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### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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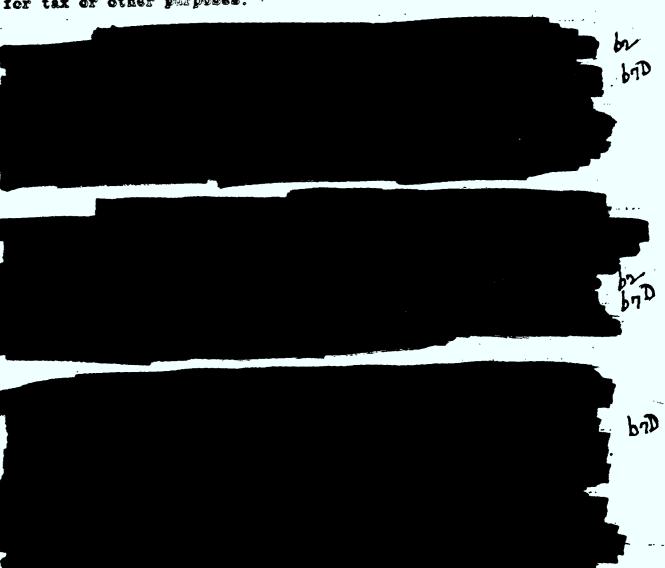


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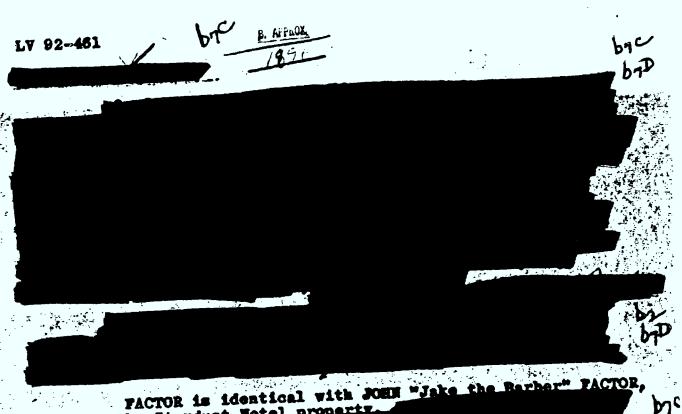




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FACTOR is identical with JOHN "Jake the Rerber" PACTOR, who owns the Stardust Rotel property.

During the last few days articles have appeared in the local Las Vegas press indicating GEORGE VILON is resigning as Las Vegas City Manager to accept a position as head of a new Nevada Hotel Association. Until approximately one year age ULION was a member of the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

Seven major hotels in Las Vegas will be the original members of the association, including the Desert Inn. Stardust, and Riviera Hotels. ULICM indicated he will make about twice as such in his new position as he made as City Manager. A Manager he made over \$15,000.00 per years



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### PRESIDENTIAL PARDON

# Jake The Barber Gets a Gift

BEVERLY HILLS,
Calif., Dec. 26 (UPI) —
John (Jake the Barber)
Factor returned to his
home today with the "best
Christmas present ever"
—a pardon from President
Kennedy that spared him
from possible deportation.

It was confirmed in Palm Beach, Fla., yesterday, where the President spent the holidays, that Mr. Kennedy had granted Factor a Christmas pardon on a 1943 mail fraud conviction.

The pardon, in effect, nullified deportation proceedings against the southern California millionaire that were begun only last week by the U. S. Immigration Service. The proceedings were based on the conviction.

Factor was ecstatic over the news of the pardon. When told by United Press International at Palm Springs, Calif., where he spent Christmas, Factor called the pardon "just wonderful."

#### SCHEME

"It's just about too much for one man to get at Christmastime," he said, shortly before returning to his home here. "I'm very grateful. I



JOHN FACTOR

knew it would all come out right some day."

Factor served nine years in Federal prison for conviction on several counts involving re-sale of bonded whisky certificates. The complicated scheme involved inducing persons to turn over certificates, which in turn were offered for sale to more than one person.

