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The Honorable Estes Kefauver
Chairman of Crime investigation Committee
The Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Recently I noticed in the Kansas City paper where a man by the name of Mike La Capra was mentioned before your Committee.

Several years ago I worked on the Police Dept. at Iola, Kansas and during the year of Aug. 1934 we arrested three men who tried desperately to avoid arrest but in so doing wrecked their car. The car was not reported stolen but neither of the three men could prove owner ship. These men were all heavily armed and gave their names as Gerome Cretes, Robert McCoy, and John Pace.

Earlier in the night they were suspected of attempting to ambush Mike La Capra (a Kansas City gangster) near Argonia Kansas firing into his automobile as they rode by in another vehicle. La Capra however escaped uninjured at that time but he was found murdered in New York State some time later. A few months later John Pace was found near Florence Colorado his body had been riddled with bullets.

I have always thought that Gerome Cretes, and Robert McCoy could give valuable information on crime in Kansas City, or maybe their Attorney they had hired at that time could give information on above subjects.

Hoping your present investigation will be a success and if at any time I could be of help let me know.

Sincerely Yours,
Ralph L. Ross