operation of the hardware store until his father's death in 1909. Later, the family moved to Brooklyn. After completing grade school in 1910, Buchalter obtained employment as a salesman for a concern engaged in distributing theatrical goods.

CRIMINAL CAREER:

Buchalter was first arrested on September 2, 1915, on a charge of burglary. Released by the grand jury, he was next arrested in January, 1916, on a similar charge, but he was again released. His first real brush with law enforcement came the following month, when he was arrested at Bridgeport, Connecticut, charged with the theft of a grip from an automobile. Following his conviction, he was sentenced to the Connecticut Reformatory at Cheshire, Connecticut, where he was received in May, 1916.

For the next dozen years Buchalter was in and out of prison on numerous occasions, being arrested on charges including burglary, armed robbery, grand larceny and consorting with criminals. During this time, he became closely associated with Jacob Shapiro, and the notorious careers of the two were closely allied thereafter.

During the early 1930's, Buchalter and Shapiro turned to the lucrative rackets which were plaguing the entire New York area. In the years that followed, they built a criminal empire seldom matched in

the annals of racketeering. The activities of their mob became the subject of headline after headline in the metropolitan dailies. With the typical weapons of their ilk, they attacked the poultry, fur, artichoke and clothing industries. Brutality, violence, intimidation and vandalism were their stock in trade as they moved in on flourishing businesses. Lead pipes, stench bombs, bullets and strong-armed bandits were the tools they used.

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It was soon obvious that it was far less painful to give the outlaws their "cut" than to defy them. One New York man, sitting quietly at home, was approached by a stranger carrying a folded newspaper. Not a word was spoken as the intruder took from the newspaper a bottle of acid which he dashed into the face of the innocent victim, leaving him seriously burned and scarred for life. The owner of a business in New Jersey learned the ways of the racketeers when his plant was bombed. Buchalter's hirelings, armed with iron pipes wrapped in newspapers and with guns, staged a daring attack on the headquarters of a union while a meeting was in progress. Another enemy of the rackets was found in a ditch in Detroit, tied securely in a jackknife position.

Once established as a kingpin of this vicious empire, Louis Buchalter found it convenient and undoubtedly much safer to retire behind the scenes. He became one of the wealthiest of men, living in sumptuous luxury and directing his reign of terror from afar.

Although arrested on many occasions, he seemed to be immune to punishment. Finally, however, towards the end of 1936, authorities started to close in. In November of that year he was convicted, with Shapiro, for violation of the Federal antitrust laws. The following August, Buchalter and Shapiro were indicted, with 14 others, by a grand jury of New York City for conspiracy to extort money from clothing manufacturers. With a long list of other charges about to be leveled against him, Buchalter decided to go into hiding. He dropped out of sight, but while continuing the tremendous investigations necessary to bring him to justice, authorities directed their attention to his henchmen. Federal and local grand juries began studying in detail the methods and records of the racketeers. Buchalter's underworld associates were being forced to appear in court. Big shot mobsters in various parts of the United States were summoned to appear before grand juries. In short, "the heat was on." The hoodlums facing the grand juries realized that the whole illegitimate empire was crumbling, with Buchalter apparently about to squirm out from under it. New York authorities, however, had not forgotten him. They issued a \$25,000 reward for him, dead or alive. The investigation of the FBI to locate Buchalter was intensified, and the pressure from the underworld for Buchalter's appearance mounted. Finally, in August, 1939, Buchalter found that he could no longer hide, and he was forced to give himself up to the FBI.

DISPOSITION:

On December 20, 1939, Louis Buchalter was convicted upon the first of ten indictments in U. S. District Court in New York City.

Two weeks later he entered pleas of guilty to the nine remaining Federal indictments. He was sentenced to 14 years in prison and placed on probation for ten additional years. Other charges, including some for conspiracy, harboring, narcotics and antitrust violations, still remained to be disposed of. In March, 1940, he was found guilty on 15 counts of an indictment by the General Sessions Court in New York City, for which he was sentenced to a term of from 30 years to life, to be served upon completion of his Federal sentence. He commenced the latter term at Leavenworth Penitentiary in April, 1940, but the law had not finished with Louis Buchalter. He was later found guilty of murder in Kings County, New York, and on March 4, 1944, he died in the electric chair at Sing Sing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK CITY

N. Y.

FILE NO.

60-302

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REPORT MADE AT:

NEW YORK CITY

DATE WHEN MADE:

8-10-35

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:

8/3-9/35

REPORT MADE BY:

[REDACTED] b7C

TITLE: FUR DRESSING INVESTIGATION.

HARRY CHANDLER with alias - FUGITIVE.
[REDACTED] with alias - FUGITIVE.
[REDACTED] - FUGITIVE.
[REDACTED] with alias - FUGITIVE.
[REDACTED] - FUGITIVE. MAX STEIN - FUGITIVE.
[REDACTED] with aliases - FUGITIVE; et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTITRUST

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] furnishes additional information regarding alleged illegal activities of subject unions herein, also involving Morris Stein. Copies of his previous statement and statements of [REDACTED] forwarded herewith. [REDACTED] Richmond Fur Dressing Corporation, advises of threats received from union officials. Subjects Buchalter and Shapiro, out on bail, said to have gone to Europe. Efforts being made to ascertain if they obtained passports. Case as to them set for August 12, 1935. Their attorney advises Shapiro will appear but informs Buchalter is in Europe for six or seven weeks. Their records and descriptions set out. Records and descriptions or other available information concerning fugitives herein set out.

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DETAILS

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated July 31, 1935; New York Office letter to Bureau dated August 8, 1935; and report of Special Agent [REDACTED] New York City, dated February 4, 1935.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO

- 3 - Bureau (11 Encls.)
- 2 - Trenton (1 Encl.)
- 2 - Washington Field
- 4 - New York (1-John Harlan Amen, Spec. Asst., (2 Encls. Mr. Amen) to Atty. Gen., 20 Exchange Pl., N.Y.C.)

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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DETAILS:

Under date of May 8, 1935 the Bureau transmitted to this office a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Harold M. Stephens, requesting that an interview be had with [REDACTED] Newark, N. J., who, on April 29, 1935, had addressed a complaint to the Department concerning the leaders of Local #2 of the Fur Dressers Union, and Local #3 of the Floor Workers Union. In discussing this case with Mr. Albert J. Law, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Mr. Law suggested that [REDACTED] be interviewed in his office and that he would arrange to have a request subpoena sent to [REDACTED] for this purpose as soon as the trial of the Fresh Water Fish Case, which was then in progress, was completed.

Agent called at Mr. Dewey's home and, not finding him in, subsequently contacted him by telephone and he stated that it would be agreeable to him to call at Mr. Law's office, Room 550, Old Post Office Building, on August 8, 1935.

Agent then interviewed [REDACTED] and, as requested in the memorandum of Assistant Attorney General Stephens, obtained a statement in affidavit form wherein he alleges that payments to racketeers and gangsters in connection with acts of violence were charged to "Organization Expense" of Local #2, International Fur Dressers Union, and alleges that Morris Stein, who has been active in the Fur Workers Union for the past ten years or more, took an active part in many of the bombings and assaults which had occurred in the fur industry in recent years; that, as an indication of this, the time records of the State Fur Dressing Company, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., but now located at Bound Brook, N. J., by whom Stein was then employed, will show that he was absent from work whenever an act of violence occurred; further, that in August, 1934, the officers and some of the employees of the State Fur Dressing Company, then in Brooklyn, were assaulted by a mob led by [REDACTED] of Local #3, International Floor Workers Union, and that in March, 1935, the State Fur Dressing plant at Bound Brook, N. J., was surrounded and threatened by a mob led by Morris Stein; also, that recently, there had been several meetings of the proprietors of the Fur Dressing Company for the purpose of organizing a new association similar to the Fur Dressers Factor Corporation, which meetings are rumored to have been called by Louis Buchalter, alias "Lepke". The signed copy of [REDACTED] affidavit is forwarded herewith to [REDACTED] three copies are being forwarded to the Bureau, one copy is being forwarded to Trenton, and two copies are being retained in the file of this office.