The Iowa indictment including at least two dozen counts, each representing a different mailing.

But despite his conviction and prison term, Factor was best known for his part in an alleged gangland kidnaping in Chicago in 1933.

Factor maintained he was kidnaped by Roger Touhy,

who was shot to death on a Chicago street 22 days after his release from prison in 1959 after serving 26 years for his part in the alleged abduction.

At one point in the history of the case, in 1954, the late John P. Barnes, a former U. S. district judge, ruled that Factor did fake the kidnaping but Judge Barnes was overruled by an appeals court.

#### REAL ESTATE

In 1949, Factor moved to California, borrowed \$5000 and built a real estate empire worth millions within a few years.

He became known as a philanthropist and one of his attorneys recently stated in court that Factor has given away more than \$3 million to various medical clinics and non-profit organizations.

Factor, who was born in England and reared in Poland, applied for U.S. citizenship in 1959, but no action was ever taken on the application. Last Dec. 17 the deportation proceedings were begun.

Factor, a brother of the late cosmetics king, Max Factor, is currently involved in a \$4 million libel suit in connection with the book, "The Stolen Years," which he claims slandered him.

The book is a biography of Toughy who claimed Factor faked his own kidnaping, a accusation he has repeatedly denied.

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DIRECTOR AFBI (63-7527)

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JOHN "JAKE THE BARBER" FACTOR
STARDUST HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, MEVADA
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)

Re LV and LA airtels dated 4/27/62 each transmitting a letterhead memorandum of the same date.

Copies of the letterhead memoranda have been furnished to the Criminal Division with the advice that no further investigation will be conducted in this matter in the absence of a specific request from that Division. Neither Las Vegas nor Los Angeles should conduct any investigation in this matter in view of the above.

Both effices should be alert for any additional pertinent information which may come to their attention through informants, sources or other contacts. If such information is received, same should be incorporated immediately upon receipt into a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination captioned the same as this airtel and forwarded to the Bureau under cover of airtel.

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*1emorandum* January 22, 1962 MR. BELMONT Ingram C. A. EVANS JOHN FACTOR SUBJECT: AKA "JAKE THE BARBER" INFORMATION CONCERNING , SAC Simon of the Los Angeles Office furnished the following mormation received from John Factor, also known as "Jake the Barber." Factor advised that his application for pardon after completion of sentence is pending with the Government. Factor, of course, is well known to the Bureau. Bureau files indicate that we investigated his application for pardon in 1956 and again in 1959.\* On both occasions his application was denied. In 1960, the Pardon Attorney of the Department again requested Factor's application for pardon investigation be brought up to date, which was done. The files do not show any subsequent action or requests by the current administration for any further investigation. Factor indicated that while the President was in California prior to Christmas, his, Factor's, application for pardon was discussed with the President by Governor Brown. Factor is a friend of Governor Brown's, and also is apparentl very close to the Democratic Party. Factor claimed the President indicated they might give Factor his pardon as a Christmas present. However, apparently nothing occurred and Factor claims that he recently was in Washington, D. C., talking with Departmental officials. He stated these officials told him to recontact them subsequent to February 15, 1962, concerning his application. Factor indicate the Administration is concerned as to whether any action taken by them might be considered as paying off a political debt since Factor contributed heavily to the Presidential campaign. Factor also indicated that en route back to California from Washington, D. C., he stopped over in Oklahoma where he talked to a newspaper publisher (not named). This publisher allegedly told Factor that Attorney General Robert Kennedy would be leaving this position in the near future to be assigned as an aide to the President. Further, the present Governor of Oklahoma would be named as \*This was in connection with his previous conviction and sentence on mail fraud charges. 1 - Mr. Mohr 13-12123 -37 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Rosen 199

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: JOHN FACTOR

AKA "JAKE THE BARBER"

the new Attorney General. The present Governor of Oklahoma is James H. Edmondson. Factor had no other information along this line. He did states that the publisher specifically remarked that if Attorney General Kennedy leaves his position and the Governor of Oklahoma is appointed, it would not in any way affect the Bureau's drive on organized crime.

