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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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Hot Springs, Arkansas.
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MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY:

Re: Brekid.

There are attached hereto the logs for January 7, 1937 covering the taps on telephones listed to the Chief of Police, City Jailor, and Mayor's Office, all located in the City Hall at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Note that Ben Rogers is the new Night Captain of Police and that Jerry "Swede" Watkins is the new Day Captain of Police.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Madala,
Special Agent.

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SENTINEL RECORD,
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS,
JANUARY 7TH, 1937.

M'LAUGHLIN DISCHARGES SEVEN INDICTED OFFICERS

SECOND DEGREE MURDER CHARGED IN JAIL DEATH

CHIEF WAKELIN VINDI-
CATED, BUT NOT
REINSTATED.

ALL FREE UNDER BOND

Grand Jury Condemns "So-
Called Third Degree
Methods" — Two Cap-
tains, Two Detectives,
Three Patrolmen Accused

A Garland County Grand jury strongly condemning "so - called third degree methods," late yesterday indicted seven members of the Hot Springs Police department on second degree murder charges as the climax of an investigation into the death of John Dickson, 32, city jail prisoner.

Those indicted were Captain L. A. (Arch) Cooper, Captain R. L. (Bob) Moore, Lieutenant Cecil Brock, Detective Glynn Buchanan, Patrolman Press Griffin, Patrolman Joe Scott and Patrolman Andy Irwin.

Within a few hours after the grand jury reported at 5:35 p.m. the seven indicted officers had surrendered to Sheriff Marion Anderson and were released under bond. Circuit Judge Earl Witt set bond at \$1,500 each.

The grand jury vindicated Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, who with Cooper, Brock and Buchanan, had been suspended by Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin pending outcome of the inquiry, of actual participation in the alleged assault on Dickson, but strongly criticized him for failure to exercise control over his men.

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Following the grand jury report, Mayor McLaughlin issued a statement, declaring "the seven officers who have been indicted are permanently discharged," and adding "It is doubtful at this time whether or not Joe Wakelin will again serve as chief of police."

None of the indicted officers made a statement. Ill at his home, Wakelin also declined to comment.

A blanket indictment charged that the accused "on December 14, 1936, unlawfully, willfully and with malice aforethought, did assault and murder one John Dickson by striking, kicking and beating him, the said John Dickson, on the back and other parts of the body, with a blunt instrument, the particular description of which is to the grand jury unknown, from the effects of such striking, kicking and beating the said John Dickson died on Dec. 24, 1936."

Dickson died Christmas Eve in a hospital from what the death certificate said was pneumonia. Subsequently his father, James Dickson, charged his son died of mistreatment while in custody and asked a full investigation. He retained Scott Wood, former circuit judge, and C. Floyd Huff as attorneys to press the demands.

Dickson had been arrested on charges of robbery and participating in an attack upon Chief Wakelin last fall while Wakelin and other officers were seeking Dickson and other members of an alleged robbery gang in the wilds of Perry county.

Dickson was removed to the hospital from the city jail four days before his death. He had been arrested two weeks earlier near Hope, Hempstead county.

An autopsy performed on Dickson's body by Hot Springs physicians revealed that the prisoner had suffered several broken ribs, an injured kidney and other serious injuries. The autopsy report declared the injuries "certainly contributed" to Dickson's death, but added that it could not be stated whether Dickson would have recovered from pneumonia, had he not been injured.

The Grand Jury's signed report, presented by Foreman Charles H. Lee, said the body had heard witnesses and "endeavored to develop every particle of evidence that would have any bearing on the death."

Grand jury witnesses included doctors who conducted or witnessed the autopsy, nurses at the hospital where Dickson died, newspaper reporters, policemen, prisoners in the city jail and city officials. The grand jury had devoted three days to the investigation.

In its report to Judge Witt the grand jury expressed appreciation to Mayor McLaughlin, Judge

Witt and other officials for their co-operation in the investigation.

Lieut. Weldon Rasberry of the Hot Springs fire department, has been acting chief of police since the suspension last Saturday of Chief Wakelin. In his statement last night, Mayor McLaughlin said he was pleased with Rasberry's leadership and planned no immediate change.

Mayor McLaughlin's statement follows:

"As I previously stated, my policy has always been since I have been mayor of this city that a person in custody of officers should not be mistreated, so in order to carry out this policy I desire to state that the seven officers who have been indicted are permanently discharged, and will not again be connected with the city administration."

"It is doubtful at this time whether or not Joe Wakelin will again serve as chief of police."

"The police department is now under command of Weldon Rasberry. I am highly pleased with his leadership, and I do not intend a change at this time."

At the time Mayor McLaughlin suspended Wakelin and the three other officers, he said:

"My policy has always been that a man in custody should not be mistreated, and the city administration is desirous of having complete and fair investigation of the Dickson case."

It came again, and like a flash he knew that the sound came from the other side of the organ. Very quietly he crept to the curtain, his former training standing him in good stead. He was unarmed, but that did not cause him a moment's pause.

He stood in the organ loft, and below him was the chapel, in pitch darkness. For a moment he imagined that his ears had tricked him, or that some mouse had made the noise. Then it came again close to him, and he put out his hands to the edge of the embrasure, and nearly cried out. Two projections met his fingers, knobs of leather that moved, and in a moment he understood their dread meaning—they were the ends of a ladder placed against the organ loft, and someone was climbing the ladder. He seized the end and, exerting all his strength, hurled them back into the chapel. There was a crash, and a yell from below, and then the darkness split with a red flash, and a bullet sang past him and smashed into the organ. He heard a cry from Sylvia, and then a sound he had heard before, and which was stamped deeply into his mind—the metallic clang of the brass plate that covered the crypt falling into its place.

Sylvia stood beside him, her trembling hands holding him tightly.

"Are you hurt?" she cried in an agony of terror.

"No, he missed me. But the

Prior to the investigation, members of the police department had denied the mistreatment charges. They contended Dickson was in a weakened physical condition when taken in custody as the result of sleeping out-of-doors while he was a fugitive.

The text of the grand jury's report to Judge Witt follows:
To Honorable Earl Witt, Circuit Judge:

We have been in session three days investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of one John Dickson. We have heard 38 witnesses, and have endeavored to develop every particle of evidence that would have any bearing upon the death of John Dickson, a prisoner in the city jail recently. We have called upon every person who might have any testimony or who might know of any one who might have some information that would tend to throw light on the investigation.

We have returned true bills in cases of seven defendants whom we believe under the testimony developed during our investigation should face trial in connection with the death of Dickson.

During our investigation we found no evidence to connect Chief of Police Joe Wakelin with the actual mistreatment of any prisoner, but the evidence revealed by our investigation leads us to believe that should Chief Wakelin have exercised a more dominant control over the officers under him such circumstances as those revealed in the Dickson case and other cases of alleged mistreatment of prisoners, would not have existed.

We, the members of the grand jury, strongly condemn any type of brutal, so-called "third degree" methods used upon prisoners. Such practices tend to destroy the credibility of the evidence of officers in criminal trials, aside from being inhuman and which no civilized community should tolerate.

We deeply appreciate the helpful co-operation of the mayor, the sheriff's office, the municipal judge and the circuit judge in our investigation of the Dickson case.

Respectfully submitted,
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(negro), J. M. Page (negro), Roy
Taylor, Reed Farmer, Gil H. Woot-
ten, C. Emmett Karston, J. B.
Wheatley, Hendry T. Schraeder,
Leon Dinkelspiel, G. L. Merritt.

Wakelin had been chief of police for almost 10 years, succeeding William Brandenburg, when Mayor Laughlin took over the city ad-

NEW ERA,
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS,
JANUARY 7TH, 1937.

INDICTED POLICEMEN MAY ASK EARLY TRIALS

ACTION BEFORE MARCH COURT TERM POSSIBLE

Seven Face Charges
of Second Degree
Murder

ALL DISCHARGED

Mayor Will Not Fill
All Vacancies at
Present

Seven former members of the Hot Springs Police Department today awaited trial on charges of second degree murder as the result of a blanket indictment returned against them late yesterday by the Garland County Grand Jury at the conclusion of an investigation into the alleged "third degree" death of John Dickson, 32, city jail prisoner.

Announcement by Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin that the seven indicted men—Captain L. A. (Arch) Cooper, Captain R. L. (Bob) Moore, Lieut. Cecil Brock, Detective Glynn Buchanan, Patrolman Andy Irwin, Patrolman Joe Scott and Patrolman Press Griffin—are permanently discharged and will not again be connected with the city administration, following closely on the heels of the Grand Jury action.

Early trials for the accused men seemed a probability today. Although none made a statement, some are said to privately expressed desire for quick disposition of the cases, fearing that the charges hanging over them would prevent them from obtaining other employment. Virtually all have families and own their own homes.

...after 1936 are said to have been taken into consideration when Circuit Judge Earl Witt and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Curtis Ridgeway agreed that \$1,500 bond in each case would suffice. All of the officers surrendered to Sheriff Marion Anderson and Chief Deputy Roy Erney within a few hours after the grand jury action, and made bond.

Judge Witt indicated today that the men would be granted early trials if such were their wish.

"We usually have a setting of the docket during the second week of February before the beginning of the March term," he said. "If the interested parties want trials earlier than that time, or later, I would consider the request in either instance."

The future status of Chief of Police Wakelin, suspended last Saturday along with Cooper, Brock and Buchanan, but vindicated by the Grand Jury, was left in doubt by Mayor McLaughlin's statement issued following the Grand Jury report. The mayor said it was "doubtful" if Wakelin "will again serve as chief of police."

Although exonerating Wakelin of any participation in the alleged assault on Dickson, the Grand Jury took the suspended chief to task for failing to exercise more "dominant control" over his men.

At his home, 215 Laser Blvd., Wakelin was non-committal. The suspended chief has never fully recovered from the beating he suffered last fall when abducted during a raid in Perry county, allegedly by John Dickson, the latter's cousin, Alfred ("Pug") Dickson and other members of a gang which Wakelin and a posse were seeking in connection with a series of robberies here.

The inquisitorial body strongly denounced "third degree methods."

Only three men have been added to the police department to replace the eight, including Chief Wakelin, relieved from duty. The department is under command of Lieut. Weldon Rasberry of the Hot Springs Fire Department, named acting chief by Mayor McLaughlin at the time of his suspension order. Mayor McLaughlin said he was pleased with Rasberry's leadership and planned no immediate change.

Jerry Watkins and Monroe Young, former members of the department, were restored to duty, the former as day captain to succeed Cooper. Patrolman Ben Rogers succeeded Moore as night captain.

Mayor McLaughlin said that for the sake of economy no others would be added to the department at this time.

The recent Quorum Court cut \$500 off the appropriation for the city health department," Mayor McLaughlin said. "This will of necessity have to be made up out of our own funds and we will have to economize somewhere. I believe the police department can get along with the present number of men."

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The Grand Jury had been in session three days and a report submitted to Judge Witt by Foreman Charles Goslee said the body had examined 38 witnesses in the Dickson case and had sought every possible particle of evidence.

Dickson's death occurred on Christmas Eve in a local hospital to which he had been removed four days earlier from the city jail. He had been arrested less than two weeks before in Hempstead county. Dickson's death certificate gave pneumonia as the cause, but the prisoner's father, James Dickson, charged that mistreatment at the hands of city officers had caused his son's death and he retained the services of two attorneys, Scott Wood, former circuit judge, and C. Floyd Huff, to press an investigation.

An autopsy by Drs. J. S. Stell and Euclid Smith revealed that Dickson had suffered numerous injuries, including several broken ribs, and an injured kidney which, their report said, "certainly contributed" to the man's death, although the doctors said it was impossible to determine whether Dickson would have recovered from pneumonia if he had not been injured.

Authorities denied Dickson had been mistreated. They said he was in a weakened physical condition when arrested as the result of repeatedly sleeping out-of-doors.

Judge Witt called for a Grand Jury investigation and Mayor McLaughlin last Saturday suspended Chief Wakelin and three other officers pending outcome of the probe. At the same time the mayor called for a "full and fair" investigation.