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No leads will be set out at this time based on the information contained in [REDACTED] affidavit pending discussion of this matter with Mr. Law who will return to New York City on August 12, 1935.] b7c

[REDACTED] described Morris Stein as follows:

Name: Morris Stein
Age: About 40.
Height: Slightly over 5'
Weight: 160 lbs.
Build: Medium
Hair: Light brown
Eyes: Gray-green (?)
Occupation: Member of Organization Committee of Local #3, International Floor Workers Union.
Has also been connected with the "Industrial" or Communist Union.
Has also been employed as a floor worker.
Residence: Brooklyn, N. Y.

An examination of the file of exhibits in this matter in Mr. Law's office disclosed that [REDACTED] had previously been interviewed by former Special Agents [REDACTED] on February 6, 1934, which interview was transcribed in question and answer form. Two copies of this statement are being forwarded to the Bureau herewith, and one copy is being retained in the New York Office file.] b7c

Question and answer statements were also found covering the interviews by the abovementioned former Special Agents and Mr. Law with the following witnesses on the dates indicated, two copies of each of which statements are forwarded herewith to the Bureau, one copy of each being retained in the file of this office:

b7c [REDACTED] - February 3, 1934.
[REDACTED] - January 15, 1934
[REDACTED] - February 6, 1934.

It appears that the Bureau has not previously been furnished with copies of the above statements.

[REDACTED] b7C
Richmond Fur Dressing Corporation, New York Office, 171 West 29th Street, factory, #1-7 Cross Street, Stapleton, S. I., called at Mr. Law's office and, upon being interviewed by this agent, stated that his company consists of himself and six other partners who are all workers in the company, and three employees consisting of a watchman, a driver and a floor worker, none of whom is a member of the union; that the company was organized in November or December, 1933 and dresses only wolf-skins which it obtains from New York City fur manufacturers, and returns them to the same manufacturers after they are dressed. The manufacturers purchase the wolf-skins from fur dealers in New York City, and the fur dealers purchase them at the market in New York City or from the shippers direct located in various parts of the United States or Canada. [REDACTED] b7C stated that they have recently received threats from the officers of Local #3 of the International Fur Dressers Union; that they, however, are unable to become affiliated with the union because the union would insist on sending many workers to their plant for employment, and that there was hardly enough business to go around among the present partners who own the business and receive smaller profits than the union scale of wages. He submitted a statement in his own handwriting signed by himself and his six partners, reading as follows:

"On August 3, 1935 there came to the premises of Richmond Fur Dressing Corp. of 1-7 Cross St., Stapleton, S. I., a party of three who represented themselves as a committee of the union. This party asked the firm to join the Union and upon refusal threatened the members of the firm. They have been identified as Morris Stein of Local No. 3 of the International Fur Dressers Union, and [REDACTED] b7C also of Local No. 3 of the International Fur Dressers Union. The third member of the committee has not been identified.

These people also threatened [REDACTED] not to go to New York and bring business to the above firm.

(Signed) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] b7C

This statement is being forwarded herewith to [redacted]

Reference is made to the letter from this office to the Bureau dated August 6, 1935, a copy of which was forwarded to [redacted] and the Washington Field Office, relative to subjects Buchalter and Shapiro, who were reported to have gone to Europe in violation of the terms of their bail bonds in this case, as a result of which the two cases in which they are defendants were placed on the Court Calendar for call as to them on August 12, 1935.

On August 9, 1935, at 12:40 P.M., [redacted] representing subjects Buchalter and Shapiro, telephoned Mr. Law's office and, in the latter's absence, requested the reporting agent to inform Mr. Law that he had written to both of his clients instructing them to call at his office, and that subject Shapiro informed him he would be in court on August 12, 1935. Subject Buchalter's [redacted] however, telephoned him and said that Buchalter had gone to Europe with [redacted] and was not expected to return for six or seven weeks.

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On August 9, 1935 a teletype message was transmitted to the Washington Field Office containing the addresses and descriptions of subjects Buchalter and Shapiro for use in efforts to determine whether or not passports had been issued to these subjects. The police records and descriptions of these subjects, as contained in the files of the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the New York City Police Department, follow:

Name:	<u>LOUIS BUCKHOUSE, alias "Lepke".</u>
Age:	37, born in United States.
Height:	5' 7½"
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Dark
Race:	White
Residence:	325 East 68th Street, New York City. (A review of file discloses that on November 22, 1933, upon being interviewed by former Special Agents [redacted] this subject stated he lived at [redacted] N. Y., and that his [redacted] were at that address).
Crime:	722 P.L. (Discon.) Arrested 6-12-33 by [redacted] M.O.R.
Occupation:	Dress Business. On file in [redacted] Office.

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Criminal Record: LOUIS BUCKHOUSE, aliases:
 LOUIS BUCHALTER, LOUIS KAWER, LOUIS
COHEN, "LEPKE", N.Y.P.D. #B-46C43-19th Pct.

- 9-12-15 as Louis Buchalter, N.Y.C. Burglary & Assault; on 9-20-15 Discharged, Grand Jury, Det. Poane, Broderick & Miller, 7th Branch.
- 1-12-16 as Louis Buchalter, N.Y.C. Burglary; on 1-14-16, Discharged, Mag. Levy, 1st. Court Off. Dowling, Det. Bur.
- 2-29-16 as Louis Kawer, Bridgeport, Conn., Theft; on 5-16-16, Cheshire, Reformatory, Judge Curtis.
- 9-28-17 as Louis Buchalter, N.Y.C. Grand Larceny; on 1-11-18 1½ years Sing Sing Prison, Judge Nott, General Sessions; Off. Hayden, 2nd. Branch, Det. Bur.
- 4-23-19 as Louis Buchalter, N.Y.C. Att/ Burglary; on 4-25-19 Discharged, Mag. Frothingham, 2nd. Court. Officer Sherry, M.O.D.
- 1-22-20 as Louis Cohen, N.Y.C. Burglary; on 6-21-20, 2½ years Sing Sing Prison, Judge Nott, General Sessions Court, Off. Broderick, Grill & McNamara, 18th. Pct. D.D.
- 2- 2-20 as Louis Buchalter, N.Y.C. Burglary; on 2-26-20 Discharged, Grand Jury, Off. Hayden, M.O.D.
- 9-11-25 as Louis Buchalter, N.Y.C., Robbery; on 9-12-25, Discharged, Mag. Oberwager, 3rd. Court, Officer Naton, Safe & Loft Squad.
- 10-19-25 as Louis Buckhouse, N.Y.C., Robbery; on 10-23-25, Discharged, Mag. Silberman, 3rd. Court, Officer Mitchell & Harding, 4th. Squad.
- 10-25-27 as Louis Buckhouse, N.Y.C., Homicide (Gun); on 11-4-27 Discharged, Mag. McCreery, Homicide Court, Off. Conway, 4th. Squad.
- 7-17-29 as Louis Buckhouse, N.Y.C., Burglary & Mal. Mischief; on 8-1-29, Discharged, Mag. Goodwin, 3rd. Court, Off. Beakey, Radical Squad.
- 11-11-31 as Louis Buckhouse, Dis. Conduct; on 12-24-31 Discharged, Mag. Gottlieb, 1st. Court, Off. Kelly, Radical Squad.

Criminal record of Louis Buckhouse, with aliases, (Cont'd.)

11-11-31 as Louis Buchalter, Bronx, Extortion; on
6-15-32, Discharged, Consent of District Attor-
ney; Off. Finkheim & Frauz, 40th Squad.

6-12-33 as Louis Buckhouse, Manhattan, 722 P.L., Off.
Kirwan & Peakey, M.O.D.

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Name: JACOB SHAPIRO, alias MORRIS FRIEDMAN

Age: 38 years, born in New York City.

Height: 5' 5 3/4"

Weight: 202 lbs.

Build: Stocky

Hair: Medium chestnut.

Eyes: Blue

Complexion: Medium

Race: White

Occupation: Laborer

Residence: 141 Essex Street, New York City.

(A review of the file discloses that
on November 22, 1933, when inter-
viewed by former Special Agents
[redacted] this subject
gave his address as 103 East 29th
Street, New York City, which is the
address of the Hotel Hatfield).

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Crime: Homicide - Gun, arrested 4-3-33 by
Det. McGowan, 66th Sq.

Photograph: On file in New York Bureau Office.

Criminal Record:

JACOB SHAPIRO, alias MORRIS FRIEDMAN,
N.Y.P.D. #B-40317.

2-22-15 as Jacob Shapiro, Manhattan, Mal. Mischief; on
2-22-15 Discharged, Mag. Campbell.

