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Charles Goldberg, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1462;
LOUIS BUCHALTER with aliases; "Lepke", Louis Buckhouse,
Louis Buchalter, Louis Kaurer, Louis Cohen, Louis Bukalter,
Louis Kuvnar, Louis Buchholtz, Louis Lauvar, Louis Saffer,
Louis Kaurer, "Lopky", "Lofky", "Sofky", Lou Brodsky,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1468, et al,

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BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES OF LOUIS BUCHALTER WITH ALIASES

Subject Buchalter was born February 12, 1897 in New York City. His father, BERNARD, BARNET or DAVID BUCHALTER died about twenty years ago. He came to America from Russia and operated a hardware shop in the neighborhood of Essex Street, lower east side, New York City, and resided either on Henry or Clinton Street in the same neighborhood. His mother, ROSE BUCHALTER, age 74, is presently residing with her daughter, Mrs. SARAH F. MOSS, half-sister of Subject Buchalter, at the Beacon Hotel, Broadway and 75th Street, New York City.

Subject Buchalter's wife, BEATRICE, known as BETTY, is living with her father and stepmother (SARAH), Mr. and Mrs. SAMUEL or ABRAHAM ARBEITER in Apartment 12-B, 310 West 86th Street. Betty's [REDACTED] by a former marriage, who was legally adopted by Subject Buchalter, [REDACTED] and is also living in this apartment.] b7c

Additional relatives of Subject Buchalter are as follows:

EMANUEL BUCHALTER, D.D.S., brother; residence, Apartment 12-A, 110 West 86th Street, New York City, who maintains dental offices at 57 West 57th Street, New York City and at 324 Roebling Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

ISIDORE BUCHALTER, brother, residing in Apartment 12-F, 947 Montgomery Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., employed as a registered pharmacist by the Harvard Drug Co., 4239 Broadway, New York City.

Mrs. ROSE BUCHALTER'S first husband was named KAUVAR (deceased). They had several children who are half-brothers and half-sisters of Subject Buchalter. Their names and present addresses are as follows:

C. H. KAUVAR, Ph. D., Rabbi; residence, 1316 Gilpin Street, Denver, Colorado; connected with the Jewish synagogue at 1580 Gaylord Street as well as with the Denver University at Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. MAXWELL J. MORSE, housewife, residing at the Wellston Apartments, 161 West 75th Street, New York City with her husband and children. He is said to be in the real estate business.

Mrs. SARAH F. MOSS, residing at the Hotel Beacon, 75th Street and Broadway, New York City, employed as a school teacher in New York City; also President and Manager of Camp Allegro in the Berkshires, Inc.; maintains a summer camp for girls at Pittsfield, Mass.

PHILIP LAUVAR, living with his wife DORA in Apartment 17-G, 175 West 93rd Street, New York City; one of the operators of the City Carriers Corp., 260 West 35th Street, New York City.

Additional information concerning all of the foregoing members of Subject Buchalter's family is contained in a section of this report entitled "Relatives, Associates and Connections."

On 9/2/15 as LOUIS BUCKALTER, Subject was arrested by Officer Miller, 7th Br., NYC PD, under No. B-1043, charged with burglary and felonious assault. Discharged by grand jury on September 20, 1915.

On 1/12/16 as LOUIS BUCKALTER, arrested by Officer Londrigan, D.B., NYC PD, charged with burglary. On January 24, 1916 discharged by Magistrate Levy, 1st Court.

On 2/29/16 as LOUIS KAUVER (also reported as Lauvar) aliases: Louis Buchalter and Louis Kauvar; arrested at Bridgeport, Conn. charged with theft. Received indeterminate sentence, Connecticut Reformatory, May 16, 1916. Admitted to Connecticut Reformatory, Cheshire, Conn., May 18, 1916 as No. 517; released on parole July 12, 1917; absconded July 23, 1917. Warrant issued for violation of parole, never executed; dismissed by Parole Board December 2, 1931.

The report of State's Attorney ALLEN A. CARTER, Fairfield County, Conn., dated May 13, 1917, indicates that Subject Buchalter was charged with theft of property of the value of about five hundred dollars; that he came to Bridgeport with one [REDACTED] b7C apparently for the purpose of stealing as there was no evidence produced to show that they came there for any legitimate purpose. It appears that Buchalter and his companion stole two suitcases containing samples of jewelry which were left by a salesman outside the doorway of a store.

On the fingerprint card received at the Bureau from the State Reformatory, Cheshire, Conn., August 28, 1916, the following data appeared:

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Height	5' 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Weight	152 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Beard	Dark
Residence	33 Hallhouse Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
Sister	Mrs. Bilthick, 555 East 141st Street, New York, N.Y. (No further information regarding this alleged sister is available at this time.)

The report of the Medical Director of the Connecticut Reformatory, being informative relative to this Subject at that time, is given herewith:

"FAMILY" Excellent father and mother. Father died in 1910. Mother is refined. Well educated. 1 sister is a school teacher. 1 brother a Rabbi with a Ph. D. degree. 1 stepbrother a dentist. 2 uncles dentists. 1 uncle a druggist. Cousin specializing in psychology at Columbia at present.

HOME Lived with mother after father's death 3 years. Mother went to live in Colorado and inmate went to live with sister. Home conditions the best.

PHYSICAL Normal

MENTAL Normal

SCHOOL 8 grades in 13 years.

VOCATIONAL Steady. Stock clerk or in clothing stores owned by family.

HABITS Good.

DELINQUENCY 2 previous arrests for burglary, discharged. Present arrest stole valise in Bridgeport because he was out of funds.

Inmate is a clean cut intelligent Hebrew, who led a normal life in spite of little supervision until Aug. 1916. Then worked for uncle who owns Orpheum at Savin Rock, who reduced his wages to \$8 a week. This he didn't like and went to New York, got in with a bad crowd doing petty jobs. His delinquency was probably result of mental conflict coupled with companions. Outlook is excellent.

INTELLIGENCE Above average. ABILITY Good. "

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While at this institution, Subject Buchalter's only correspondent was recorded as PHILIP KAUFMAN, brother, Atlantic Hotel, Bridgeport, Conn.

- On 9/28/17 Subject, as LOUIS BUCKALTER, was arrested by Officer Hayden, 2nd Br., NYC PD, charged with grand larceny, second degree, and on January 11, 1918 he was sentenced to one and one-half years at Sing Sing Prison. Received at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N.Y. on January 11, 1918 as Louis Buckalter; and on February 19, 1918 transferred to Auburn Prison, Auburn, N.Y. where he was received as No. A36326; and on May 21, 1918 was transferred to Great Meadow Prison, Comstock, N.Y. as No. 1474, from which institution he was discharged on January 27, 1919.
- On 4/25/19 as LOUIS BUCKALTER, arrested by Officer Smyth, Main Office Division, NYC PD, for attempted burglary. On April 25, 1919 discharged by Magistrate Frothingham, 2nd Court.
- On 1/22/20 as LOUIS COHEN, arrested by Officer Broderick, 18th Precinct, Detective Division, NYC PD, charged with attempted burglary, third degree. On June 21, 1920 sentenced to two and a half years imprisonment in Sing Sing Prison by Judge Matt, General Sessions Court. Received at Sing Sing Prison June 21, 1920. Released on parole March 16, 1922. Discharged upon expiration of the sentence on December 19, 1922.
- On 2/2/20 as LOUIS BUCKALTER, arrested by Officer Hayden, Main Office Division, NYC PD, charged with burglary. On February 20, 1920 discharged by grand jury.
- On 9/11/25 as LOUIS BUCKALTER, arrested by Officer Winberry, Safe & Vault Co., 11th St., charged with robbery. On September 12, 1925 discharged by Magistrate Obermayer, 3rd Court.

On the following listed dates Subject Buchalter as LOUIS BUCKHOUSE, was arrested in company with Subject Shapiro:

October 19, 1925
 October 25, 1927
 July 17, 1929
 November 11, 1931

The section of this report entitled "Background and Activities of Jacob Shapiro with aliases," contains in chronological order all available information regarding these arrests, as well as

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general information concerning the criminal history of both subjects BUCHALTER and SHAPIRO, as well as their activities and connections in relation to various firms, organizations, individuals and criminal undertakings. In order to avoid repetition of such information at this point, the reader is referred to that section, particularly pages 18 to 51, inclusive, which information should be considered in relation to that which follows.

On May 6, 1929, an account in the name of "SARAH AREBITER in trust for BETTY BUCHALTER" was opened at the Harlem Savings Bank, 125th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City, as savings account number 4 5 5 9 9 9. At that time Sarah gave her address as 48-~~nd~~ Street, Long Island City, New York, which address was later changed to 10 West 72nd Street, which is the 72nd Street number of the Majestic Apartments where subject Buchalter and Betty Buchalter were living at the time, and she stated that Betty Buchalter was her daughter. She stated her husband's name was SAM. She gave her father's name as LEIB and stated that she was born in Poland in 1868.

