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Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 1, 1937.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my teletype message of February 27, 1937, this is to advise that the telephone taps on telephones 123, 446 and 648 were re-installed or renewed at 6:00 P.M. on February 26, 1937, after a preliminary survey by the agents at Hot Springs, indicating that the taps had not been discovered, and there were no suspicious activities. As of this date it appears that the re-installation of these taps and the maintenance of same are without the knowledge of the subscribers or other persons in Hot Springs. This tap is now in operation on a twenty-four hour basis from the plant located at 207 Laurel Street, Hot Springs.

The tap on the residence telephone of W. S. Jacobs, telephone 2115, was disconnected at 10:30 A.M. on February 22, 1937, due to the activities of employees of the telephone company, who were observed working on the telephone cables in the immediate vicinity of the plant. This tap has been disconnected since that date, and Special Agent D. P. Sullivan has orally advised me on this date that the telephone men are still working in the immediate vicinity of the plant, and it would be inadvisable to re-establish the same at this time. Agent Sullivan further advised me that it appears that the activities of the telephone company men is merely the usual examination of the cables, etc., made periodically by these employees, and that there are no indications that they are looking for, or have discovered this tap. It is believed that this tap can be re-established safely some time during the present week, and after telephone company employees have completed their inspection work.

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During the time that this tap is not in service, Special Agents J. M. Jones and B. M. Suttler are assisting Special Agents William T. Morton and H. A. Snow in the maintenance of the taps on telephones 123, 446 and 648, as these telephones appear to be quite active at the present time, due no doubt, to the racing season now in progress at Hot Springs.

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Special Agent D. P. Sullivan is supervising the activities at Hot Springs, and during the inactive status of the tap on the telephone of W. S. Jacobs, is preparing the data or summary of information requested by Inspector Connelley.

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

BLD:cpw
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cc - Cincinnati
Mr. Connelley

Post Office Box 1489
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 2, 1937

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Tacoma, Washington

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On March 1, 1937, [redacted] in the above entitled matter, called at the Little Rock Division upon my invitation. During the course of our conversation she advised me of two houses of prostitution owned by Mayor Leo McLaughlin at Hot Springs, Arkansas. These two houses are in addition to those previously shown in reports in this case and I believe are possibly the two houses of prostitution to which this informant referred to in her letter of some weeks ago, addressed to me and forwarded to you. The houses mentioned are as follows:

105 Prospect, operated by Lillian Brown - also known as Lillian Pearrow. Lillian lives with Alfred Pearrow, to whom it is thought she is not married.

350 Melvern Avenue, which is operated by a Ruth Johnson. Ruth Johnson lives with a man named Jones, whose first name is presently unknown, and she is frequently referred to as Ruth Jones.

I have informed Special Agent D. P. Sullivan of this information and he will as quickly as possible make the necessary survey of these premises after which you will be fully advised.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER
Special Agent in Charge

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BREKID TELEPHONE TAPS REESTABLISHED ON RESIDENCE W S JACOBS TELEPHONE

TWO ONE ONE FIVE APPROXIMATELY SIX OCLOCK LAST NIGHT

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

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REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Arkansas.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/23/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/31 - 2/10/37	REPORT MADE BY B. L. DAMRON cpw
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. No. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Pertinent conversations overheard on telephone taps at Hot Springs, Ark., during period of Jan. 31 to Feb. 10, 1937, inclusive, set forth. Tap on police and mayor's phones temporarily discontinued on Feb. 10, 1937 because of activities of telephone company employees. State trial of discharged police officers for homicide continued indefinitely. Legislative investigation of Hot Springs still continuing with evidence for and against the administration.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little, Rock, Ark., dated Feb. 15, 1937.

DETAILS:

The telephone taps were maintained on a 24 hour basis at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on telephones 123 (Police Department), 446 (Chief of Police), and 648 (Mayor), during the period covered by this report. The taps were maintained during this period by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan, W. T. Morton, H. A. Snow and J. M. Jones.

On February 10, 1937 a conversation was overheard in which it appeared that employees of the telephone company were checking the police and mayor's telephones and discovered a tap, but did not know its location. The taps on these three telephones were thereupon discontinued for a temporary period with the approval of Inspector Connelley.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Chapman E. Peterson</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Upon authority of the Director a tap was installed at 10:15 A.M., on February 5, 1937 on the residence telephone of W. S. Jacobs, the number being unlisted number 2115, and located at 116 Cedar Street. The plant covering this tap is located in a duplex at 205 1/2 Cedar Street, and is maintained by Special Agents J. M. Jones and B. M. Suttler.

Re: L. M. STRAUSS MATTER

By reference to the logs for November 25, 1936 it will be noted that an unknown man called Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and read to him a telegram the unknown man had received from L. M. Strauss, Los Angeles, California, and requesting that "Dutch" advance the necessary funds to release "Mac". It will also be noted from the letter from the Los Angeles Division to the Bureau under date of December 14, 1936 that "Mac" might be identical with Wm. A. McConnell, an associate of Strauss. Through the courtesy of the managers of both the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph, an examination was made of all telegrams of record for November 23 to November 26, 1936, both inclusive, in an effort to identify the receiver of this telegram, but with negative results. Mr. Clark, Manager of the Postal Telegraph, stated that his records included both incoming and outgoing telegrams, but Mr. Noble, Manager of the Western Union, advised that his records did not include all incoming messages and suggested that inquiry be made at the point of origin, or through the Division Auditor. The Los Angeles Division was notified of these facts by letter, requesting a search of outgoing messages from Strauss at Los Angeles to Hot Springs. Subsequently Mr. Noble advised of the location of the following telegrams among his records, and pertaining to this subject matter:

"Hot Springs, Ark. Nov. 25, 1936

L M STRAUSS
WM PENN HOTEL LOS ANGELES CAL

UNABLE TO HANDLE HERE WITHOUT FUNDS IMPORTANT THIS BE
DONE AT ONCE AS GRAND JURY MEETS AFTER FIRST OF MONTH
IT TAKES CASH AND I AM UNABLE TO RAISE IT RUSH REPLY
DIRECT TO ME

DUTCH"

"Hot Springs, Ark. Nov. 30, 1936

LOUIE STRAUSS
WM PENN HOTEL LOS ANGELES CAL

I ARRANGED MATTERS FOR MACK. I OBLIGED (APPARENTLY OBLIGATED)
MYSELF FOR ONE TEN. PLEASE ARRANGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
WILL APPRECIATE

DUTCH"

Hot Springs, Ark. Dec. 21, 1936

L M STRAUSS
CARE ELKS CLUB LOS ANGELES CAL

THINGS OK HERE. APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU IMMEDIATELY.

HERBERT AKERS

Mr. Noble stated that the originals of these telegrams would be placed in a private file and retained for future use, information concerning the same being supplied in confidence.

Reporting agent examined the blotter and hold-over at the police department for November 25, 1936 and the week preceding this date, but the same did not disclose any arrest of McConnell. It is possible, however, that "Mac" does not refer to McConnell, but to some other person of this nickname, as the first telegram indicated that "Mac" was in trouble and the reply of Akers indicated the case would be investigated by the Grand Jury at Hot Springs. A detailed examination of the blotter and hold-over was not made at this time because of rumors in the police department that investigators for the Legislative Investigating Committee were conducting investigations as to the blotter and hold-over.

While in the Identification Bureau of the Hot Springs Police Department on other matters reporting agent examined the envelope as to their #4770 (Louis Mathews Strauss), but the same contained only the Bureau's criminal record and no photograph. (Photographs were not attached to fingerprint cards in 1934, the date of arrest of Strauss.)

Re: DEATH OF JOHN DICKSON, Prisoner in City Jail.

With reference to the indictment pending against the discharged police officers for the death of this prisoner, press dispatches indicated that Circuit Judge Earl Witt had disqualified himself in this case, fixed the trial for February 15, 1937 and stated that the Circuit Judge of Ashdown, Arkansas, would preside. Later dispatches indicated that the fixing of this trial date had been cancelled at the request of relatives of John Dickson, and no date was fixed for the trial.

Cecil Brock, one of the defendants in this case, verified this information in a conversation with the writer, and further stated that he and the other defendants were seeking to ascertain what the "administration" contemplated doing in this case. Mr. Brock further stated that he and the other defendants were arranging to employ attorneys who resided away from Hot Springs, as they did not trust attorneys residing in the city. (It will be noted from the logs that attorneys from Texarkana and Murfreesboro, Arkansas, have been employed.)

While interviewing Mr. Marshal Purvis, Attorney, of Hot Springs, on other matters, Mr. Purvis stated that several of these ex-police officers had contacted him with reference to employment, and that he was considering acceptance. Mr. Purvis stated that he would be glad to keep the writer informed of developments in this case that came to his attention, and intimated that Cecil Brock would provide valuable information concerning conditions in Hot Springs, if he thought that the administration had crossed him. Mr. Purvis is not aware of the present investigation, and merely mentioned this as a matter of interest to the writer.

Re: LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATION OF HOT SPRINGS

The legislative investigation of Hot Springs has continued over the period covered by this report with the investigating committee holding most of their hearings in secret. These hearings are being continued but press dispatches indicate that a report will be filed with the House of Representatives in the near future, and there are conflicting rumors as to what the report will state and recommend.

It will be noted from the conversations overheard on the telephone taps that the Mayor formed a large gathering of business men and sent them to Little Rock where, through a spokesman, they notified the committee that conditions in Hot Springs were good and that Circuit Judge Earl Witt was acceptable to the business men of the city. This move by the administration was counteracted by another group of business men who appeared before the committee and contradicted the other group. These activities appeared to be political maneuvering by Mayor McLaughlin and Scott Wood, who are the main opponents.

It will also be noted from the logs that this legislative investigation has caused the "bookies" and gambling establishments to remain closed, and bets on the horse races are being taken in hotel rooms.

It will also be noted from the logs that Mayor Leo McLaughlin publicly announced that the closing of these gambling establishments was costing the city of Hot Springs \$1,800.00 per month, this revenue being the proceeds of fines levied on the "bookies" or gambling establishments, and that the 1936 income totalled \$21,500.00. This public announcement apparently was for the purpose of attempting to obtain favorable opinion of the public by intimating a possible increase in taxes or a reduction of city personnel.

While in Hot Springs on other matters reporting agent met Mr. Fred Fowler, a former clerk of the Municipal Court but now employed by Brad Smith, former Sheriff, and opposing the present administration. Mr. Fowler stated that he left the Clerk's office in 1929, and at that time

it was the practice of the city to collect from the "bookies" by fining them twice a month the sum of \$130.30, making monthly fines of \$260.60. He said that this "fine" consists of \$100.00 for the fine, \$25.00 for the prosecuting attorney (statutory), \$3.50 Sheriff's costs, and \$2.80 court costs. He said that the state or municipal law under which these fines were imposed provided for a staggering fine upon subsequent convictions for the same offense, i.e., the fines being larger for the second and third offenses, and on either the fourth or fifth conviction the statute called for a fine and jail sentence. He said that to get around this statute the administration always had a different man from each "bookie" charged, so that the records would show no second conviction. (It would appear that this, in effect, is a license.)

During one of the sessions of the investigating committee, according to press releases, Sam Watt, part owner of the Belvedere Club, testified that the following persons owned an interest in the Belvedere:

Archie Ledgerwood, brother of Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood (25%)
L. D. Cooper, President of L. D. Cooper Co., and formerly
President of the Chamber of Commerce.
Douglas Hotchkiss, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.
Harry Strong
Roscoe Johnson
Otis McGraw
Captain William Smith (3 1/2%)
Sam Watt (15%)
W. S. Jacobs.

