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March 20, 1930

My dear Skip:

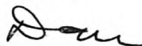
I have been looking over the Miami papers very carefully and have been noticing with a great deal of pleasure the blast that the Governor is directing at the gamblers and racketeers in Miami. If the community as a whole responds as it should to the efforts of our paper we should, in a very short while, be able to clear Miami and Miami Beach of this undersirable element. I need not dwell at length in telling you what would happen to the Beach if these people were allowed to continue. You probably realize that better than I do. I suppose John and the Beach police are cooperating one hundred percent. If not, grab him by the neck and give him a sock for me. The news bulletins of yesterday stated that Governor Carlton has issued an order to the county sheriffs in Florida to arrest Capone on sight and move him out of the state. Drastic action of this kind is a sure cure for all the bad babies.

I understand that Florida has had a very bad season climatically. I trust this did not react on you or your enterprises.

I expect to leave here March 28th and arrive in Miami April 1st at which time I hope to drink a tall, cold one with you. I have been so good up here it hurts. I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to our trip to Havana.

How are the Mahoney youngsters behaving? Do they still keep you awake? Give my love to Margaret and with every good wish to yourself, I am

Sincerely,



Mr. Carl G. Fisher
Miami Beach, Fla.



STATE OF FLORIDA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
TALLAHASSEE

DOYLE E. CARLTON
GOVERNOR
DAN F. CARLTON
SECRETARY

March 27, 1930

Capone

Mr Carl G Fisher
Miami Beach
Florida

My dear Mr Fisher:

I thank you very much for your telegram of March 26th, stating that the best element of Miami Beach endorsed my action with reference to Al Capone. I wish to say that this is very encouraging.

Very cordially yours,

Doyle E. Carlton

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MARCH 27 1930

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GOVERNOR DOYLE E. CARLTON. TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA.

AT SEVERAL IMPORTANT MEETINGS HERE AMONG OUR BEST CITIZENS WE WANT YOU TO KNOW BY THIS TELEGRAM IN ADVANCE OF RESOLUTIONS WHICH WILL BE WIRED TO YOU TOMORROW THAT THE BEST ELEMENT OF MIAMI BEACH IS THOROUGHLY BACK OF YOU IN YOUR STAND AGAINST GANG RULE. AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE YOU HAVE AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE YOUR INTEREST IN THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE ENTIRE STATE.

CARL G. FISHER.

CGF:T

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MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

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Capone

My dear Mr. Fisher;

I was pleased to see your open stand in last night's News against Gang Control.

When the News first launched their campaign against the return of Al Capone I wrote a letter to them commending them for their stand and expressing my views of the situation. They published my letter in an editorial the next day, on the front page.

As soon as Governor Carlton authorized the sheriffs to arrest Capone and escort him out of the state I wired Governor Carlton commending him for his stand. I have just received the following letter from him-

Dear Mr. Cherbino;

I thank you for your of the 20th commending my action with reference to Al Capone.

I hope the citizens of your fine community will give the support necessary to carry out this rather unusual undertaking.

Sincerely yours

Doyle E. Carlton

I am with you and all of the rest of the good people in this move. We must give our wholehearted support to this movement. That is why I backed up the News and the Governor. If every body sits on the ringside looking on, these good men wont know whether the crowd is for them or against them. They have, as the Governor says, an unusual undertaking and all of the good citizens, civic organizations, City Councils, Realty Boards and others should come out openly in their support. Here is an opportunity for the Committee of 100 to do a real service to the community and the State by dropping their "Pink Teas" and backing up the agencies which are battling for their good.

How can I help?

Cordially yours

Jerome Cherbino



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YOUR POLICE JUDGE THIS MORNING APRIL TWELFTH NINETEEN
THIRTY IS THE MOST EPOCHAL EVENT SINCE YOU DECLARED WAR
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IT MAY TAKE TIME TO GET THE OLD SKIPPER GOING BUT HE IS HELL
WHEN HE GETS A GOING=

JAMES M COX.

Capone

May 10, 1930.

Mrs. Jack Harding,
Barbara Jean Apartments,
Miami Beach.

Dear "Jo":

You certainly are a peach to be so cheerful and still be in bed. I cannot imagine what is the matter with you unless you have broken a leg.

I am flying around like a wild man trying to get away for the north. Only have two more days. Also am subpoenaed on the Capone case and a tax case and three or four more cases.

I am sending you a book I know you will enjoy, and take it home to Jack.

May be you can make it out tomorrow. If you can, I will drive you around and show you the high spots. I am sure you will enjoy seeing the Beach which is very much advanced over the last time you saw it.

Some to think of it, I am going to send you a couple of books because I know nothing hits the spot like a book when you are ill.

Yours,

CGF:T

May 13, 1930.

Capone

Mr. V. H. Ehrhart,
4301 Bigelow Blvd.,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Uncle Vic:

We are leaving in an hour with Cox's boat to make a run to Bimini. Will be back tomorrow. We got the boat going in very good shape yesterday.