On July 2, 1930, she gave her address as 30 Hill Street, Newburgh, New York. In October, 1933, the balance in this account was \$1828.45.

On July 5, 1931, S. S. SCHRAGER, a known criminal associate of subject Buchalter, registered at the hotel Lexington, New York City in room 1419. On July 6, 1931, one C. H. MILLER, believed to have been subject VERNON MILLER of the Kansas City massacre case, registered in room 1409 of the same hotel. This is the first recorded contact of Vernon Miller and Schragor, although it appears that they were well acquainted with each other and had transactions in common.

On August 20, 1931, subject Buchalter married BETTY WASSERMAN at the Municipal Building, New York City, the ceremony having been performed by MICHAEL-J. CRUISE, City Clerk. The information contained in the marriage license was as follows:

Name	LOUIS BUCHALTER
Residence	215 East 86th Street, New York City
Occupation	Salesman
Birthplace	New York City
Father	BARNETT, born in Russia
Mother	ROSE DI WALTOFF, born in Russia
Color	White
Age	34
	First marriage

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Name	BETTY WASSERMAN
Residence	255 West 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

The witnesses to this marriage were MERRIS WOLENSKY and P. POVEROMO, both apparently of 201 East 35th Street, New York City.

It is noted here that Merris Wolensky, alias "Dimples" is a known close criminal associate of subject Buchalter and with others accompanied Buchalter to Europe in 1933.

On November 17, 1931, subject Buchalter and his wife Betty established their residence in apartment 17J, Magestic apartments 115 Central Park West, at 72nd Street.

On March 15, 1932, the Bureau of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., issued a confidential list in which was included subject Buchalter, said list containing information to the effect that he resided at 98 Riverside Drive, New York City (apparently a fictitious address); that he was a friend of the late JACK DIAMOND and was then, in 1932, reported associated with SIMI BERNSTEIN. It was noted that his hair was brown and his occupation was given as "manager".

On February 19, 1933, subject Buchalter as LOUIS SAFFER of New York City, A. LONG of Newark, N. J., (Abraham Zwillman alias Longie) BEN KUTLOW, of New York City, and A. SPITZEL, Broad Street, Newark, registered at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and remained there until March 6, 1933. Subject Buchalter's wife, joined them during their stay at this hotel.

The party checked in late at night, apparently having just arrived by automobile from California. LONG apparently was the

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RELATIVES, ASSOCIATES AND CONNECTIONS

Of Subjects JACOB SHAPIRO with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1462, and LOUIS BUCHALTER, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1468.

(* preceding name indicates criminal associate or connection).

(# preceding name indicates relative).

* AARONSON, PHILIP, defendant, Fur Dresser case of U.S. vs. Fur Dressers Factor Corporation, et al. (This case hereinafter referred to as FDFC).

* ACME FUR DRESSING COMPANY, INC., defendant, FDFC.

* ADELMAN, A., refer to Axel Adelman.

* ADELMAN, LOUIS. Named as associate of subject Shapiro in confidential list [redacted] issued March 15, 1932 by Bureau of Narcotics, Washington, D. C.

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* ADELPHI FUR DRESSING CORPORATION. Defendant in case U. S. vs. Protective Fur Dressers Corporation, et al. (This case hereinafter referred to as PFDC).

* ADLER, JACOB ARTHUR, Attorney-at-Law, office at 551 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. (His office is also reported as being at 161 West 50th Street and at 151 West 40th Street). Telephone number Vanderbilt 3-7757, residence, 241 Central Park West, telephone Trafalgar 7-4359.

Represented subject Shapiro and HARRY GREENBERG (lieutenant of Shapiro and Buchalter) in deportation proceedings, Ellis Island, N. Y. in 1932 and 1933. Represented subject Shapiro in connection with various arrests by Police Department, New York City.

Represented both subjects in trial of U. S. vs. Protective Fur Dressers Corporation, et al. Visited both subjects at U. S. Detention Headquarters. His telephone was called on several

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[REDACTED] New York, was one of SHAPIRO and BUCHALTER gangsters prosecuted for participating in armed attack on headquarters of Needle Trade Workers Industrial Union, April 24, 1933. On November 11, 1933, he received a sentence of ten to twenty years in State Prison and after serving part of his sentence was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished valuable information as shown on page 33 of this report, but apparently had no direct or personal contact with subjects SHAPIRO and BUCHALTER. b7c

~~APPEX FUR DRESSING COMPANY, INC.~~, defendant in FDPC, et al.

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~~ARBEITER, ABRAHAM~~, 310 West 86th Street, New York City, Apartment 12B, non-published telephone - Lindicott 2-0799. Father of subject Buchalter's wife Beatrice, known as Betty. Formerly lived at 2077 Wallace Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. On March 3, 1933, received telephone call at Underhill 3-2165 (his unlisted telephone at that time) from subject Buchalter as LOUIS SAFFER at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, at which time he was shared with ABRAHAM ZWILLMAN alias Longy, and BEN KUTLER, et al. Prior to moving into 310 West 86th Street, New York City, resided at 1169 55th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. He named as a reference his former landlord P. Garfield at that address. On June 21, 1933, filed forwarding address from 2077 Wallace Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. to Box 825, South Fallsburgh, N. Y.

Is described as: Age 60, height 5' 6"; weight 150 lbs.; build, slender; hair, white; features, drawn face; complexion, sallow; dress, good; wears glasses occasionally.

See also SUBJECTS LIST

~~ARBEITER, Mrs. ABRAHAM~~ (Sarah), stepmother of BETTY BUCHALTER, residing with husband. During summer of 1933 her address was in care of Sara Gobuls Villa, South Fallsburgh, N. Y. On May 6, 1929, opened account #455999 at Harlow Savings Bank, 124 E. 125th Street, New York City, in name of "SARAH ARBEITER in trust for Betty Buchalter, her daughter." At that time she gave her address as 43 - 42nd Street, Long Island City, which address was later changed to 10 West 72nd Street, which is the 72nd Street number of the

Majestic Apartments where subject Buchalter and his wife Betty were living at the time. She stated her husband's name was Sam and gave her father's name as Leib. She stated she was born in Poland in 1888. In October, 1933, the balance in this account was \$1818.45.

On March 3, 1933, she opened an account at the Central Savings Bank, 74th Street and Broadway. She opened account #109570 in the name of Sarah Arbeiter, 115 Central Park West, Apartment 17J, New York City. This account was closed out as of July 1, 1936, at which time she gave her address as 30 Mill Street, Newburgh, N.Y. On the same day under account #164246 Sarah Arbeiter's husband "Samuel" opened an account at the same bank in trust for Sarah Arbeiter's daughter Betty Arbeiter.

She is described as: age, 60; height, 5' 2"; weight, 150 lbs; build, medium; hair, black; face, round; complexion, red cheeks; dress, fair.

ARBEITER, BEN, brother of Betty Buchalter, accompanied Betty Buchalter and VIVIAN MATHEIAS alias Mrs. V. Allen, from New York City to Atlantic City, N.J. where they stopped at the Hotel Ritz-Carlton, from July 1, until July 6, 1933. According to the 1933 City Directory, Ben Arbeiter was listed as a chauffeur, residing at 2080 Wallace Avenue, Bronx, N.Y., wife's name, Sylvia. It is recalled at that time Betty's father, Abraham Arbeiter resided at 2077 Wallace Avenue. He moved from 2080 Wallace Avenue around August 15, 1933, and gave his forwarding address as care of his father-in-law A. RIESER, 2076 Wallace Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. He has also been reported as a bodyguard and chauffeur for subject Buchalter.

He is described as: age, 28; (1933); height, 5' 8"; weight, 160 lbs.; hair, black; eyes, brown; average dresser.

ARBEITER, BLANCHE, on November 29, 1937, a communication addressed to Blanche Arbeiter (typed), 310 West 86th Street, New York City, bearing the return address (printed), Box 3, Washington Bridge Station, New York N.Y., was received at that address.

ARBEITER, SAMUEL. See Abraham and Mrs. Abraham (Sarah) Arbeiter above.

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DR. EMANUEL BUCHALTER, Dentist, brother of subject Buchalter who formerly lived at 426 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y.; but who is presently residing at 110 West 86th Street, apartment 12-A. [REDACTED] presently attending

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#BUCHALTER, BEATRICE.

BETTY BUCHALTER'S first husband was JACK WASSERMAN, a World War veteran, who died September 30, 1928. Included in his estate was a life insurance policy in the amount of \$1,000. of the New York Life Insurance Company, the beneficiary of which was his son, [REDACTED] in payments amounting to \$44.30 a month, with interest until his 18th birthday, and then payments of \$100. a month until the face of the policy is paid. These monthly checks are deposited in account #228764, Drydock Savings Institute, 740 Lexington Avenue, New York City. The monthly checks are made payable to Mrs. BETTY BUCHALTER, [REDACTED] Minor, and the checks are mailed care of ARBEITER, 310 West 86th Street, New York City.