The press releases further indicate that Mr. Watt testified that some of these parties did not pay anything for their interest, and that apparently they were given an interest because of their influence.

Press releases further indicated that the following relatives of officials were carried on the books of the Belvedere as being employees:

P. O. Witt, uncle of Circuit Judge Earl Witt.
Buddy Wakelin, son of Chief of Police Joe Wakelin.
Tex Rutherford, City Fireman.
Bob Moore, former captain of Police.
Curley Evans, Detective.
Mrs. Herbert Akers, wife of Chief of Detectives.

Subsequent to the publication of the testimony of Sam Watt, a remark was made to reporting agent by Chief of Detectives Akers to the effect that Sam Watt was "wrong" and now against the administration. However, it will be noted from the logs that this statement may not be correct.

As will be noted from the logs, some adverse publicity resulted from the testimony of three inmates of the State Reformatory for Women, who testified before the committee that they were beaten by the police, these three inmates being Billy Blair, Roxy Parker, and Iva Lee Johnson. Immediately after this testimony was given or published, Mayor McLaughlin and Chief of Detectives Akers obtained affidavits contradicting the testimony, compiled the criminal records of the three women, and obtained the Government records as to their physical condition, all of which was given to the newspapers for publication. It will be noted from the logs in this connection that the records of the Government clinic were obtained by having the clinic submit this information to the City Health Department, which is controlled or supervised by the Mayor's sister. It will also be noted from the logs that the police arrested Jackie Fields soon after the testimony of Billy Blair, and secured an affidavit from him whereby he admitted causing the bruises appearing on Billy Blair, and further discrediting her testimony. It will also be noted that Chief Akers notified the Federal Probation Officer at Little Rock of the arrest of Fields, in order that his probation might be revoked, at which time Akers stated that Fields had been sentenced to serve thirty days. It appears, however, that Fields did not serve thirty days, his probation was not revoked, and he was released a few days after executing the affidavit.

As of further interest it may be stated that Chief Akers advised the writer that he had ascertained that the investigators for the Legislative Committee had offered money to several women to testify that they were mistreated by the police, and he obtained affidavits to this effect. These affidavits were subsequently published in the local newspapers.

While in Hot Springs on other matters, reporting agent was advised by Marshall Purvis, Attorney, that he had heard that investigators were attempting to subpoena the "girl friend" of Jacobs, whom they had interviewed, but that the girl had left town. He did not know the identity of this girl, but stated that she was a young blonde, well known in Hot Springs as being Jacobs' girl, and that she had been "kept" by Jacobs for several years. This girl or woman has not been identified to date and may be the person who was conversing with Jacobs at the time the tap was installed on his telephone.

It appears from the logs submitted as to the tap on the telephone of W. S. Jacobs that Jimmie Phillips, Johnnie Morris and Otis McGraw are often at the home of Jacobs and attend to the details and records of the different gambling establishments and books. It also appears that Ella Washington, 202 Walnut Street, is employed at the residence as a maid or housekeeper.

The following conversations of interest are taken from the logs submitted by the agents at Hot Springs:

January 31, 1937

The following conversations apparently refer to a "con" racket at Wilson's Place, a beer garden on the Arkadelphia Highway, and indicates that one Johnnie Haines is a "steer man":

3:25 A.M., outgoing on No. 446

H.A.S.

Rogers: Called 25 (Checker Cab) asked what was trouble with two fellows.
Clerk: Cab driver, Turner, took three of them out to Wilson's place and brought those two back. Argument started over cab fare of \$1.50, and Turner tied into them.
Rogers: Who was third party?
Clerk: Johnnie Haines - you know him.
Rogers: Well, tell Turner to be down at nine o'clock Monday.

3:30 A.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

Johnnie Haines: You want me?
Rogers: No. I got the straight of it now. Got three of them here now. One of them claims he was rolled for some money.
Haines: Well, you know that was a proposition out there. I didn't do anything but ride out with them.
Rogers: I know - won't need you.

The following calls indicate mistreatment of some strangers by officials of the Avalon Club (a beer and dance hall located near Hot Springs) but instead of seeing the Club officials the strangers were picked up by the police and forced to post bond for carrying guns:

3:15 A.M., outgoing on No. 123

H.A.S.

Man: Called 613 (Sheriff's Office). Said he was a stranger in town - a Ford dealer from Greenville, S.C., and he and a friend, Dr. Couch, also from South Carolina, had walked into Avalon Club and a roughhouse started. Dr. Couch knocked out. Started over some raid by State or city officers.
Sheriff: Go up to the County Court House and talk to the Deputy there.

3:40 A.M., outgoing on No. 446

H.A.S.

Rogers: Called 613 (Sheriff's Office and Deputy's residence).
John Erbey: Hello.
Rogers: Did you talk to those two fellows?
Erbey: Just on the phone. Didn't go to the office.
Rogers: Advised that they had gone to their rooms since then
and gotten guns to go out and clean up the Avalon.
Suggested he might lock them up to prevent someone
being hurt.
Erbey: Good idea.

3:45 A.M., outgoing on No. 446

H.A.S.

Coleman: Called 613 - asked Erbey if the Sheriff's Office wasn't
going to help them.
Erbey: The other deputy is out now, and won't be back for
some time. Let me talk to policeman Rogers.
Rogers: Hello.
Erbey: What do you think we'd better do with them?
Rogers: I've been so busy, haven't had time to talk to them.
Erbey: Well, tell them we'll be over after a while. Let them
sit and maybe they'll do something.

4:00 A.M., outgoing on No. 446

H.A.S.

Rogers: Called 613. Advised John Erbey that he took a gun
from those fellows and made them put up \$50.00
collateral. Told them if they wanted to do anything
else to come see you in the morning.
Erbey: Thanks.

11:12 A.M., incoming on No. 123

J.M.J.

George: At Jackson's Drug store, inquired whether his friends
Coleman and Dr. Gaston of South Carolina, who were
arrested last night, would get their pistol and \$50.
back when they came before Judge.
Rasberry: Said he guessed so, as they had left same as bond.

6:50 P.M., outgoing on No. 446 to 25 (Checker Cab)

D.P.S.

Curley Evans: Jack, was it one of your gang that he had trouble with?
Jack: Yes - Turner.
Curley: What was the damage?
Jack: They beat him up, tore his clothes, and he had a
cab bill too.
Curley: O.K.

The following conversation appears to relate to the arrest of Bennie Hargo, an Indian boy, by former Night Captain Bob Moore, and which is mentioned in the reference report. (See call made at 10:06 A.M., on January 30, 1937.)

10:53 A.M., incoming on No. 123

JMJ

Judge Ledgerwood: Called Fowler, told him that the sister of the Indian boy who he had fined \$75.00 for driving while drunk, would be down with Mr. Paul Heady, and that if she paid \$25.00 Fowler should let the boy go, as he, Ledgerwood, had agreed to cut the fine down.

The Jack Fry mentioned in the following conversation was formerly a member of the Police Department in Hot Springs:

11:06 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

J.M.J.

Party calling: Asked Chief amount of bond required for two men arrested for gambling in rear of Jack Fry's place. Chief suggested \$100.00.
Party calling: We didn't bring in Fry because he has no one to take care of the place. One is a local fellow and the other I don't know.
Chief: Fry is no good to sign bond.
Party calling: I'll hold them and see what Dutch says about their bond. Fry will appear in the morning - all three on the docket.

The following call apparently identifies one of these two men who were arrested at Fry's place (Keystone Bar):

11:45 P.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

Bill (Martins?): Do you have a fellow named "Peggy" in jail?
Corrington: Yes.
Bill: Can you let him out and me sign the bond in the morning?
Corrington: No, you'll have to come down.
Rogers:2 (Taking 'phone) Call the chief at 1696 (his residence) and get his permission.
Bill: Hate to call him and get him out of bed. I'll come down.

The following calls made by Mayor McLaughlin pertain to the legislative investigation of Hot Springs:

2:00 P.M., incoming on No. 648

J.M.J.

Hollingsworth: Said he just finished talking with "Brady" or "Grady" and that the committee was all shot to hell. The action which took place was the work of one man and the committee was "sore as hell". "Also understand they are going to have five men over tomorrow on subpoena, but Lee (Nichols) is the only one who knows who they are.

Mayor: How are those boys of ours?

Hollingsworth: They have left.

Mayor: What are they doing now?

Hollingsworth: Studying the records. The whole idea is they want Judge Witt to resign. They think he takes bribes, drinks, and bets on the races.

Mayor: They don't have anything on him.

Hollingsworth: The committee met yesterday for the first time in a week.

Mayor: How is that boy Murray?

Hollingsworth: Well, first he is one way then another. I think he is too young to know what he's doing. I have a man who is going to talk to him.

Mayor: Wood (Scott Wood) down here is the one who is advising Nittleson (Might be Nichols).

Hollingsworth: I think they expect to get something out of a fellow named Watts.

Mayor: Maybe not. I think he is interested with Jacobs.

Hel: Regarding the Judge, maybe some of those charges are true, but what of it? Everybody has a drink once in a while, and there is nothing illegal about betting at the track - as long as he don't drink around the court. Well, keep me advised.

"Brady" or "Grady" apparently refers to Grady Manning, of the Southwest Hotel Chain. Murray apparently refers to Ike Murray, a member of the investigating committee. "Watts" apparently is Sam Watts, reported partner of W. S. Jacobs.

2:10 P.M., incoming on No. 648

J.M.J.

L.D. Grady Manning in Little Rock.

Mayor: Say, when I was talking to you last time I forgot to mention about filing unless they can prove something.

Manning: They have nothing on him (Judge Witt).

Mayor: Yes, I know, but I wouldn't like to see a lot of charges, even though they could not be proven.

Manning: Well, you can't trust that fellow Nichols.

Mayor: Wood tells him what to do - But I wish they would be careful not to report anything they cant prove and cause the man grief.

Manning: Well, if Nichols has anything to do with it Woods
will write the report.
Mayor: Hamm (Hamilton Lewis?) is very close to some of these
boys.
Manning: Yes, I know - I saw him in Washington and will speak
to him when he gets here about Wednesday.
Mayor: I think "Joe" can do some good also.
Manning: Yes, I know. I'll see him too.
Mayor: Well, let me know what's doing as soon as you hear.
Manning: O.K.

The identity of Hamm is unknown unless it is J. Hamilton Moses,
attorney, of Little Rock. Joe appears to refer to Joe Schneider, Referee
in Bankruptcy at Little Rock.

February 1, 1937

The following calls indicate another "business activity" of Chief
of Detectives Herbert Akers:

10:37 A.M., outgoing on No. 123 to No. 2745 (Vance Pawn Shop) D.P.S.

Akers: I am sending a man over with a ring.
Ed: Do you want to buy it yourself?
Akers: Possibly.
Ed: Does he want to make a loan on it?
Akers: That's what he wants.

10:38 A.M., outgoing on No. 123 to No. 2745 again D.P.S.

Akers: That fellow has already left. He wants \$75.00 on that
ring for sixty days. Give him \$50.00. I think it's
worth that.
Ed: Alright, Dutch.

The following calls are self-explanatory, and indicate the activities
of Day Captain of Police Jerry Watkins:

8:30 P.M., outgoing on No. 446 H.A.S.

Woman: Called 1065 (Southern Club)
Clerk: Hello.
Woman: Let me speak to Frank Nebett, who was a dealer upstairs.
Frank: Hello.
Woman: Jerry (Watkins) will come by for me and we'll pick you
up at 6:30 at the Southern.
Frank: O.K.

8:35 P.M., incoming on No. 446

H.A.S.

