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Recent interviews by our Agents of Richard Huff, a close associate of highly placed organized crime figures in the Chicago area, who is currently incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, have developed information which, it is believed, will be of interest to you.

According to this source, there has been a moratorium on gangland slayings in the Chicago area for the past two years. The Chicago organized crime group desired to play down their image as killers since the public had become aroused over numerous gangland killings, and it was felt that as a result courts were being influenced favorably to refuse appeal bonds and impose heavier sentences on racketeering figures.

Huff informed that one of the specific reasons for the so-called moratorium has been the pending appeal of Alferiate in the United States Supreme Court. Although Alferiate was being as a leading "hit man," the Chicago underworld did not desire a continuance of the previous rate of organized killings because of the belief that such activities will prejudice the Supreme Court against Alferiate.

The source has advised that with the recent Supreme Court decision in the Alferiate case, the moratorium on underworld killings will be lifted and the policy of the organized crime group in Chicago will revert to violence and killings in retaliation against individuals who have furnished information to law enforcement representatives. According to Huff, these hoodlum figures who have been spared physical violence during the past two years or so will be "straightened out," and there will be some "trunk jobs."

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The following information was received from the investigation conducted on the above captioned case including the names of the persons, Joseph "Bugs" Caplan, and Frank [unclear].

The above information is being furnished to you inasmuch as it indicates a possible connection of the Chicago individuals to the decision of the Supreme Court in the [unclear] matter.

- 1 - The Acting Attorney General
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