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As BETTY WASSERMAN, she was married to LOUIS BUCHALTER on August 20, 1931, at New York City, the ceremony having been performed by MICHAEL J. CRUISE, City Clerk. According to the marriage records, her address at that time was 255 West 90th Street, New York City; birthplace, London, England; father, "ABRAHAM - born in England"; mother, Sarah Jacobs, born in Russia; color - white, age 29. The witnesses to this marriage were: MORRIS WOLENSKY and P. POWROMO, 201 East 35th Street, New York City. This witness Wolensky apparently is the same as "DIMPLES" WOLENSKY who has been closely associated with subject Buchalter and who accompanied him to Europe in 1933.

It appears that Betty Buchalter's parents were divorced and that each remarried, her mother being Mrs. SAM FINKEL, who in 1933 resided in Vallint, Oklahoma, and who visited New York City during May and June, 1933; her father being ABRAHAM ARBEITER, as previously stated herein.

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In the year 1929, Mrs. SARAH ARBEITER opened account #455999 at the Harlem Savings Bank, 124 East 125th Street, New York City, designated as the account of "SARAH ARBEITER, in Trust for BETTY BUCHALTER", her daughter. (See Sarah Arbeiter in this section for further particulars).

At the Drydock Savings Bank, 742 Lexington Avenue, in 1933, she opened account #203365, as BETTY BUCHALTER, 1104 Elder Avenue, Bronx, which account was closed out as of July 10, 1934. On the latter date she gave her address as 25 Central Park West. She gave her husband's name as LOUIS BUCHALTER; occupation, salesman; father's name ABE ARBEITER. On one of the latest deposit tickets her address appears as 115 West 86th Street.

On July 1, 1936, account was opened at the Central Savings Bank, 74th Street and Broadway, New York City, account #164246, designated as the account of "SAMUEL ARBEITER in Trust for Betty Arbeiter". The address given in connection with this account was 310 West 86th Street, New York City.

As BETTY BUCHALTER, in May, 1933, she applied for United States passport. She stated she was born in London, England; that she was residing at 115 West 85th Street, New York City; that she had also made application for passport in 1931 and that she was the wife of LOUIS BUCHALTER.

BETTY was also with subject Buchalter as Louis Saffer during his sojourn with ZWILLMAN alias Long, BEN KUTLOW, and A. SPITZEL in the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, from February 9, 1933, to March 6, 1933.

During the summer of 1933, Betty Buchalter was constantly in the company of VIVIAN MATHIS alias Mrs. B. ALIEN, the paramour of VERNON C. MILLER. Their activities and movements are set out in detail in the section of this report pertaining to the background and activities of subject Buchalter.

BETTY is presently residing with her father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. ARBEITER, apartment 12-B, 310 West 86th Street, New York City, together with [REDACTED]. Close contact is being maintained with Mr. I. OLSON, superintendent of the apartment

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house at this address relative to the movements and contacts of the ARBEITER-BUCHALTER family. They have been living at this address since June 1, 1937, previously to which they resided at No. 1469 -55th Street, Brooklyn, New York. In negotiating the lease on his present apartment, Abraham Arbeiter named as a reference his former landlord, M. GARFIELD at that address.

Betty has been described as, age about 40, height 5 ft. 6 in.; weight 165 pounds; build heavy; large bust; hair black; dress, wears dark clothes; complexion dark; peculiarities, extra-long eyelashes, very noticeable.

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BUCHALTER, DORA, alias of Dora (Mrs. PHILIP) Kauvar.

BUCHALTER, D.D.S., EMANUEL.

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Brother of subject Buchalter, residence 110 West 86th Street, New York City, apartment 12-A. (telephone Trafalgar 7-2082). Dental offices at 57 West 57th Street (Wickersham 2-3320) and at 324 Roebling Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. (Stagg 2-8511). Family (immediate) consists of his wife REEA. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Formerly resided at 426 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. On various occasions in the past subject Buchalter gave as his own residence address 426 Eastern Parkway and also 324 Roebling Street, although he never resided at either place.

Subject Buchalter is said to have frequently visited his brother, EMANUEL, at the latter's present address up until several months ago. Close contact is being maintained with Mr. CHARLES F. LOMERIN, who is superintendent of this apartment house.

Dr. BUCHALTER is treasurer of Camp ALLEGRO in the Berkshires (Inc.), the president of which is subject Buchalter's half-sister, Mrs. SARAH F. MOSS, and which corporation operates a large camp for girls at Pittsfield, Mass. Dr. Buchalter and his family have been frequent visitors at this camp, and he has recently completed an elaborate new cottage at the camp for the personal use of himself and his family.

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He is described as being about 45 years of age, height 5 ft. 7 in.; weight 150 pounds; hair dark; build medium; has a long sharp nose; wears glasses.

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[Redacted]
[Son of BETTY BUCHALTER and adopted son of subject Buchalter.]
Residing with his mother in care of the ARBEITERS, apartment 12-B,
310 West 86th Street, New York City. In 1934 was legally adopted
by subject Buchalter through the Surrogate Court, New York County,

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[Redacted]
In addition to the life insurance policy left him by his father,
[JACK WASSERMAN,] concerning which information is shown under
BEATRICE BUCHALTER in this report, an amount of \$1,470.30 repre-
senting adjusted compensation of his father, was paid to his
mother by the Veterans Administration, and she is holding this
amount in trust for him.

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Daughter of EMANUEL BUCHALTER, residing in apartment 12-A,
110 West 86th Street, [Redacted]

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*# BUCHALTER, ISIDORE.

Brother of subject Buchalter, resides with his wife at 947 Mont-
gomery Street, Brooklyn, as Mr. and Mrs. IRVING BUCHALTER. (Tele-
phone Slocum 6-9778). Employed as a Registered Pharmacist in
the Harvard Drug Company, 4329 Broadway, New York City, proprietor
named LANDAU, (telephone Washington Heights 7-3957). Said to

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who has operated in Denver, Colorado, is said to have used the name of DR. C. H. KAUFMAN, half brother of subject BUCHALTER, as a reference in connection with his schemes. He is further said to be acquainted with and in touch with subject BUCHALTER; also said to be an associate of "OSSIP WOLLINSKY" whose address was said to be probably at 165 Broadway, New York City, the latter having been stated to be a racketeer who was also closely associated with subject Buchalter. (See Moe "Dimples" Wollinsky).

EXPERT FUR DRESSERS COMPANY, INC. - defendant in FDFC, et al.

FUR FURNISHING COMPANY, INC. - defendant in PFDC, et al.

FEIN, LOUIS,

1268 Stratford Avenue, Bronx, New York, telephoned by BETTY BUCHALTER on September 14, 1933, at which time she addressed him as father.

On October 27, 1933, a man called at the Hotel Pierre, gave his name as Louis Fein and said that he was MRS. BUCHALTER'S father and said that he came to get her trunk and suitcase. He subsequently took the trunk and suitcase to the World Moving and Storage Company, 402 East 3rd Street, New York City, which will be subsequently mentioned in this section.

When the Buchalters left the Majestic Apartments, prior to moving to the Pierre Hotel, they stored some property at this place which is operated by MILTON SPITZER. The exact relationship of this man to Betty Buchalter has not been established.

FEINBERG, SOL,

named with subjects SHAPIRO and BUCHALTER and 13 others in an indictment returned by Extraordinary Grand Jury of New York County, August 9, 1937, charging conspiracy to extort money from clothing manufacturers.

FEINBERG, BENJAMIN,

named with subject BUCHALTER and others in Narcotic indictment of November 30, 1937. Bail fixed at \$50,000.

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FEUERSTEIN, JACK.

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One of the strong arm defendants in FDFC, et al, played a minor part and denies any knowledge of or connection with subjects BUCHALTER and SHAPIRO. Presently driving a taxicab and residing at 484 Liberty Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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FIFTH AVENUE BAR AND GRILL - See Harrister Restaurant.

*FINK, AUGUST,

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said to be a member of the SHAPIRO-BUCHALTER mob. in connection with the dress industry racket in 1934. [redacted] photograph on file New York Division, fingerprint classification $\frac{29}{4} \frac{1}{0} \frac{4}{.}$

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FINKEL, JOSHUA, M.D.,

368 Clinton Avenue, Newark, N. J., telephone Bigelow 3-4533, received telephone call April 18, 1933 from Endicott 2-0669, unpublished telephone of subject Buchalter at Majestic Apartments.

*FINKEL, MRS. S.M,

mother of BETTY BUCHALTER, in August, 1933, resided at Valliant, Oklahoma, with her second husband, S.M. FINKEL. They were drygoods merchants and had been in Valliant for three or four years, having come from New York City.