Phil: Is Jerry Watkins there?
Watkins: Hello.
Phil: What have you got that girl - you know her - "Jackie"
Sanders - in for? Can I make her bond?
Watkins: She's on "hold-over". You'll have to see Dutch to make
her bond. He put her in.
Phil: I'll come down and see him.
(Phil may be Norwood Phillips, at Chicago Club)

8:40 P.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

Girl: Is Jerry Watkins in?
Watkins: Hello.
Girl:4 This is "Pat" Rousseau at the Majestic. Remember me?
What do you do for amusement in this town now?
Watkins: Not much to do. Why didn't you see me before? What
floor are you living on?
"Pat" My "boy friend" from Texas was up here then. He's
here now. Thinks I'm calling Little Rock. He's
going away for the weekend. I'll call you then.
Watkins: All right. Do that.

Several calls on this date also indicated that Captain Watkins
"fixed" several traffic violations for his friends.

The following call to the Mayor apparently originated in Little
Rock and refers to both the legislative investigation of Hot Springs and
the situation as to the coming racing season. It was noted from press
releases subsequent to this call that the bill to repeal horse racing was
called in the State Legislature and was defeated by a large majority, thus
insuring horse racing at Hot Springs beginning March 1, 1937:

9:16 A.M., incoming on No. 648, long distance, place not given D.P.S.

Man calling: Is that racing bill in jeopardy?
Mayor: I only know what Farris told me yesterday. In other
words they want to be dealt with. Cella said don't
even mention it to me as "I don't give a damn." He
said that the peak of the season that he pays the
tax of 5% and they want to raise it to 10%. Then it
costs \$500.00 a day to open. He said that we've got
to depend on people from other states. He told me
not to look for more than 17 days racing as the doctor
told him that the race track was his only worry and
wants him to get rid of it; that when the slump sets
in about March 17, 1937 he is going to run; that the
people just aren't going to Hot Springs; that there is

Mayor: (cont'd)

a rumor that the new racing bill will stop the races. He said to tell the Commission that can't run under the Maryland rules (racing rules); that he will go through with it this year, but can't go any further. That is the situation. I called Ed (Farris) back and told him, don't look for any resources from me. Grady Manning was talking to me and he said that they were trying to force a totalizer. They cost about \$100,000, don't they?

Man:

Mayor:

Man calling:

Yes.

Mayor:

Man calling:

Eddie called me yesterday. He said that he agreed with the racing commission this year, that the bill needed some patching up. We are pretty bad off, aren't we? I don't know. Don't you think we should pass on that liquor bill first. That won't pass. If they beat that bill we will have a better chance with our bill. On the day of the resolution to investigation Hot Springs, I got twenty-two calls between 11:00 A.M., and 2:00 P.M., asking me about it. You know it's in the hands of the preachers. A man on the commission told me that the Governor doesn't want to change the present racing law, but they know up there that the administration is getting theirs.

Mayor:

Man:

I talked to Campbell (Rep. Campbell) this morning, and he wanted me to come over.

Why don't you get Campbell to bring over 40 or 50 men from over there and get some kind of game going. Some of them are running card games over there flashing fifty and one hundred dollar bills. On that \$700,000 or \$800,000 hospital bill, it is generally said that one or more of them got \$50,000 or \$60,000. You know, that's the way it is. They won't let anyone get everything, they figure. Let him get some, and I'll get mine.

Mayor:

That's right.

The following calls refer to the legislative investigation of Hot Springs:

9:32 A.M., call completed.

J.M.J.

Carl Hollingsworth: They just got through with this gang over here, and haven't found out anything.

Mayor:

Who did they have over?

Carl:

I'll let you know in the morning.

Mayor:

How many did they have over.

Carl:

I think five. I'll let you know who.

Mayor: Are they done with them?
Carl: Yes - and got nothing that can't be shot nine ways.
Mayor: Are they going to have any public hearings?
Carl: No. I'll tell you all about it when I see you.
Mayor: Don't let them report anything they can't prove.

9:51 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 W.T.M.

Mayor: 2234 (Earl Witt)
Woman: Is Jack (Earl Witt, County Judge) there?
Witt: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo. The committee had a meeting Saturday, and I found they got you charged with betting on the horses at the tracks.
Witt: Is that so?
Mayor: Preacher (phonetic) said you had been drinking. I didn't know you drank. (laughter by both). I don't think that is a serious charge.
Witt: That's too bad.
Mayor: I told them you didn't drink on the bench. The charge is not so serious. That is all there is to it.
Witt: Alright, thank you.

10:02 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 W.T.M.

Mayor: Calling 545 (Merchants Cafe, police hangout)
Ike, aren't you going to open up your store this morning?
Ike: I am in bed now.
Mayor: I got your bill for those - - (indistinct). Now if it won't inconvenience you I want to turn some of them back. (Friendly argument, and Mayor withdraws request to make the return.) Pause -- Well, what do you know?
Ike: I don't know anything.
Mayor: I'm going over there this P.M. Are you going like you intended?
Ike: I am taking Earl Witt with me - don't say anything about it.
Mayor: Oh, no.
Ike: Well, alright.
Mayor: (Laughing) Well, go on and open up your store this morning.

(It is interesting to note that press releases reported that Circuit Judge Earl Witt has been unable to appear before the committee because of illness, and submitted an affidavit denying the charges of excessive drinking, etc.)

10:35 A.M., incoming on No. 648

W.T.M.

Dr. Thompson: Called Mayor and advised he had just gotten some information and was coming over to see him.

(Dr. E. L. Thompson is the physician called by the police to examine and treat city prisoners.)

11:10 A.M., incoming on No. 648

W.T.M.

Person calling and talked to Mayor McLaughlin, stated he was Burke, former prosecuting attorney; that he is the one who gave Dr. Thompson his information and he didn't want to see "Jake and them at Belvedere hurt". He suggested that the man they were using at Little Rock was not so hot, and stated he had in mind one M. Lawrence Burrows for the job. Explained that some action could be brought in the Appellate Court that would prevent the State Revenue Agents from raiding the Belvedere again. Urged immediate attention to this, and let him know right away. The Mayor was interested, and said he would.

(One Lawrence B. Burrow is listed in the current city and telephone directories as an attorney of the firm of Moore, Gray, Burrow & Chowning, with offices at 1101-1108 Boyle Building. Martindale indicates that Mr. Burrow is 45 years of age, received his legal education at the University of Virginia, and was admitted to the Arkansas Bar in 1916. His firm specializes in Corporation Law and General Civil Practice, representing some large corporations. The reference to "that man they were using at Little Rock" apparently refers to Louis Tarlowski, Attorney.)

12:15 P.M., incoming on No. 648

D.P.S.

Johnson calling: Is the Mayor alone?

Hazel Marsh: No, but I can call him in here.

Johnson: (Mayor to phone) I got a telephone call that they have some plans of stopping this thing.

Mayor: No, I haven't heard.

Johnson: Have you heard that Judge Witt may resign?

Mayor: No. That story is just going around.

Johnson: Is there any way of stretching it (Legislative investigation) out?

Mayor: No, I don't know, if Scott Wood is going to run the town.

Johnson: Yes, and the season is coming on.

Mayor: It's in the papers all over the country that every-
thing is ailed here. I have a report for the
Council. It is costing the city \$1800.00 a month.
I will have to cut the Fire Department, of course,
that will raise the insurance rates on the property
owners. Thanks for calling.

Johnson: Goodbye.

2:00 P.M., incoming on No. 648

W.T.M.

Telephone Operator: Called, advising the call to Mr. Manning was ready.
Evidently long distance operator, but failed to
identify herself.

Mayor: Grady, this is Leo.

Grady: Well, what do you know?

Mayor: I thought I would call and see -- Is anybody there now?

Grady: Yes, just a minute (pause) Alright.

Mayor: I've been working on this thing and talked to a man
here -- you see that is a constitutional question.

Grady: Yes, whether that party had the right to issue that
seizure writ is the first thing you got to determine.

Mayor: Yes, you see we had that same thing here sometime ago
and it isn't constitutional. I have been looking
up on it.

Grady: Yes, that is what you do next and it is my understanding
that they can't do it legally.

Mayor: What is that "other man's" attitude?

Grady: I don't know -- I think he is laying off.

(General conversation about procedure as mentioned
above.)

Mayor: That man downstairs -- we want to get his attitude.

Grady: Want me to see him?

Mayor: You can't right now for he is in Forrest City. We
want you to get to him. Say what do you know about
that committee business?

Grady: Well -- two of the reports are favorable and the others
have just been switched around. I don't know.
Probably I will know something tonight -- want me to
call you?

Mayor: I wish you would -- I'd just like to see you and have
a talk with you. There is a rumor circulating
around in town about me resigning.

Grady: I'll be over there noon tomorrow.

Mayor: Alright, I'll call you at the Majestic.

2:34 P.M., call completed

D.P.S.

Mayor: What's going on?
Hollingsworth: They are having a meeting tonight. There were five subpoenas put out by Lee (Nichols). I don't know who they went to. It looks like a one man committee. As far as the committee goes, they don't know anything and the committee don't care one way or another.
McLaughlin: How about Earl (Witt)?
Hollingsworth: The committee don't care about him, drinking and all that, but the Governor don't seem to care about paying them (the committee).
Mayor: Will you be around the hotel tonight?
Hollingsworth: Yeah. I'll be around there.

2:40 P.M., incoming on No. 648

D.P.S.

Dr. Thompson: I got in touch with Bura (phonetic) about getting that stuff back. Now you need a court order and get a man to go over there with Bouie (W.G. Bouie, Attorney).
Mayor: I think I have the man.
Dr. Thompson: Well, have him get in touch with Bouie. That's the best I can do.

3:41 P.M., incoming on No. 648

W.T.M.

Dr. Thompson: Leo, you want that man in Little Rock to wait? I have him ready.
Mayor: I am trying to get hold of the man here - just wait a little longer.

The following call may be of interest at a later date, and might refer to the opening of another gambling or bookie establishment:

11:30 A.M., incoming on No. 648

J.M.J.

Dutch: Say, I spoke to Freeman and he said everything is settled - \$1500. - and an extra \$100. - but there is a nigger who has paid rent for two or three years. Could you help to get him out?
Mayor: No - the only way is to get some sort of legal paper. We reached that agreement \$1500 and \$100 - OK. Get John to get up a legal notice. (To the nigger).

The following call indicates the published figures given out by the Mayor as to the income derived by the city from the gambling establishments:

John Hold: Have you a meeting set?
Mayor: Yes, for tonight.
Hold: How about our Centennial Edition?

Mayor:

The closing of these places cost us \$1800.00 a month. We collected \$1800.00 in January. It looks like I'll have to lay off some of the Fire Department. We couldn't collect 18 cents anywhere else. I don't think there is a chance to raise any money. I am preparing a report right now for the Council. (City Council)

February 2, 1937.

The following call, made by the Mayor, indicates the result of the recent raid by State officers in Hot Springs, and also indicates a "tie-up" between Mayor McLaughlin and the race horse slot machines:

8:55 A.M., outgoing on No. 648

H.A.S.

McLaughlin:

Called Long Distance to Attorney Grover, Little Rock, Ark. Hello.

Grover:

Grover, how's my case coming?

McLaughlin:

I'm not doing anything about it now, Leo. Just waiting.

Grover:

McLaughlin:

Well, guess that's all we can do now. "One of my boys" had some machines - think they were those horse-racing machines, and talked to Charlie. Charlie told him he was my wife's lawyer - had a lot to tell him. This fellow didn't let on that he knew anything and Charlie told him a lot. I'm just not going to pay any more alimony.