A three-day parade of doctors, nurses, newspaper reporters, city policemen and other officials before the Grand Jury followed with the dramatic climax occurring at 8:35 p.m. yesterday when the inquisitorial body revealed that it had not only indicted three of the suspended officers, but four others as well.

In its report, the Grand Jury expressed appreciation to Mayor McLaughlin, Judge Witt, Sheriff Anderson, Municipal Judge V. S. Ledgerwood and other officials for their co-operation in the investigation.

When notified that seven members of the police department had been indicted, Mayor McLaughlin issued the following statement:

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carry out this policy I desire to state that the seven officers who have been indicted are permanently discharged, and will not again be connected with the city administration.

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Wakelin had been chief of police for almost 10 years, succeeding William Brandenburg, when Mayor McLaughlin took over the city administration in April, 1927. Charges of "third degree" methods by the police department under previous administrations comprised one of the chief points of Mayor McLaughlin in his first campaign for the mayoralty.

Cooper had been with the department eight years, Brock, seven; Buchanan, one; Moore, three; Scott, 12; Griffin, eight and Irwin, three.

Intense interest in the grand jury investigation had been manifested throughout the city during the past three days. The grand jury action hit like a thunderbolt and newspaper extras were lapped up eagerly by newspaper readers.

One or two of indicted officers were at the Courthouse when the Grand Jury reported. They gave themselves up as soon as Circuit Clerk John E. Jones issued bench warrants. The others came in and surrendered as soon as they were notified by telephone.

One of the men said he at first believed some one was joking when he was informed he had been indicted.

Detective Buchanan had just received a new gold badge which he had ordered, when he learned of the jury's action.

"Well, I guess I won't get a chance to wear it, after all," he said ruefully.

Mayor McLaughlin went to the city jail soon after the seven men had been indicted. He found several of the accused officers present.

"I want you boys to take off your badges and your guns," he said. "You can't have need for them any more."

Taps on #446 (City Jail,
and #123 (Chief Police,
Plant at 207-Louise
Hot Springs, Ark.

1-7-37.

Has

12:03 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 116.
Corrington - all right.

12:22 Am. - In #2.

Corrington - Hello.

Man - This is Dean at the
sentinal (newspaper). Who's
the new night Captain?
Ben Rogers?

Corrington - Yeah.

Dean - Who's the Day Captain?
Jerry Watkins?

Corrington - Yeah.

1:00 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 126.

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Has-

1:50 Am - In #2 (from Ray station)
Woman - Requested officers to come
to Barbene stand right away.
Rogers - all right.

2:00 Am. - In #1.
Officers - Murray & Kelly at 116

Has-

2:40 Am - In #1.
Man - Is Ray Mason in jail?
Corrington - When would he have
been put in?
Man - Tonight.
Corrington - (aside - "look on docket, Charlie")
No he's not in.

3:05 Am - In #1.
Officers - Murray & Kelly at 126.

Has-

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3:20 Am. - In #1. has.

Rogers - is anything doing sgt.?

Carrington - no everything's quiet.

Rogers - I'm going to cruise around for a while.

4:00 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 777.

5:02 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 126. has.

5:55 Am. - Out #1.

Man - Called 3574 (Plain Rest.)

Ordered breakfasts for prisoners

6:05 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly reported in has.

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How.

7:10 Am. - In # 2.

Man - a lady at 120 Park Terrace gave the milk-man a note and said to send the officers there.

Corrington - All right.

7:12 Am. - Out # 2.

Corrington - Called 3700 (newspaper) and ordered a morning paper from Mr. Williamson.

How.

7:30 Am. - In # 1.

Man - Is Rogers there?

Rogers - Hello.

Man - Ben, come out in front of Leo's house and get me - right quick.

Rogers - All right.

How.

7:32 Am - In # 2.

Man - Is Bob Moore there?

Corrington - No. Not now.

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8⁰⁵ AM In #123 Ekun
Call for Raspberry = Not In

8²⁰ AM In #123 Ekun
Call for Raspberry = Not In

8³⁸ AM In #123
Curtis Ridgway called Akers and
said the Grand Jury was going to
take up the Grover case next and
for him to come to the Court House.

8⁴⁰ AM Out #446 Ekun
Dyle Cooper = 442
Mr Beasley = Hello.
Dyle Cooper = Mr. Beasley This is Dyle
Cooper. I'd like to come
up and see you for a
minute.

Mr. Beasley = All right.

8⁴⁸ AM In #446 Ekun
Call for Akers = Not In.

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8:55 AM In #173 ERM

Corrington - Chief's Office

Floyd - Is the Chief there?

Rasberry - Hello.

Floyd - This is Floyd. Can you
drop by here some time this
morning.

Rasberry - Yes. I'll come by.

9:06 AM In #446 ERM

Woman called for Bob Moore - Not here.

9:08 AM In #173 ERM

Call for Akers - Not In.

9:14 AM Out #173 ERM

Man called #257 and placed
a grocery order.

9:18 AM Out #173 ERM

Scott - 2140

Woman - Hello

Scott - Is Dr. Styles there?

Woman - No he is not here.

Scott - All right, Thanks. -6-

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924 In #173

Edna

Call for Bob Moore = Not here.

929 In #446

Edna

Woman called for Akers = Not in.

934 In #446

Edna

Corrington = City Jail.

G. W. Parker = Is Mr. Tucker there?

Tucker = Hello.

Parker = Mr. Tucker, this is G. W. Parker

When Miss Griffin arrested

my wife he took a pistol from

under the mattress. I want

to get it back

Tucker = Well you better come down

to the station and will try

to straighten it out.

Parker = All right.

937 In #173

Edna

Arkadelphia Operator #3 called for

Jerry Watkins. She was told that Watkins

was out. Operator left word for him

to call him.

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9³⁸ Out #446 *Ellis*
Jon Scott = 2377 - No Answer.

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9:56 A.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
L. D. Operator #3 from Arkadelphia called for
Jerry Watkins - out on a call.

10:01 A.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Jerry Watkins called Operator #3 at Ark-
adelphia, Ark.

Watkins: Hello.

Miss Long: Do you know who this is -

Watkins: No, I don't think so -

Miss Long: Miss Long. Do you know where
Arch is -

Watkins: Not now. I saw him this morning

Miss Long: When are they going to have the trial

Watkins: I don't know yet -

Miss Long: I just wanted to get in touch with
Arch to see how he's feeling.

Watkins: I'll see him today, and tell him
you called -

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10:14 A.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

Violet: Is Dutch above there-

Trucker: No, he's out just now-

Violet: Mr. Trucker, this is Violet. Tell Dutch to be sure and get Charlie Hughes today

Trucker: All right, I'll tell him.

10:35 A.M. Incoming on #446

J.L.M.

Man called in and reported that some one stole household furnishings out of his home

10:41 A.M. Outgoing on #123

J.L.M.

Archie Cooper called Long Distance to Arkadelphia for Miss Lawton.

Conversation of no importance, and same indicated that these two individuals are socially intimate.

10:42 A.M. Incoming on #446

J.L.M.

Officer Terry reported in from #1987.

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10:45 A.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Monroe Young: 119 (City Dog Pound)
Man: Hello -
Young: There is a dog in front of the Post
Office having fits. I wish you
would pick him up.
Man: We'll be right over -

10:56 A.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Arch Cooper: 123
Wabellin: Hello -
Arch Cooper: How are you feeling -
Wabellin: Not so good
Arch Cooper: Anything you want -
Wabellin: No, not a thing.
Arch Cooper: I got nothing to do - thought maybe
I could do something for you.
Wabellin: No, not a thing, Arch.

10:59 A.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Dr. Stough: Is Joe Scott there -
Joe Scott: Hello
Dr. Stough: This is Doc Stough - how do you
feel this morning? -11-

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Scott: All right -

Mr. Stough: How would it be for me to see that party this morning?

Scott: It'll be all right. Just go to the door and knock. He'll be inside. He usually leaves between 12:30 and one o'clock.

Mr. Stough: All right, I'll see him this morning.

Scott: I want to see you after you talk to him.

Mr. Stough: O.K. Joe, I'll do my best.

11:05 A.M. Outgoing on #123

Joe Scott: 2140 (Mr. D. B. Stough's office)

Mr. Stough: Hello -

Joe Scott: This is Scott - don't do that what we talked about. I just got through talking with the Mayor, & he told me to wait a couple of days, and then come back.

Mr. Stough: Let me see Judge Ryan for you?

Joe Scott: No, we better wait a couple of days. I certainly appreciate the help you want to give me -

Mr. Stough: Aw, that's all right - I'm glad to do it.

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11:11 A.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

Mr. Howard of 338 Broadway called in and reported that a Chevrolet car bearing 1936 Virginia license plates # has been parked in front of his place since yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock - thought it might be a stolen car.

11:18 A.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

Violet: Is Mr. Raspberry there -

Sgt. No, he's out on a call -

Violet: When he comes back, tell him to come to the Clerk's Office.

11:19 A.M. Outgoing on #123

J.L.M.

Akers: 184 (City Clerk's Office)

Jackson: Hello -

Akers: That bill of Rex Robbins for the use of one of his cars - has that passed the City Council yet?

Jackson: No, they passed it up until after the first of the year. We haven't any money with which to pay it.

Akers: O.K. I'll tell him.

11th In #446

Glenn

Garnett Moore = City Jail

Denison = This is Denison at
1701 Central Ave. There are
3 pan handlers down here
worrying every body. Please
send down and do something
about it.

Moore = All right.

Denison = Who is coming?

Moore = I am.

Denison = Well come to my place
and I'll point them out
for you.

Moore = All right.

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11:45 A.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.M.
Officer Terry reported in from # 116

11:48 AM Incoming # 446 Ghu
Mrs. Plein called for Louis Huille - Not In.

11:50 AM Incoming # 446 Ghu
Man called Akers - Not In.

11:55 AM Incoming # 173 Ghu
Tucker - Chief's office
Woman - Is Wilfred Sanders down there?
Sanders - Hello -
Woman - Wilfred, come out here, Pa wants
to see you.
Sanders - Ok, I'll be right out.

11:56 AM Incoming # 173 Ghu
Tucker - City Jail
Herb - Is Raspberry there?
Rasberry - Hello -
Herb - This is Herb - Can you come down.
Rasberry - Yes. I'll come right down.

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11⁵⁸ Out # 173

John

Akers = 3800

Woman = Arkansas National Bank

Akers = Let me talk to bookkeeper.

Bookkeeper = Hello.

Akers = This is Herbert Akers. I sent a \$75 check to Memphis. Please make a note to call me when it comes thru so I can handle it. Don't send it back, please.

Bookkeeper = All right.

12¹⁰ In # 173

John

Arch Cooper called for Akers - Not In.

12⁵⁰ In # 173

Mrs Raspberry called and asked Chief Raspberry when he was coming to dinner. The Chief said he would be right out.

1⁰⁵ In # 446

John

Tucker = City Jail

Man = Is Dutch in?

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Akers: Hello

Man - Dutch I think we can
get that Williams property
down on the lake if you
think you'll be interested.

Akers - I'll come down and talk
to you about it.

Man - All right.

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2:07 P.M. Incoming on # 123 J.L.M.
Mrs Thompson at the Orphan's Home called and reported to Chief Raspberry that one of the inmates had been missing since Thursday night - she said that the girl is in town somewhere, as she was seen ~~the~~ last night. She asked that an officer be detailed to help her look for the child. Raspberry said he would send one over to the Home

2:11 P.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.M.
Violet: Sent Jack (janitor) to the City Clerk's Office -
Sgt: O.K. if I find him.

2:23 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 J.L.M.
Man called # 3574 and asked for Mrs. P. Lewis - she was out.

2:36 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 J.L.M.
Garry Watkins called 79 / Railway Express Agency, and asked for the price of the baggage that was shipped to him - Clerk advised it was \$4.91. He requested it be sent to 727 South Avenue.

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3:00 P.M. Outgoing on # 446

J.L.M.