Mrs. Finkel had no children by her second husband, but three by her first, one son and two daughters, including Betty Buchalter, all living in New York City.

Mrs. Finkel was in New York City during May and June, 1933.

FINKELSTEIN, SAMUEL,

132 Hard Lane, Lawrence, Long Island, New York, telephone Cedarhurst

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*KATZ, LOUIS alias of LOUIS TASHMAN.

*KATZ, MARTIN.

Named with subject Buchalter and others in narcotic indictment of November 30, 1937.

*KATZENBERG, YASHA.

Named with subject Buchalter and others in narcotic indictment of November 30, 1937.

Katzenberg was a fugitive under this indictment and was recently apprehended in Roumania, and it is understood that proceedings have been instituted for his extradition.

*KAUFMAN, MORRIS., Defendant in FDFC, et al.

#KAUVAR, C. H.

LHD, Rabbi, residence 1316 Gilpin Street, Denver, Colorado.
Study: 1530 Gaylord Street. Half-brother of subject Buchalter.
Listed in "Who's Who in America" for 1936-1937, as follows:

"KAUVAR, C(harles) E(liezer) Hillel, rabbi; b. Vilna, Russia, Aug. 14, 1879; s. Solomon S. and Rose M. (De Waltoff) K.; came to U.S., 1892. B.A., Coll. City of New York, 1900; M.A., Columbia, 1901; rabbi Jewish Theol. Sem., 1902, L.H.D.; 1909; m. Belle G. Bluestone, of New York City, June 25, 1909; children-Solomon S., Abraham Judah, Golde Fage. Rabbi Beth ha-Madrosh ha-Gadol Synagogue, Denver, since 1902, elected for life, 1919; prof. rabbinic lit. U. of Denver. Organized Denver Hebrew Sch., 1905; established Belle G. Kaiwar Fund for Edn., 1930, Nat. Jewish Edn. Fund, 1933. Past president Jewish Welfare Bd., Central Jewish Council, Denver Philos. Soc., Midwest br. Rabbinical Conf.; v.p. United Synagogues America; Colo. del. 1st Am. Jewish Congress. Mem. Denver Morals Commn. Author: Birke Aboth Comments; What is Judaism (in Hebrew)? "

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#KAUVAR, C. H. (Continued)

According to DAVID N. CHAPMAN, 1050 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado, Dr. Kauvar, who enjoys a splendid reputation in Denver and apparently is a highly respected citizen, allows the use of his name as a reference in connection with certain deals whether they are honest or not. In this connection he stated that he was swindled by PHILIP J. RAGOOLAND and FREDERICK FRANCIS in a mining deal, and that Ragooland and Francis used Dr. Kauvar's name as a background for their crooked deals. (See Frederick Francis).

It has been developed that Dr. Kauvar's wife is presently visiting MAX SPERBER at 4402 Western Avenue, Westmount, Canada, near Montreal. It appears that Max Sperber is related to Mrs. Kauvar. It is said that he does considerable legal work for racketeers.

#KAUVAR, DORA.

Wife of PHILIP KAUVAR.

#KAUVAR, PHILIP, alias Philip Buchalter, residence, apartment 17-G, 175 West 93rd Street, New York City.

In negotiating lease for this apartment in October, 1936, Philip Kauvar stated that he was president of the Joben Express Company, Inc., 250 West 36th Street, New York City. As references he named YORKTOWN BANK, 35th Street and 8th Avenue; personally acquainted with SEYMOUR A. BENSIGER, Vice-President; SAM LAVIT, 247 West 34th Street, New York City; BEN ESKOW, President of the Howard Trucking Company, 550 West 25th Street, New York City, and JACK ALTMAN, 257 West 35th Street, New York City. (Also see sections herein entitled: "City Carriers Corporation", page 139; "Benjamin Eskow", page 149; "Jack Altman", page 116.)

During subject Buchalter's incarceration in U. S. Detention Headquarters from November 12 to December 3, 1936, he was visited by PHIL and DORA KAUVAR, who then gave their names as PHIL and DORA BUCHALTER.

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New Jersey and at his office, 296 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, New Jersey. It has also been reported that Moretti recently purchased the U. S. Linen Supply Company, Inc., 19 Mill Street, Paterson, N. J., Armory 4-3367.

MOROSCO, WALTER

Husband of Corinne Griffith, whose home at 707 North Arden Street, Beverly Hills, California, or vicinity, was rented by Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel, for six months beginning about February, 1934, it having been reported that the rental was paid in advance in cash.

MORRIS, H. H.

Pittman, H. J., friend of J. P. Creamer. Accompanied Creamer and Borish on trip to Baltimore, Md., October 11, 1937, visited Raleigh Manufacturers, Inc. and attended poker game at Lord Baltimore Hotel at which Borish, Carl Shapiro and one Tannenbaum were present.

MORSE, MAXWELL J.

161 W. 75th Street, New York City, apartment 8-B. Mrs. Maxwell J. Morse is a half-sister of subject Buchalter. Maxwell J. Morse is said to be in the real estate business in Astoria, Queens, N. Y. C., and while not believed to be wealthy, is apparently moderately prosperous. Living with them are their two daughters, one a high school student, age about 18 and the other a school teacher, about 30 years old. During the summer of 1933 this family was contacted telephonically by subject Buchalter and his wife. They are now visited occasionally by Isidore Buchalter and Mrs. Sarah F. Moss.

MOSS, MRS. SARAH F.

Hotel Beacon, 2130 Broadway, New York City (southwest corner 75th Street) Half-sister of subject Buchalter, resides with her mother, Mrs. Rose Buchalter and [REDACTED] divorced wife of Jules Perfit who operates the Hilna Motors, Inc., 5600 18th Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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

SUBJECT: LOUIS "LEPKE" BUCHALTER

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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 2/9/39	Period for which made: 1/26, 27 & 28/39.	Report made by [REDACTED] b7C
Title FUR DRESSING INVESTIGATION. LOUIS BUCHALTER, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. #1468, et al.		Character of Case ANTITRUST, HARBORING, CONSPIRACY TO HARBOR.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

File reviewed and all outstanding leads set out.

Summary Report

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DETAILS:

The New York field office file in this case was reviewed by Special Agents **[REDACTED]** and all outstanding leads for the various field offices are being set out. **b7C**

The undeveloped leads set out herein for the respective field offices are being numbered, and it is requested that all the field offices, in reporting their investigative activity in the future, refer to the numbers of the respective leads appearing in this report. The Bureau has repeatedly instructed that all investigation

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[REDACTED] fur dealers, New York City, reported to be backed by Buchalter and Shapiro and especially favored by them in their dealings in the fur industry.

[REDACTED] subject Jacob Shapiro whose last known address is [REDACTED] Brooklyn, N. Y., where she resides with [REDACTED]. Her mother, whose name has not yet been established, is also reported residing with her at that address.

By virtue of a mail cover placed for that address, it was learned that all of the following names were used on mail addressed to [REDACTED] and received by the occupants without being returned: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hotel Hatfield, 103 East 29th Street, New York City, which address Shapiro gave as his residence when arraigned in instant case in November 1933, which was confirmed by [REDACTED] upon telephonic inquiry from Special Agent [REDACTED] on November 22, 1933. At this time [REDACTED] in response to the inquiry, advised agent [REDACTED] that if Shapiro was in jail "Somebody might get hurt."

SPITZER, MILTON, apartment B, 1710 Andrews Avenue, reported to be the owner and operator of the World Moving and Storage Company, 402 East 3rd Street, New York City, in which company Buchalter is reported to have an interest.

SPITZER, NATHAN, Dr., 1710 Andrews Avenue, New York City. Brother of Milton Spitzer and reported to be patronized by racketeers and gangsters who are supposed to have had Dr. Spitzer treat gunshot wounds for them without making the necessary reports to the Police.

WITTY, DAVID, residing at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel in October 1933 and addressed as "Uncle David" by Betty Buchalter over the telephone. He was later reported to be residing at the telephone address of Wisconsin 7-8527, the street address of which is yet to be determined.

[redacted] reported to be residing at [redacted] Brooklyn, N. Y., a short distance away from the address listed for subject Shapiro. He is reported to be a close associate of Shapiro and had his children at [redacted] with Shapiro's [redacted]

On November 10, 1937 confidential informant of Special Agent [redacted] whose name is known to the Bureau, called at the New York office and stated that he believed [redacted] Otto Albrush were contacting Buchalter and Shapiro. He advised that it was known to him that Buchalter and Shapiro had financed [redacted] in a trucking business and Albrush in the dress business in New York City, and that it was reasonable to believe, inasmuch as these persons were close associates of Buchalter and Shapiro, that they were probably the ones who were contacting him. Accordingly an interview was arranged between informant and agents at the New York office, which was held on November 12, 1937. At this time the informant advised that [redacted] was financed in [redacted] L. and S. Trucking Company, 16 West 24th Street (St 9-1878) and that Otto Albrush (phonetic) was financed in his children's dress business located some place on Sixth Avenue between 14th and 15th Streets by Buchalter and Shapiro. He stated that Albrush formerly worked for one [redacted] Uwanna Dress Company on West 23rd Street, between 5th and 6th Avenue, but when [redacted] refused to take Albrush in as his partner Buchalter and Shapiro financed Albrush so that he was able to start a business of his own at the place above indicated.