4- 1-15 as Jacob Shapiro, Manhattan, Burglary; on 7-15-15,
Discharged, Judge Malcne, Off. Rose, 1st. Branch.

Criminal Record of Jacob Shapiro, with alias, (Cont'd.)

- 8-21-15 as Morris Friedman, Manhattan, Burglary; on
10-6-15, Elmira Reformatory, Judge Crain, General
Sessions Court, Off. Murray, 7th Precinct.
- 12-13-17 as Jacob Shapiro, Manhattan, Abduction; on 12-14-17,
Discharged, Mag. McGeehan, Off. Lipok, 13th Pre-
cinct.
- 1-25-18 as Jacob Shapiro, Manhattan, Grand Larceny; on
1-30-18 Discharged, Mag. Boyle, Off. McGowan,
15th Pct.
- 3-26-18 as Jacob Shapiro, Manhattan, Grand Larceny; on
4-4-18, 1 year 2 months, Sing Sing Prison,
Judge Mulqueen, General Sessions Court, Off.
Cassasso, & Mugge, Det. Bur.
- 6-26-19 as Samuel Dishuse, Manhattan, Assault; on 7-11-19,
Penitentiary, Special Sessions Court, Off.
Schweiger, 49th Pct.
- 6- 4-20 as Jacob Shapiro, Manhattan, Bribery; on 6-4-20,
Discharged, Off. Mason, 13th Precinct.
- 7-21-22 as Jacob Shapiro, Manhattan, Robbery (Gun), final
charge, Gun; on 10-27-22, 1 year Sing Sing Prison,
Judge Johnstone, Off. McCartney & Repetti, Det.
Bur.
- 8- 1-23 as Jacob Shapiro, Manhattan, Fel. Assault; on 10-3-23
Discharged, Mag. Frothingham, 3rd Court, Off.
Mitchell & Josephs, 13th D.D.
- 5-25-25 as Jacob Shapiro, Manhattan, Fel. Assault; on 5-29-25
Discharged, Mag. McCreery, 3rd Court, Off. Murphy,
6th Squad.
- 10-19-25 as Jacob Shapiro, Manhattan, Robbery; on 11-16-25
Discharged, Mag. Goodman, Off. Mitchell & Harding,
4th Sq.
- 10-25-27 as Jacob Shapiro, Manhattan, Homicide; on 11-4-27
Discharged, Mag. McCreery, Homicide Court, Off.
Conroy & Nammach, 4th Squad.

Criminal Record of Jacob Shapiro, with alias (Cont'd.)

- 7-17-29 as Jacob Shapiro, Manhattan, Burglary & Mal. Mischief. On 7-18-29, Discharged, Mag. Goodman, Off. Beakey, Radical Bureau.
- 11-11-31 as Jacob Shapiro, Manhattan, Dis. Conduct 722 P.L. Sub 11; on 12-24-31, Discharged, Mag. Gottlieb, 1st Court, Off. Kelly, Radical Squad.
- 4- 3-33 as Jacob Shapiro, Bklyn., Homicide; on 4-4-33, Discharged, Mag. Casey, Homicide Court, Off. McGowan & Giddings, 66th Squad.

The descriptions, police records or other available information concerning the fugitives herein follow: (The descriptions and records were obtained from the New York City Police Department unless otherwise stated).

HARRY HANDLER, alias HERSEY HANDLER
N.Y.P.D.#E 8646.

- 2-21-30 as Harry Handler, Jersey City, N. J., Disorderly Person. No disposition at present.
- 9- 1-32 as Harry Handler, Newark, N. J., Investigation. No disposition at present. Lt. Rowe, D.B.

A review of the file discloses that in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] New York, N. Y., dated December 27, 1932, Harry Handler, in his statement to [REDACTED] of the Newark Police Department, gave his address as 88 Waverly Avenue, Newark, N. J., his occupation as a cafe owner, and his age as 35 years.

[REDACTED]

N. Y. C. P.D.

- 9- 1-32 as [REDACTED] Newark, N. J., Investigation. No disposition at present.
- [REDACTED]

In the report of Special Agent [redacted] New York, N. Y., dated December 27, 1932, it is stated that [redacted] informed [redacted] that his address was [redacted] Newark, and gave his occupation as a huckster, and his age, as [redacted]

It is indicated in the file that both of the above-named subjects were indicted in Newark, N. J., for the bombing of the Waverly Fur Dressing Company and the Strand Fur Dressing Company, the disposition of which cases is not shown.

With reference to [redacted] the file discloses that [redacted] of the Alien Squad, New York City Police Department, stated that an [redacted] was with the Mt. Vernon Fur Dressing Company; that he had been with the union, and was thrown out for stealing from the union seven or eight years ago. [redacted] was absent on sick leave during the period covered by this report and will be interviewed upon his return to duty.

A review of the file further disclosed that [redacted] New York City, testified that "... [redacted] called on me on other business and admitted that they authorized or requested violence....This man is from Rhine Fur Dressers....".

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[redacted] upon being interviewed in this respect, stated that he knew of an [redacted] Merchants Trimming Association at 7th Avenue & 30th Street, New York City, and that he believes he is now with the Fur Dealers or Fur Manufacturers Association.

The Criminal Identification Bureau of the New York Police Department furnished a photograph and a record of one [redacted] who was arrested on September 7, 1932, charged with burglary and dismissed on November 3, 1932. His description follows:

- Name: [redacted]
- Age: [redacted]
- Height: [redacted]
- Weight: [redacted]
- Build: [redacted]
- Hair: [redacted]
- Eyes: [redacted]

Description of [REDACTED] (Cont'd.)

Complexion:
Race:
Born:
Occupation:
Residence:
Crime:

[REDACTED]

Photograph:

[REDACTED]

Name:

[REDACTED]

Age:
Height:
Weight:
Build:
Hair:
Eyes:
Race:
Residence:
Occupation:
Crime:

[REDACTED]

Photograph:
Criminal Record:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2-16-18 As [REDACTED] N.Y.C., Grand Larc., Final Charge, Petit Larceny. On 3-27-18, Sent. Suspended, Judge Rosalsky, Gen. Sess. Ct. [REDACTED] D.C.

12-27-21 As [REDACTED] N.Y.C. Att. Gr. Larceny. On 7-20-22, 1 year & 3 months to 2 1/2 years. Sing Sing. Judge Johnston, Gen. Sess. Ct. [REDACTED] 18 D.D.

8-20-24 As [REDACTED] N.Y.C., Att. Gr. Larceny. On 9-11-24, Dismissed, Grand Jury, [REDACTED] Traff. "A".

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Criminal record of [redacted] with alias (Cont'd.)

12-10-24 As [redacted] Bklyn., Grand Larceny. On
1-12-25, Dismissed, Grand Jury, [redacted]
[redacted] 47th D.D.

4-29-33 As [redacted] Bklyn., Felonious Assault.
(Iron Pipe). No disposition at present. [redacted]
[redacted] 67th Sqd.

Indicted 5-15-33; jumped bail 9-2-33.

With reference to fugitive [redacted] a re-
view of the file discloses that [redacted] Expert Fur
Dressing Corporation, 276 Calyer Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., stated, in
part, as follows:

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"In November, 1932....3 men came into the
shop and asked for [redacted] to see him about
a job....One, later known as [redacted] and pos-
sibly another, went upstairs and held up [redacted]
Meanwhile, I ran for a revolver and fired it at [redacted]
machine outside with a fourth man. Then [redacted]
came running down with a revolver and told me to
lay down, which I did. I did not see his face but
he was a big man. The police picked him up outside
of the place nearby with a gun in his possession".

The police record of this fugitive follows:

[redacted]
11-10-32 - [redacted] New York City, Assault (Gun).
On 11-23-32 - dismissed, Magistrate Marvin, 5th
Court. [redacted] 94th Pct.

Further inquiry by agent developed that his address,
at the time of his arrest, was given as [redacted] Brooklyn,
N. Y., and [redacted]

With reference to fugitive Max Stein, a review of the file discloses that Detective [redacted] previously furnished information to the effect that Max Stein was arrested at 350 West 47th Street, New York City, February 20, 1933, at 7:30 A.M., by [redacted] 73rd Squad, for an assault on [redacted]. The case was adjourned to March 14, 1933, 10th Court, Brooklyn, N. Y. On March 14, 1933 Stein jumped bail of \$1,000. The charge was reduced to disorderly conduct--had a gun with an expired permit. On April 4, 1933 the charge was changed to simple assault, 3rd degree, and [redacted] withdrew his complaint.