As we look back over all the troubles that have occurred with the pumps, there is an equal distribution of the blame. The pumps were designed a little too light for the job, but the engineering brains with the engines were not capable of realizing how to correct the trouble. The trouble is not entirely corrected as we are going to take the boat north and put in the new pumps which are about fifteen per cent heavier. They are a little bit large but they will deliver the goods. The engines are enormously powerful and yesterday the boat made twenty-nine miles an hour.

I am still staying on a few days because I don't want to run out on the Capone suit. They think perhaps they could take my deposition but the other side does not want a deposition; they want to delay as much as they can until I leave town. We are having quite a stormy time down here with the various interests on just how to get rid of Capone, but the sentiment is growing very much every day to get rid of him but at the same time to do it legally, if possible.

I am just now finishing up pasting a wrapper on a nine cent cigar so I won't waste it. How's that for economy?

I expect to leave for the north any time in the next two or three days.

Yours,

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May 21, 1930

Capone

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Montauk, L. I.

My dear Carl:

I have yours of the 13th from Miami Beach I note with a great deal of pleasure that you are practicing economy by pasting a wrapper around the cigar. There is an old German saying "Save at the spigot and waste at the bung hole". (Think it over.)

I also notice in the news that Capone stared at you for five long minutes trying to get you disconcerted. I hope you were wise enough to turn that bum eye of yours at him.

I suppose by the time this gets to Montauk, you will have arrived. I hope you had a pleasant trip north. I just made a flying visit to Jamestown this morning to see what the boys were doing and am going back to Pittsburgh this afternoon. Give my love to Margaret and let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Uncle Vic

May 27th, 1930.

Dear Mike:

Before I left we ordered some beer from Tom Harbin. This was a month before we left and the beer did not come in and I commenced to feel like there was some sort of set up that might cause trouble, and as we were not there to use the beer we don't want to have it landed there. At the same time, we don't like to see Harbin get stuck.

Dan Mahoney said he would take a few cases, Ed Romfh would probably like a few, and I would like to have you help Harbin out on this beer situation. But I don't want any of it left at the house. We have not a suitable place for a large amount of it, still I would like to be able to get some of it this fall when we get back.

You will have to handle it rather carefully so we will not get in a jam. I am afraid with the Capone situation as it is, we might get into a tough hole. Take it up with Harbin and see what you can do.

Mike J. Glenn Defective in Fisher Hotel

May 29, 1930

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Montauk, L. I., N.Y.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

With reference to our telephone conversation last night, I got in touch with the party whom you mentioned. He agreed to dispose of as much of it as he could around here. I also talked to Dan Mahoney, and he has several people in mind whom he thinks will want some of it. I will take care of it, and let you know within a few days what disposition I have made of it.

With reference to Capone, I understand he has been seen in Miami Beach a couple of times at night driving in his car, and one day he drove through here on his way to Palm Beach with four men, two women, and his lawyer, and returned the same way that night.

As I have previously mentioned, I do not believe this thing can be handled by the local courts, as Capone seems to have too much money for the local authorities. I understand he has been paying for protection to somebody in Miami as well as Miami Beach. Am investigating this, and hope to be able to find out who it is before I leave here. Am enclosing clippings from the Miami Daily News and Herald regarding his trial before Judge Newcomb, whom I understand is on his pay roll.

The only sensible solution I can see is to have a special United States District Attorney appointed to investigate Capone and his activities here. In that way all local political influence could be eliminated, and at the same time we could find out who is behind the movement to keep him here.

About a week ago he gave a party for fifty school children at his home, celebrating his son's birthday. Each child had to have written consent from its parents. Last night he entertained eight or ten business and professional men in his home. In my opinion he is trying to build up his case here by attempting to show that reputable citizens here do not consider him undesirable.

We had a political rally last night in Flamingo Park, sponsored by the Citizens' League, and had a large crowd. Everybody concerned seemed well pleased.

I will keep you advised from time to time of any developments.

Yours very truly,

M. J. Glenn
MICHAEL J. GLENN

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Miami, Florida.

May 29,
1930.

Dear Skip:

Thanks for your nice letter of May 21.

I am glad things look so good up there and the weather is cool. It certainly gives a fellow a lot of pep. I enjoyed talking to you on the phone the other morning.

The beer chap is going to call me up and we will make every effort to dispose of it for you. Mike also told me he heard from you and between the two or us I don't think there will be any trouble in getting rid of it.

Had a long talk with John this morning about the Capone matter. He says he does not know whether or not Capone went to Palm Beach through Miami Beach, but it is quite obvious he did because the Miami side was heavily guarded. I had the report yesterday that he spent the evening at Whelan's Fish Grille. John denied knowledge of that, but promised to check up. Despite their promise to you that they would pick him up, I think they are playing safety first to be sure they don't get in a jackpot, as they put it. How in hell a group of fellows are going to run a city by always playing safe is beyond my comprehension. Perhaps you can figure it out, I can't.