Grover:

Well not if we can help it. I was sorry to hear all about the trouble at Hot Springs.

McLaughlin:

Yes. The people here are desperate. Did you see my piece in the paper?

Grover:

Yes.

McLaughlin:

Notice my piece. That's facts. I think that that happened here did our position good - made it stronger. Those sons of bitches are after me, and don't have anything on me they can prove. They don't care about Judge Witt. The merchants here are all wrought up over that raid, so it really did my position good for them to burn that stuff - see what I mean? They know that Scott Wood really wrote that resolution, and therefore my position is much better. Business is falling off - the newspapers and radio have broadcasted it everywhere, particularly in Florida, that Hot Springs is closed up - and the Belvedere is closed. People are leaving hotels, and the few left here have to stay cooped up in their rooms because there's no place for them to go. All that helps my position because the merchants realize it now.

Grover: Yes, well, I hope it will come out all right. If anything comes up on that other matter, I'll get in touch with you.

McLaughlin: All right.

The following long distance call by Mayor McLaughlin appears to relate to the new State Racing Commission:

10:46 A.M., incoming on No. 648

J.M.J.

Call completed to Johnny Holder of St. Louis.

Mayor: Hello, Johnny, I would have waited until Thursday to call you about Pace. I received a letter stating Judge Martineau has the flu, and will be in bed 10 days the case being postponed indefinitely. The reason I called today was because I was at Jacobs' house last night, when you called, with two fellows from Little Rock who visited Jacobs and told him they wanted to speak to the Mayor. They were right near the telephone while I was talking to you and I knew what they wanted, although they had not reached the subject - that's why I was so blunt and asked you why you didn't give your money to some attorney rather than a lot of god damn grafters. -- Listen - I have about twenty years experience and I know those bastards are all trying to get some money but no one has contacted me yet who can do any good. The secretary was here Sunday and that other fellow also, but neither one knew the other was here. There is a connection to be made somewhere, but the "title to the lots" must be guaranteed. All they talk about is writs, but we have to have more than that. Last night I talked to a man from "over there" and discussed the situation without committing myself. The secretary and a few others who had any appeal, with the parties who can do anything, are losing it fast, as they know everyone is snatching all they can.

Johnny Holder: Talked of letting a man who is at present in St. Louis try and make some sort of a connection.

Mayor: If you let him go down you better give him a satchel. (The mayor spoke of some man who he believed could do some good.)

Johnny: Do you know what he would require?

Mayor: I would tell him he would have to guarantee everything. The money would be put in escrow. There have been several up to see Jacobs. The only way to do is to empond the money and deliver it if everything is OK. That secretary and Lee are out for something. Well, I'll see you or give you a call Thursday. You tell George about things.

Johnny: OK.

A subsequent outgoing call indicated that Mr. Ike Murray was registered at the Eastman Hotel. Mr. Murray is a member of both the Legislative Investigating Committee and the Racing Commission.

The following conversation indicates that Carrol Hollingsworth is still working for the Hot Springs "administration". It is believed that the Lovell referred to by the Mayor is the son of the State Revenue Agent now located at Hot Springs, and who works for his father:

11:51 A.M., incoming on No. 648 from Rep. Bob Campbell at Little Rock, Ark. DPS.

Man: This is Bob. What reaction was there to your speeches?
Mayor: Miss Marsh just told me that the phone has rung eighty times. She counted the calls - from all over town. (obvious falsehood)
Campbell: Were those words left out on purpose?
Mayor: No. I don't think so.
Campbell: Were all the calls favorable?
Mayor: Yes, from all over, from grocery stores and every place. They were wondering how long we would take it before anybody would say anything back.
Bob: I guess so. Maner made a good speech.
Mayor: Yes, I just talked to a man who is prominent there and he thought that he made a fine speech and delivered it well. He said that if Maner had asked him before, he would have advised against it, but that he made a lot of friends by it.
I just got a lot of letters about Thompson (Rep. Thompson, Legislative Committee investigating Hot Springs) from up his way, giving his record. I talked to the Judge this morning and he said that my speech made a lot of friends too.
Campbell: Well, so long.

The following calls made by the Mayor further indicates his attitude toward the racing commission:

3:25 P.M., outgoing on No. 648

W.T.M.

Mayor: Calling for Mr. Higgins.
Mayor: John, did you read my piece in the paper this morning?
I just put it up to them cold turkey.
Higgins: No, I haven't had a chance to read the morning paper yet.
Mayor: I have been talking to Cella and he is worried about the repeal of the racing law - you see what's got him tore up is the wires and stuff he has been getting asking about it, inquiring if he was going to open up. He asked me if he should make that bond to guarantee racing in 30 days, and I couldn't advise him.

Mayor (cont'd)

I told him I wouldn't mind going over there and talk to them. You know, I never saw as many God damn grafters as they are over there. What do you know?

Higgins:

Nothing, Leo.

Mayor:

Well, read my piece in the paper as soon as you get a chance.

(Mr. Higgins is President of the Arkansas National Bank in Hot Springs)

3:47 P.M., outgoing on No. 648

W.T.M.

212 (Chamber of Commerce)

Mayor:

I have been talking to Cella this morning, and he is worried about receiving wires and communications about the repeal of the racing law. I wonder if you got any wind of it?

Hotchkiss:

Well, I tell you --

Mayor:

I thought maybe you had gotten hold of some word by now.

Hotchkiss:

I went over there and talked to some of them. It seems that the Governor's attitude is same as you told me some time ago, "He ain't going to do anything for those who were against him" --- (interrupted)

Mayor:

No! I didn't say that - he didn't tell me that -- (interrupted)

Hotchkiss:

Well, what you said then was, "He ain't going to do anything for or against those who against him" --

Mayor:

No! He didn't tell me that, ---- (interrupted)

Hotchkiss:

Well, there are seven new commissioners - five realize that the thing will go over unless something is done. They are willing to circulate among friends and legislators and get votes against the repeal of the racing law. I don't know, this will probably need a little help. -- (interrupted)

Mayor:

I don't know - with all those man eaters over there running around promising to do something - the biggest bunch of God damn grafters I ever saw - they can't do nothing.

Hotchkiss:

I talked to Kemp (phonetic), he thought the board should do anything it could to protect the law. I think I'll get the board together and tell them the whole story.

Mayor:

You see we don't want the law lost. Saving the law is important. Now this thing hasn't reached the critical point yet. Now, listen, up until now this thing hasn't been dignified by any of us over here. They are waiting for us to do something or groan and then they will want money - if we don't pay then they will get mad with us and go the other way. Now, you be awful careful how you talk and who you talk with. You see?

Hotchkiss: Yes. Have you talked to Higgins?
 Mayor: Yes. Now the thing that is serious is the reports
 4 getting out about the racing law being repealed.
 You know five people will read a newspaper and three
 of them will get it right. All these wires and calls
 have been coming in to Cella.
 Hotchkiss: He isn't going to put up that \$50,000 bond guaranteeing
 racing in 30 days -- (interrupted)
 Mayor: No. I told him not to.
 Hotchkiss: Well, you see that law requires that.
 Mayor: It is, I didn't know. I will have to look into that.
 Hotchkiss: Yes, it is.
 Mayor: Now that bunch has been calling Cella up. I told him
 to quit answering the phone - if he kept on two of
 them would get on the train and go over there and
 see him. If they know we are anxious about it -
 the God damn grafters - they will want something and
 if you don't give it to them they will go the other
 way. The trouble now is these reports out about the
 repeal of the racing law, and with the lid in here.
 But you just sit tight, it will work out.

(Douglas Hotchkiss is Secretary of the Chamber of
 Commerce in Hot Springs.)

February 3, 1937

The following conversation between former Chief of Police Joe
 Wakelin and Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers appears of interest:

3:56 P.M., incoming on No. 123

D.P.S.

Man calling: (Probably Former Chief of Police Joe Wakelin) That
 fellow is level. I got that letter back, three and
 two suspended sentence. I think we could get him.
 I would suggest, go to Mt. Ida and lay out on the road.
 He hit a restaurant at the point of a gun.
 Akers: He did. Maybe it would be a good idea. I'll see them
 (Mayor McLaughlin, et al) to see how far they will go.
 How are you feeling?
 Wakelin: Not so good.
 Akers: Can you get around?
 Wakelin: I can in a car, a little bit.
 Akers: Things are still upset. They are still trying to get
 Leo (McLaughlin)
 Wakelin: Who told you?

Akers:

I was up to Little Rock and they told me. They are willing to put Jake (W. S. Jacobs) back in business, but they want to put someone else in charge of the --- (pause) -- money. They are shooting at Leo through Earl Witt. I have been doing a little work for them and I told Leo, but he says we ought to sit tight.

Another man quit us yesterday and went with Level (committee investigator), that B----. It sure ruined (phonetic) the department. Yes, but Williams did most of it. (there were a few faint clicks on the line at this point and Akers stopped short). They have got taps on this damn thing. I can hear someone on this line. (as Wakelin started to say something) Wait a minute - (about a half-minute pause) - I can hear them every once in a while. There is a tap on this G-- D-- thing. As I was saying, I didn't get a thing on that car. I'll stop and see you and talk to you. (Hung up)

The following calls made or received by the Mayor on this date appear of interest:

9:38 A.M., incoming on No. 648

W.T.M.

Man giving name of "Kemp" (phonetic) called to speak to Leo McLaughlin.

Kemp:

Leo, I was just down in the lobby talking to Grady Manning - I told Earl Witt to come over there to see you -- (interrupted)

Mayor:

Why, what's the matter?

Kemp:

Well I don't know - I can't figure Grady out or what he is up to. He's been talking to Witt -- (interrupted)

Mayor:

What is he saying?

Kemp:

Well, he is telling Witt they got a lot on him - that kind of stuff, and had him scared up. I told him to go on over and see you.

Mayor:

Alright. I'll find out about it.

(Kemp apparently is State Representative W. K. Toney)

9:41 A.M., outgoing on No. 648

D.P.S.

Mayor put in call for Rep. Carroll Hollingsworth at the House of Representatives, Little Rock, Ark.

Hollingsworth:

Hallo.

Mayor:

Tried to get you yesterday between 5 P.M. and 7 P.M.

Hollingsworth:

There are two names I wanted to give you. Level is one. He was convicted once for burglary. The other is Spivers.

Mayor:

Yes. He is just a political man around.

Hollingsworth: They've got another man who was on the Police Department.
 Mayor: That's Sellers.
 Hollingsworth: It's hard to get anything, the way the way the Committee is working. They're going to subpoena somebody today.
 Mayor: How is everything in general.
 Hollingsworth: I don't know. Maner's speech (Rep. Maner) was a help. It got a lot of favorable comment, of course, it didn't clear everything up, but it helped.
 Mayor: How are the boys over there?
 Hollingsworth: Who?
 Mayor: Pat and that Jones boy.
 Hollingsworth: He's alright. I was talking to a couple of State Revenue men who were up there (Hot Springs) and they said there wasn't anything to it. When can I call you back this afternoon? I may have something.
 Mayor: Call me about 5 P.M.

(Note previous and subsequent conversations as to "Level". The identity of Spivers is unknown. Sellers is Charles Sellers who was discharged as a policeman after being indicted with John Dickson and others for the burglarizing of the Blue Ribbon Bar. The identity of "Pat" is unknown. "That Jones boy" apparently refers to Fred Jones, member of the Legislative investigating committee.

The following call reveals the identity of the witnesses mentioned in the conversation at 9:41 A.M:

12:20 P.M., incoming on No. 648

H.A.S.