The Criminal Identification Bureau of the New York City Police Department was requested to furnish a copy of their record and photograph, if available, of Max Stein, but the record they furnished concerned another man of the same name. Further efforts will be made to obtain the correct record of fugitive Max Stein.

Name:

[redacted]

Age:

[redacted]

Height:

[redacted]

Build:

[redacted]

Hair:

[redacted]

Eyes:

[redacted]

Occupation:

[redacted]

Residence:

[redacted]

Photograph:

[redacted]

Race:

[redacted]

Arrested:

Criminal Record:

[redacted]

9- 6-24 As [redacted] N.Y.C., Dis. Con. (P.P.) and Revolver. On 9-12-24, N.Y.C. Reformatory on Dis. Con. charge, Mag. Weil. On 9-15-24, Sent. Suspended on Revolver charge, in Spec. Sessions Ct. [redacted] 6th Sqd.

10-25-26 As [redacted] N.Y.C., (Queens), Burglary. (Attempt 2nd). On 12-9-26, Elmira Reformatory, Judge Adel, County Ct. [redacted] 64th Pct.

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Criminal record of [redacted] with aliases (Cont'd.)

12-13-32 As [redacted] Newark, N.J., Investigation (Loitering). On 12-16-32, Sent. Suspended, Judge Albano, 2nd Ct. [redacted] D.B.

1-26-33 As [redacted] N.Y.C., Burglary (Final charge Att. Gr. Larceny, 2nd.) On 3-30-33, 3 years Sing-Sing Prison. Judge Freschi, Gen. Sess. [redacted] 7th Pct. Note: 2-18-35 Paroled. Parole expires 1-27-36.

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[redacted] With further reference to subject [redacted] stated that he believes this man is now working for the Fur Dressing firm of Schuster & Gaio, somewhere on Long Island.

Mr. Law, prior to his departure for Washington, D. C., on August 6, 1935, informed agent that Indictment #C95-925, against the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, et al, would be placed on the calendar for call on September 16, 1935.

It is noted that all of the subjects in this case have been arraigned and released on bail.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

TRENTON, N. J. OFFICE will obtain from the Newark Police Department the records and photographs of fugitives [redacted] and [redacted] will take appropriate steps to locate and cause the apprehension of these two fugitives. If it appears that they are presently in New Jersey, the New York Office should be promptly advised so that arrangements may be made to have the certified copies of indictments and bench warrants forwarded immediately.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE will continue efforts to ascertain through the State Department whether or not passports have been issued to subjects Buchalter and Shapiro and, if so, will forward photostatic copies of the applications therefor.

NEW YORK OFFICE will confer with Mr. Law relative to further investigation required in this matter and will take appropriate steps to locate the fugitives herein, as indicated in the details of this report.

PENDING.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: LOUIS "LEPKE" BUCHALTER

60-1501-140X

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: LOUIS BUCKHALTER, with aliases:
Lepke, Lopke, Lepky, Sefky, Lipke,
Lefky, Louis Kuvar, Louis Kuver,
Louis Buckhouse, Louis Buckholtz,
Louis Cohen, Louis Buckholter.

The Bureau files reflect the following information pertaining to Louis Buckhalter, with aliases. He first came to the attention of the Bureau when a complaint was made by [redacted] who stated he had formerly been a truck operator hauling knee pants from manufacturers in New York City to contractors in New Jersey; that some time prior to 1932 he was approached [redacted] and had had to pay him a thousand dollars for the privilege of remaining in business; that in 1932 the officers of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, which organization he states dominates the Knee Pants Manufacturers Association, forced him entirely out of business; that this union was supposedly for both contractors and manufacturers of the Garment Industry, but that it amounted to a strong-arm racket which assessed the contractors and manufacturers a fee on each employee in their service; and that upon the failure of anyone to pay their demands they were immediately unable to obtain work from the manufacturers in New York. [redacted] further stated that Lipke, which is an alias of subject, was an official of this organization. However, he had no information to verify this statement.

In connection with the investigation of the Bureau case entitled Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, et al. Antitrust, Special Agent [redacted] ascertained from [redacted]

[redacted] that Louis Buckhalter was in the "canvas business" somewhere in Greater New York, he explaining that what is meant by "canvas business"

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is that canvas was used in men's suits and overcoats, which is a part of the industry. No investigation was made to verify this statement.

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A complaint was also made by [redacted] who are manufacturers of paper boxes in New York City, that Joseph Parisi and his gang, of which he listed Louis Lepke as a member, were interfering with interstate commerce by violence; that the paper box industry consisting of 215 shops in New York City, Long Island and Brooklyn, and possibly 40 shops in the State of New Jersey, carried on interstate commerce between the State of New Jersey and New York, and that a small amount of business was done by the New York concerns with individuals in Connecticut; that there had been numerous instances in which violence was used to force drivers of the industry, as well as inside employees, to join the Truck Drivers' Union, thereby exacting lucrative revenue from the workers in the form of dues and initiation fees. However, a statement was later taken from a number of employees of the National Eagle Paper Box Company, Inc., located at 1226 Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, in which they stated that Parisi was the main racketeer in the paper box industry and that he was merely using Buckhalter's (alias Louis Lepke) name because he knew he was an ex-convict and a racketeer of Greater New York, and that by associating himself with Lepke, Parisi could thereby demand more respect from the manufacturers and from their employees.

Benjamin Heffnan, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Labor, Attorney General's Office of the State of New York, at 8 Center Street, New York City, stated in an interview with Special Agent [redacted] at New York City on August 13, 1934, that he had been unable to obtain any evidence which might indicate that Louis Lepke was connected with the paper box industry. This case relating to the racketeering activities of gangsters in the paper box industry is still being investigated by the Bureau and is being carried in the files as JOSEPH PARISI, [redacted] ANTHONY LEGGIO, [redacted] LOUIS LEPKE and [redacted] - ANTITRUST (File 60-1758).

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On January 31, 1935, Special Agent in Charge J. E. P. Dunn, of Los Angeles, California, directed a letter to the New York Bureau Office, which was in reference to a communication from the New York Office, advising them of their files with respect to well-known

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gangsters and criminals in their locality. The Los Angeles letter advised that through information obtained from the Los Angeles Police Department, Louis Buckhalter, in company with Benjamin Siegel, had been seen in California and that they had stated their reasons for leaving New York were to attempt to entrench Buckhalter politically in California; that Buckhalter exhibited a great deal of interest in the reopening of dog tracks in California, together with a possible connection on his part with the slot-machine business. However, no investigation was conducted to verify this information.

The files further reflect that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised Special Agent

b7C [REDACTED] during an interview

on January 3, 1935, that [REDACTED] had informed her that Vernon Miller had been killed as a result of orders from New York City; that the syndicate to which Vernon Miller had belonged, as well as the entire Barker-Karpis gang, was operated in New York, Chicago, Illinois, Kansas City and St. Paul, and that the chief connections in New York were Louis Buckhalter and "Benny the Bug" Siegel. She stated she was of the opinion that Louis Buckhalter had been instrumental in causing Vernon Miller's death, but investigation never substantiated this assumption.

b7C It is to be noted that during the time Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, were being sought for the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, Louis Buckhalter's home at 25 Central Park West, New York City, was kept under continuous surveillance by New York Police, for they believed that Harry Campbell might attempt to contact him since information had been obtained from [REDACTED] as previously stated, that Louis Buckhalter was the gang's main contact in New York City. The file reflects that their efforts were futile.

Louis Buckhalter is now being carried as a subject in an antitrust matter entitled The Dress Industry, [REDACTED] having originally made the complaint regarding activities of gangsters in this industry. Special Agent [REDACTED] was advised in an interview with [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED] Dress Code Authority controlled the manufacture of women's dresses; and that the bulk of the industry was carried on by a system of jobbers

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and contractors' relationship, in that the jobbers would buy the material and design the dresses while the contractors would do the sewing, operating and finishing of the dresses; that prior to the Code the jobbers could bid one contractor against the other until the price of contractor service reached a starvation figure; that the Code set up machinery whereby the jobber was responsible to the worker and contractors for a decent wage, and in the event he didn't pay it the victim could present his case to an impartial chairman who would hear the facts and designate the reimbursing of the complainant, if such was warranted. The large jobbers, particularly those in the low price wholesale field, rebelled against this restraint and employed racketeers for protection. Lepky and Charles Gurrah, with five others, were named [redacted] as being the outstanding racketeers employed by those firms who sought to evade the articles of the Code. [redacted] stated further that he had heard that contractors who had filed claims before the impartial chairman against certain wholesale firms in the Dress Industry, had been visited at night by gangsters and threatened with death. The individuals who were threatened and the gangsters who made the threats were unknown [redacted] since this was a rumor that he was unable to verify.