The informant advised that both [redacted] Albrush know each other quite well and seem to be very good friends and that both of them are implicitly trusted by Buchalter and Shapiro. The informant describes [redacted] as being a young man in his twenties, medium height, dark features and describes Albrush as about 42 years of age 5'7 1/2", 165 lbs. to 170 lbs.; dark hair; very well dressed. He stated that [redacted] owns a Cadillac car and that it is significant to him that [redacted] has disappeared from the city for the last six or seven months for a day or two each week, telling no one where he is going nor indicating upon his return where he has been. Albrush, he states, patronizes the Clarendon Bar and Grill, located at 22 East 31st Street between 5th and Madison Avenues, and that both Albrush [redacted] often have lunch together on 24th Street or in that vicinity.

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It has been determined that [redacted] resides at [redacted] New York City, and has an unlisted telephone which number has not as yet been determined.

Investigation will be conducted to determine Albrush's correct name and his business and residence addresses.

The informant was closely questioned by agents relative to his contacts, and it was believed by agents that he is conversant with criminal activities in New York City, as he represents. He will be contacted from time to time for any information he may have relative to instant case.

In a communication received by the New York office from the New York Times, information was advanced which was taken from an anonymous communication to the effect that one [redacted] purchased an automobile for Shapiro from the Benver Motor Company, Southern Boulevard, New York City, and that [redacted] acted as principal in this purchase. Both are reported to be close friends of Buchalter and Shapiro. [redacted] Phil-Or Textile Shrinking Corporation, 91 7th Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets (Wa 9-8448) and [redacted] is reported to be [redacted] Royal Paper Company, East 156th Street. The communication indicated that he resided at [redacted] however, a check of the Bronx address-telephone directory did not disclose any one named [redacted] at the [redacted] address, nor the Olinville telephone number. However, further investigation will be conducted on the basis of this information.

On November 11, 1937, a telegram was received at the New York office from the Seattle office to the effect that an informant at Spokane, Washington, has identified a newspaper photograph of Shapiro as being a likeness of an individual observed at Spokane, Washington, driving a car bearing New York 1937 license plates [redacted]. Immediately upon receipt of this telegram a check was made of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, New York City, which reflected that license [redacted] was issued to the American Fur Designer, 356 Seventh Avenue, New York City, for a 1938 Buick sedan, motor No. [redacted]. The proof of ownership for this car filed with the Motor Vehicle Bureau lists [redacted] American Fur Designer, both residing at [redacted] Brooklyn, N. Y. The aforesaid information was subsequently dispatched to the Seattle office by wire and on the same day the Seattle office advised that [redacted] was not identical with either subject in this case.

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In connection with this matter, a wire was also directed to the Detroit office requesting that they contact the Buick Motor Company, Detroit, for the purpose of ascertaining to whom the 1938 Buick sedan, motor [REDACTED] had been originally consigned. As yet, no reply has been received and they are being notified to discontinue that lead.

As ^{to} the information furnished this office that Phillip Kauvar, half-brother of subject Buchalter, was engaged in the trucking business, a check of the New York State Motor Vehicle Bureau, New York City, revealed that there was no operators or owners license issued at any time in the name of Kauvar. Further investigation will be made to determine the present address and occupation of this individual.

Inquiry was made by agents at the Tudor Hall Apartments, 426 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, indicated as a former address of Dr. Emanuel Buchalter, for the purpose of obtaining what information was available pertinent to the relatives of Buchalter. The superintendent of the apartment advised that the same type of inquiry had been made of him several times in the past by law enforcement officers, whose identity he could not furnish at this time, and that he furnished them the only information available to him, which was that Dr. Emanuel Buchalter, also known as Edward Buchalter, resided in the apartment house for about six years, moving from there in about 1934, the new address not being known to the superintendent. He also advised that living in the apartment house with Buchalter were [REDACTED] the family moved, [REDACTED] but whose name was not known to the superintendent. He stated that Dr. Buchalter, who was a dentist, did not have an office at his residence but maintained an office at 324 Roebling Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. and another one at some unknown address in New York City. The only other information pertaining to him was the fact that Dr. Buchalter maintained a bank account in the Manufacturers Trust Company, 225 Havemeyer Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. He did not know where Buchalter's children had attended school but believed it was at some school in the neighborhood.

At Public School 241, President Street and Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, [REDACTED] was interviewed, and she caused a search of the school records to be made, which reflected that the only Buchalter who had ever attended the school was [REDACTED] who in 1934 resided at [REDACTED] Brooklyn. [REDACTED] birth date was given as [REDACTED] and his father was listed as [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] address. It was

indicated that [REDACTED]
entering [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and indicated he was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Mosholu Parkway, between Gaynor and Sedgwick Avenues,
Bronx, New York. [REDACTED] questioned about the [REDACTED] which [REDACTED]
attended, [REDACTED] advised that it was located at 296 New York
Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. and to the best of her recollection its regis-
tration included only very young children.

Investigation was conducted at 947 Montgomery Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y., previously reported as the address of Isidore
Buchalter, brother of one of the subjects, but Mrs. Feinstein, who
stated she was superintendent of the apartment house in the absence
of her husband, advised that as far as she knew there was no one
registered in the apartment house named Isidore Buchalter, but that
a man named Irving Buchalter occupied apartment 12F with his wife
for the past year and one-half. She stated that he was a druggist
whose business is located in Manhattan and that she could vouch for
his good character. It was apparent that Mrs. Feinstein was on very
good terms with Buchalter and his wife and so the purpose of agents'
inquiries were not made known to her, so that it could not be established
through this source whether Irving Buchalter is identical with Isidore
Buchalter. It should be noted that only "I. Buchalter" appeared on the
apartment house directory. It should also be noted that the telephone
directory for Brooklyn lists Irving Buchalter as residing at the
Montgomery Street address.

Inquiry was also made at 607 Hegeman Avenue. Samuel
Buchalter, druggist, was interviewed, and stated that he had no rela-
tives named Louis Buchalter, but that he had a cousin named Isidore
Buchalter who was a druggist at some address in Manhattan. Samuel
Buchalter stated he had not been in contact with this Buchalter
family for a great many years and could furnish no information about
them. He stated that they were distant cousins of his and that his
family had never visited them. It was apparent from Samuel Buchalter's
attitude that he was telling the truth in this respect.

On the evening of November 15, 1937 a call was received from
[REDACTED] of the Bureau, who dictated the following, which was
received from the [REDACTED] Lily Pons, Maryland, [REDACTED]

"Notice for Apprehension Shapiro and Buchalter just received this office. A man named [REDACTED] has held correspondence with three springs fisheries located Lily Pons, Maryland, and address given was [REDACTED] Bronx, N. Y. A check sent him dated [REDACTED] number [REDACTED] Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, Frederick, Maryland, was deposited by him in the National City Bank, N. Y., Washington Heights branch."

In view of the foregoing, inquiry was made at the Washington Heights branch of the National City Bank, 4255 Broadway, New York City, where [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the bank records, which reflected that there was no account of anyone named [REDACTED]. On the possibility that the check was merely cashed for [REDACTED] instead of his having an account there [REDACTED] caused a further check to be made of the photographs of checks in the possession of the bank, but there was no record of any check having been cashed by the bank on the date mentioned.

At [REDACTED] Bronx, N. Y., [REDACTED] was interviewed, and he stated that a man named [REDACTED] resided on the [REDACTED] building for the [REDACTED] and that to the best of his knowledge this [REDACTED] was employed as some kind of a food inspector, although he did not believe that it was with any Government or municipal agency. [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as being about [REDACTED] complexion; and stated that [REDACTED] resided with [REDACTED]. He stated as far as he could ascertain [REDACTED] was a man of good character; spent much of his time at home and paid his bills regularly. This information was telephonically communicated to the Bureau by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the New York office immediately upon its receipt.

While in the vicinity of the Washington Heights branch of the National City Bank, discreet inquiry was made at the Harvard Drug Company, 4239 Broadway, where it was determined that the proprietor of the drugstore was a man named Landau. Under pretext of inquiring about Red Cross violations it was learned from him that Isidore Buchalter, brother of subject Buchalter, has been employed as a pharmacist in the Harvard Drug Company, having formerly been employed in the Fort Washington Drugstore, which went out of business some time ago. It was further determined that Isidore

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Buchalter was also known as Irving Buchalter and resides at 917 Montgomery Street, Brooklyn, New York. During agents' interview in the drugstore it was observed that a pharmacist's ticket or certificate, issued by the State of New York in the name of Isidore Buchalter, was hanging on the wall. Landau, at his own initiative pointed out Isidore Buchalter to agents and it was observed that he is about 5'6" tall; light brown hair, partly bald; round face; 150 lbs., stocky build; rimless eyeglasses. He appeared to be slightly over 30 years of age. Landau volunteered the information that it was not generally known around the drugstore that Isidore Buchalter was the brother of subject, and he had not made it known to anyone.