McLaughlin: Hello.
 Bob (reporter): Leo, have you heard anything more today?
 McLaughlin: No, not today.
 Bob: There's a little in the Little Rock legislative column that just came in - it's old stuff about legislative activities - seems that Nichols and Robinson came to blows the other day.
 McLaughlin: Yes. That was on Saturday, after that thing happened Friday night.
 Bob: Yes - guess so - it's just being reported in the column on the legislature.

McLaughlin:

Well, they're fighting among themselves now. Yesterday they had John Fatheree, Carlos Lovell and Charlie Sellers over there before them. Naturally, "our man" there let them know whose kind of testimony they were listening to - you know - John Fatheree at one time was convicted of kidnaping a Federal officer; Carlos Lovell one time was convicted of burglary in another town, but leniency was recommended by the Chief of the Hot Springs Police Department, which lightened his sentence; and Charlie Sellers was also convicted and served some time. Looks like they're determined to hear someone, no matter who it is. They can't go on like that - they'll have to have public hearings before long.

Bob:

Yes, it does seem that way. Have you had any reports on your statement yesterday?

McLaughlin:

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Yes - innumerable ones. I was just talking to several people here in my office, and this morning over at the bank a great many people complimented my statement. All the business men are very much afraid now what will happen to the season. I was over at the Court House this morning and Bill Housley said that collections there were already down.

Bob:

Yes - have you done anything about appointing a new Chief of the Fire Department?

McLaughlin:

No. The same one who has been acting chief since Pate has been sick will still do so, for while anyway.

Bob:

Well, thanks, Leo.

(John Fatheree is listed in the Hot Springs Directories as being the proprietor of the Black Cat Liquor Store. It will be noted from the logs submitted during the first stages of the tap that Mayor McLaughlin ordered Sheriff Anderson to take some action as to this liquor store. It will also be noted that the Mayor admits that Charlie Sellers has a police record, even though he was on the Police Department, and was not discharged until the recent indictment.)

In a general conversation between Hazel Marsh, Secretary to Mayor McLaughlin, and one of her friends at 2:12 P.M., she mentioned that she had just found out that Grady Manning had been double crossing the administration and was "on the other side of the fence."

In view of the conversation between Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and former Chief Wakelin, indicating that Chief Akers believed there was a tap on the telephone, the taps were temporarily disconnected at 6:55 P.M. on this date. After investigation disclosed no activity the taps were re-installed on the early morning of February 5, 1937.

February 4, 1937

(Taps temporarily disconnected.)

February 5, 1937

"Big Harry", mentioned in the following conversation, has on several occasions, called Chief of Detectives Habert Akers and apparently is a gambler or a "con" man:

1:37 P.M., incoming on No. 123

D.P.S.

Swede Watkins: Hello.
Man: This is Big Harry. Remember me?
Swede: Yes.
Big Harry: Got a little (word not gotten) there for me?
Swede: No.
Big Harry: I'll see you later my friend.
Swede: Where will you be?
Big Harry: Around the Kentucky Club.

The following conversations appear related and indicate that ~~Captain~~ Jerry ~~Watkins~~ ^{Witt} is working for Mayor McLaughlin in connection with the legislative investigation:

8:48 A.M., incoming on No. 648

W.T.M.

Woman: Hello: Is this Miss Marsh?
Hazel: Yes.
Woman: Is the office full? Are there anybody much around in the office? I don't want to carry on too much conversation over the phone.
Hazel: No that's alright. Go ahead and talk all you want.
Woman: Jerry (Not saying who) talked to Fred Jones in Little Rock yesterday and he is getting scared of Murray (I.T. Murry, Representative).
(Note: This woman did not identify herself and Hazel apparently recognized her voice.)

9:25 A.M., incoming on No. 648

H.A.S.

Hazel: Hello.
Man: Is the Mayor there?
Hazel: No. Who's this, Jerry?
Jerry: Yes.
Hazel: The Mayor's out of town today.
Jerry: Is he in Little Rock?
Hazel: Yes.
Jerry: I was to see him before he went over there.

Hazel: Well, he left a while ago.
 Jerry: Can you get him a message sometime this morning?
 Hazel: Maybe I can.
 Jerry: Tell him that "Ike" Murray is getting "wobbly". I talked to Fred Jones this morning and he told me about it.
 Hazel: Yes, I understand. Heard it this morning already. Be careful what you say on this phone, because they might plug in on it any time.
 Jerry: Yes. All right. Get him that message, will you?
 Hazel: OK. Thanks for calling!

(Note: "Ike" Murray referred to by Jerry is probably I. T. (Ike) Murray, from Fordyce, Lafayette County, Arkansas, a member of legislative committee probing conditions at Hot Springs. Fred Jones referred to is probably resides at Little Rock, Ark. No unusual noises were heard on the line to warrant Hazel's apprehension of use of telephone.)

10:40 A.M., incoming on No. 648

H.A.S.

Hazel: Mayor's Office.
 L.D.Opr. Mr. Miller (McLaughlin) at Little Rock is calling. Will speak to anyone. Wishes you to pay for the call.
 Hazel: All right, operator.
 McLaughlin: All right?
 Hazel: Have a couple of things to tell you, but don't know whether I can make you understand or not. Here's the first one: The fellow over in Little Rock - who's a protege' of a friend of yours - you talked to a man about him - you know who I'm talking about?
 McLaughlin: No.
 Hazel: Well, he's a friend of one of Joe Snider's boys or Joe Housely's - I've forgotten which one - a young fellow - know who I mean? (Probably referring to Ike Murray)
 McLaughlin: Yes, I do now.
 Hazel: Well, Jerry called and said that his friend over there said "he'd" done an about face. You'd better get in touch with him while you're over there - better do something.
 McLaughlin: All right.
 Hazel: Another thing is that Verne (Ledgerwood) wants you to call him. He has a lot of information for you. Said that his "ex" (wife?) had been called before them and had given a lot of information.
 McLaughlin: You mean Verne's "ex" - not mine?
 Hazel: Yes, that's right - starts with "M".

McLaughlin: All right. I'm at the Marion Hotel if you want me.

The following conversation was in progress at the time the tap was installed on telephone No. 2115, and may possibly be between the alleged girl friend of Jacobs and Jacobs:

10:15 A.M. Tap established #2115

J.M.J.

At this time a man (#1) and a woman were holding a conversation, the woman being very concerned over the fact that a man had been to her house yesterday and talked to her about coming to Little Rock and testifying before a committee. She stated that this man had asked her if she knew anything about any safe deposit vaults held by Jacobs and about his paying off Leo McLaughlin, and also wanted to know if she had ever seen Witt out at the Belvedere Club. To all these questions she claimed to have no knowledge, and asked why, if they wanted someone to testify, they did not speak to Mrs. McLaughlin. To which he replied "A wife can't testify against her husband, and they are not divorced yet." The woman seemed quite concerned that the man who questioned her was a "federal man" due to his question regarding the safe deposit boxes, and indicated she would rather hide out than go down to testify as she knew nothing and did not desire to "get mixed up in the affair."

The man on #2115 advised her not to hide because if they wanted her they would find her and in addition she should not worry as the party who was talking to her had in all probability been sent over by Clay Watt in order to stir up trouble; that she did not have to worry "it was not a federal man". "If they ask about safe deposit boxes, why, say, 'Yes, he's got several of them.'" "The whole thing is a lot of 'hokey' somebody is trying to scare you - that Watt".

The identity of the party making the following call is unknown, but appears to be an employee of Jacobs:

11:50 A.M., incoming on No. 2115

J.M.J.

Party called advised "Jake" he had just received a wire from Jack who will call about 6:30 tonight. Party calling stated he had spoke to Jack, who was not able to get all the information yet but said that "Lefty" Clark had opened a place down there and also a fellow named Williams from N. Y.

Jake: They are two of the biggest operators of the "Head and Head" game and are no doubt partners down there.
Party calling: We got three checks returned this morning for \$280.
Jake: Pins Bluff?
Party Calling: Yes - will you be down soon?
Jake: Yes - after breakfast - Ostia is coming up here to straighten out a few things, then I'll be down.
Party Calling: O.K.

(The identity of "Lefty" Clark and Williams is disclosed in a conversation hereinafter quoted.)

The Elizabeth referred to in the following conversations apparently is the wife or a relative of Otis McGraw. "Johnny" appears to refer to Johnnie Morris:

2:25 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs: Called 2526 (Residence of Otis McGraw)
Elizabeth: Hello.
Jacobs: Elizabeth how much have you got coming for that work you've been doing.
Elizabeth: Nothing.
Jacobs: Well, how about those letters, will \$2.50 be enough?
(He laughs)
Elizabeth: I don't know - what are you laughing at?
Jacobs: Oh - something else. We'll let Johnny decide the amount. He knows more about it.
Elizabeth: O.K. That's all right.

(The "Johnny" referred to in the above conversation evidently refers to Johnny Morris, an associate of W. S. Jacobs.)

The following calls are self-explanatory and indicate that Jacobs is interested in the Kentucky Club and the Ohio Club, both "bookies":

7:20 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

J.M.J.

Jacobs: Called #1117 (Kentucky Tap Room)
"Doc": Answered line.
Jacobs: Let me talk to Louie.
"Doc": (aside) Mr. Bloom please.
Jacobs: Have any business today?
Louie: Handled \$150 to \$200 - best day so far.
Jacobs: I guess it is - they took in \$57.00 up there.

8:21 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

J.M.J.

Jacobs: Called #210 (Ohio Club)
Jacobs: Let me talk to Mr. Brown. Not there? OK let me have Mr. Young.
Jacobs: How did you do today?
Young: Handled best yet. Think we beat \$225, but have not counted up yet.
Jacobs: Did Bill get back from over there?
Young: Not yet --- (Young stated Bill said he was to be appointed head of state racing; that they had called

him and told him to be over there, but that he would take it only on one condition - Mynard to be starter.

Jacobs: They are going to be a little fooled. They think Ed is going to frame up some races.
Young: But they are wrong.
Jacobs: What does that job pay.
Young: Not sure, but I think the starter's job pays \$150. out of which he has to pay his four helpers.
(Further conversation had to do with the fact that "Bill" had been advised by St. Louis not to put any men to work until Monday. (probably at track).
Young: If he gets back, I'll try and get in touch with you.
Jacobs: O.K.

(Mr. Young apparently is Tink Young. Bill appears to refer to Bill Hamilton, recently appointed Head Steward of the Oaklawn Park Jockey Club. "ED" may refer either to Ed Farris, Secretary of the Racing Commission or Ed Landers, recently appointed Placing Judge.)

The following conversation is between Jacobs and Louis Tarlowski, (not Pulaski), an attorney of Little Rock:

7:58 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs: Long Distance, please.
Operator: Connected Jacobs with Long Distance.
Jacobs: Long distance, I'm ready. This is Jacobs, at 2115. Try to locate Louis Pulaski (Tarlowski) for me in the Albert Pike Hotel. (pause) Room 211, he lives there, if you don't get him there, try 4-7251.
L.D.Operator: Thank you, hold the line, Mr. Jacobs. (L.D.Operator completed the connection.)
Jacobs: Hello Louis, what's the big scandal down there?
Pulaski: Why hello there, don't know yet. I've been busy in Pine Bluff all day. Is Leo there? (Probably meaning Leo McLaughlin, Mayor).
Jacobs: No, not yet. He's been with the racing commission all day. Did you hear anything about that committee before you left this morning?
Pulaski: No, I didn't but I'm going down there tonight and find out something. I've got a friend with the Associated Press who'll tell me.
Jacobs: Who? Walsh?
Pulaski: No, Haynes, Pete Haynes. I think Walsh is with the United Press.
Jacobs: I believe that's right. Well, let me hear from you tonight if you hear anything.