Curly Evans: 3700 (Sentinel-Record)

Woman: Hello.

Evans: Do you have any copies left of the
Sentinel-Record for this morning

Woman: Yes, we have lots of them.

3:05 P.M. Incoming on # 446

J.L.M.

Woman: Is Jerry Mathis there.

Trucker: No, he will be gone for an hour - he's
taking care of traffic on Spring Street.

3:07 P.M. Incoming on # 123

J.L.M.

Man: Is Minnie Young there -

Young: Hello.

Man: Have you got that gun down there -

Young: Yeah -

Man: I'll bring that fellow right over.

3:09 P.M. Incoming on # 123

J.L.M.

Woman: Is Dutch there -

Whew: Hello.

Woman: Well, how are you - know who that is?

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Akers: For Christ's sake - when did you get in -
to town?

Woman: About two hours ago -

Akers: Where are you now -

Woman: At the Globe Drug Store -

Akers: Where are you going to be tonight?

Woman: I'm staying at my brother's place to -
night - what are you going to do -

Akers: I'll call you later -

Woman: Call me around 6:30 P.M.

3:14 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.

Woman called for Jerry Watkins - not in.

3:16 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.

Woman: How did they finish in the 5th race
at Tropical Park

Trucker: You have the wrong number - this
is the City Jail.

Woman: Oh, my god!

3:23 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.

Woman called for Akers - out some where.

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3:35 P.M.

Outgoing

J.L.M.

Miss March:

44 (Tuggle Radio)

Is Knoxville there -

Yes

He's out just now.

3:45 P.M.

Incoming on # 446

J.L.M.

Arch Cooper: Did you see that party -

Watkins: Yes, they're waiting to see you.

Arch Cooper: Where are they -

Watkins: They were in front of the Post Office a while ago.

Arch Cooper: If you see them - tell them I'll be there.

3:46 P.M.

Outgoing on # 123

J.L.M.

Barnett Moore: 1965

Mrs. Trammell: Hello -

Barnett Moore: Mrs. Trammell, have you a room with a bath?

Mrs. Trammell: I haven't a thing right now.

Have you seen your dad today?

Barnett Moore: Yes, he said it isn't going amount to much.

Mrs. Trammell: I wish he would come to see me, I want to talk to him. - 21 -

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3:58 P.m. - In # 2

Woman - Is George Young there?

Trucker - He's out in ^{his} traffic car.

4:12 P.m. - In # 1.

Woman (col) - This is Orphelia Taylor, Mr. Trucker.

Trucker - Come by here at nine in the morning. Judge wants to see you.

has

4:20 P.m. - out # 2.

Man - Called 2159

No one answered.

4:22 P.m. - out # 1.

Man - Called 3574 (Plain Rest.)
ordered six dinners.

4:23 P.m. - In # 2.

has

Huff - Is Akers there?

Trucker - No - He's out now.

Huff - Tell him to call me at 246.

(listed - C. Floyd Huff, atty.) (U.S. Commissioner)

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4:25 P.m. - In #1.

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Man - Asked for Jerry Watkins.

Watkins - Hello.

Man - Is this Watkins?

Watkins - Yes.

Man - This is Henry. You know who I am - the auto man.

Watkins - Yes.

Man - I was just sitting here thinking that we ought to get together and talk over things - How about making an appointment with you -

Watkins - Well any time.

Man - In the morning after court?

Watkins - All right

Man - Where?

Watkins - You can come down to the City Jail.

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4:30 P.m. - In #2.

Woman - Is Mr. Akers there?

Tucker - He's gone out somewhere.

Woman - Tell him to call 3287.

4:31 P.m. - In #2.

Officer - George Young at 1987.

4:35 P.m. - Out #2.

Brock - Called 87 (Craighead Hwy)
Made date with Miss Louise
Cooper. Also said he wanted
until 9:00 am without seeing
her leave home this morning

4:40 P.m. - Out #1.

Monroe Young - Called 3846 (his residence)
Conversed with wife about
health of his son.

4:43 P.m. - Out #1.

Young - Called 159 (Dr. Howell Brewer)
Made appointment for examination
tomorrow relative to headaches.

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4:45 P.m. - out # 2.

Woman - Is Jerry Watkins there?

Watkins - Hello.

Woman - Discussed the price of a roman and board with Watkins.

4:55 P.m. - In # 2.

Mrs. Williams - Reported her son missing since Tuesday - Possibly living at Orange Hotel, where she has seen his estranged wife going recently.

Mucker - If he doesn't show up soon, call me again -

5:00 P.m. - In # 2.

Man - Jerry, this is Pinky - you know - at the Hot Springs Liquor Store - Will you lend me a dollar. I'm going to work upstairs next week -

Watkins - All right - Come over here.
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"Pinky" - You know I can't come over there - Will you send it over?
Watkins - ok. When I get a chance.

5:05 P.m. - In #1.

Woman - Is John Lewis locked up.
Tucker - No, he's not.

Has

5:08 P.m. - In #2.

L. O. Opr. - Houston, Texas, is calling the Chief of Detectives.

Tucker - He's not here now. Try his residence - #666.

5:15 P.m. - Out #1.

Cooper - Called 1723 (Watkelin)

Watkelin - Hello.

Has

Cooper - How do you feel?

Watkelin - Pretty bad.

Cooper - Do you still have the key to the little office way in the back?
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Has.

Wakelin - yes, I have it.

Cooper - I'll be out to get it.

Want to get a motor out
of the little office -

Wakelin - all right.

5:30 P.m. - In # 1.

Officer - George Young reported at
1957 and that he was
going to supper.

Has.

5:35 P.m. - In # 2.

Woman - asked for Buchanan -

Tucker - He's not here any more -

Woman - I've bought the house he
used to live in - Tell him
to come get a trunk and
some bags stored there
which belong to him -
They're marked "U.S. Marines"

Tucker - I'll tell him when I
see him -

Has

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5:45 Pm. - Out #2

Brock - Called 1723. Asked for Chief.

Wakelin - Hello-

Brock - How are you feeling?

Wakelin - Pretty tough. Not so well.

Brock - Well I'm just stalling around working nights from nine to one at the hotel. How long before you'll be out?

Wakelin - Not long.

Brock - Call me and we'll go out to the river and cook some.

I'm a hell of a mess isn't it. I was talking to Verne Ledgerwood and he said the same thing. I've got a lot to tell you but will have to see you. Might drop out there tomorrow.

Wakelin - All right.

6:00 Pm. - In #2.

Woman - Is Mr. Akers there?

Fucker - No, he's not. -28.

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6:05 P.m. - In #1.

Officer - you want me there?

Tucker - yes. No one here but me and
Garrett Moore.

6:15 P.m. - Out #2.

Akers - Called 1827-J.

Huff - Hello-

Akers - Someone call Akers?

Huff - This is Claude Huff, Jr. Uncle
Floyd (Huff) is sick at the
Army-Navy Hospital and wants
to see you -

Akers - What ward is he on?

Huff - on ward 2 B. He left instructions
so that you can get in -

Akers - All right. Can't go until tomorrow.

6:20 P.m. - In #2.

Woman - Dutch, you know that old
man we were talking about?
He's staying on Eureka Ave.

Akers - Did you see the boy?

- 29.

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Woman - No - Don't have any information about him - He's over there & think.

Where - Where's he staying?

Woman - On Malvern -

Akers - Well, I'll come over and talk to you in the morning -

6:25 P.m. - In #1.

Hss-

Mrs. Brock - Is Cecil there?

Fucker - He was, but he's gone -

6:30 P.m. - In #1.

Officer - George Young at 65.

6:35 P.m. - In #2 -

Man - The burglar alarm at Plunkett & Farrell store is ringing -

Akers - All right.

6:37 P.m. - In #2.

Hss-

Woman - Is Dutch there?

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6:45 P.m. - In #2.

Woman - Is Dutch Akers there?

Tucker - No. He's out.

6:47 P.m. - In #1.

Man - Is Akers there?

Tucker - No.

6:48 P.m. - In #1.

Young - Reported at #524 Malvern St.

6:49 P.m. - Out #2

Man - Called 1038 (Jack McGunkins)
spoke to woman (wife); inquired
how her jaw was feeling
and said would be home soon

6:52 P.m. - Out #2.

Akers - Called 665 and inquired
the name of the man who is
in charge of Blunkett & Jewell
store.

Man - Walter Wiley is.

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Has

6:55 P.m. - out #2.

Akers - Called 2792-J (Walter Miley) -

Miley - Hello -

Akers - Meet me at Plunkett & Jarrell -
your burglar alarm is going off
We searched inside and didn't
find anything.

6:58 P.m. - In #2.

Has

Woman - How are you Dutch?

Akers - all right - where are you?

Woman - at the same place I was
this afternoon - Can you see
me tonight?

Akers - No, I was just going out -

Woman - Well, that cancels everything.

Akers - A paid so.

7:00 P.m. - In #1.

Has

Officers - Reported in -

Akers - Take the car back to Plunkett St.

7:30 P.m. - In #1.

Officer - George Young at 1987 -

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7:38 P.M. Incoming on #446

J.L.M.

Man: Is Akers there -

Akers: Hello -

Man: I called you four or five times today - they said you were busy?

Akers: I was busy.

Man: Did you see Joe about those rings?

Akers: No, he's still in bed. I haven't had a chance to go over there yet.

Man: I wish you would hurry up and get those rings for me -

Akers: I'll probably see him tomorrow.

Man: What's Cecil doing with those unlabeled phones in his house. He had three of them put in Saturday night in a row.

Akers: I don't know anything about that.

Man: Find out and let me know.

Akers: O.K. I'll see him later.

7:50 P.M. Incoming on #446

J.L.M.

Officer Terry reported in from #116.

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8:21 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Woman: Is Abers there -
Trucker: He's gone out somewhere.

8:22 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Man called 3232-W (Officer Rogers's residence)
~~But~~ No answer.

8:29 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Officer Young reported in from #72.

8:37 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Woman called for Abers - not in.

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8:48 P.m. - Out #2.

Cooper - Called 1723 (Wakelin).

Mrs. Wakelin - Hello -

Cooper - Is Chief there?

Mrs. Wakelin - No. He went out - said he was going to the drug store but that was some time ago.

Cooper - Well I wanted to see him. I'm at the station now but I'm going out to the Belvedere right away. Tell him to call me there - # 2484.

Mrs. Wakelin - All right.

Har.

9:05 P.M. - Out #1.

Man (Jack Mcgunkin) - Called 1038 (res.)

Woman (wife) - Hello -

Mcgunkin - Converses with wife about family matters and the condition of her toothache.

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Has.

9:12 P.M. - Out # 1.

Rogers - Called 1547 (listed - Dewell Jackson)
Jackson - Hello -

Rogers - Dewell, you'd better send
out and fix the street light
in front of Leo's house. It's
out again tonight.

Jackson - All right -

Has.

9:20 P.M. - In # 2.

Woman - Is Mr. Akers there?

Corrington - No, he's not.

Woman - Where can I reach him?

Corrington - Try 1987, 291, or 341

Woman - Thanks -

9:30 P.M. - In # 1.

Officers - Reported at 126.

Has.

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Has.

9:32 Pm. - Out #1.

McJunkins - Called 3421 (Hatten's Hotel)
Maid - Hello -

McJunkins - Is Grace there?

Maid - No. This is Lillian.

McJunkins - Let me speak to Jerry.

Jerry - Hello.

McJunkins - Hello, what're you doing?

Jerry - What are you?

McJ. - Talking to you.

Jerry - Whose this? I think I know.

McJ. - I think you ought to.

Jerry - I went over to the hotel and
called Room 543 and 544 but
no one answered.

McJ. - You've got in the wrong party.

Jerry - Oh, I was telling you every-
thing I know. Whose this?

McJ (joking) - I had Rogers

Jerry - Quit your kidding.

McJ. - This is Jack McJunkins. How
about borrowing five dollars?
(cont.)

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Has

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Jerry - All right, but I'd have to borrow it from Grace.

McJunkins - I was just kidding.