The New York Office has conducted an extensive investigation on the Dress Industry and advised the Bureau by letter on July 3, 1936 that the Dress Industry investigation would be completed in approximately six or eight weeks. This investigation, however, has failed to develop any information definitely connecting Buckhalter with the alleged racketeering activities in this industry.

A news article in the New York American appeared on April 30, 1936, which was entitled "The Garment Racket Drive Opens", and stated in substance that racketeers moved into the office of Arthur Saffer, Inc., 1239 Broadway, which is a men's clothing concern, and compelled him to be banker and pay off men for them. The article quoted Murray I. Gurfern, who is Special Prosecutor Dewey's assistant as follows: "Starting his contacts through personal friends, Saffer was drawn in by Louis Buckhalter alias Lepke and Charles alias Jacob Shapiro, until he could not extricate himself from his criminal associates. Lepke and Shapiro, known as Gurrah, simply made their headquarters at Saffer's offices installing their henchmen who terrorized business men of the garment district".

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The files regarding the investigation of the case entitled "THE FUR DRESSING INVESTIGATION, ANTITRUST" reflect that the investigation was predicated upon a complaint received from the VAN-DYE-WAY CORPORATION, located at 465 Straight Street, Paterson, New Jersey, on December 8, 1931, against the KAMACHATKA FUR DYEING CORPORATION; THE ICELAND FUR DYEING CO.; THE PHILIP SINGER & BRO.; THE GREAT NORTHERN FUR DYEING & DRESSING CO.; and THE MENDOZA FUR DYEING WORKS, INC., all of New York City. The complainant and the five corporations complained of are competitors in the business of dyeing rabbit skins; that their customers are jobbers who deal in rabbit skins, buying them in a raw state, sending them to the dyers for dyeing, and then selling them in a dressed condition to clothing manufacturers. The complaint made was that these five corporations notified the jobbers in attendance that unless all of their dyeing work was given to one of the said five corporations no credit would be extended to them and that if they gave any work whatever to the complainant, not only would no credit be extended to them, but none of their work would be accepted. Through the investigation of this complaint is information obtained that a great number of the concerns in this industry were doing the same thing and also hiring gangsters to establish their strong-arm tactics.

As a result of these investigations a United States Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York returned two indictments on November 6, 1933, against a large number of business firms and individuals, together with two labor unions of this industry, charging them with a violation of the antitrust laws, in that by their agreements and tactics they were acting in restraint of interstate commerce. Bench warrants were issued for all defendants on November 9, 1933.

Louis Buckhalter was made a defendant in both indictments and on November 22, 1933, he appeared before United States District Judge Robert A. Inch, and was arraigned, Buckhalter pleading not guilty on both indictments, his bail being set for \$2500.00 and \$5,000.00, respectively. On June 11, 1934, Buckhalter was called before Judge William Bondy and was requested to give a new bail, there being a question as to the old one, and at this time his bail was reduced in the FUR DRESSERS FACTOR CORPORATION, et al case to \$3,000.00. Included in the terms of the bail bonds was a prohibition against leaving the jurisdiction without the permission of the court. The Bureau was informed by letter on August 5, 1935 that there had appeared articles

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in the newspapers on August 1st and 2nd, 1935, by the New York Bureau Office, that Buckhalter had sailed for Europe. The two above stated cases were called for trial on August 12, 1935, and at that time J. Arthur Adler, attorney for Buckhalter, advised the court that his client was presently in Carlsbad, Czechoslovakia, for his health. Federal Judge Hayes, Southern District of New York forfeited the bond of Buckhalter, subject to being reinstated if he surrendered himself to the United States Marshal, New York City, by September 3, 1935, the case being continued until that date.

On September 3, 1935, Buckhalter and his family arrived in New York City aboard the S.S. Berengaria from Havre, France. It is presumed he was reinstated by the court on this date since the files made no mention of the matter.

In a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Dickinson, dated December 10, 1935, he stated that these two indictments above referred to are probably the only two pending against this man; that Commissioner of Police Valentine of New York classed Buckhalter as among the nine most notorious and dangerous criminals in the country; and that the proof available against him is comparatively slight, this being due primarily to the fact witnesses who presumably could give the desired testimony are afraid to do so. This case is still pending, having been continued from time to time by the United States Attorney's office.

It is to be noted that Jacob Shapiro alias Gurrah's name has been associated with that of Buckhalter all through the investigations that the Bureau has conducted in the Garment Industry. He too, was indicted in the same cases as Buckhalter, but investigations thus far have failed to supply any tangible evidence which would assure a prosecution in behalf of the Government.

A copy of Louis Buckhalter's complete criminal record is attached hereto.

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm.

Enclosure.

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

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July 22, 1936.

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number FBI-222228.

J. E. Hoover

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
* SRef., Cheshire, Conn.	2-29-16, Louis Kauvar, Bridgeport, Conn., thoft, Ref. <i>6</i> Louis Kauvar, aliases: Louis Buchalter, Louis Kauvar, #517	5-18-16	theft	3-16-16; Cheshire inde.; 12-9-31, rel. exp. full term
PD, New York, N.Y.	Louis Buckhouse, aliases: "Lefky", "Sefky", #B-46043	7-17-29	burglary & mal. mischief	8-21-29, disch.
PD, New York, N.Y.	Louis Buckhouse, alias "Lepky", #B-46043	11-11-31	dis. con., vic. 722 P.L.	*disch.
* PD, New York, N.Y.	This subject is wanted on an extortion charge, by Attorney's Office, Bronx, (per record sheet recd. 11-13-31). Louis Buchhalter, alias "Lopke", #B-46043	11-11-31	inf. appearing on PD, New York, N.Y. Notified 6-16-33. extortion	
PD, New York, N.Y.	Louis Buckhouse, alias "Lepke", #B-46043	6-12-33	viol. Sec. 722 P.L.	6-13-33, disch.
USM, New York, N.Y.	Louis Buchhalter, alias Louis Buchalter, #70172	11-21-33	Anti Trust Laws	
Bu.Off., New York, N.Y.	Louis Buckhouse, aliases: "Lepke", Louis Buckwalt	inquiry 11-30-34		
* *	9-2-15, Louis Buchalter, New York City, burg. & asslt.; 9-20-15, disch. 1-12-16, Louis Buchalter, New York City, burg.; 1-11-16, disch. 9-28-17, Louis Buchalter, New York City, G.L.; 1-11-18, 1 1/2 yrs. Sing Sing			

*Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints in FBI files.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	DISPOSITION
	1-23-19, Louis Buchholtz, New York City, art. burglary; on		
	2-25-19, disch.		
	1-22-20, Louis Cohen, New York City, burglary; on 2-21-20,		
	2 1/2 yrs. Sing Sing.		
	2-2-20, Louis Buchholtz, New York City, burglary; on 2-16-20,		
	disch.		
	9-11-25, as Louis Buchholter, New York City, robbery; on		
	9-12-25, disch.		
	10-19-25, as Louis Buchholtz, New York City, robbery; on		
	10-23-25, disch.		
	10-25-27, as Louis Buchhouse, New York City, homicide (gun);		
	on 11-4-27, disch.		
	This individual is included in the blacklist issued by the Bureau of Narcotics, Treasury Dept., Wash., D.C.		
	<u>OUTSTANDING CRIMINALS. (NEW YORK CITY)</u>		
	B-46013 LOUIS BUCHALTER, aliases - Louis Cohen, Louis "affer, "Lepke".		
	MOLIS OPERANDI: One of the four most important gangsters in New York City. Is the number one man on all union rackets involving strong arm work. Is wealthy. Has connections with all the important mobs in the U.S. Now under indictment in U.S. District Court, New York City, in connection with racketeering in fur industry. Is without doubt the most influential gangster and racketeer in New York City.		
	(Inf. rec. Bu. off., New York City, N.Y., 1-10-31, Bu. file 62-29950-91).		
	This case is listed in the Single Fingerprint files of the Bureau under #K-4131.		