Pulaski: I'll call you tonight if I hear anything.
Jacobs: O.K. my friend.

The identity of the party making the following call is unknown.
It will be noted that the Mayor usually stops at Jacobs' for a drink:

8:40 P.M., incoming on No. 2115

J.M.J.

Party calling: "Tate" (phonetic)
Tate: Did you see those people yet - they just got back.
Jacobs: Bill and Leo?
Tate: Well, I was talking to Bill and he said Leo was right behind.
Looks like things are straightening out over there.
Jacobs: Are they going to give it to Bill?
Tate: Looks good. Of course he wants to put his men to work. He also said things look good for the town also.
Jacobs: That's fine. Well, I guess Leo will stop in for a drink. He generally does.
Tate: OK. Just thought I'd let you know.
Jacobs: Fine. Thanks.

February 6, 1937

The following is one of several calls received by Chief Akers and subsequent activity in an effort to identify "Big Harry":

4:05 P.M., incoming on No. 123

D.P.S.

Man: This is Harry. I'd like to see you.
Akers: Where are you?
Harry: Up at the Kentucky Club. I'll see you in front of the Waukesha Hotel.

(Note: Agent Snow proceeded to the vicinity of the Waukesha Hotel, where he noticed a man about 45 or 50 years of age, about 5' 10", heavy set, fair complexion, with a dark brown hat and overcoat, walking up and down, as though expecting someone. Akers was not seen, but this man is probably identical with "Harry" or "Big Harry"; went into the Southern Club, where he probably met Akers, and "Big Harry" frequently contacts Akers and probably is an informant. He hangs out at the Kentucky Club, and probably lives at the Waukesha Hotel.

Several calls were noted on this date wherein Chief of Police Rasberry and Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood "fixed" some traffic violations.

The following conversation appears to relate to the appointment of officials and employees of Oaklawn Park (race track) for the coming season, and also bears out rumors to the effect that the races are crooked:

1:40 P.M., incoming on No. 648

D.P.S.

Long distance call from St. Louis, Missouri.

Man: (Probably Charles Cella.) In regards to those two other appointees, I would like to have George Palmer out there. Maybe we can name George B. Ray, of Beechville, Arkansas, Mississippi County. Highfill says his brother worked for Governor Bailey at one time. The Governor will probably go for him. Maybe we can work it through Hamilton. Do you know anything about Ray.

Mayor: No, I never heard of him, but you are the boss. It's your money, but Ed Landis will have the naming of one and Hamilton the other, but Ed wouldn't name anyone who wouldn't suit me.

Man: I think Hamilton will be with us.

Mayor: Yeah, no doubt. I already talked with him. I have known him for thirty years. I'll tell you what all this talk is going to do. It will perpetuate racing in Arkansas. All that talk about Jean will help us.

Man: How are they treating you?

Mayor: They are still digging around, but the whole thing is petering out. We are in good shape.

Man: I read in the papers that two of your opponents were negro preachers.

Leo: No, I put that in.

Man: Well, anything I can do for you let me know.

The following call is self explanatory and may be of interest at a later date:

9:05 A.M., incoming on No. 2115

J.M.J.

Jacobs: Had a long conversation with a Mr. J. B. Johnson, who owns 110 acres of property in Brownsville, Texas. Jacobs appeared interested in property and requested cash sale price. Johnson advised about \$100 an acre on a cash deal - property partially improved as orchard. Jacobs advised Johnson he would make a trip down there in the near future and would look the property over.

Calls, both incoming and outgoing, indicated that Mayor McLaughlin was at the Jacobs residence at 6:50 and 6:58 P.M.,

The following conversation is between Jacobs and Hamilton Moses, Attorney, of Little Rock:

7:32 P.M., outgoing on #2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs: Long Distance, please. (Operator gave him L.D.)
Long distance, this is 2115. I want Mr. Hamilton Moses in Little Rock. Don't know his number.
Operator (L.R.): The number is 4-3997.
H. Moses: Hello.
Jacobs: "Ham" when did you get back from Washington?
H. Moses: Thursday, Jake.
Jacobs: Did you and Joe ever get through with that title?
H. Moses: Yes, we did, Jake.
Jacobs: Were there any flaws in the title?
H. Moses: Yes, but I think everything is going to be OK.
Jacobs: The only flaw I know is the character of the man, liquor and women.
H. Moses: That's right Jake. When does the club committee meet?
Jacobs: Tuesday, I think. Don't let them sign either one, there's two on each side. Tell 'em they're gonna leave it up to the membership that ought to stop 'em.
H. Moses: That's exactly the way I figured.
Jacobs: Well, if it stops just that way everything's gonna be all right.
H. Moses: OK Jake, goodbye.

Mr. Moses is associated with the law firm of House, Moses & Holmes, with offices in the Boyle Building, Little Rock. The "Joe" referred to appears to be Joe House of this law firm, and which is considered one of the best and largest firms in Little Rock. It is also reported that U. S. Senator Joe T. Robinson was formerly the senior member of this firm. The reference to title apparently refers to an abstract of title to some land being prepared by this law firm.

The following conversation identifies a large gambler who, apparently, executed a "marker" or "I.O.U." for some losses:

9:30 P.M., incoming on No. 2115

J.M.J.

Party calling: Hello Jake. Say, Tom Ray was in town today and paid up \$1600. and I was wondering if he had paid that "marker" up there.
Jake: Yes, he did.
Party: Anything new?
Jake: No. I was just fixing to go down town in a few minutes.
Party: O.K. I may see you.

February 7, 1937

Arch Cooper, mentioned as making the following call, is the discharged Day Captain of Police. The reference to "big bookie" apparently refers to a gambler:

9:04 A.M., incoming on No. 123

D.P.S.

Arch Cooper: Is Swede (Watkins) there?
P.D. No. I saw that "big bookie". He wants to see you tomorrow. I gave him your telephone number, and he will call you today.

The following call made by Chief Akers, indicates a "tip-off" as to a fugitive whose apprehension was desired by the Secret Service:

6:00 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

H.A.S.

Akers: Called 3217 (Mack Wilson)
Mack: Hello.
Akers: Have you got a brother?
Mack: Yes - four of them.
Akers: One named Phil (phonetic)?
Mack: Yes - he's supposed to come in here in a few days.
Akers: Well, just thought I'd let you know that the Government is looking for him. Fellow with the Secret Service was just asking me for information where he would be. I didn't let on much. Referred him to Albert. He's going to see Albert in the morning and he will probably send him out to see you. I told him that I couldn't give him much information.
Mack: What's he wanted for?
Akers: For forgery on a Government check. I happen to know that they handle forgeries only when it's on a Government check. Has your brother been out west in a CCC camp?
Mack: Yes. He was supposed to have left there and headed back this way. The Government has been mailing his CCC check here to me each month and I'd send him part of it.
Akers: Well, whatever this was must have happened out there at the camp. Guess he'll be out to see you - just wanted to get word to you.
Mack: Thanks for letting me know.

(It was discretely ascertained from Mr. Newton of the Secret Service at Little Rock that his department had attempted to apprehend one Fred Wilson, brother of Mack Wilson, the County Clerk, for their Los Angeles Office. It was not ascertained at this time if a warrant was outstanding or any further details.)

The following conversation originated with Mr. Milton Noble,
Manager of the Western Union in Hot Springs:

11:32 A.M., incoming on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs: Hello.
Noble: This is Noble.
Jacobs: Mr. Noble, Jacobs, were you trying to find me yesterday?
Noble: Yes I was, Mr. Jacobs. They summonsed me over to that
hearing yesterday to testify. While I was there I
got some information that will be of interest and
value to you. I wanted to meet you to tell you this
and also to talk to you.
Jacobs: O.K. Good. I'll run in to see you.
Noble: Will you let me know when?
Jacobs: Yes. Thank you - goodbye.

In this connection it may be stated that Mr. Noble has always
cooperated closely with reporting agent in allowing examination of his
records. He has also expressed dissatisfaction with conditions in Hot
Springs. This call may be attributed to a desire of Mr. Noble to get
business or keep in good standing with the Jacobs organization.

Several incoming and outgoing calls on No. 2115 on this date
indicated association between Mr. Jacobs and Gladys Woods, 125 Cliff
Street, whose identity is unknown.

February 8, 1937

The following conversations apparently refer to Fred Wilson,
whose apprehension is being sought by the Secret Service:

10:00 A. M., Outgoing on No. 123

W.T.M.

Akers: Hello Mack. When have you heard from your brother, Al?
Mack: Who?
Akers: I mean Fred. When have you heard from him.
Mack: I haven't seen him in about two months.
Akers: Do you still get his CCC checks?
Mack: Well, he was in a CCC camp.
Akers: Well, he isn't now.
Mack: No. I heard from him. I got a letter from him about
two months ago. He was in some little town - I can't
remember. I could tell you if I could find that
letter.
Akers: Will you please see if you can find that letter and call me?
Mack: Alright, sure will.

(Note: Above call may have been for benefit of the Secret Service Agent attempting to get information from Akers, since Akers had previously tipped off Mack Wilson on Feb. 7, 1937 at 6:00 P.M.)

10:40 A.M., incoming on No. 123

D.P.S.

Man calling: This is Mack. I don't have that address around here.
Akers: That fellow is coming around to talk to you anyway.

(Refers to Secret Service Agent looking for Fred Wilson.)

The following call may be of interest at a later date, and is probably between two gamblers, or pertains to a personal injury matter:

11:40 A.M., outgoing on No. 123

W.T.M.

Unidentified man placed long distance call to Con Hanley, telephone Marquette 7197, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Man: I just got your message. I didn't know it was at the bank. The bank didn't notify me or nothing. I went up there and got it - what must I do? I haven't heard from you.

Hanley: You understand what to do. Those papers are to be filled out. That check is payable to me and you both. You endorse it and send it right back. Do you want me to hold out what you owe Tom?

Man: Yes.

Hanley: He has had some bad luck - in Florida.

Man: How much are you going to charge me?

Hanley: Well, I told you I would charge you one third - - -
(indistinct - about paying doctors)

The following call indicates that Arch Cooper is a close friend of Matt Cummins, the former Sheriff of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, who is a subject of a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case in the Little Rock division:

5:28 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

D.P.S.

Arch Cooper talking with Matt Cummins, of Murfreesboro, Ark.

Arch Cooper: Where is George Steele?

Cummings: At Nashville.

Cooper: Wasn't he your attorney?

Cummings: Yes.

Cooper: You know what it is all about? I need a little help, Matt.

Cummings: Yes, I know.

Cooper: I need him for an attorney. Do you think it will be alright.

Cummings: Yes.

Cooper: Does he have a telephone at Nashville?
Cummings: Yes, at his office and at his residence.
Cooper: His name is George R., isn't it?
Cummings: Yes.

(Cummins was indicted for embezzlement while Sheriff at Murfreesboro, but was acquitted. It is alleged that he is now engaged in questionable activities.)

A call at 6:05 P.M., also indicates that Arch Cooper also talked to Ben Shaver, attorney, of Texarkana, with reference to representing the discharged officers.

The following call is a repetition of a similar call made several months ago and where a police officer delivered liquor to Bill Hart, an employee of W. S. Jacobs:

7:41 P.M., incoming on No. 446

D.P.S.

Man calling: This is Bill Hart calling. Don't mention my name.
Call a messenger boy and have him bring up a bottle of gin.

Watkins: O.K.

Hart: As soon as I get down to see the old man, I'll fix you up.

(A subsequent call indicated that the bottle of gin was delivered to 138 Cedar St. by Detective Garnett Moore.)