Jerry - Well. Where are you now?

McJ - Over at the jail.

Jerry - When are you coming to see me?

McJ. - I don't know exactly.

Jerry - Come over tonight, can't you

McJ - Maybe. I don't know. I'll try to -

Jerry - OK - try to -

9:50 P.m. - out #1.

Man - Called 1316.

Has

Woman - Hello.

Man - Is Gus there?

Woman - No, he's not.

Man - Tell him to call 123 when he comes in -

Woman - All right, but it'll be late when he comes in -

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Has-

10:00 P.m. - In # 1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 116.

11:05 P.m. - In # 1.

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 116.

11:20 P.m. - In # 2.

Woman - Come to 720 Spring Street
right away - a man's
beating up a woman -

Corrington - All right.

Has-

11:45 P.m. - In # 1.

Man - Have any cars been reported
stolen tonight?

Corrington - No, not that I know of -
Did you lose one?

Man - No. just have one in mind
that might be stolen.

Corrington - The night captain's not
here now. Call back in
an hour -

man - (irritated) hung up.

Has-

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11:55 P.m. - In #2.

Man - Reported an auto wreck
at corner of Hobson & Summer.

#3

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TAP ON TELEPHONE #648
LISTED IN MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY HALL, HOT SPRINGS.
PLANT AT 207 LAUREL AV.

9:20 A.M.

Outgoing

J.L.H.

Miss Marsh: 289 (City Engineer's Office)

Plemmons: Hello.

Miss Marsh: Mr. Plemmons, can you come up here
a minute.

Plemmons: Yes.

9:23 A.M.

Outgoing

J.L.H.

Mayor: 3700

Woman: New Era.

Mayor: Is Mr. Boslee there.

Woman: He's on the Board of.

Mayor: Let me speak to Bob Dean then.

Woman: He's out just now.

Mayor: Who's on the desk.

Woman: Roy Payton.

Mayor: Let me speak to him.

Payton: Hello.

Mayor: This is Lee, I wish you would use in
the afternoon paper, the statement I had
previously issued in regards to this Dick
son case.

Payton: O.K.

#3

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9:55 A.M. Incoming

J.L.M.

Miss Marsh: Mayor's Office.

Mrs. Basham: Hazel, where does that Denton girl live?

Miss Marsh: I think at 1120 Grove Ave.

10:10 A.M. Incoming

GLM

Miss Marsh = Mayor's Office.

Mr. Goslee = Is the Mayor in?

Mayor = Hello

Mr. Goslee - This is Jack Goslee. Have you done anything about that fellow we were talking about

Mayor = Well, I haven't had a talk yet with Corrington about the old man. I haven't fully decided yet but I'll let you know about it.

Mr. Goslee = All right.

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10:13 A.M. Incoming

J.L.M.

Man: Is Vane there.

Hazel: No, I don't know where he is - he left about ten minutes ago.

10:20 A.M. Outgoing

J.L.M.

Mayor placed Long Distance call to Little Rock for Grover T. Owens.

Mayor: Grover, I received your letter this morning about that -

Owens: Have you any objections to that -

Mayor: No, I just couldn't see the reason why
~~Owens~~ (Went into lengthy legal discussion about divorce proceedings)

Mayor: Ah, I see it now -

Owens: I see where you're having quite a mess down there (Reference to the John Hickson case which was given considerable publicity in Little Rock papers)

Mayor: No mess at all, I just fired the whole bunch of them.

Owens: You did the right thing all right, Leo.

Mayor: I didn't get them into this mess, and it's their own responsibility. >

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10⁵⁵ In

Edna

Miss Marsh = Mayor's Office

Bob Dean = Is the Mayor there?

Mayor = Hello.

Bob Dean = Mayor this is Bob. Are you going to put on any more policemen.

Mayor = No I don't think so at this time. We had our appropriation cut \$500 you know. I think we can make out.

Bob Dean = Will you add any more during the season?

Mayor = Well, don't say anything like that. If you do there will be 200 men here in the morning. There were about 80 here today. I can't hire them all.

Bob Dean = All right. Thanks.

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10:37 A.M. Outgoing

J.L.D.

Miss Marsh: 1124 (City Div Dept.)

Man: Hello -

Miss Marsh: Tell Elmer to come up to the
Mayor's office -

10:41 A.M. Incoming

J.L.D.

Miss Cannady: Is Dannie there -

Miss Marsh: She just left - did you try
her office -

Miss Cannady: Yes, but she's not there

11:12 A.M. Outgoing

J.L.D.

Mayor: 646 (C.T. Cothran, atty.)

Man: Hello -

Mayor: Is Mrs. Campbell there -

Campbell: Hello -

Mayor: Can you be here in the next few
minutes. I want to take care
of that thing we were talking

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Campbell: All right, I'll be right over.

11:14 A.M. Incoming -

J.L.M.

Arch Cooper: Are you very busy? I would like to talk with you for a few minutes.

Mayor: Come by in the morning for a few minutes.

11:15 A.M. Incoming

J.L.M.

Violet: Leo, Mr Edwards of the Actua Dive Insurance Company is down here, and he wants to know what you want done with those policies.

Mayor: You mean the changes -

Violet: ~~Yes~~ Yes -

Mayor: Just tell him to switch those names - tell him to see Rosberry -

Violet: All right -

Note: Violet is a clerk in the City Clerk's Office.

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11:16 A.M.

Incoming

J. L. M.

Mr. Tate: Is the Mayor in -

Mayor: Hello.

Mr. Tate: My name is Tate - I wonder if I can see you for a little while this morning.

Mayor: I'm leaving in a few minutes and won't be back.

Mr. Tate: Well, here's what I wanted to tell you. Mr. Joplin put in my application for a job down there. I want to talk to you about that -

Mayor: I can't put anybody on now - the city is out of money.

11:23 A.M.

Incoming

J. L. M.

Sterling Couch: Is the Mayor in -

Mr. Laughlin: Hello -

Sterling Couch: Have you had a chance to see your friend yet?

Mr. Laughlin: No, I've been busy on another matter, but I'm working on it.

Sterling Couch: I'm not trying to push you, but you told me to call you today.

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11:26 A.M. Incoming

J.L.M.

Cal: Is the Mayor in -

Mayor: Hello.

Cal: This is Cal - I want to congratulate you on your stand - you did the right thing, and you'll get plenty credit for this.

11:40 A.M. Incoming

J.L.M.

Bill Coffman: Leo, this is Bill Coffman. I would like to get on the City Dore. I wonder if I could see you about that -

Mayor: Well, there have been about 81 people to see me this morning on that very same thing. Better come around here tomorrow.

Bill Coffman: O.K.

11⁵⁸ In

Glenn

Miss Marsh - Mayor's Office

A.C. Fox - May I speak to the Mayor.

Mayor - Hello

A.C. Fox - Mayor McLaughlin this is A.C. Fox. I just wanted you to know that the people are mighty pleased about the stand you took and the way you handled the whole situation. It was a mighty fine job.

Mayor - Well it's mighty nice to hear you say that and I appreciate it. Thanks for calling.

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Glenn

Miss Marsh - Mayor's Office

Mrs Ray Gillenwater - This is Mrs Ray Gillenwater at 25 Eddy St. My baby is missing. What shall I do.

Miss Marsh - I'll send someone right out.

Mrs Gillenwater - Please, I don't know what to do.

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1²² PM Out

Ekur

Miss Marsh = 446

Jucker = City Jail

Miss Marsh = Is Akers there?

Akers = Hello.

Miss Marsh = This is Hazel. Mrs Gillenwater
at 25 Eddy St. just called
and said her baby is missing.

Akers = I'll go right out there.

Miss Marsh = All right - the poor woman
is about frantic.

1⁴² PM Out # 446

Ekur

Man = 2567

Woman = Hello.

Man = Have they found the baby?

Woman = No - not yet.

Man = Tell Louise if she needs
me to call the Fire Dept.

Woman = All right.

1⁴⁷ PM Out # 123

Ekur

Man = 3846

Woman = Hello

Man = Has Monroe left?

Woman = Yes, he should be there by now.

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2:02 P.M. Incoming

J.L.M.

Miss. Sillmwater: Miss Marsh, we found my baby on the next street. I thought I would call you and thank you for your help.

Miss Marsh: That's all right - I'm glad you got your baby back.

2:06 P.M. Incoming

J.L.M.

How. Is the Mayor there -

Miss Marsh: No, he's not, How.

How. I'll see him in the morning -

2:36 P.M. Incoming

J.L.M.

Mayor called in for any messages - Miss Marsh advised there were none - Mayor said he was going riding.

2:44 P.M. Incoming

J.L.M.

Mayor: Set two copies of the Sentinel-Record for this morning and put them on my desk.

Miss Marsh: All rightie.

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4:15 P.m. - In #3.

No one answered.

4:32 P.m. - In #3.

No one answered.

4:40 P.m. - In #3.

Has.

No one answered.

4:45 P.m. - In #3.

No one answered. (Woman calling in heard to call 375 after no answer.)

Has.

Hot Springs, Arkansas
January 11, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY:

Re: Brekid.

There are attached hereto the logs for January 6, 1937 covering the taps on telephones listed to the Chief of Police, City Jailor, and Mayor's Office, all located in the City Hall at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

On this date the Garland ~~Grand Jury~~ County Grand Jury who had been probing the John Dickson case returned seven indictments charging the following named individuals with second degree murder in connection with the death of young Dickson:

Captain L. A. (Arch) Cooper
Captain R. L. (Bob) Moore
Lieutenant Cecil Brock
Detective Glynn Buchanan
Patr. Ivan Press Griffin
Patrolman Joe Scott
Patrolman Andy Irwin

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.	
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
JAN 12 1937	
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
ROUTE TO:	FILE

Note that call at 5:01 A.M. between Officer Press Griffin and Bill Hart who claims to be employed at the Belvedere Club.

Refer to that call at 10:35 A.M. between Walter Ebel, newspaper reporter and "Dutch" Akers. Subsequent telephone conversations indicates that Joe Denton never was paroled from the penitentiary, and that he is still incarcerated at the State Farm at Cummins, Arkansas.

Note that conversation at 7:55 P.M. between Cecil Brock and his wife wherein Brock stated that the action of the Grand Jury is the result of a political argument in Hot Springs, and that there isn't anything to worry about.

Note that Officer Ben Rogers is the new Night Captain of Police.

Note that conversation between Grace Goldstein and a man believed to be Jack McJunkin, a city fireman, at 11:40 P.M. The "old Man" referred to in this conversation undoubtedly is Chief Wakelin. Jack McJunkin usually chauffeur for Mayor McLaughlin, and agent recently heard that he is employed as a doorman at the Belvedere Club.

Note that call over the Mayor's telephone between Joe Wakelin and Judge Ledgerwood at 9:02 P.M. wherein Ledgerwood "fixed" it so that Wakelin wouldn't have to appear before the Garland County Grand Jury that probed the John Dickson case

Note that call at 10:22 A.M. over the Mayor's telephone between one Tucker and Mayor McLaughlin, and note in what connection the name of Jacobs is mentioned. It is not believed that this Tucker is identical with the Frank Tucker who is the City Jailer.

The call made at 10:52 A.M. indicates that the Mayor is contemplating on purchasing \$4,500 worth of 4% bonds, probably as his own investment.

It might be well to set out the conversation between Mayor McLaughlin and Judge Ledgerwood which they had at 5:55 P.M. The person named Higgins in this conversation, undoubtedly is the same individual with whom Mayor McLaughlin talked at 10:52 A.M. relative to purchasing some bonds, as above indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Madala,
Special Agent.

NEW ERA,
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS,
JANUARY 6TH, 1937.

GRAND JURORS NEAR END OF DICKSON PROBE

Final Report Expected
To Be Filed
Today

QUESTION MAYOR

Wakelin Unable To
Appear Before
Group

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Entering its third day of investigation into the ill-timed death of John Dickson, city jail prisoners, the Garland county grand jury had examined some 35 witnesses by the time it adjourned for lunch today. Several other witnesses remained to be questioned this afternoon.