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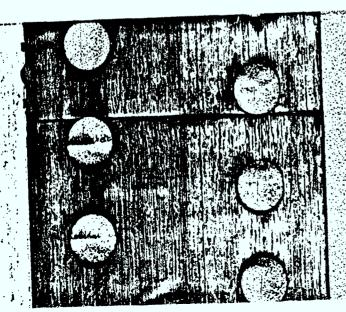
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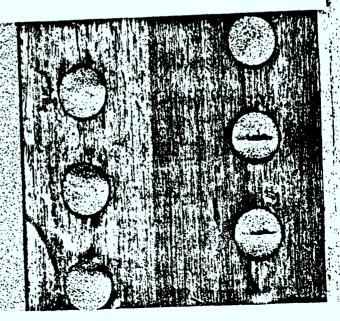


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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation

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SUBJECT:

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This is to advise that the President on the above date granted Mr. Factor a full and unconditional pardon.

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Jake the Barber 'Morally Rehabilitated'

Citizenship for Factor?

LOS ANGELES, March 12 ever, granted Factor a full (UPI)—U. S. citizenship was sought today for John (Jake the Barber) Factor by the same Government agency that only last December recommeided his deportation. ever, granted Factor a full pardon six days after the recommendation and the deportation proceedings were dropped.

Factor, 70, Chicago gang-land kidnaping figure of 1933 turned investor and philanthropist, could be granted immediate citizenship if a petition filed yesterday in U. S. District Court is approved.

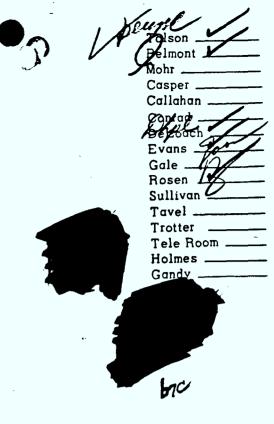
The petition, filed by an attorney for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, comes before U. S. Judge Jesse W. Curtis Monday.

The same agency recom-mended Dec. 18 that Factor be deported on the basis of his 1943 conviction in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on multiple counts of using the mails to defraud.

President Kennedy, how-

born in England, has "clearly established his moral rehabili-It said that since tation." 1953 he has made substantial ties and has made substantial restitution of all claims against him. contributions to many chari-

Altho Factor served six years in prison for the 1943 mail fraud conviction, he was best known for his part in an alleged gangland kidnaping in Chicago in 1933. Factor maintained he was kidnaped by Roger Touhy, who was shot to death ona Chicago street 22 days after his release from prison in 1959. Touhy had served 26 years for his part in the leidnaping.



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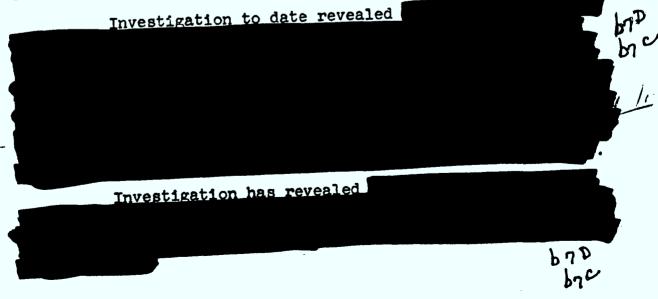
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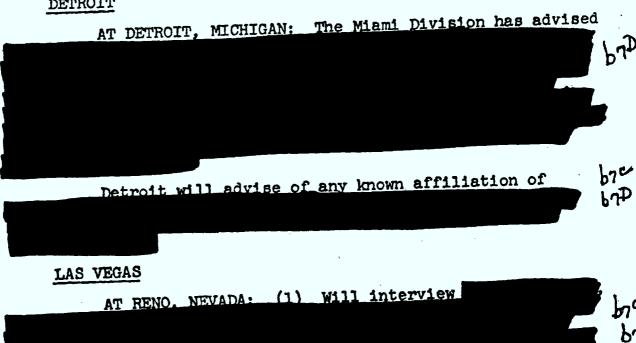
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50 Departmental Attorneys are following this case has made two closely, and one of them, trips to Los Angeles to discuss case and hold Federal Grand Jury examinations. Persons called to testify, who are in a position to know details of what is involved in this case, have invoked the Fifth Amendment and decline to answer questions.