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: LOUIS "LEPKE" BUCHALTER

60-1501-237

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

November 7, 1937

60-302

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

Re: FUR DRESSING INVESTIGATION.
JACOB SHAPIRO with aliases -
FUGITIVE. LOUIS BUCHALTER
with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al.
ANTITRUST.
(Bureau file #60-1501)

Dear Sir:

It is requested that an identification order be issued for
LOUIS BUCHALTER with aliases. Data on this individual for placement
thereon are as follows:

NAME AND ALL ALIASES: Louis Buchalter; aliases: Louis Kauvar, Louis Kawer,
Louis Kauver, Louis Lauvar, Louis Buckhouse,
Louis Buckhalter, Louis Buckholtz, Louis Cohen,
Louis Saffer, "Lepke", "Lepky", "Lefky", "Sefky".

Fingerprint Classification: 15 0 25 W II 16
M 27 W 0

Offense (for which wanted): Violation Antitrust Laws.

Description:

Age, date and place of birth: 40, born Feb. 12, 1897 at New York City.
Height: 5'7½"
Weight: 160 lbs. RECORDED
Color of Eyes: Brown.
Color of Hair: Dark brown.
Complexion: Dark.
Build: Medium.
Race: White.
Nationality: American - Jewish.
Education: Grammar School.
Occupation: Racketeer.
Scars & Marks: Appendicitis operation scar.

Peculiarities: Nose large, rather straight and blunt. Ears
prominent.

Eyes alert, shifting.

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Photograph taken June 12, 1933 by New York City Police Department, on file
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RELATIVES: Father - Barnet Buchalter (deceased).
Mother - Mrs. Rose Buchalter, care of Mrs. Sarah Moss, 2130 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
Brother: Emanuel Buchalter, DDS, 110 W. 86th Street, Apt. 12A, New York, N. Y. Offices: 57 W. 57th St., New York City; 327 Roebling St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Sister: Mrs. Sarah Moss, 2130 Broadway, New York City (Beacon Hotel). Summer address Camp Allegro, Pittsfield, Mass.
Half-sister: Mrs. M. J. Morse, Apt. 8B, 161 West 75th Street, New York City.
Half-brother: Dr. C. H. Kauvar, residence 1316 Gilpin Street, Denver, Colorado. Office address 1580 Gaylord Street, Denver, Colorado.
Brother: Isadore Buchalter, druggist.) Present addresses not
Half-brother: Phillip Kauvar.) available, will probably
be obtained in near future.
Wife: Betty Buchalter, present whereabouts not known. Former address 26 Central Park West, New York, N. Y.
Stepson: Harold Buchalter, present whereabouts not known. Former address 26 Central Park West, New York, N. Y.

CRIMINAL RECORD:

* ~~Name under which arrested: Louis Buckalter.~~ Number: B 46043.
~~Arresting Agency: Police Dept., New York City, N. Y.~~ Date: September 2, 1915.
~~Charge: Burglary and Felonious Assault.~~ Disposition: discharged 9/20/15.

* ~~Name under which arrested: Louis Buckalter.~~ Number: B 46043.
~~Arresting Agency; PD, NYC~~ Date 1/12/16.
~~Charge: Burglary.~~ Disposition: Discharged 1/24/16.

H * ~~Name under which arrested: Louis Kauvar.~~ Number: - - -
~~Arresting Agency: PD, Bridgeport, Conn.~~ Date: 2/29/16.
~~Charge: Theft.~~ Disposition: 5/16/16 indeterminate sentence Reformatory, Cheshire, Conn.

H ~~Name under which received: Louis Kauvar.~~ Number: 517.
~~Receiving Agency: State Reformatory, Cheshire, Conn.~~ Date: May 18, 1916.
Crime: Theft. Sentence: Indeterminate.
Release, manner and date of: Released on parole 7/12/17; absconded 7/23/17; warrant issued for violation of parole, never executed. Dismissed by Parole Board 12/9/31.

- * Name under which arrested: Louis Buckalter. Number: B 46043.
 Arresting Agency: PD, NYC, NY. Date: September 28, 1917.
 Charge: Grand Larceny, Second. Disposition: 1/11/18, 1½ yrs.
 Sing Sing Prison.
- Name under which received: Louis Buckalter. Number:
 Receiving Agency: Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y. Date: January 11, 1918.
 Sentence: 1½ years.
 Crime: Grand Larceny, Second. Release, manner and date of:
 Transferred 2/19/18.
- Name under which received: Louis Buckalter. Number: A 36326.
 Receiving Agency: Auburn Prison. Date: February 19, 1918, on trans
 Crime: Grand Larceny, Second. Sentence:
 Release, manner and date of:
 Transferred May 21, 1918.
- Name under which received: Louis Buchalter. Number: 4474.
 Receiving Agency: Great Meadow Prison, Comstock, N. Y. Date: May 21, 1918, on transfer.
 Sentence:
 Release, manner and date of:
 Discharged January 27, 1919.
- * Name under which arrested: Louis Buckholtz. Number: B 46043.
 Arresting Agency: PD, NYC, NY. Date: April 23, 1919.
 Charge: Attempted Burglary. Disposition: 4/25/19 discharged.
- * Name under which arrested: Louis Cohen. Number: B 46043.
 Arresting Agency: PD, NYC, NY. Date: January 22, 1920.
 Charge: Attempted Burglary, 3rd. Disposition: 6/21/20, 2½ yrs.
 Sing Sing Prison.
- Name under which received: Louis Cohen. Number: -
 Receiving Agency: Sing Sing Prison. Date: June 21, 1920.
 Crime: Attempted Burglary, 3rd. Sentence: 2½ years.
 Release, manner and date of:
 Released on parole 3/16/22.
 Discharged upon expiration of
 this sentence 12/19/22.
- * Name under which arrested: Louis Buckholtz. Number: B 46043.
 Arresting Agency: PD, NYC, NY. Date: February 2, 1920.
 Charge: Burglary. Disposition: 2/28/20 discharged.
- * Name under which arrested: Louis Buckhalter. Number: B 46043.
 Arresting Agency: PD, NYC, NY. Date: September 11, 1925.
 Charge: Robbery. Disposition: 9/12/25 discharged.

~~Name under which arrested: Louis Buckholtz (Louis Buckhouse)~~ Number: ~~B 46043.~~
~~Arresting Agency: NYC PD.~~ Date: ~~October 19, 1925.~~
~~Charge: Robbery.~~ Disposition: ~~10/23/25 discharged.~~

~~Name under which arrested: Louis Buckhouse.~~ Number: ~~B 46043.~~
~~Arresting Agency: NYC PD.~~ Date: ~~October 25, 1927.~~
~~Charge: Homicide (gun).~~ Disposition: ~~11/4/27 discharged.~~

~~Name under which arrested: Louis Buckhouse~~ Number: ~~B 46043.~~
~~alias "Leiky", alias "Sefky".~~ Date: ~~July 17, 1929.~~
~~Arresting Agency: NYC PD.~~ Disposition: ~~8/21/29 discharged.~~
~~Charge: Burglary and Malicious Mischief.~~

~~Name under which arrested: Louis Buckhouse~~ Number: ~~B 46043.~~
~~alias "Lepky".~~ Date: ~~November 11, 1931.~~
~~Arresting Agency: NYC PD.~~ Disposition: ~~12/24/31 discharged.~~
~~Charge: Viol. Sec. 722 P.L.~~

~~Name under which arrested: Louis Buckhalter.~~ Number: ~~B 46043.~~
~~Arresting Agency: NYC PD (BRONX)~~ Date: ~~November 11, 1931.~~
~~Charge: Extortion.~~ Disposition: ~~6/15/32 dismissed.~~

~~Name under which arrested: Louis Buckhouse~~ Number: ~~B 46043.~~
~~alias "Lepke".~~ Date: ~~June 12, 1933.~~
~~Arresting Agency: NYC PD.~~ Disposition: ~~6/13/33 discharged.~~
~~Charge: Viol. Sec. 722, P.L.~~