The following call, of interest, is between "Crip" Hall, Secretary of State, and Mayor McLaughlin:

9:40 A.M., incoming on No. 648 from Little Rock, Ark.

D.P.S.

Mayor: Hello.

Hall: How are you, Leo.

Mayor: I had a mishap yesterday, and couldn't get there on time. I'll be over in a day or two. I am working on that KTHS (Hot Springs Radio station) case and have some work at the library there.

You know after the election over here I talked to the boss and told him of the situation. We had to go against you and the others to save the ticket. Afterwards I told him we were going down the line with him and we will. I don't want to do anything that will make him think we are not with him. You

know those b---- who are with him now, will turn on him. Then he will have to turn to the old timers like Landers, (Placing Judge - Oaklawn Race Track), Hutchins, and myself. We've got an organization, those b---- haven't got anything. How about that bill over there (racing bill)?

Hall: There isn't a grudge now about that bill. I don't think it will even come up.

Mayor: You and Carl are on top and I hope you both stay there.

Hall: I'll tell you something, Leo, but don't repeat it. I talked with him about this long before anything was done. He said I will show you the bill before we do anything. I told him then, if you have anything like what you are talking about in it, I'll tell you now I am against it. Well, he never showed it to me after that. He called in two or three Senators afterward and they even refused to talk about it. I don't even think that one (a bill) is written. Don't repeat anything I've said about this.

Mayor: No, I won't.

Hall: In the last conversation I had with him about your county, he agreed with me, but, I guess, somebody got to him since then.

Mayor: Well I told him I would stay with him even if he kicked me in the face. We have an organization here that will go down the line with him. You boys have got to know we are with you.

Hall: Everything I can ever do, I will do, Leo.

Mayor: Tell him to call off the dogs and let us be with him. Tell him to call off the dogs.

(The "boss" apparently refers to Governor Bailey.)

The following call apparently originated with "Sonny" Davies, City Attorney of Hot Springs, and refers to Will R. Benton, Sheriff of Fordyce, Dallas County, Arkansas. The man they want to influence, apparently, is State Representative Ike Murray of Fordyce:

11:01 A.M., incoming on No. 648

D.P.S.

Long distance call for anyone from Mr. Davies at Little Rock.

George McLaughlin: Hello, this is George. He's out and Hazel will be in in a minute.

Hazel: (To phone) Hello.

Davies: Tell him (The Mayor) the Sheriff of that County is named Will Benton and a right type of fellow, and probably would have a great deal of influence on that man he wants to. Have him contact Benton through somebody.

Hazel: Have you any suggestion as to who can do it?
Sunny Davies: There are people here who could do it, but I don't want them. Let him handle it.

The following call indicates the success of Mayor McLaughlin in "lining up" the racing officials:

4:30 P.M., incoming on No. 648

H.A.S.

Operator: Jonesboro is calling Mr. McLaughlin.
McLaughlin: Hello.
Man: Leo, this is Ed Lindsey (phonetic). I talked to John Hilliard today. He's got a man he wants in as a judge. Name is Charles Hammett. Then you can have the third starter. Can you meet Hilliard and myself in Little Rock Wednesday?
McLaughlin: I don't know now whether I can or not.
Lindsey: Well, I'm going to do what I told you I would - believe you can work with Hilliard OK. It'll pay you to make a friend out of him - but I want to see you for a minute alone before we three get together. If you won't come to Little Rock, we can come over to Hot Springs just as easy and meet you there.
McLaughlin: I can't say now, because I'll have to take it up with the "Boss" (Cella). You know I just represent him in the legal work and any other work that he might ask me to do. I don't have the authority in something like this to act alone.
Lindsey: Well, I'm going to do what I told you I would. I'll stay with your man. You write Cella and let me know when to meet you.
McLaughlin: All right.

The following conversation between Mayor McLaughlin and Bob Dean of the Sentinel-New Era newspaper (only Hot Springs paper) appears interesting:

5:05 P.M., outgoing on No. 648

H.A.S.

Hazel: Called 3700 (Sentinel-New Era) and asked for Mr. Bob Dean, and stated that Mr. McLaughlin wished to speak to him.
McLaughlin: They're just leaving, Bob.
Dean: How many?
McLaughlin: Oh, there are about 27 car loads of them; there must be around 100 to 125 people in the crowd. The thing gained momentum as it went along. You needn't say where they left from, though.

Dean:

Well, they ought to go over there and let them know that someone over here has something to say.

McLaughlin:

Yes. Another thing is that they've been down here all today from Little Rock trying to look up witnesses. Yes - Lee Nichols and two State Rangers. Guess he was afraid to come down here by himself (laughter). We've got a girl up here now named Betty Johnson, who says that they offered her money to testify. She's making a statement now and I'm sending it over to you when she finishes it. A fellow was out to see her and said he was an investigator for the committee and offered her \$50.00 to \$1.00 to testify before the committee, and change her story. I'm not saying whether it was Lee himself that did that, but he was in town today with two State Rangers. They set up headquarters at the Townsend Hotel. You can check that.

Bob:

All right. You say you'll send that girl's statement over here?

McLaughlin:

Yes. I'll send a copy over. Don't know whether you can print it - don't think so - but it will be good for you to have in your file. Shows what they are trying to do. Think I'll send the committee a copy too. You might just mention that the statement was secured by the Police Department.

Bob:

All right. What do you think about the racing situation?

McLaughlin:

I think that what they did over there will really perpetuate racing in Arkansas. I mean that new "set-up" with three judges and three stewards. You might quote me on that - as attorney for Cella - as favoring it - will you?

Bob:

All right. There will be a piece in the morning paper. Is there anything else?

McLaughlin:

No. That's all.

The reference to the delegation refers to a number of business men who went to Little Rock on this date and through a spokesman, informed the legislative committee that Circuit Judge Earl Witt was being persecuted, was acceptable to the business men of the city, etc. This delegation was formed and suggested by Mayor McLaughlin, numerous telephone calls being made to business men, and requesting that they attend a meeting at the Mayor's office at 1:30 P.M. It also appeared that the Mayor called several taxicab companies, and used the cars that had no advertising painted on them. A list of these business men has been prepared, as being persons favorable to the administration for future use.

The following conversation appears to be between Jacobs and Fred Nichols of the Chicago Club (bookie):

9:32 A.M., incoming on No. 2115

J.M.J.

"Nick": Called Jacobs, and advised him that two or three fellows in town were trying to sell a "wire service"; that these men were strangers. Nick claimed to have been approached by one of these men, who stated that the service was supplied through the "other" telegraph company. Jacobs seemed somewhat concerned about the matter, and asked Nick to find out more about the deal and where these strangers "hung out". Jacobs also advised Nick that he was "sort of laying low" around the house, as he heard "they" might try and serve a paper on him to appear in Little Rock before the committee.

The following conversation discloses that Jacobs has an interest in the Ohio Club:

11:25 A.M., incoming on No. 2115

J.M.J.

Party Calling: Said he had some Ohio Club money, \$973.00, most from Tom Ray, and horse money - asked Jacobs should he give Henry ten percent.

Jacobs: That's most horse money, I guess - very little dice money - Yes, give Henry ten percent, take yours, and send the rest up. (At this time Jacobs repeated statements about staying home to avoid paper, but that he intended going out later. Stated even if he had to appear they could only ask him as to money losses and he wouldn't know anything about those items.

The following conversation indicates that a Mr. Gilkey, identity unknown, was willing to assist in the falsification of Mr. Jacobs' income tax, but his offer was declined by Johnnie Morris:

1:33 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

J.M.J.

Johnny Morris: Called 1065 (Southern News Stand) and asked for Mr. Gilkey (phonetic).

Morris: This is Morris. I make out Mr. Jacobs' income tax return - what is the amount of that debt, he wants to deduct it?

Mr. Gilkey: Do you want to make it a couple of thousand?

Johnny: No. I want to make it what it is.

Mr. Gilkey: \$575.00

Johnny: OK. Thanks.

The following conversation is with reference to gambling in Miami Beach, Florida:

6:35 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

J.M.F.

"Roscoe" called Jackie Smith at the Hotel Lindberg, Miami, Florida.

Roscoe: Hello, Jackie.

Jackie: Hello Roscoe. I wired you again today. Here is the set-up. They are going to open up again but for you to open will be quite expensive. I'll give you the set-up - \$1000 flat rate for 10 days rent to the hotel. This fellow in my room wants 40%. The fines are \$500 a week. There are 450 guests in the hotel - all Jewish - retired - and all like to gamble.

Roscoe: \$1000 for fix?

Jackie: No, for rent - The hotel supplies music and entertainment, etc - \$1000.00 when you open up, and \$100.00 a day after the first 10 days.

Roscoe: What about the fix?

Jackie: That's all right - nothing - at 3:00 A.M. I got the OK. Everyone is going to open - Lefty Clark, Williams of New York - and "Game Boy" is opening the Palmolive Club. If anything happens they will only close you up. No pinch and you won't lose your tools.

Roscoe: What are the other expenses. Can I bring my own men, or do we have to hire them down there?

Jackie: Well, I think it would be better if you hired about three down here.

Roscoe: What is their salary?

Jackie: About \$10.00 or \$15.00 a day. If I were you I would pay them about \$15.00.

Roscoe: That's all right, but of course, we will use our own men also. Wait, Jacobs will talk to you.

Jacobs: What sort of entertainment have they got.

Jackie: The hotel supplies band, singer, and table entertainment. 450 guests in hotel and no additional rooms available.

Jacobs: What do you want out of this?

Jackie: Nothing for me at all - maybe after you get down here I will take 10%, but I will put my money up for it.

Jacobs: What is that fellow putting up for the 40% he wants.

Jackie: Nothing. You can get your tools down here if you want to. This fellow says you need two wheels - a crap table, and a black jack table.

Jacobs: What kind of a room is it and where?

Jackie: It's a small ground floor room about 20 feet from the dance floor.

Jacobs: I think they had six wheels in there before.
 Jackie: They did, but the room has been cut down, and will only hold two wheels, crap table and black jack table.
 Jacobs: OK. Find out how much it will cost to rent the tools and wire up here tonight. I'll wire you tomorrow. Can we book the horses there?
 Jackie: I think so, but they have been pulling them in for it.
 Jacobs: Who is the prosecutor?
 Jackie: Ziegler - Ziegler said OK this morning about 3:00 AM.
 Jacobs: Where is Taylor?
 Jackie: He is prosecutor at Miami, not at the beach. The beach don't have any?
 Jacobs: It must. Who is State prosecutor?
 Jackie: I don't know. Rubel is city attorney, and does all that work - something like Sonny Davies up there. Don't worry. I can assure you there will be no arrests. The most they'll do is close you up.
 Jacobs: OK.
 Roscoe: OK, Jackie - wire me tonight - night letter, and I will answer you in the morning.

(See also call at 11:50 A.M., incoming on No. 2115, J.M.J., on February 5, 1937.)

Subsequent to this call, Associated Press dispatches indicated that a drive on gambling was being conducted at Miami Beach, and the logs indicated that Smith wired Jacobs not to come to Florida. A copy of the above quoted conversation was forwarded to the Miami Division by letter, for their information.

The following conversation between Mayor McLaughlin (from Jacobs' residence) to Bob Dean of the Sentinel-Record newspaper, relates to the Legislative investigation, and indicates that Dean conducts investigations for the Mayor as to activities of investigators of the committee:

to
 8:30 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115/(Sentinel-Record - New Era newspapers) J.M.J.