At the Harlem Savings Bank, 124 East 125th Street, New York City, the records reflected that account No. 455999 was in the name of Sarah Arbeiter in trust for Betty Buchalter, her daughter. The account was opened in the year 1929, Mrs. Sarah Arbeiter giving her address at that time as 43 - 142nd Street, Long Island City, New York. Mrs. Sarah Arbeiter gave her father's name as Leib, and her mother's name as Esther, and that she was born in Poland in 1888. This account, since its inception, has been very inactive and the last transaction was a withdrawal on July 2, 1936. Mrs. Sarah Arbeiter at the time gave her address as 30 Mill Street, Newburgh, New York.

At the Drydock Savings Bank, 742 Lexington Avenue, account No. 203365 was opened in the year 1933 by Betty Buchalter, 1104 Elder Avenue, Bronx, New York, and was closed out as of July 10, 1934. Betty Buchalter gave her address at that time as 25 Central Park West, New York City. The records of the bank also reflect that Betty Buchalter gave her husband's name as Louis Buchalter; occupation, salesman; father's name, Abe Arbeiter. On one of her deposit slips she gave an address as 115 West 86th Street, New York City. The account, as of July 5, 1934, records a deposit of a check in the amount of \$50.00 drawn on the Clifton National Bank, Clifton, N. J. by [REDACTED]

At the Central Savings Bank, 74th Street and Broadway, New York City, account 109570 was opened on March 3, 1933 in the name of Sarah Arbeiter, 115 Central Park West, apartment 17J, New York City. Sarah Arbeiter stated at the time that

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she was born in Poland May 12, 1888; name of parents Jakowitz; daughter Betty; that this account was closed out as of July 1, 1936 by Sarah Arbeiter, at which time she gave her address as 30 Mill Street, Newburgh, New York, and on the same day under account No. 164246 Sarah Arbeiter's husband Samuel opened up an account at the same bank in trust for her daughter, (Sarah's), Betty Arbeiter. In the last transaction in connection with this account Mrs. Sarah Arbeiter gave her address as 310 West 86th Street, New York City.

The premises 310 West 86th Street, is a 12 story apartment house, the agents for same being [redacted] New York City, and on contacting [redacted] of this concern, as to a tenant by the name of Arbeiter residing at 310 West 86th Street, he informed that the police authorities of the City of New York had made several inquiries of him during the past six months as to a family by the name of Arbeiter residing at the instant premises. [redacted] informed agent that his company had leased to one Abraham Arbeiter, retired, who formerly resided at 1469 55th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., (Wisconsin 6-8591), apartment 12B, at 310 West 86th Street, New York City, from June 1, 1937 to September 30, 1938 at the annual rental of \$1875, payable monthly; that apartment 12B is located on the 12th floor (two apartments on one floor), consists of seven rooms and three baths. Mr. Arbeiter, when renting the said apartment, gave his references as [redacted] Brooklyn, N. Y. and his bank as the National Safety Bank and Trust Company, 26th Street and 72nd Avenue, New York City. [redacted] claimed he was not personally acquainted with the Arbeiters, although on his contacting [redacted] of 310 West 86th Street, in whom he said he could place confidence, [redacted] advised that apartment 12B, in addition to being tenanted by Mr. and Mrs. Arbeiter, there also lived in the apartment one [redacted] who attended a local high school.

A check of the records at the [redacted] New York City, reflected that one [redacted] name Louis; that he entered the school on [redacted] father's [redacted] from the [redacted] Brooklyn, N. Y.; born [redacted] In [redacted] this connection it might also be stated that [redacted] Emanuel Buchalter, who is a brother of subject Buchalter, also attends this school, having entered same as of September 10, 1934

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from [redacted] Brooklyn, New York; born [redacted] and presently in the [redacted]

With a view to determining whether the Arbeiter or Buchalter families, residing at 310 West 86th Street, New York City, had a telephone in their apartment, 12B, the New York address-telephone directory listed a non-published telephone for Abraham Arbeiter, and on further check with the New York Telephone Company, it was ascertained that the telephone number issued to subscriber Abraham Arbeiter was Endicott 2-0799.

An informant has been established who has promised to furnish information as to the habits of the Arbeiter and Buchalter families.

On the night of November 15, 1937, [redacted] of the Bureau called Special Agent [redacted] and advised that he desired an immediate, discreet investigation to be undertaken to determine whether any telephone taps were on the relatives listed on the Identification Order No. 1462 issued for Jacob Shapiro. He stated that the Dewey investigators should not be contacted for this purpose.

Special Agent [redacted] made a discreet, careful check of the telephone wires emanating from [redacted] Brooklyn, N. Y., the home of [redacted] and ascertained that some distance from the home in the terminal box there was a tap on her telephone.

Agent [redacted] did not follow the tap to the hideout, fearing that same might cause the disclosure of our seeking to establish whether there was a tap on the wire.

On November 16, 1937 [redacted] of the Bureau was advised of these facts, and also advised that in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Washington, D. C., October 27, 1937, on page 7, it was indicated that the Internal Revenue Agents were maintaining a wire on the phone of [redacted] Baltimore, Md. [redacted] advised that the Identification Order which is in the possession of this office should be held and not distributed until further instructions were received from the Bureau.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent [REDACTED] b7C

It was determined that the telephone number mentioned in surveillance on the telephone connected with the apartment of BUCHALTER and his wife, BETTY, in the Hotel Pierre in 1933, namely Cortlandt 7-0027, was listed in the name of Murray L. Jacobs, Attorney, 165 Broadway, New York City.

A check of the building register at 165 Broadway indicated that Murray L. Jacobs had associated with him in his law practise an Irving A. Blum and a Sally G. Kuttner. The name mentioned in the surveillance, BONDISH, or any name similar, could not be found in the register at 165 Broadway.

At the Veterans Administration, 30th Street and 9th Avenue, New York City, Mr. James A. Clark, Chief Attorney, was interviewed, since it had been indicated that BETTY BUCHALTER, wife of Subject Buchalter, was the widow of a war veteran and had had some correspondence with the Veterans Administration in reference to her deceased husband. It was determined from the file of Jack Wasserman, XC 729580, that Mrs. Betty Wasserman Buchalter, the widow of Jack Wasserman and present wife of Subject Buchalter [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] and had received \$1470.30 from the Veterans Administration, which amount represented the adjusted compensation of the deceased veteran, which she was holding in trust for her minor son.

The file covering the deceased veteran, Jack Wasserman, was reviewed in the office of Mr. Clark and it was determined that [REDACTED] was at the present time attending the [REDACTED] that his mother, Mrs. Betty Wasserman Buchalter, had been appointed his guardian on October 30, 1928. For any records covering this guardianship Mr. Clark suggested that Mr. Charles Schleman of the Surrogate Court in Queens County would be the proper person to contact. The attorneys who drew up the papers covering this guardianship were Fisher & Deimel of 551 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The file in the Veterans Administration further reflected that [REDACTED] b7C [REDACTED] adopted by Louis Buchalter in the Surrogate Court of

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New York County in 1934 and that an investigation covering this adoption was conducted by 'FRANK P. RENNERT' on December 7, 1934. The file also contained a letter from Mrs. Ethel Wakefield of the American Red Cross dated March 27, 1937. This letter indicated that Mrs. Buchalter was living at 25 Central Park West and that an investigation had been conducted by the Red Cross at the suggestion of the Veterans Administration. Mr. Clark explained that this investigation was conducted by the Red Cross to determine whether the minor child was receiving the full benefits of the money deposited by his guardian in trust for him. The file further reflected that Mrs. Buchalter was under a \$4000. bond covering her guardianship, this bond being held by the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, 16 Court Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

At the American Red Cross, 315 Lexington Avenue, New York City, Mrs. Ethel Wakefield, in charge of the home service, was interviewed and she allowed the reporting agent to review the file covering the investigations conducted by the American Red Cross in reference to Mrs. Betty Wasserman Buchalter. This file indicated that several attempts were made to interview Mrs. Buchalter without success but that sometime in March, 1937, Mrs. Buchalter was interviewed by the Red Cross at her apartment at 25 Central Park West. This interview indicated that the minor son was obtaining all the benefits from the money deposited in trust for him. At the time of the interview Mrs. Buchalter had made a request of the Red Cross in reference to an insurance policy held by the New York Life Insurance Company on the life of her deceased husband and the Red Cross had agreed to make further investigations concerning this policy but since that time the Red Cross has been unable to contact Mrs. Buchalter, a letter addressed to her on October 11, 1937 at 25 Central Park West having been returned to the Red Cross marked, "Addressee moved, no forwarding address".