~~Name under which arrested: Louis Buchalter.~~ Number: ~~70172.~~
~~Arresting Agency: U. S. Marshal, SDNY.~~ Date: ~~November 21, 1933.~~
~~Charge: Viol. Antitrust Laws. Two indictments, i.e., U.S. vs. Protective Fur Dressers Factor Corp. et al, SDNY, 11/6/33.~~ Disposition: ~~11/21/33 released on bail pending trial.~~
~~11/9/36 U.S. vs. Protective Fur Dressers Corp. et al; convicted SDNY violation Sherman Antitrust Act on 4 counts. 11/12/36 sentenced 1 yr. on each count. Counts 3 and to run concurrent with each other, and with count 2, and fined \$5,000 on count 1 and \$5,000 on count 2.~~

~~Name under which received: Louis Buchalter.~~ Number:
~~Receiving Agency: U.S. Detention Headquarters, NYC, NY.~~ Date: ~~November 12, 1936.~~
~~Crime: Sherman Antitrust Act, case of U.S. vs. Protective Fur Dressers Corp., et al.~~ Sentence: ~~2 yrs. and \$10,000.~~
 Release, manner and date of: ~~12/3/36 released on bail pending appeal. 3/8/37 conviction reversed by Circuit Court of Appeals, Second Circuit.~~

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July 6, 1937: Subject Buchalter failed to appear when case of U.S. vs. Fur Dressers Factor Corp., et al called for trial. Bail in amount \$3,000 ordered forfeited and bench warrant issued July 7, 1937. Returned "Not Found" by U. S. Marshal, July 9, 1937.

Also WANTED as Louis Buchalter with aliases: Louis Buckhalter, Louis Buckalter, for conspiracy and extortion, PD, New York City, N. Y.

Indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury, SDNY, at New York City, on November 6, 1933, charging Louis Buchalter alias Louis Buckhouse alias Louis Cohen alias Louis Kawer alias "Lepke", and others with a violation of the Sherman Antitrust Law, in that he with others conspired to restrain interstate commerce; to monopolize interstate commerce; attempted to monopolize interstate commerce, and had monopolized interstate commerce.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli
R. E. VETTERLI, *RM*
Special Agent in Charge.

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SUBJECT: LOUIS "LEPKE" BUCHALTER

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TITLE CHANGED: OF FUR DRESSING INVESTIGATION; JACOB SHAPIRO, with aliases "Gurrah," Charles Shapiro, Morris Friedman, Samuel Dishouse, Samuel Dishausen. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1462.	CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;">ANTITRUST</p>
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LOUIS BUCHALTER, with aliases "Lepke," Louis Buckhouse, Louis Buckhalter, Louis Kawer, Louis Cohen, Louis Buckalter, Louis Kauvar, Louis Buckholtz, Louis Lauvar, Louis Saffer, Louis Kauver, "Lepky," "Lefky," "Sefky," - FUGITIVE, et al.

Synopsis:-

Information from file in instant case and in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, et al, Obstruction of Justice; (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash) New York File 62-4949, and also from informants, reflects names of certain relatives and associates of Buchalter and Shapiro. Investigation in New York City established present location of certain relatives of subjects. Undeveloped leads hereinafter set forth.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent New York City, dated October 18, 1937.
 Letters to the Bureau from New York dated November 7th and November 15th, 1937.
 Telegram from Seattle to New York dated November 11, 1937.
 Teletype to Denver from New York dated November 16, 1937.

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is changed to the extent of setting out the names and aliases of subjects JACOB SHAPIRO and LOUIS BUCHALTER for ready reference in the investigation of this case inasmuch as they are the two fugitives sought by the Bureau. The remaining subjects in this case are not being included in the title at this time because of their great number, and also because they do not play an essential part in the future investigation looking to the apprehension of the fugitives.

This is a joint report of Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer.

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In accordance with verbal instructions from Mr. C. Tolson of the Bureau to Special Agent [REDACTED] on November 10, 1937, to assign two additional agents from this office to this case for the principal purpose of locating and apprehending Jacob Shapiro, with aliases, and Louis Buchalter, the writer and Special Agent [REDACTED] were assigned to this investigation.

Inasmuch as the investigation of agents was to be confined exclusively to the location and apprehension of Shapiro and Buchalter, information was drawn from the files in this case and from files in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, et al; Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash) New York File 62-4949, reflecting the associates and relatives of Buchalter and Shapiro as known up until this time.

The Vernon C. Miller file was consulted for the reason that the telephone of Buchalter located in the apartment occupied by Buchalter and his wife at the Hotel Pierre, New York City, in 1933 was surveilled by agents of the New York office during which time some information was secured as to Buchalter's associates and relatives and also some information pertaining to his wife and son. The following names of associates and relatives were obtained from the files in both cases and are hereinafter set forth with descriptive data following each name:

ADLER, J. ARTHUR. Commonly known as JAKE ADLER, former Assistant U. S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York, and now a practicing attorney in New York City with offices at 151 West 50th Street, New York City (Lo 5-3980). For some period of time Adler's practice has been known to consist of representing known criminals and racketeers in and about New York City and he has represented subjects Shapiro and Buchalter in the instant case. Adler's brother is reported to have a part interest in the Paradise cabaret located on Broadway in the Times Square district, New York City, and Adler is reported to spend a great deal of time at that place.

ARBEITER, ABE. Last known address 1104 Elder Avenue, Bronx, New York, listed as the name of the father of Betty Buchalter, wife of subject Buchalter, in a bank account at the Drydock Savings Bank in New York City, held by Betty Buchalter in New York City in 1933.

ARBEITER, SAM and SARAH. Last known address listed as 115 Central Park West. Indicate Betty Buchalter as their daughter in bank account held by them in the Harlem Savings Bank in New York City, in 1933. It has not yet been determined the relationship between Abe and Sam Arbeiter but investigation will be conducted to that end.

[REDACTED] Associated with the World Moving and Storage Company, 402 East 3rd Street, New York City, and last known address listed as [REDACTED] New York City. It is indicated that he frequents the vicinity of 2530 Broadway and the Monterey Hotel in New York City. It was indicated that he acted as [REDACTED] Buchalter for some time and whenever Buchalter [REDACTED] changed their residence, which was quite frequently, [REDACTED] for them or made the necessary arrangements relative to it. It was reported that the World Moving and Storage Company is owned by one Milton Spitzer. Both of them are believed to be close associates of Buchalter.

[REDACTED] New York City. (May be reached through his [REDACTED]) One of the officers in the Fur Dressers Factory Corporation, subject

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of investigation in instant case. He has given information to the effect that Buchalter and Shapiro were [REDACTED] for strong arm activities by Buchalter and Shapiro. These payments, which were made in cash, were made to Buchalter and Shapiro [REDACTED]. Although [REDACTED] has indicated recently that he would be willing to cooperate with the Bureau it is not known if his attitude is sincere in this respect inasmuch as he has been associated with the subjects in criminal activity, according to his own admission. It is quite possible he will be able to give information relative to the location of Buchalter and Shapiro at some future time.

BUCHALTER, BETTY, wife of subject Louis Buchalter. Has a [REDACTED] by former marriage. Her former husband was a World War veteran and has been dead for nine years. Betty Buchalter is described as about 30 years of age; 5' 6" in height; 145 pounds; dark brown hair and heavy build. She has used various aliases, among them, the name Mrs. Betty Saffer, Mrs. Wilson, and Betty Wasserman. It has been determined that the present address of Betty Buchalter is 310 West 86th Street, Apt. 12B, New York City.

She indicated during her telephone conversations, which were surveilled as indicated above in 1933, that Louis Fein, 1268 Strafford Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. (Tivoli 2-5945) was her father although other investigation indicates that her father's name is Arbeiter. She communicated with an attorney in 1933 at telephone Cortlandt 7-0027 and conferred with this attorney over the telephone about [REDACTED]. It was apparent that [REDACTED] as the accounting to the Veterans Bureau was mentioned several times. The attorney, whose name could not be clearly distinguished through the telephone surveillance, informed Betty that the Veterans Bureau had written her several letters which were not delivered at that time. Betty informed the attorney that [REDACTED] was then residing with relatives at [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York.

[REDACTED] Dr. Emanuel Buchalter, dentist, brother of Louis Buchalter, who formerly lived at 426 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, but who is presently

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residing at [REDACTED] and is in the seventh term at De Witt Clinton High School, Bronx, New York. b7c

BUCHALTER, EMANUEL, D.D.S., residing at 110 West 86th Street, New York City (Tr 7-2082) and maintaining offices at 57 West 57th Street (Wi 2-3320), and 324 Roebling Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. (St 2-8511). Emanuel Buchalter is a brother of Louis Buchalter and while reported to be a reputable business man it is not believed that he will knowingly furnish any information leading to the location of his brother.