I just learned this morning that Tim Ansberry is having Judge O'Farrell bring some kind of suit to hold up your tax list, claiming the Fisher Properties should pay lot taxes on your golf course. Of course, this is an asinine thing and utterly stupid and if he goes through I am off him for ever. I think, however, this is a bit of pique because they failed to lift the restrictions on his 41st Street property. Regardless of his feeling

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in the matter, he can in no way justify attacking you or your properties. I mentioned the matter to the Governor and he said if Tim did that he is a bum. I don't think he will get anywhere with it and it will certainly brand him as the biggest stiff on Miami Beach.

The Governor has all the facts with reference to Montauk. I gave him the papers and he read them carefully. You will probably have a good chance to talk to him when the boat is ready and you send for him to come to New York.

Florence and I had a swim in your pool yesterday and believe me, it was great.

Give my love to Margaret and with every good wish to yourself, I am,

Sincerely,

Dan

P. S.

Drop me a line as I will be here until July first it looks like.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Montauk, Long Island.

June 3, 1930.

Mr. Dan J. Mahoney,
Miami Daily News,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Dan:

I have not heard from John regarding the Capons affair. I am going down to Port Washington within an hour. I may get in touch with Treiber so that he will come over to Port Washington this evening.

I know they are hard at work on the motors and I don't think we will have very much delay.

Everything is beautiful here but not a great deal of business in sight as yet.

Yours,

OGF:T

May 31, 1930.

Mr. John H. Levi,
Miami Beach.

Dear John:

I have a very discouraging note from Miami, telling me Capone is driving around on the Beach at night and that we are not standing up to our share of the agreement to assist as much as we can get Capone to leave Miami Beach.

I would like to hear from you as to just what is the situation.

Yours,

CGF:T

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June 6, 1930.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Montauk,
Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Carl:-

I just succeeded this morning in getting in touch with Capt. Perry. He is a very intelligent young man but he is nowing working for Webb Jay and he does not know how long Webb is going to use him as Webb is out of the city. He has contracted to go with Ike Elston on Webb Jay's old boat "Troubador" for next season, therefore he will not be available. He has not had any experience in Diesel engines so I suppose the best thing to do is to forget him. He would no doubt make a good man with a little experience.

I received your telegram regarding Capone, and on checking up find that Capone has been to the Beach once or twice, driving through, and once he stopped, but the police did not see him, or did not want to see him, I do not know which, but personally the way I feel about it, and I am sure the Judges feel the same way, is that they are just muddying the water by picking him up before his case comes up, which is on the 10th, as every time they pick him up he is just getting a point on the authorities. It was awful publicity that went all over the United States that the Mayor, Chief of Police and one of the Councilmen had to appear before the court and put up a \$1,000.00 bond for molesting Capone. The last time they picked him up the Judge said that if they did it again he would put the authorities in jail. When a thing like that happens it just makes Capone a bigger man. The Judge said he has a perfect right to back and forth to his Attorney's office and to go to the Court without being molested, so if they will just let things rest awhile until after the case comes up next Wednesday, it will be much better for everybody.

Real estate is very quiet. There is lots of water on the Beach from last week's rain.

Yours,

John H. Levi

June
May 1930

In my last letter I told you I would try to find out how Capone was operating on the Beach, and who was taking care of him. The Island Club opened this past winter January 15th under a new management, and Capone has one-fourth interest for which he paid \$25,000 to the present owners. He also had a one-fourth interest in the Floridian Hotel gambling room, in which he installed crooked gambling devices. He had two Chicago gun men stationed in this room at \$40.00 a night to protect it from any outside interference. He also owns the controlling interest in the South Beach dog track, and Carters gambling house, as well as Albert Bouche's Villa Venice. He tried to muscle in at the Deauville Casino, but was refused, and after some kind of a threat, some men were brought from New York to protect Deauville from Capone's crowd.

The pay-off for gambling on the beach this winter was as follows: Dan Chappel, our recently elected representative from this district, was the collector from the Sherriff's office under the guise of attorney for his clients, and any gambling house opening in Miami Beach had to have the O.K. of our City Manager Renshaw. Harry McCarthy, Renshaw, and other Councilmen were the ones who seemed to have control of these privileges from the City's standpoint.

The Roman Pools Casino was raided one night this winter by private detectives, and all the gambling paraphernalia was taken out, and the owner, Frank Dineed, sent word to the Sherrif's office that if his gambling paraphernalia was not brought back to his place by the following day, he would have somebody in jail, as he was paying \$1000 a week protection, and he would not stand for a double cross. The next day the paraphernalia was returned to his place.

Ralph Kervens, a bootlegger, was highjacked of 300 cases of whiskey by the Sherrif's office, the whiskey being taken to Hialeah and stored in a barn where the bootlegger who lost it, located it and went with his own trucks and gang to recover it. While they were loading it the Hialeah police arrived and placed them all under arrest and took their liquor to the Hialeah police station where the Sherrif's office came and took 100 cases, and sold it to the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. This was reported to the government and they made an investigation, but somebody bought them off.