Both Mr. James A. Clark of the Veterans Administration and Mrs. Ethel Wakefield of the American Red Cross stated that the files in their offices concerning this matter would be open for review any time by Agents of this Bureau.

At the Surrogate Court of New York County, [REDACTED] 1934 covering the adoption of [REDACTED] by Subject] b7c

Buchalter was reviewed. This file indicates that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that his father, Jack Wasserman died September 30, 1928 and that his mother, Betty Wasserman married Subject Louis Buchalter on August 20, 1931. In the petition of adoption Subject Buchalter sets forth his occupation as General Manager of the Perfection Coat Front Manufacturing Company, 11 West 19th Street, New York City and also the General Manager of the Garfield Express Co., Inc., 272 Oak Street, Passaic, N. J. and sets forth his income as \$20,000. per year. It is further set forth that the minor [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This policy was written on the life of Jack Wasserman, his father, and indicates that the [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED] The adoption was granted by the Surrogate Court on [REDACTED] and an investigation of the fitness of Subject Buchalter to support the minor child was made by Frank P. Rennert of the Surrogate Court of New York County and the adoption was allowed by James A. Foley, Surrogate.

Mr. FRANK P. RENNERT was interviewed and he stated that the investigations as conducted by him were reported to the Surrogate in writing but that these files were not open for review but were sealed in the surrogate's office. However, he stated that in cases such as this where the person marrying the mother of the minor is involved, a through investigation is not conducted since the person adopting the minor child would have custody of the child in any event since he was marrying the minor's mother and that unless it was definitely established that this person was unable to support the minor child, very little investigation was conducted.

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

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	LETTY 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 "Dimples" Wolensky accompanied Buchalter to Germany in 1933 in the course of which tour Buchalter is reported to have visited the baths at Carlsbad.

At the office of the New York Life Insurance Company, 28th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City, [REDACTED] b7C of the Inspection Department, was interviewed and he stated that they had a policy on the life of Jack Wasserman which policy had been or was being paid and that this policy was at the present time in their store room but that he would obtain the files and make them available for review by reporting agent.

While the writer was at the Newark Bureau office on official business on a recent date Special Agent [REDACTED] b7C of that office advised that an informant known to the Newark office told him that William Moretti who controls the numbers racket in Bergen County, N. J. is a close associate of Buchalter and Shapiro. This informant further advised that Moretti, Buchalter and other men in the numbers racket in New Jersey and New York have an agreement on the numbers racket at the present time and that this racket is operated through one large office which is located in Cliffside, N. J. The Informant said that he does not know the exact location of this office but he is positive it is located in Cliffside because he knows from a confidential source [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] he further advised that Chief of Police Borelli of Cliffside, N. J. is aware of the headquarters existence and its operation in Bergen County.

With further reference to Moretti the Informant stated that Moretti has a non-published telephone number, Hasbrouck Heights 8-0710. He said that one Savarese who now works for Chief of Police Borelli, operates the Swing Club, a night club located in Cliffside, N. J. It is possible, according to the Informant, that Savarese might give some information concerning the activities of these individuals and also might be in a position to furnish information regarding the recent bank robberies if certain methods of persuasion were used upon him. The informant suggested that one of these ways might be to indicate to Savarese that it was known that an individual named Portuguese Joe was killed in Savarese's home, which was used by a mob of New Jersey and New York hoodlums at one time.

Moretti is also reported to have a telephone number Hackensack 2-1050. It is said that he recently purchased the United States Linen Supply Company, Inc., 19 Mill Street, Paterson, N. J., telephone number Armory 4-3367.

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.

It should be noted at this time that instructions from the Bureau to withhold the distribution of identification order #1462 covering Subject Shapiro are still in force.

It should be made known to all possible informants that a \$5000. reward has been offered by the Attorney General of the United States, \$2,500. to be paid for information furnished to the Bureau resulting in the apprehension of Shapiro and the same amount to be paid for information furnished to the Bureau resulting in the apprehension of Buchalter. Arrangements may be made, if necessary, whereby any informant furnishing the desired information may be the recipient of the reward without his identity being disclosed, as will probably be desired in a case of this kind.

A mail cover has already been requested for the mail of C. H. KAUFER, half-brother of Buchalter, residing in Denver, Col. Mail covers are also being requested on the mail addressed to the Buchalter and Arbeiter families residing at 310 W. 86th Street, New York City; the family of Dr. Emanuel Buchalter, 110 W. 86th Street, New York City, 57 W. 57th Street, New York City and 324 Roebling Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Isadore Buchalter, 947 Montgomery Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. and 4239 Broadway, New York City; Mrs. Rose Buchalter and Mrs. Sarah Moss, 2130 Broadway, New York City (Beacon Hotel) and Mrs. Maxwell J. Morse, 161 W. 75th Street, New York City.

Requests for the records of long distance telephone and toll calls from the telephones connected with residences of the above mentioned individuals, which numbers are listed in this report, as well as long distance calls made to such numbers, are also being made covering the last sixty days.

An anonymous communication to the Bureau postmarked New York City, N. Y. a copy of which communication was forwarded to the New York office, contained information to the effect that Abe and Dave Fishman of the Bluedale Dress Co., 253 W. 35th Street, New York City, are reportedly cousins of Buchalter and prosper under his protective strong arm activities and may have some information as to his whereabouts. Investigation will be conducted to determine whether this report has any basis in fact.

The Bureau has directed that investigation in this case be given expeditious attention and therefore it is requested that undeveloped leads be covered as soon as possible.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Valiant, Okla. will conduct discreet investigation relative to Mr. and Mrs. SAM FINKLE mentioned in the body of this report as possible relatives of BETTY BUCHALTER, for any information which might lead to the location of either Buchalter or Shapiro. It is suggested that after this discreet inquiry is made a mail cover be placed upon the mail of the Finkel family.

THE NEWARK OFFICE at 272 Oak Street, Passaic, N. J., the Garfield Express Co., Inc., will conduct discreet inquiry relative to the owner and the operation of the Garfield Express Co., Inc. at that address to establish the identity of additional contacts which might lead to the location of Subjects.

At the Clifton National Bank, Clifton, N. J., will establish the identity of one Israel Kleinman who drew a check on said bank in July, 1934 in favor of [REDACTED] Subject Buchalter. b7C

Will also conduct investigation based upon information received from Special [REDACTED] of the Newark office, looking to the location of Subjects. b7C

THE BUFFALO OFFICE at Albany, N. Y. will cause a search to be made of the records of the New York State Boards of Pharmacy and Dentistry in order to obtain all information available from the applications of Dr. Emanuel Buchalter, Dentist, and Isidore Buchalter, Pharmacist, pertaining to the family history of Buchalter. It is possible that Emanuel Buchalter may be registered under the name of Edward Buchalter and Isidore Buchalter may be registered under the name of Irving Buchalter, although it has been observed that the name Isidore Buchalter appears upon the latter's license at the Harvard Drug Company.

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THE DENVER OFFICE at Denver, Col. will supervise and continue the mail cover on C. H. Kauver, half-brother of Buchalter, who is a Rabbi at 1316 Gilpin Street, office 1580 Gaylord Street. It has been reported earlier that C. H. Kauver has evinced the most cooperative attitude toward the Bureau of any member of the family. It is suggested that Dr. Kauver again be interviewed for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of not only members of the immediate family but also relatives-in-law and their location, if possible.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE will conduct investigation based on all available information looking to the location and apprehension of Buchalter and Shapiro.

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

SUBJECT: LOUIS "LEPKE" BUCHALTER

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July 5, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ⁰FURDRESS - Outline of Developments of Investigation looking to the location of LOUIS BUCHALTER

60-1501-3222X
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 21 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

W. J. Tolson
W. G. Clegg
W. E. Glavin

PROSECUTIVE ACTION AS TO LOUIS BUCHALTER

Louis "Lepke" Buchalter was sentenced to serve two years and fined \$10,000 on November 12, 1936, at New York City, for the violation of the Federal Antitrust Laws in connection with his activities in the Protective Fur Dressers Corporation, but he appealed the conviction and it was reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeals. Buchalter is at this time under indictment for the violation of the Federal Antitrust Laws in regard to his activities in the Fur Dressers Factor Corporation. Buchalter failed to appear in the Federal Court in the Southern District of New York on July 6, 1937, forfeiting a \$3,000 bail and he has been a fugitive since that date.