Officials indicated, however, that a decision upon the case would be reached by late this afternoon.

Several city policemen were included among the witnesses examined this morning, while Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin was summoned yesterday afternoon.

Three of the four officers under temporary suspension pending the outcome of the grand jury probe testified yesterday, but the fourth, Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, has been confined to his bed since Sunday by illness. Charles Goslee, foreman of the grand jury, indicated today that the chief would not be called because of his condition. The police chief, a physician declared has never fully recovered from the effects of injuries suffered when he was attacked in a Perry county raid several months ago. John Dickson was reported to have declared after his arrest that it was Alfred "Pug" Dickson, his cousin, who attacked Wakelin. "Pug" is in custody.

Members of the grand jury have been reported as expressing determination to complete the probe of the Dickson case before taking up any other cases. Investigation into the "torch death" of Mrs. Mary Cleo Grover and a few other matters are also scheduled to be taken up at this session of the court. E. E. Grover, estranged husband of Mrs. Grover, is being held without bond pending a review of his case by the grand jury. Police charged he set fire to the bed upon which his wife slept.

BUREAU

Taps on #446 (City Jail)
#123 (Chief Police)
Plant at 207 - Laurel
Hot Springs, Ark.

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Has.

12:10 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Kelly & Griffin at 116 (Miller's)

1:00 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Griffin & Kelly at ???.

2:02 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Kelly & Griffin at 126.

3:00 Am. - In #2

Has.

Man - Is Bob Moore there?

Corrington - He's out now.

Man - Rogers there?

Rogers - Hello.

Man - This is Louis at the Eatmore
Cafe - You and another ^{one} of
the boys come up and get
a sandwich and coffee.

Rogers - All right.

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3:05 Am. - In #1.

Has

Officers - Murray & Kelly at 777.

4:00 Am. - In #1.

Officers - Kelly & Griffin at 777.

4:30 Am. - In #2.

Has

Man - Is there a fellow down there
named Louis?

Corrington - yes, I know him. I think
he's off mentally.

Man - Does he have the right to
carry a badge?

Corrington - who's talking?

Man - He just carried a fellow
out of here with \$1,500 in
his pocket and hadn't done
anything.

Corrington - who's talking?

Man - (hung up phone)

Note: The above "Louis" probably refers to

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4:56 Am - In #2.

Has-

Man - Is Bob Moore there?

Corrington - No he's not. Who's this

Man - Bill Hart.

Corrington - Did you just call for
Moore awhile ago?

Hart - Yes.

Corrington - What'd you want with
him? Didn't you ask for Louis Hinks

Hart - Want him to go up to
Southern grill and get me
a pint of gin and bring
it out to my house

Corrington - (hung up).

5:00 Am - out #2.

Pres Griffin - Called operator and
asked who called their
number (on above call)

Operator - Call came from 2685.

Has-

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nos

5:01 Am - out #2

griffin - Called 2685.

Hart - Hello.

griffin - This is Press Griffin - city
police officer. Did you
just call?

Hart - yes.

griffin - who is this?

Hart - Bill Hart - I work out at
the Belvedere.

griffin - What did you want?

Hart - I just woke up - need
a pint of gin tad - go
down to Southern Grill and
bring me one, will you?

griffin - Don't know whether I can
get away.

Hart - If you will, I'll see that
you're taken care of as
soon as I see Jacobs.

griffin - I'll do it as soon as
I can get away - Where to?

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5:05 Am - In #1

Has,

Officer - Kelly reported in -

5:15 Am - In #1

Has

Man - This is Louis Hinkle - who's there now?

Covington - Griffin and several of the boys.

Griffin - Hello.

Hinkle - I called up down there a while ago. You and one or two of the boys come up to the Eatmore Cafe - want you to meet a friend of mine, Mr. McDaniel and get some sandwiches and coffee.

Griffin - Well, all right -

Hinkle - Come on because there's a purpose - you know there's always a purpose in what I do.

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5:50 AM. - In #1. H.A.
Woman - How many breakfasts?
Corrington - Three.

6:05 AM - In #1.
Officers - Reported in.

7:12 AM. - In #1.
Officers - Reported in. H.A.

#1 & #2

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8⁰⁵ AM In # 446

Then

Call for Louis Hinkle = Not In

8¹⁹ AM In # 173

Then

Call for Akers = Not In

8²⁰ AM In # 446

Then

Man called = Wrong number

8²⁰ AM In # 446

Then

Corrington = City Jail

Marion Anderson = Mr. Corrington, the Grand
Jury wants you to bring
over at 9 o'clock a list of
all prisoners in jail on
December 14.

Corrington = All right, sir.

8⁴⁵ AM In # 446

Then

Al Foard called Press Griffin ~~called~~
~~Press Griffin~~ and talked about
charging battery in Griffin's car.

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8⁴⁶ am Out #446 Glen

Akers called #648 and asked for the Mayor. Miss Marsh told him the Mayor hadn't come in.

8⁵⁰ am In #173 Glen

Woman called Joe Scott and asked if he had found a woman to help him. Scott said he would find somebody after Court.

8⁵⁶ am In #173 Glen

Man called and reported a drunk at Broadway Cafe. Cornington said he would send someone right over.

9¹² Out #173

Mr. Holcombe placed a Long Distance call to License Bureau at Little Rock and asked operator to charge to his room at Marquette Hotel.

Man = License Bureau

Holcomb = This is Bert Dameron of The

Department of Justice. Please
look and see who # 170329 is
listed to.

Man - That is registered as a 1935
Dodge # DU16035. The property
of Grover L. Webb.

Halcomb - OK Thank you!

9:15 AM In # 446 Ehr
Call for Akers - Akers is in Court.

9:28 AM Out # 446 Ehr
Man - 3574 (Plein's Restaurant)
Woman - Hello -
Man - 3 breakfasts.
Woman - all right.

9:42 Out # 173 Ehr
Akers - 589
Man - Hello -
Akers - Mr Davis please -
Davis - Hello -
Akers - I checked the number on That

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9:59 A.M. Incoming #446

J.L.M.

Man: Is Akers there -

Akers: Hello -

Man: Dutch, that's a 3741 Model -

Akers: It's not listed in the book -

Man: The motor # is 43254227.

Akers: Did you call Dick Davis and tell him?

Man: No -

Akers: You call #589 and tell him.

10:00 A.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

Mrs. Harry Rosenthal called and talked with Tucker about having a parking zone painted in front of her husband's shoe store - she said that the Mayor promised her husband to mark off a space. Tucker advised he would attend to it.

10:06 A.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

Akers: 613

Man: Sheriff's Office -

Akers: Is Roy there -

Man: No, he's at the jail.

Akers: Tell Roy to call the City Jail when he comes in.

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10⁰⁸ In #173

Edm

Jucker = City Jail

Ray = Is Dutch there?

Akers = Hells-

Ray = Dutch. did you want me?

Akers = Yes - call me when the
Grand Jury is there with
that case. I've got some others
for them.

Ray = All right.

10¹⁸ In #173

Edm

Wife of Jerry Watkins called him
Domestic Conversation -

10³⁰ Out #446.

Edm

Akers = 648

Miss Marsh = Mayor's Office

Akers = Is Fannie (McLaughlin) there?

Fannie = Hells

Akers = How about these boys - do
you want them any longer -

Fannie = No - make them get an out
of town as far as I'm concerned.

Akers = All right - they're on their way.

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10³⁵ In #446

GRW

Walter Ebel called Akers.

Akers: Hello.

Ebel: This is Ebel. Did you get Denton last night?

Akers: No

Ebel: Well, I told the Gazette about it and they're going to give the Parole Board hell.

Akers: Well, will get him.

Ebel: All right.

10³⁸ Out #173

GRW

Mr. Halcombe placed collect call to ^{Halcomb} #3011, Atlanta, Ga.

Lengthy conversation requesting check of certain automobiles.
(Unable to determine numbers)

Halcombe told man he could be reached at Fort Smith tonight.

10⁵⁶ In #446

GRW

Call for Jerry Watkins = Not In.

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11¹⁶ In #446

GRW

Man called and asked if Police had cared for a poor family last night. He was told yes.

11²⁵ In #446

GRW

Visited at the clerk's office called and asked Monroe Young to come up to Clerk's office.

11²⁷ In #173

GRW

Man called for Chief Raspberry. Not In

11³⁵ In #173

GRW

Man called for Bot Moose - Not There

11⁴⁴ In #446

GRW

Jucker: City Jail

Man - Have you Lawrence Hadden in jail?

Jucker: No -

Man = OK,

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11⁴⁷ In # 446 Ghu

Man called and reported 3 tramps
begging in front of 1104 Central Ave.

17⁰⁴ Out # 173 Ghu

Akers - 436 - No Answer

17⁰⁶ Out # 446 Ghu

Man called # 515 and asked John
Young if he wanted to sell his old
gun. He said there was a man
at the station paying from \$10 to \$20
each for old guns. Man said
Dutch had sold two or three.
Young told man to send this
buyer over to his office.

17¹³ In # 173 Ghu

Call for Joe Scott - Not In.

17¹⁷ Out # 446 Ghu

Akers = 184

Violet = Hello -

Akers = This is Akers - who was 1936

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city tag issued to ?

Violet = That was registered to
Pearl Bright

#817 1/2 Central Ave. It is a
Plymouth Coupe.

12²⁰ Out # 446

Edna

Akers = 3085 W

Woman = Hello.

Akers = Is Pearl Bright there ?

Woman: No, she doesn't live here. Call
1081

Akers = All right.

12²² Out # 446

Edna

Akers = 1081

Pearl Bright = Hello

Akers = Pearl

Pearl Bright = Yes -

Akers = Do you have a Plymouth ?

Pearl Bright = Yes -

Akers = Has it been stolen ?

Pearl Bright = No, It is out in front now.

Akers = Have you been to Memphis in it.

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Pearl Bright = lpr. - I just got back yesterday -

Akers = Well, that's all right.
I guess someone had an idea it had been stolen.

Pearl Bright = Well - Thanks.

17²⁵ Out #143 Lhu
(Brock called 4060 - Little Rock)

Man - Hello -

Brock - This is Cecil Brock at Hot Springs
Who is the owner of tag 134490

Man - That is issued to John L. Boring
570 Broadway, Hot Springs, Ark

Brock = OK Thanks.

17³⁴ AM. In #173 Lhu

Man called and reported that a
car had rolled down the hill and
onto the lawn of the Brook's Apt.
Evans told him an officer would
come out.

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12⁴⁵ In #446

GRW

Man called Akers - Not In

12⁵⁴ In #173

GRW

Jucker = Chief's Office

Mrs. Smith = Dr. Joe Scott there.

Scott = Hello

Mrs. Smith = This is Mrs. Smith. I was out to see your mother and father this morning. I have called Dr. Thompson to go out and see your mother.

Scott = May I come right out and talk with you?

Mrs. Smith = Yes - come on.

1⁰⁰ Pm Out #173

GRW

Brock called his wife - family conversation.

1⁰³ Pm In #173

GRW

Call for Akers - Gone to dinner.

1⁰⁵ Pm In #446

GRW

Officer = 503 Jonestown

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1⁰⁷ PM Out #173

Glue

Brock = 613

Anderson = Hells

Brock = Do they want Jerry this afternoon?

Anderson = Yes - at 7¹⁵ PM.

1¹² In #446

Glue

Watkins = City Jail

Smiley Boring = This is Smiley Boring. My car just ran down the hill and smashed a ledge at the Brooks Apartments. That old fellow wants \$10 and I think that's too much.

Watkins = Well come on down to the jail and we'll talk it over.

1¹⁴ In #446

Man called Buchanan - Not here.

1¹⁶ In #446

Call for Akers - Not In -

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127 In #446

Ghan

Tucker - City Tail

Bullitt - Is Dutch there?

Akers - Hello.

Bullitt - This is Bullitt. Can I see
you now?

Akers - I'm busy now but I'll see
you later. There will you be

Bullitt - I'll be around the Black Cat.