To bring this case to a logical conclusion, it is going to be necessary to meticulously trace each apparent questionable transaction in great detail. Offices receiving leads in this case are requested to trace each transaction to a logical conclusion and to verify the disposition of the funds involved in each transaction through a review of cancelled checks and other records of the individuals and banks involved.

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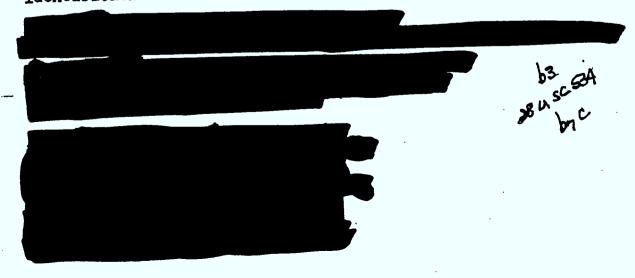
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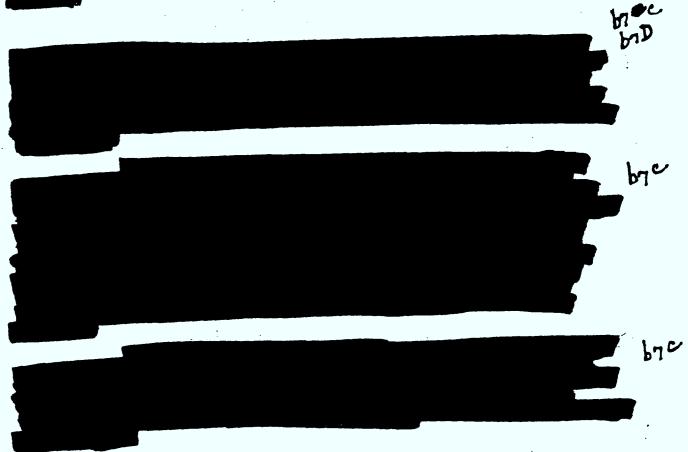
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STARDUST HOTEL

Las Vegas Nevados

The Stardust Hotel opened its doors in July of 1958. JOHN "JAKE THE BARBER" FACTOR took over the Stardust properties from a previous bankrupt group when the hotel was only partially completed. Before the hotel tould be completed by FACTOR, the cost of construction was in excess of \$3,000,000.00 more than the original estimate. As a result of this, FACTOR ran short of funds and had to seek financial assistance.

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The Stardust Hotel is a plush, modern hotel located on the "Strip" in Las Vegas, Nevada. It consists of over 1,300 rooms, the construction of which cost in excess of \$15,000,000.00. The Stardust Hotel rooms range as low as \$6.00 per room, and this hotel caters to the medium class tourist. Since it was opened in 1958, it has had outstanding success. The guests at the hotel have access to the gambling casino, which has 268 slot machines, seven crap tables, four roulett wheels, 15 twenty-one games and one keno game. Adjacent to the casino is the lounge where you can sit and watch 24-hour entertainment for the price of a drink. The showroom, which features the famous Lido de Paris show is booked solidly for months in advance. This is one of the shows that has received some adverse publicity from Nevada clergymen because it is considered a "bare-breast" show.

A lavish swimming pool, convention center, numerous bars, coffee shop, and Polynesian restaurant are also available to the guests. Recently, the Stardust Hotel built an 18-hole golf course to add to their many facilities. The Stardust Hotel is considered one of the best run operations in Nevada.



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