PROSECUTIVE ACTION AS TO JACOB SHAPIRO

Jacob "Gurrah" Shapiro was also sentenced to serve two years and to pay a fine of \$10,000 on November 12, 1936, for the violation of the Federal Antitrust Laws in the Southern District of New York in connection with his activities in the Protective Fur Dressers Corporation. Shapiro was released on December 3, 1936, pending appeal and became a fugitive on June 14, 1937, when this sentence was affirmed by the Circuit Court of Appeals and he failed to surrender. On April 14, 1938, Shapiro surrendered at the Federal House of Detention, New York City, and shortly thereafter commenced the serving of the two year sentence imposed,

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Glavin.....
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- Mr. Nichols.....
- Mr. Rosen.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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July 5, 1939

Extraordinary Grand Jury of New York County against Jacob Shapiro and Louis Buchalter, charging them, with others, in eleven counts with extortion in the Baking Industry of New York City during the years 1934 and 1935, by means of which, it is alleged, they obtained tribute of \$1,000,000.

REWARDS

On August 20, 1937, the New York City Board of Estimate Apportionment offered \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Louis Buchalter.

On November 8, 1937, the then Attorney General of the United States offered \$2,500 for information furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation resulting in the apprehension of Louis Buchalter. This offer of reward expired on November 1, 1938, and has not been renewed to date. However, on March 31, 1939, a bulletin was dispatched to all Special Agents in Charge of the Bureau field offices, pointing out that because of circumstances and conditions prevailing, this offer of reward was not being publicly renewed, but for their confidential information, the Bureau would remunerate anyone up to \$5,000 for information furnished exclusively to us which resulted in the apprehension of Louis Buchalter.

BUCHALTER - PERSONAL BACKGROUND DATA

Our investigation has disclosed that Louis Buchalter has operated in New York City and vicinity and possesses a criminal record dating back to 1916. Starting as a minor hoodlum, Buchalter arose in prominence in the underworld until he was the boss racketeer of New York City, controlled his own organization of strong-arm men and gunmen, which was believed to number from two to five hundred, and collected millions of dollars from the legitimate businessmen of the city. Buchalter had a long list of acquaintances and a wide range of connections in the criminal underworld, and was spoken of as the New York contact for members of the Barker-Karpis gang, the

kidnapers of Edward George Bremer, and for Verne Miller and his associates. Miller, who was killed in a gangland feud, together with Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti, perpetrated the Kansas City Massacre. "Lepke" is also believed to have been interested in the operation of dog tracks and slot machines throughout the country. His main source of revenue, however, was the so-called rackets operated in New York City, which, under his management, threatened to become a permanent parasite on industry.

Louis Buchalter, alias "Lepke", was born in New York City on February 12, 1897. He is married and has one adopted son, eighteen years old. He was first arrested in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on February 29, 1916, and on a charge of theft received an indeterminate sentence in the State Reformatory at Cheshire, Connecticut. He was released on parole from that institution on July 1, 1917, absconded on July 23, 1917, and a warrant which was issued was never executed. On September 28, 1917, on a charge of grand larceny, he received a sentence of a year and a half which he served in Sing Sing Prison, Auburn Prison, and Great Meadow Prison, being discharged from the latter on January 27, 1919. He returned to Sing Sing on June 21, 1920, to serve a two and a half year sentence for attempted burglary, and was released on parole on March 16, 1922. From that date until November 21, 1933, when he was arrested for violation of the Antitrust Laws, Buchalter was arrested on eleven other occasions, for such offenses as assault, robbery, burglary, and homicide, but each time the charges were dismissed. His alias "Lepke" is apparently a corruption of the Jewish equivalent of the name "Louis".

The following are the aliases of Louis Buchalter, his description, et cetera:

Name	
	LOUIS BUCHALTER, with aliases;
	"Lepke"; Louis Buckhouse;
	Louis Buckhalter; Louis Kawer;
	Louis Cohen; Louis Buckalter;
	Louis Kauvar; Louis Buchholtz;
	Louis Lauvar; Louis Saffer;
	Louis Kauver; "Lepky"; "Lefky";
	"Sefky"; Murphy; "Schnozzle";
	Lou Brodsky; Judge Lewis; "Judge";
	"The Judge"; "Judge Louis";
	Judge Brodsky; Louis Brodsky.

Age	42 years (born February 12, 1897, at New York City)
Height	5'5½ - 5'7"
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Medium heavy
Hair	Dark brown, possibly graying at temples
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Teeth	Removable bridge consisting of five teeth, upper right - fixed bridge consisting of one tooth, lower right - fixed bridge consisting of one or two teeth, lower left;
Mustache	Occasionally
Nationality	American of Jewish extraction
Education	Grammar school
Scars	Appendectomy scar
PERSONAL Characteristics	Nose large, rather straight and blunt - ears prominent - eyes alert and shifty - has habit of passing change from one hand to another; is believed to be wearing a yellow gold ring on the small finger of his left hand. This ring is set with a large "cats-eye" stone described as being palish blue in color somewhat similar to a Star Sapphire. He is believed also to be wearing a very expensive and flashy yellow gold pocket watch set with emeralds and rubies. Attached to this watch is a yellow gold chain studded with similar stones. This watch is usually carried in one of his lower vest pockets and the chain extends diagonally from the watch pocket to one of his upper vest pockets. It is stated that he has a habit of looking at his watch every five

Mrs. Leah Buchalter Levy, half sister, 2733 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Beatrice, alias Betty Buchalter, wife, New York City.

b7c [REDACTED] stepson, with [Betty Buchalter,] known close associate, and amicable relationship existing.

BUSINESS INTERESTS

It is generally conceded that Buchalter is well supplied with money and, with that in mind, circularization was made of every bank in the country, at which time it was requested that it be determined if they were possessed of bank accounts or safe deposit boxes. This circularization was made during the early part of February of this year and to date no information has been obtained.

The income tax returns of Buchalter were obtained and are reported as follows:

1934

\$10,400.00 Garfield Express, Incorporated, Passaic, New Jersey.
4,800.00 Pioneer Coat Front Company, New York City.
10,300.00 Perfection Coat Front Company, New York City.

1935

\$9,800.00 Perfection Coat Front Company, New York City.
7,480.17 S. Wiener Joint Account.

1936

\$5,300.00 Raleigh Manufacturers, Incorporated, Baltimore, Maryland.
10,400.00 Garfield Express, Incorporated, Passaic, New Jersey.
5,600.00 Dividends from Garfield Express, Incorporated, Passaic, New Jersey.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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SUBJECT: LOUIS "LEPKE" BUCHALTER

60-1501-3275

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Report Made At: LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	Date Made: 8/4/39	Period Covered: 7/20, 24, 25, 27, 28; 8/1-3/39.	Report Made By: [REDACTED]
Title: FUR DRESSING INVESTIGATION. LOUIS BUCHALTER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1468, ET AL.			Character of Case: ANTITRUST; HARBORING; CONSPIRACY TO HARBOR.

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Synopsis of Facts:

AARON SAPIRO, labor attorney, advised MRS. MAURICE ROSEMAN, nee GERTRUDE BLOOM, is a niece of BUCHALTER. Call from LONG at Hot Springs, Ark. In 1933 was probably to JEAN HARLOW. MOE DAVIS called BEN SIEGEL from Tucson, Ariz., in 1937. FRIEDA ZUCK denies any further knowledge of Subject BUCHALTER. "DOC" HARRIS was registered at Chapman Park Hotel, Los Angeles, July 11 to 15, 1938. MILTON "FARMER" PAGE, Los Angeles gambler, has seen SIEGEL, HARRIS, and SHOMBERG in his club. Captain WILLIAM CAHILL, retired Los Angeles officer, had no information of value. GEORGIE HERRICK apparently in New York. CHARLES "CHICKY" BERMAN, M. SEDWAY, and AL SPITZER were in Los Angeles from Aug. to Dec., 1938, at which time PHIL KOVOLICK was arrested at BERMAN'S apartment in Beverly Hills.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at San Francisco, California, 5/3/39
 Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, 4/13/39

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Details: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

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AARON L. SAPIRO organized the Molaska Company, of which company MOE DAVIS, of Cleveland, Ohio, was reported to have been the head. MOE DAVIS is allegedly a friend of BUCHALTER.

AARON L. SAPIRO is a nationally-known labor attorney, and his name has recently appeared in the papers on the West Coast because of his testimony for the Government at the deportation hearing of HARRY BRIDGES. He was interviewed at his office at 629 South Hill Street, telephone Michigan 4451, on July 24, 1939, and advised that before coming to the West Coast, he had had an office in New York City at 500 Fifth Avenue from 1927 to 1935 in that city, but that during that time he was also engaged in practice in Chicago, Illinois. During these years he stated he was nationally known as an expert in cooperative marketing and was well-versed in the agricultural needs. Some time in 1931 or 1932 he stated he was approached at his office in New York City by one JACK DREW and another man whose name he could not recall; that DREW was general manager of the Molaska Company of Cleveland, Ohio. DREW consulted SAPIRO with respect to his product which was a powdered form of molasses; and SAPIRO stated that he realized the tremendous field this product would have if it could be manufactured on a commercial basis. He stated that he had made a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, to visit their