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7¹⁰ Out #173

GRM

Akers = 1373 (Gov't Free Bath House)
Woman = Gov't Bath House.

Akers = This is Herbert Akers. Have
you a J.C. Parson.

Woman = Yes. He lives at 375 Benton.

Akers = Thanks.

7¹⁵ In #173

GRM

Express Co. called and told
Jerry Watkins they had a package
for him. Watkins said he would
call for it.

7¹⁶ In #173

GRM

Call for Arch Cooper = Not In.

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2:16 P.M. Outgoing on #123

J.L.M.

Man: #916

Clerk: Pullman Hotel -

Man: Miss Hendricks, please -

Clerk: She checked out about five or ten minutes ago -

2:23 P.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

Girl living at the Goddard Hotel called Arch Cooper, and he agreed to meet the girl on Central Ave in 15 minutes. Conversation indicates girl + Arch Cooper are sexually intimate.

2:55 P.M. Incoming on #2446

J.L.M.

Man: Do you have a man on the force by the name of Stevens.

Trucker: He works as an extra some time, but he isn't here now.

2:56 P.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

C.J. Horner called and reported that Henry Cook just drove into his yard, and carried away some wagon parts.

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2:59 P.M. Outgoing on #446

J L M

Akers: #522

Man: Creason Buick - Pontiac Co.

Akers: Mr. Williard, please -

Williard: Hello -

Akers: Did you ever get those figures figured out yet -

Williard: Yes - all together, it will be \$1179.00. Then you got \$600 credit with us, which leaves the balance of \$579.00.

Akers: Jackson (City Clerk) took sick on me this morning, and I couldn't get the money - as soon as I do, I'll be down with it.

Williard: O.K. Dutch, we'll have the car ready for you -

3:01 P.M. Incoming on #173

J L M

Man: Is Chief Rasberry there -

Rasberry: Hello -

Man: Come down here a minute - I want to talk to you -

Rasberry: O.K. I'll be right over -

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3:01 P.M. Outgoing on #123

J.L.M.

Akers: #613

John Emery: Sheriff's Office -

Akers: Is there any indication that they will get through this evening.

John Emery: No, they're still calling some more witnesses.

3:04 P.M. Outgoing on #123

J.L.M.

Akers: 589 (State Revenue Dept.)

Lewis: Hello.

Akers: Say Dick, how much were those two tags this morning -

Lewis: \$29.00

Akers: I'm going to send my wife direct to you on my Chevrolet pick me out a good even number.

Lewis: How will a "full-house" do -

Akers: That'll be all right.

Note: Agent observed license number 55-599 on Akers' cream colored 1936 Chevrolet Coach.

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3:07 P.M. Incoming on #446

J.L.M.

Woman: Is Jerry Watkins there -

Watkins: Hello.

Woman: Did you locate a job for me yet -

Watkins: No, - I haven't had a chance to get around yet, but just as soon as I do, I'll let you know.

Woman: I'm living up on Park Ave. now, if you can find me any kind of a job, I sure would appreciate it.

Watkins: If I see any thing, I'll call you.

3:14 P.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

Arch Cooper: Is Jerry Watkins there -

Watkins: Hello.

Arch Cooper: Walk over to the Marquette and come up to Room 305 -

Watkins: All right.

3:15 P.M. Outgoing on #446

J.L.M.

Akers called #288 (City Long Store) and ordered some refreshments.

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3:16 P.M. Outgoing on #123

J.L.M.

Watkins: #3269

Woman: Dr. Blahut's office -

Watkins: Is Mrs. Watkins still up there -

Woman: No, she has gone long ago -

3:23 P.M. Incoming on #446

J.L.M.

Man: Is Joe Scott there -

Akers: No, he's up to the Court House -

3:39 P.M. Outgoing on #123

J.L.M.

Akers called Long Distance to the Supt. of the State Penitentiary at Tucker, Ark. In the absence of the Supt. - Akers talked with Capt. Maddox.

Akers: Did Joe Elenton get out of prison - the papers say he did, and he was reported seen in Hot Springs last night. He got a hold-over order on him, and want to pick him up if he's out. His folks told me this morning that he's still down there in Camp #7.

Capt. Maddox: That's at Cummins - 60 miles from here.

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Akers: I wish you would find out down there whether Denton is still in.

Maddox: All right, I'll find out and call you back.

3:41 P.M. Outgoing on #446

J.L.M.

Man: 556

Man: Citizen's Ligor Store.

Man: Is Dirty Darrell there.

Man: Try #341

3:41 P.M. Outgoing on #446

J.L.M.

Man: #341 - Linc. Hwy.

3:55 P.M. Incoming on #446

J.L.M.

Man: This is the Post Office - tell Watkins I got that raincoat for him, if he wants to send after it.

3:57 P.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

Capt. Maddox of the State Penitentiary called Long Distance and informed that Joe Denton was not released, and that he is on the Star Train at Cummins, Ark.

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4:05 P.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

Woman: Is Dutch there -

Man: Not here just now -

4:16 P.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

Man: Is Raspberry in -

Man: Not in just now -

Man: When do you expect him -

Man: In a few minutes.

4:23 P.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

Girl: Is Irene Collins in jail -

Man: No, she isn't.

4:31 P.M. Incoming on #446

J.L.M.

Woman: Is Arch there -

Man: Yes (pause)

He said to come down by here -

Woman: All right.

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4:36 P.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

Lt. Patterson of the Army - Navy Hospital re-
ported the apparent theft of his maid's purse
which contained \$13.00 in cash and a letter ad-
dressed to Hattie Collins - said it was
taken off the back porch.

4:40 P.M. Incoming on #123

J.L.M.

Woman called for Akers - not in.
She said she would call later.

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Has.

4:50 P.m. - Out #2.

Man - Called 3574 (Stein Rest.)
Ordered six dinners.

5:07 P.m. - Out #2.

Brock - Called 613 (Sheriff's office)

Roy - Hello.

Brock - Heard anything yet, Roy?

Roy - No. They haven't reported yet.

5:10 P.m. - Out #2.

Has.

Man (Brock?) - Called 556

Clerk - Citizens.

Man - Has Miss Firefly run yet?

Clerk - Yes. Don't know who won
yet - its a picture between
Miss Firefly and another horse

Man - You mean to win?

Clerk - Yes.

Has.

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5:12 P.m. - In #2.

Has.

Dutch - Hello.

Man - Well, Dutch we're out again.

Akers - What?

Man - We're out again.

Akers - Well come on over and get it.

(Note: Man calling in called #1225-5 immediately after Akers hung up phone.)

Has.

5:15 P.m. - In #1.

Woman - Is Jerry Watkins there?

Tucker - No. He's down on the corner.

5:25 P.m. - In #2.

Has.

Charlie - This is Charlie at 505 Jonestown. I've got a boy here who says he can identify the fellow who brought that car in here.

Brock - I don't have the pictures here but I can get them. Bring him down here.

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5:29 P.m. - In #1.

Man - Inquired winning horse
in Texas -

Zucker - Wrong number -

5:30 P.m. - In #1.

Officer - Reported at 19 Jonestown -

5:32 P.m. - Out #2.

Brock - Called 87 (Craighead Idley).
Made date with Miss Cope
to meet her at usual time
and place -

5:35 P.m. - In #2.

Woman - Is Mr. Atkins in?

Zucker - He's out on a call -

5:40 P.m. - In #2.

Zucker - Hello -

Roy Enney - Is Dutch there?

Zucker - No, he's not.

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How

Erney - Do you happen to know where Brock is?

Tucker - He's here, Mr. Erney.

Erney - Let me speak to him.

Brock - Hello.

Erney - Cecil, go out and get Floyd Davis and both of you come over to the office.

Brock - all right, Roy.

5:44 P.M. - In # 2.

How

Tucker - Hello.

Erney - Is Joe Scott there?

Scott - Hello.

Erney - Come on over to the office.

Scott - all right.

(note: above calls possibly refers to returning of indictments by Garland County grand jury in John Dickson case)

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6:00 Pm. - In #1.
Woman - Is Dutch Akers there
Trucker - He's at supper.
Woman - When will he be back
Trucker - About 6:30.

6:05 Pm. - Out #2. Hos.
Man - Called 3700 (Sentinal - New Era)
Kenneth (reporter) - Asked for Kenneth.
Man - Hello
Kenneth - Kent, this is Ray. What
did you find out?
Man - They just indicted seven
of them for second degree
murder.
Ray - OK.

6:10 Pm. - Out #1. Hos.
Akers - Called 1402 - Asked for
Cecil Brock.
na Brock - He has a

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Ham.

6:12 P.m. - out # 1.

Akers - Called 3339 -

Cooper - Hello -

Akers - Arch have you heard?
going up there?

Cooper - yes -

Akers - Want me to go with you

Cooper - No - How many were
there?

Akers - seven. Let me know if
I can do anything for you

6:15 P.m. - Out # 2.

Buchanan - Called 1402.

Mrs Brock - Hello -

Buchanan - Is Cecil there?

Mrs. Brock - He hasn't come home
yet.

Buchanan - Tell him to call me
at the City jail.

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Not.

6:17 Pm. - In # 2 -

Woman - Is Arch Cooper there?

Officer - No he's not.

6:22 Pm. - out # 1 -

Not

Ray (reporter) - Called 3700 (newspaper)

Asked for Kent (Kenneth).

Kenneth - Hello.

Ray - Mr. Rusk, what did you find out about who's to be held as material witnesses?

Kenneth - Don't think any are held as witnesses.

Ray - Know the names of the seven indicted?

Kenneth - No I couldn't find out.

6:25 Pm. - In # 1.

Not.

Woman - Is Dutch Akers there?

(woman evidently drunk)

Officer - No, he went out.

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Has

6:28 Pm. - In #2.

Man - Reported that two men,
named John and Bob, went
off without paying for food
at Mrs Franklin Young's place

Scott - I'll send right out

6:30 Pm. - In #1.

Has

Man (probably dep. sherp.) - Scott, I need
two men to help take a
man. All my men are
busy now. Meet me at
the Rockefeller Bath House.

Scott - all right.

6:32 Pm. - In #2.

Has

Woman (Drunk) - Is Dutch there?

Akers - Hello -

Woman - Dutch I want to see you.

Akers - What for?

Woman - What'd you think? Meet
me by the Post Office in
a few minutes.

Akers - all right. -36-

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Not

6:35 P.m. - In #2.

Wakelin - asked for Akers -

Akers - Hello -

Wakelin - Dutch, who's there?

Akers - Red Terry is.

Wakelin - give him thirty cents
and send him over to
Spencers - Tell them to send
me some "seven-up". I
need something for my
belly - it's all swollen
up with gas -

Akers - all right.

Not-

6:38 P.m. - In #1.

Arthur - Where's the fire?

Scott - I don't know yet -

7:00 P.m. - Out #1.

Man - called 2377.

Not.

Woman - Hello

Man - Has your husband got home
yet?

Woman - no, he hasn't. -37-

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Has

7:10 P.m. - out #1.

Brock - Called 2410 (Eastman Hotel)

Clerk - Eastman

Brock - Mr. Karston, please (mgr.)

Clerk - His line is busy.

Brock - Tell him to call Cecil Brock
at police headquarters.

Has

7:12 P.m. - in #2.

Karston - Did you want me Cecil?

Brock - Yes. Was just wondering
if I am going to work
tonight?

Karston - As far as I know, you are

Brock - Fine - I'll be over, then.

7:15 P.m. - out #1.

Brock - Called 3700 (newspaper)

Has

Asked for Bob.

Bob - Hello.

Brock - are you getting out an extra?

Bob - Yes. In few minutes. Want to
say anything in it?

Brock - No. What could I say? -3

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Has.

7:18 P.m. — In #1.

Akers — Hello —

Charlie — Dutch, this is Charlie —

Akers — Yeah — Come down here
a minute.

7:30 P.m. — out #2.

Has.

Man — Called 3700 (newspaper)

Clerk — Sentinal

Man — Is extra out yet.

Clerk — In about 10 or 15 minutes

7:31 P.m. — In #2

Woman — asked for Akers.