[REDACTED] but who now assumes the name of Buchalter. He resides with [REDACTED] 510 West 86th Street, and is now in sixth term at De Witt Clinton High School, Bronx, New York. b7c

BUCHALTER, ISIDORE, residing at 947 Montgomery Street with his wife under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Buchalter (Slocum 6-9778). He is employed as a pharmacist in the Harvard Drug Company, 4239 Broadway, New York City, telephone Washington Heights 7-3957. The proprietor of this drugstore is a man named LANTAU.

BUCHALTER, RHEA. Wife of Emanuel Buchalter, sister-in-law of subject, residing with her husband at 110 West 86th Street, New York City.

BUCHALTER, ROSE, Mrs. Wife of Barnet Buchalter, deceased, mother of Louis Buchalter; also mother of Emanuel, Isidore, Mrs. Sarah Moss, Mrs. M. J. Morse, Phillip Kauvar and C. H. Kauvar. Presently residing at 2130 Broadway, New York City, Beacon Hotel (Tr 7-2500).

DAVIS, DIXIE, attorney, New York City, now being sought by Prosecutor Dewey, in connection with policy rackets. Davis represented Buchalter in certain activities and accompanied him to the office of New York County Assistant District Attorney Mendelsohn for questioning in 1933. His correct name is J. Richard Davis.

FEIN, LOUIS, 1268 Stratford Avenue,
(Ti 2-5945). Addressed in certain telephone conversation as
"Father" by Betty Buchalter although exact relationship not yet
established.

[REDACTED] Oklahoma.
Recipients of telegram including a Jewish New Years greeting
sent by Betty Buchalter on September 20, 1933. Exact relation-
ship to be determined.

[REDACTED] Elizabeth Street station,
contacted Buchalter some time ago for [REDACTED]
New York City, to persuade Buchalter to desist from injuring
[REDACTED] in his business.

[REDACTED] Also known as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, N. Y. [REDACTED]
is a friend of Betty Buchalter. She made a trip with Betty to
Montreal in August 1933. She also has a son who is reported to
have attended school, possibly at Bedford Academy, with Betty's
[REDACTED]

KAUVAR, C. H. Jewish Rabbi, 1316 Gilpin Street,
Denver, Colorado, offices, 1580 Gaylord Street, Denver, Half-
brother of Buchalter, being the son of Buchalter's mother by
marriage prior to her marriage to Buchalter's father Barnet, now
deceased.

PHILLIP KAUVAR, half-brother of Buchalter,
located in New York City and alleged to be in the trucking busi-
ness, although his address has not yet been determined.

[REDACTED] Brooklyn,
[REDACTED] Although not known to have any direct con-
tact with Buchalter and Shapiro, is known to have close associates
who are associates of Buchalter and Shapiro.

[redacted] Buchalter;
last known address is listed as [redacted]
[redacted] correct name is believed to be [redacted] and
is said to have married one [redacted]
[redacted] New York City, who formerly was [redacted]
[redacted] 6 West 57th Street, New York City.

LERNER, P. MORSE, Dr. Female doctor
at 242 East 15th Street, (Al 4-4645) treated some of hirelings
of Buchalter and Shapiro for certain injuries received by them
while engaging in their strong arm activities in connection with
instant case.

[redacted] owner of a concession some
time ago at the St. Moritz Hotel, 50 Central Park South. Known
to be acquainted with Eetty Buchalter and probably knows Buchalter
and Shapiro.

MORSE, M. J. Mrs., apartment 8B, 161 West
75th Street, New York City; sister of C. E. Kauvar and Phillip Kauvar,
and half sister of Buchalter. (Her telephone number is Endicott
2-7972). Her husband is believed to be M. J. Morse, whose occupation
has not yet been determined.

MOSS, SARAH, Mrs., Hotel Beacon, 2130 Broadway,
New York City (Tr 7-2500.) She is a sister of Buchalter and is
reported to be a social director in charge of Camp Allegro, Berk-
shire Inn, Pittsfield, Mass.; winter office, Hotel Beacon, tele-
phone Su 7-3812. Buchalter's mother is Mrs. Rose Buchalter,
who is residing at this address with her daughter, Mrs. Moss.

[redacted] Brooklyn,
N. Y. Given as the sender of a letter addressed to Mrs.
Rose Buchalter when the latter was in Denver in November 1933.
Investigation will be conducted to determine if any possible as-
sociation exists between the Richmond woman and the Buchalters.

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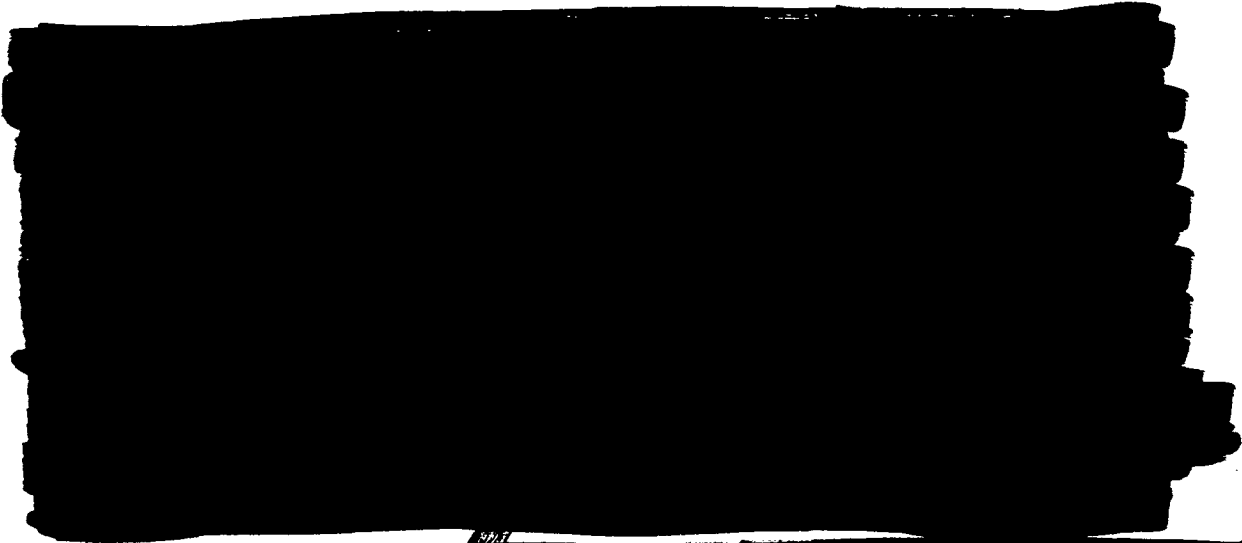
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At the Marriage License Bureau of the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, in volume 8, #18824, it was determined that LOUIS BUCHALTER married BETTY WASSERMAN on August 20, 1931. The information contained in the marriage license was as follows:

NAME
Residence

LOUIS BUCHALTER
215 W. 86th Street, New York City

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Occupation	Salesman
Birthplace	New York City
Father	Barnett, born in Russia
Mother	Rose Di Waltoff, born in Russia
Color	White
Age	34
First marriage	

NAME	ETTY WASSERMAN
Residence	255 W. 90th Street, New York City
Birthplace	London, England
Father	Abraham, born in England
Mother	Sarah Jacobs, born in Russia
Color	White
Age	29
Second marriage, widow since	1928

This license is dated August 20, 1931 and the marriage was performed on the same date at the Municipal Building by MICHAEL J. CRUISE, City Clerk. The witnesses to this marriage were Morris Wolensky and Feveromo, 201 East 35th Street, New York City.

It should be noted that information from the Verne Miller file above mentioned is to the effect that [REDACTED] accompanied Buchalter to Germany in 1933 in the course of which tour Buchalter is reported to have visited the baths at Carlsbad.

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The descriptions of Buchalter and Shapiro will not be set forth in this report inasmuch as the most complete descriptions available at this time are set forth in the reward circulars being distributed by the various field divisions of the Bureau throughout the country, dated November 8, 1937.

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apprehension of Buchalter and Shapiro.

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