Akers — Hello —

Woman — Dutch, this is Ethel.

I found out where Lily Belle
is working — she's at the
Sugar Bowl Cafe —

Akers — all right, I'll see her.

Has

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Has-

7:33 Pm. - out #2.

Akers - Called 613 (Sheriff's office)

John - Hello-

Akers - John, did you get all the boys in?

John - all but Irvin.

Akers - He'll be down here at nine. You might bring a bond then and have it signed at same time.

John - Marion (Anderson) has the warrant. Said he would be by there later -

Has.

7:35 Pm. - In #2.

Mrs Brock - Is Cecil there?

Akers - He just went out.

7:38 Pm. - In #2.

Has.

Woman - spoke to Watkins - said for him to tell Mrs. Cooper that she had a cold and couldn't go out there tonight.

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Hae.

7:45 Pm. - In #1.

Woman - Is Mr. Young there?

Tucker - Is this Mrs. Young? He's out right now.

Woman - This isn't Mrs. Young. Tell him to call 9513.

7:55 Pm. - Out #2.

Hae.

Brock - Called 1402 (his no.)

Mrs Brock - Hello.

Brock - What'd you say? I'll be out in a little bit to change clothes?

Mrs Brock - Come out and talk to me.

Brock - Don't worry. Everything's being taken care of. Mr. Karston said work as usual. I'll bring you an extra.

Mrs Brock - Who's in it besides you four?

Brock - Press Griffin, Bob Moore, and Joe Scott - (cont.)

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(Cont.)

Mrs. Brock - Mr. Wakelin isn't in it?

Brock - No - they didn't "make" him
It's just a political argumen
down here - don't worry.

There were about a hundred
people wanting to sign our
bonds. Remind me to
call my mother in morning
before she reads the paper.

Hos

8:00 P.m. - In #1.

Woman - Is Bob Moore there?

Zucker - No he won't be here until
nine -

8:35 P.m. - In #1.

Hos

Clerk - asked for Eliel (reporter)

Eliel - Hello -

Clerk - Western Union calling, we've
cleared your story and wires
open. Have you any more?

Eliel - Yes. Send a boy to
city jail.

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8:38 P.M. Incoming on # 446 J L M.
Boss Murray: Is George Reed down there -
Murray Young: No -

8:42 P.M. Incoming on # 123 J L M.
Man: Is Joe Scott there -
Young: No, he's gone home -

8:43 P.M. Outgoing on # 446 J L M.
Bob Moore: 613
John Eoney: Sheriff's Office -
Bob Moore: Who's talking
John Eoney: John Eoney
Bob Moore: I'll be up with a bond with Andy
Brown in a little bit - this is
Bob Moore -
John Eoney: O.K. Bob -

8:44 P.M. Incoming on # 123 J L M.
Arch Cooper: Is Swede there -
Watkins: Hello -
Arch Cooper: Did that party call -
Watkins: Yes, they can't see you tonight.

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Ash Cooper: Did they want to go -

Watkins: No

Ash Cooper: My car is down there - did you want to come down and get me.

Watkins: I can't now Ash - Young and Hutch are the only ones here, besides myself. Why don't you wait until the night watch comes on - I'll be able to get away then.

Ash Cooper: Better come down and get me.

Watkins: O.K. I'll be right over

8:45 P.M. Outgoing on #446

J.L.M.

Bob Moore: 3675 (R. B. Murry)

Man: Hello.

Bob Moore: Who's talking -

Man: Russ Murry

Bob Moore: Want someone to go Andy Rowin's bond, will you sign it.

Man: Yes.

Bob Moore: O.K. I'll be by after you.

Man: O.K.

8:56 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Woman: What are the extras about -
Young: Grand jury investigation -
Woman: Ah, I thought somebody had died -

8:57 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Walter Ebel: Western Union.
Clerk: Hello.
Walter Ebel: Send boy to the City Jail -

9:00 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Rogers: 1547 (Dewell Jackson)
Woman: Hello.
Rogers: Is Mrs. Jackson there -
Jackson: Hello
Rogers: This is Rogers - one of your lights in the
bank is out -
Jackson: Are you sure of that -
Rogers: Yes, one of the boys just reported it.
Jackson: You mean the one over the upper vault.
Rogers: Yes -
Jackson: I'll have one of the boys go down there
and turn it on -

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9:02 P.M. Incoming on #446

J L M.

Mrs. Akers: Is Dutch around there -

Dutch: Hello.

Mrs. Akers: This is your wife - I need some
cold cream & tooth paste. Will you
have a boy bring it out.

Dutch: I'll go over to Morris and buy it my-
self - Did you read the paper.

Mrs. Akers: No, is there an extra out -

Dutch: Yes, I'll have Bob bring one out to
you.

Mrs. Akers: All right, honey.

9:12 P.M. Incoming on #446

J L M.

Woman: Is Bob Moore there -

Moore: Hello -

Woman: What's this I'm reading about you in
the paper -

Moore: (laughs) I'm a mean man - there's
nothing to it. Just don't worry about it

Woman: Are you working tonight -

Moore: No.

Woman: Why don't you come to the house, and talk
to me about it. - 46 -

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Moore: No, there's nothing to it, so just don't worry about it. I'll see you tomorrow, and we can talk about it then.

Woman: All right then -

Note: It is believed that the above woman is Bob Moore's sister.

9:18 P.M. Incoming on #446

J. L. M.

Woman: Is Mr. Rogers there -

Rogers: Hello -

Jack: This is Jack - go to a restaurant and get some vegetable soup and bring it over here. I want to talk to you.

Rogers: Vegetable soup, huh?

Jack: Yes. Are you busy?

Rogers: A little.

Jack: Is that crowd still around there -

Rogers: Yes -

Jack: Well, get that soup and bring it around here. I want to talk to you -

Rogers: All right, Jack.

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9:28 P.M. Incoming on #446

J. L. M.

Woman: Is Rogers there -

Rogers: Hello -

Woman: Jack wants you to stop at the City Drug Store, and get a package for him as you come out.

Rogers: All right.

9:40 P.M. Incoming on #446

J. L. M.

Woman called for Blutch - was advised he has gone.

9:46 P.M. Outgoing on #446

J. L. M.

Corrington: 426 (Mr. J. J. Merritt)

Mrs. Merritt: Hello -

Corrington: Is Mr. Merritt there -

Mrs. Merritt: He's sick in bed.

Corrington: There's a fellow down here who has a job washing dishes in a restaurant - he's had three shots, and he wants to know now whether he is allowed to work.

Mrs. Merritt: Just a minute, I'll ask the doctor

Mrs. Merritt: (Pause) The doctor says he is
not allowed to wash dishes un-
less he has a Health Certificate
Corryton: All right. thank you very much

10:05 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Officers Terry + Murray reported in
from #2010.

10:14 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
George M'Williams: Is Bob Moore there
Corryton: No, but Rogers and Hutch Aber-
are here - you want to talk to
them.

M'Williams: Did they fire Bob Moore -
Corryton: Yes, temporarily. Who is this
M'Williams: George M'Williams.
Corryton: Yes. they laid him off temporarily

10:27 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Ben Rogers: 3232-W. (his residence)
Wife: Hello
Ben Rogers: I won't be able to go with you and
C. +

Wife: Why not

Rogers: Aw, every thing is all upset down here

Wife: Did they leave Bob go -

Rogers: Yes, and they even ousted our little lieutenant, Andy Downie. We got a bunch of new men down here.

Wife: Who took Bob's place -

Rogers: I did. Well, I'll awake you tomorrow morning at six, + I'll call Sam around 5:30 A.M.

Wife: All right, honey.

11:00 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Murray + Kelley reported in from #116.

11:11 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.

Jack: Mr. Corrington?

Corrington: ~~Yes~~ Yes -

Jack: This Jack - call me at 6:30, please

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Was.

11:40 P.m. - out #1

Man - Called 3421 (Hatterie Hotel)

Grace - Hello.

Man - you know who this is?

Grace - Yeah. Hello. Where are you?

Man - at the station. I'm working nights now.

Grace - You are? You're working downtown now?

Man - Yeah, for a few days. Not going to work nights for long though. Did you see the extra?

Grace - Yeah. Isn't it bad? Wonder who the other one was?

Man - Andy Irwin. The Gazette will be full of it in the morning. The Mayor was over here tonight. Told us, ^{that} all of them were
(cont.)

grace - suspended - permanently -
 Man - You mean - fired?
 grace - Yeah.
 Man - the "old man" too?
 grace - Yeah. That's what the
 Mayor said tonight. I told
 it to the reporters. It'll
 all be in the Gazette in
 the morning.

grace - Well my God! That's sort
 of "tough titty" isn't it.
 I thought the "old man"
 would probably be all
 right. Maybe he will
 after this all blows over
 they almost had to do
 something, I guess.

Man - Well, he's out now.

grace - So you're working nights
 now?

Man - For a few days and
 then I go to working at

(cont.)

day again.

Grace - I saw Andy Irwin on the street tonight - in front of the "Confectionery".

Man - Yeah - He's the seventh one.

Grace - I guess it will all come out all right - \$1500.00 isn't such a high bond. Where is that "Bug" Dickson now?

Man - I don't know exactly - may be in the county jail, or he may be here.

Grace - Will you be down there all night?

Man - I'm going home tonight about three o'clock. Somebody's coming in. I'll call you tomorrow evening.

Grace - OK. G'bye -

(Note: Identity of man making above call was probably Jack McGuire, a City fireman, since it appeared he placed a call to Grace on following night.)

#3
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TAP ON TELEPHONE # 648,
LISTED TO MAYOR'S OFFICE
CITY HALL, HOT SPRINGS.
PLANT AT 207 LAUREL

830 In

Shur

Call for Judge Legerwood - Not In.

846 In

Shur

Atkins called for the Mayor - was told
that the Mayor was not in.

900 In

Shur

Miss Marsh - Mayor's Office

Man - Is Judge Legerwood there?

Miss Marsh - No - He hasn't been in
this morning.

Man - When he comes in please
ask him to call 1773

Miss Marsh - All rightie.

905 Out

Shur

Legerwood - 1773

Wabelin - Hello

Legerwood - Yes - did you get that
summons?

Wabelin - Yes.

Legerwood - Well - you won't have to go. I talked to the foreman and told him you were sick he said it would be OK.

Watselin - All right, thanks.

903 Out Elna

Legerwood - 613

Anderson - Sheriff's office

Legerwood - Marion, I just talked with the foreman and told him that Joe was sick and would be unable to appear and he said it would be all right.

Anderson - Thanks.

906 Out Elna

Miss Marsh - 707

Woman - Clerk's Office

Miss Marsh - Is Mr. Parker There?

Parker - Hello -

Miss Marsh - Mr. Parker, this is Hazel.

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Was a decree granted in that Nelson case yesterday.

Parker: Yes.

Miss Marsh: Thank you.

9¹³ Out

Elmer

Miss Marsh = 1124 (Fire Dept)

Man - Hello -

Miss Marsh - Tell Elmer to come up to the Mayor's office.

Man - All right.

9⁴⁷ In

Elmer

Stella McLaughlin called the Mayor and told him to bring some stationery home with him.

10²⁰ In

Elmer

Man called and asked for Miss Wilson - Not at this office - call #471.

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10²² In

Then

Miss Marsh: Mayor's Office

Tucker: Is the Mayor in?

Mayor: Hello.

Tucker: This is Tucker - what time does Jacobs want to see me.

Mayor: I don't know. You contact him and find out.

Tucker: All right: If you happen to see him or get in touch with him you have a talk with him, too.

Mayor: All right.

10²⁵, In

Then

Miss Marsh: Mayor's Office

Mrs Buchanan: May I speak to the Mayor

Mayor: Hello.

Mrs Buchanan: This is Mrs Buchanan.

Mrs Crawford told me you were planning some changes due to the prisoners beating.

Mayor: I haven't any idea of any further changes now.

Mrs Buchanan: All right. Thank you.

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10³⁶ In #648

Glen

Man called for Judge Leperwood -
Was told that the Judge was not there

10⁴⁸ Am In

Glen

Mrs Moore called Mayor and
offered services of the Woman's Democratic
Club in the coming City election. Mayor
told her that the Administration was
taking a neutral stand. He suggested
that she call Mr. Kelly. She said
she would do this.

10⁵² Am Out :

Glen

Mayor - 3800 (Ark. Nat'l Bank)

Homan - Arkansas Nat'l.

Mayor - Let me speak to Mr. Higgins.

Higgins - Hello.

Mayor - Have you some of those new
Gulf Links bonds?

Higgins - Yes, \$80,000 worth were issued.
They are guaranteed by the
Arlington Company and pay
about 4%. It's a good buy.

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Mayor: When do they mature?

Higgins: Well, we have some of several kinds - some mature at 3, some at 4, some at 5 and up to 10 years.

Mayor: Then, save me at \$4500 worth. Make them mature in about 4 or 5 years.

Higgins: All right.

11:12 In

Edna

Violet at Clerk's Office called Mayor and said Louis Hinkle was in the office causing a lot of disturbance. Mayor said he would send someone to quiet him.

11:12 Am Out

Edna

Mayor called #446 and told to go to the City Clerk's office and get Louis Hinkle out of there.

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1121 In

Glenn

Miss Marsh = Mayor's office

Mrs Steele = Is the Mayor in?

Mayor = Hello.

Mrs Steele = This is Mrs. Steele - I won't be able to get down this morning but will be down in the morning

Mayor = That will be all right.

1128 In

Glenn

Miss Marsh = Mayor's office

Hinkle = Is Chief Raspberry there?

Raspberry = Hello

Hinkle = This is Louis - did you want me?

Raspberry = Yes, where are you?

Hinkle = In the Clerk's Office.

Raspberry = Wait there, I'll be right down.

Hinkle = All right.

1153 Out

Glenn

Mayor = 743 - No Answer.

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17⁰⁰ Middy In -

John

Call for Judge Legerwood - Not here.

17⁰⁸ In

John

Miss Marsh - Mayor's Office

Mr. Farmer - Is the Mayor in?

Mayor - Hello -

Farmer - This is Farmer, from
Little Rock. Can I see you
if I come over right away.

Mayor - Yes, come on down.

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2:29 P.M. Outgoing

J.L.M.

Miss Marsh: 3800

Woman: Arkansas National Bank -

Miss Marsh: Is Mayor Mr. Laughlin there -

Woman: Yes.

Miss Marsh: Call him to the phone, please.

Woman: (Pause) He said to leave your number.

Miss Marsh: Tell him to call his office.

2:31 P.M. Incoming

J.L.M.

Mayor: Did you want me -

Miss Marsh: Yes, James Vaughan of the Vicks
Motor Co. was up here + he wants
permission to rope off the block at
either the Missouri-Pacific Station
or the Ringway Garage to put on a
demonstration of safe driving. He said
the show will last around 45
minutes.

Mayor: Tell him he can rope off the block in
front of the Ringway Garage.

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2:38 P.M. Incoming

J.L.M.

Bob Dean: Is the Mayor in -

Miss Marsh: No, but I expect him in 15 minutes

Bob Dean: Tell him to call Bob Dean at the
New Era, please -

2:40 P.M. Outgoing

J.L.M.

Miss Marsh: 3800

Woman: Is Mayor McLaughlin there -

Mayor: Hello -

Miss Marsh: I hated to bother you, but Bob Dean
called you, and I thought he wanted
to know something before the paper
went to press.

Mayor: All right, I'll call him.

2:47 P.M. Outgoing

J.L.M.

Mayor: 661 (City Barn + Garage)

Is Jim there -

Man: No, he's out just now -

Mayor: When Jim comes in, tell him to fix that
drain in front of Bob Dean's house at 115
Woodbine Street - he called and said it hadn't
been attended to.

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3:17 P.M. Incoming J.L.M.
Paul: Is Hazel there -
Mayor: Just a minute -
Hazel: Hello -
Paul: This is Paul - can you notarize a
couple of things for me if I bring them
over
Hazel: Why sure -

3:22 P.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Miss Marsh called #2482 (Lomo Beauty Shop
and made an appointment for 3:45 P.M.

3:25 P.M. Incoming J.L.M.
Will Hughes: Leo, this is Will Hughes - my old
est boy finishes school this year
He's trying to get into the Domestic
Service. I wonder if you will
give him some sort of a recomme
dation.

Mr. Laughlin: If I hear from them, I'll write
the right kind of letter for that boy
Will Hughes: Thank you Leo -

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3:33 P.M. Outgoing

J. L. M.

Mayor: 743 (Judge Ledgerwood)

Ledgerwood: Hello

Mayor: What do you know.

Ledgerwood: Heard anything?

Mayor: Yes. I was talking with Dink (LEON DINKELSPEIL) this noon, + it looks like they're going to leave me without any one

Ledgerwood: Is that so?

Mayor: Looks like everybody is involved but Joe, Dutch, and Robbins - He said that in their report they are going to commend me for my cooperation in the matter.

Ledgerwood: What did he say about Joe -

Mayor: The only criticism they had about Joe is that he was too late - that he let Arch Cooper + Cecil run that police department.

Ledgerwood: Well, they did in a way.

Mayor: Higgins was telling me that he uncovered something this morning that will involve the rest of them.

Ledgerwood: Yeah.

Mayor: He also asked me if Joe was in ill-health. I told him that he's been sick for the past year, and that the recent assault upon him aggravated his condition considerably. I left with him the impression that a sick man couldn't fulfill his duties as efficiently as otherwise, + that that probably was the cause for his being so late with the men. I think it went over all right.

Ledgerwood: Are they going to return any indictments?

Mayor: Oh yes, they said they would indict the principals for manslaughter + the others as accessories. They even got Red Terry + Joe Scott mixed up in it.

Ledgerwood: Aw, that's a shame.

Mayor: Well, that can't be helped. Of course, if they recommend anything, I will have to follow it out.

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Ledgewood: Oh sure you've got to go all the way with them now -

Mayor: Well, that's what I aim to do, regardless of who it hurts -

Did you talk with Dave Pennington

Ledgewood: Yes -

Mayor: Reed talked to me somewhat about this you know he kept me waiting for Joe all the time.

Ledgewood: Yeah, I know.

Mayor: He is a friend, but kind of an alarmist. He seems to think we won't get away with this - that there will be plenty of adverse publicity.

Ledgewood: Well, some people will bound to set up a holler - no matter what one does, there will always be people knocking him.

Mayor: Yes, that's human nature all right guess I'll just sit back and wait.

Hot Springs, Arkansas.
January 11, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY

Re: Brekid.

There are attached hereto the logs for January 5, 1937 covering the taps on telephones listed to the Chief of Police, City Jailor, and Mayor's Office, all located in the City Hall at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Today is the second day that the Garland County Grand Jury probing the death of John Dickson was in session. They had not, as yet, finished their investigation.

Note that call at 11:45 A.M. between "Dutch" Akers and Dawsey Reynolds. It indicates that Akers probably has considerable influence with W. S. Jacobs, owner of the Belvedere Club and several gambling places in town.

The automobile mentioned in the conversation between Cecil Brock and his wife at 12:24 P.M. probably is the same car that is referred to in the conversation at 9:26 A.M. between "Dutch" Akers and Judge Ledgerwood. As the writer recalls it, this automobile was stolen in Hot Springs several months ago, was recovered here four weeks ago, and was owned by a man living in Memphis, Tennessee. The insurance company had made a settlement on the car.

Note that conversation at 2:35 P.M. between "Dutch" Akers and Emmett Jackson, the City Clerk. It was learned that Akers traded in his Chevrolet Coach on a 1937 Buick Sedan. It is not known whether the \$600.00 mentioned in instant conversation is a loan or a debt owing to Akers.

Respectfully submitted,
John L. Madala,
Special Agent.

LITTLE ROCK,
BUREAU OF IN-
JAN 12
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

BUREAU

Information... recent... and referred a recent... any person having additional in-... information come before the grand... jury and testify.

Lee... second term for murder, was... stayed of Miss Mamie Snepher... five years ago. Paying to that...

OFFICERS ARE QUESTIONED IN DICKSON CASE

Three Suspended Po-
licemen Are
Heard

TEN EXAMINED

Grand Jury Expected
To End Probe by
Tomorrow
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Ten more witnesses appeared before the Garland county grand jury this morning as it resumed its investigation into the alleged "third degree" death last Christmas Eve of John Dickson, city jail prisoner, and officials indicated it might be late this afternoon or tomorrow before a decision is reached.

Included among the witnesses questioned this morning were Captain L. A. Cooper, Lieut. Cecil Brock and Detective Glynn Buchanan, three of the four officers suspended by Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin pending the outcome of the investigation. Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, also under temporary suspension, was reported ill at his home this morning, but was expected to appear before the grand jury this afternoon.

Examination of the witnesses this morning brought to 22 the number already questioned and several more were scheduled to be called.

Charles Goslee, foreman of the grand jury, declared this morning that the inquisitorial body is questioning all persons having any information bearing upon the case and reiterated a recent request that any person having additional information come before the grand jury and testify.

Adjourning at noon, the grand jury was to meet again this afternoon at 2:15 o'clock to resume its probe.

James Dickson, of Hollis, father of the deceased prisoner, charged mistreatment at the hands of city policemen was responsible for his son's death. An autopsy and the grand jury probe followed. The young Dickson was arrested in Hempstead county in connection with a safe robbery here and an attack upon Chief Wakelin in a Perry county raid.

The grand jury was also expected to take up the investigation of the alleged "torch murder" of Mrs. Mary Cleo Grover, whose husband, E. E. Grover, is charged with setting fire to the bed in which she slept. Grover has denied the charges.

PAROLE FOLLOWS FURLOUGH FOR GARLAND CONVICT

Cummins Prison Farm, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Prison Supt. Tom Cogbill said today that only one of the 144 prisoners released on short furloughs for the Christmas holidays was unaccounted for.

He said "Humpy" Brown, serving a five-year term for burglary from Lincoln County, had failed to return to the stockades but asserted he expected Brown back soon.

Another of the convicts granted clemency was picked up by Pine Bluff officers last night and held for prison authorities. He is Fletcher Hodge, 35, serving a long term for murder from Mississippi county.

The four prisoners from Garland county receiving the benefit of Gov. Futrell's Christmas furlough were back at the state farm today with the exception of one Negro, George Hightower, who with five other Garland convicts, was granted a parole by the state penal board yesterday.

The other three from this vicinity will continue to serve out their terms. Lee Wacaster serving his second term for murder, was sentenced to life imprisonment for the slaying of Miss Mianle Shepherd five years ago. Previous to that he

had served several years for the murder of his brother-in-law, Tillman Brown.

Walter Nelson, tried five years ago for the murder of D. Downs, was convicted of planting a "bomb" in Weaver's Novelty Shop and causing the explosion in which Downs was killed.

Clarence Stroud, formerly of the Bayou section, is serving a life sentence for the slaying of his wife about 10 years ago.

Hightower, who received his parole yesterday, was convicted of killing a Negro girl in a Malvern avenue establishment.

Five Granted Paroles

Little Rock, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The state penal board paroled 94 convicts today, among them Charles Crosnoe of Hope, convicted arsonist.

Gov. J. M. Futrell earlier today had reduced Crosnoe's term from six to five years. Crosnoe was sentenced from Bradley county May 27, 1935, for burning a gin at Banks. The reduced sentence made him eligible for parole. The commutation order said Crosnoe is physically incapacitated and requires medical attention which cannot be given him in prison.

Although Chairman Walter Helms of Texarkana announced at the board's last meeting that he would resign today, attaches at the governor's office said they had received no resignations.

Paroles were granted to the following from Garland county: Joe Denton, statutory offense, 21 years; John Prince, grand larceny, one year; Herman Burton, receiving stolen property, one year; George Hightower, murder, ten years; and Argus Samuels, second degree murder, five years.