Mayor: Called 3700, asked for Bob (Bob Dean)
 Bob: Anything new?
 Mayor: No, nothing.
 Bob: I tried to check on Nichols, and asked Albright if any rangers had been over here.
 Leo: That was about 12 or shortly thereafter. The car had Michigan license plates - two men, one very large, with glasses.

Bob: That couldn't be the fellow named Witt? Maybe it
some private investigator.

Mayor: I think someone loaned them a car in case they got
tailed.

Bob: Akers was telling me someone was around saying they
were doing some investigating for him.

Leo: Yes. They had someone up before then and said "a
couple of our men found this man in a ditch". A
nigger woman whose house burned down last September
told me (Leo) that some man spoke to her and wanted
her to go before the committee and tell that Akers
had carried her to jail naked, but she told him
she was missing only her shoes and stockings.

Bob: Yes, I heard something like that. About that girl
Betty. Did you tell them she was arrested a couple
of times before?

Leo: No. I said they had better look up her record.

Bob: Then I better not say anything about that for awhile.

Leo: No. Say, that vote on the racing looks good.

Bob: Yes, it does.

Leo: OK, then.

(Nichols apparently refers to Lee Nichols. Albright
is Gray Albright, Superintendent of the Arkansas
State Rangers.)

The following conversation between Louis Tarlowski, Attorney,
of Little Rock, and Mr. Jacobs, is self-explanatory, and refers to the
legislative investigation and the racing bill:

8:35 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

J.M.J.

Jacobs calling a Mr. Louis Tarlowski or Prolosky, an attorney in Little
Rock. Told L.D. Operator to get him at the Albert Pike Hotel, where he is
registered, or page him in the lobby of the Hotel Marion, Little Rock.

Jacobs: Hello. Are you in Jail yet?

Louis: No. I saw "Dick" up here and there are about 300
Central Avenue merchants here also. They wouldn't
let the Lt. Governor in even. I found out that
Griffin Smith issued that warrant, then they told the
Governor - that put him on the spot and he couldn't
do a thing about it.

Jacobs: Yes, I know. Scott Woods and Witt got the warrant.

Louis: Yes, he told me he didn't know a thing about 4:30 and
then he was on the spot.

Jacobs: Well, can't do anything now.

Louis: I think the committee will prefer charges against the
judge.

Jacobs: Well, I hear it will be a close vote 3-2 or something
like that.

Louis: Well, they almost had a fight. He insisted upon coming

Louis (cont'd): in there - don't know if it will do any good. Guess they will impeach alright.

Jacobs: Well, too bad, that's all, but nothing we can do about it. The racing bill passed today. I guess the administration ordered it.

Louis: I don't know.

Jacobs: Well, I was wondering if you heard anything. That's why I called.

Louis: No. The hotel is very quiet. Everyone is trying to get in up at the meeting.

Jacobs: OK, then - Bye.

("Dick" possibly refers to Richard M. Ryan, attorney of Hot Springs.)

A call at 11:50 P.M., on this date indicated that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers was with Mr. Jacobs at this time.

February 9, 1937

The following two calls appear related, and apparently pertain to Chief Akers and Ada Garner, madam of a house of prostitution:

2:00 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

W.T.M.

648 (Mayor's Office)

Man calling: Dutch, listen, I just heard a call come in for you to call 1992. It was Ada Garner's voice. I don't know what's up.

Akers: OK.

8:49 P.M., incoming on No. 446

W.T.M.

Woman with hushed voice calling for Akers:

Woman: Is it alright?

Akers: Yes.

Woman: They were there?

Akers: Yes.

Woman: They were all back then.

Akers: Yes.

Woman: You say -- (interrupted)

Akers: It is all lit up.

Woman: And is he there?

Akers: Well, I say he is there - I mean that his car is there. I didn't see him.

Woman: Well, I'll see you there.

Akers: Well, I am in and out - you may catch me here.

(Note: Woman was possibly Ada Garner.)

The following conversations were overheard on Mr. Jacobs' telephone on this date:

12:05 A.M., incoming on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs: Hello.
Man: Jake, this is Leo (McLaughlin) (phonetic) It looks like his testimony was all right. He's out now.
Jacobs: Did he say anything to hurt the "old man"? (Jacobs?)
Man: No, he didn't, but Sid Haupt (Haupt) is up now.
Jacobs: Does it look like he's gonna be bad. Dutch Akers said he thought he would testify against Judge Witt.
Man: Yes, it looks like he is gonna be bad. He said Judge Witt had been out there to the Club. (Belvedere)
Jacobs: Do you think he has?
Man: Naw. I don't think so, but it looks bad. There'll be a streamer out at one o'clock about it. Want me to call you back?
Jacobs: No. I'm going to bed now.
Man: Well I hated to bother you, but I knew you were interested.
Jacobs: Oh, that's all right, I'm glad you did. Has Archer been on the stand yet?
Man: No, he's waiting to testify now.

(NOTE: Sid Haupt was formerly Sheriff of Garland County. "Archer" refers to Archer Ledgerwood, brother of Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood. "His testimony" apparently refers to Sam Watt. The identity of "the old man" is unknown.)

11:08 A.M., outgoing on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs: Called 743 (Office of Judge Verne Ledgerwood)
Judge: Hello.
Jacobs: Hello, Judge, listen if that boy needs any more money before he gets out, let him have it and I'll pay you back.
Judge: All right, I'll do that.
Jacobs: Thanks.
Judge: You know our mutual friend we were afraid of. Well, he was pretty good. His testimony was all right.
Jacobs: I heard that.
Judge: Well, I think he wanted to say something, but just didn't have the "guts". I just left him a few minutes ago. He's all right.
Jacobs: I think probably he went back in a room and had a little drink before he was called in. It worked fine.
Judge: Yeah. Well, I'll see you later.
Jacobs: OK, Judge.

(The identity of "that boy" is unknown, but apparently refers to some friend of Jacobs in jail. It will also be noted that Jacobs considers Sam Watt as "all right".)

11:21 A.M., outgoing on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs: Called Louis Tarlowski at 4-7251, Little Rock, Ark.
Tarlowski: Hello.
Jacobs: How's the scandal over there this morning?
Tarlowski: Don't know yet. I haven't been out yet.
Jacobs: The Little Rock papers are full of it.
Tarlowski: Yeah - I'm going out after lunch and see what I can hear.
Jacobs: Judge was telling me this morning that he had several hundred letters and calls from people about getting a committee of three to four hundred to go over the Little Rock, the merchants here are hot. Anything's liable to happen. It needs some cool heads to deal with the situation.
Tarlowski: Yep. You're right. A committee like that wouldn't get anywhere.
Jacobs: You know that fellow that accused Witt of gambling at my place? He's a killer. He murdered a man one time, and besides that he was fired from my place for stealing.
Tarlowski: Is that right?
Jacobs: Yeah - that fellow lied. Witt never gambled at my place in his life.
Tarlowski: Well, if I hear anything I'll let you know.
Jacobs: OK, friend.

("That fellow who accused Witt of gambling" apparently refers to Sid Haupt, former Sheriff, and who at one time was employed at the Belvedere.)

12:11 P.M., incoming on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Johnny: Hello.
Otis: Johnny this is Otis. Is Mr. Jacobs busy?
Johnny: No. Just a minute.
Jacobs: Hello.
Otis: Mr. Jacobs, what about the payroll? Do you want me to deposit all the money?
Jacobs: Clean everything up. Deposit everything. We pay by check anyhow. Just a minute, Johnny wants to talk to you.
Johnny: Otis, I bought a new book for this month's business. When the bill comes in from Whalens, pay it, it'll be about \$4.00.
Otis: OK, Johnny.

("Johnny" apparently is Johnny Morris. "Otis" appears to be Otis McGraw.)

12:16 P.M., incoming on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Smitty: Hello.
Otho: Mr. Jacobs?
Smitty: No, this is Smitty.
Otho: Johnny, lemme talk to Mr. Jacobs again.
Jacobs: All right.
Otho: Hate to bother you, but what about the \$70.00 I've got on that machine?
Jacobs: Deposit it, keep what you've got, we ain't gonna get the rest of it anyhow. He ain't gonna pay. We'll write him a letter and try and get it.
Otho: OK, Mr. Jacobs.

12:26 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Johnny: Called 1065 (Southern News Stand)
Ruth: Southern.
Johnny: Ruth, Johnny. Call Roscoe to the phone.
Roscoe: Hello.
Johnny: 'Ros', Smitty. There's some bad checks at the bank. Tell Frankie to pick 'em up.
Roscoe: Iwright.

A long distance call was made from 2115 at 8:05 P.M., by Harry Strong, and he spoke to one Oliver, who referred to Strong as uncle. This call was placed by Mr. Strong to talk to Mrs. J. T. Carl at 15 Dollar Street, San Antonio, Texas, or who might be at the home of Mr. Herbert Oliver in San Antonio. Mr. Strong, in talking to Oliver, said he had been trying to locate Mary or John, and that he would send her \$1,000.00 if that would do.

8:20 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

J.M.J.

Jacobs: Called #3339 (Residence of Arch Cooper)
Jacobs: Hello Archie
Archie: Yes.
Jacobs: Do they have to have a poll tax to serve?
Archie: I don't know.
Jacobs: Check on that and let me know. I have a couple of fellows who lived at Crigger Creek and have just moved across the line.
Archie: I'll do that in the morning - I think we can say this will be OK - I am going to have Sam as one of them.
Jacobs: Did you talk to him?
Archie: Yes.
Jacobs: OK, find out about that.
Archie: OK.

(Arch Cooper is the former night Captain of Police and now under indictment in the John Dickson case.)

9:15 P.M., incoming on No. 2115

J.M.J.

Jacobs: Hello.
Dutch: Hello - Dutch. Are you busy?
Jacobs: No. Why?
Dutch: I thought if you were by yourself, I'd drive by.
Jacobs: Not doing anything - just resting, but I'll get up.
Dutch: Don't bother. I don't have anything on my mind -
just thought I'd drive by.
Jacobs: That's alright. Come ahead.
Dutch: O.K.

Note: The Dutch in the above conversation who called Jacobs, undoubtedly is Herbert "Dutch" Akers, (See logs for 123 and 446, indicating Akers made call from the Police Department.)

February 10, 1937.

11:15 A.M., outgoing on No. 123

D.P.S.

To 743 (Judge Ledgerwood)
Rasberry: Hello.
Judge Ledgerwood: Have they had those girls down?
Rasberry: Yes, and they ordered both back to the clinic.
Ledgerwood: Have Bert get some other girls then.

1:29 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

D.P.S.

To 2379-W (Country home - Judge Ledgerwood)
Akers: You want me to turn those girls over to Bert and
get their health cards made out? I am through
with them.
Ledgerwood: That's alright, Dutch.

This call, although not definite, would indicate that Judge Ledgerwood was ordering additional girls be taken to a house of prostitution. The person referred to as "Bert" may be an associate or employee of Ada Garner, madam of a house of prostitution, as this name has been noted from the logs as being at Ada Garner's, and reporting agent has heard Chief Akers talking to Bert when he called at Ada Garner's place.

Taps discontinued at 2:43 P.M.

The following calls were overheard on Mr. Jacobs' phone (2115) on this date:

11:27 A.M., incoming on No. 2115

J.M.J.

Roscoe: Did you want me?
Jacobs: Yes. Have \$750.00 ready. I may come down and get it or have you take it some where.
Roscoe: OK.

11:29 A.M., incoming on No. 2115

J.M.J.

Mayor: Did you want me?
Jacobs: Yes - are you going to see me tonight?
Mayor: Yes.
Jacobs: OK, that's all.

2:57 P.M., incoming on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Ella: Hello.
Man: Ella, are you gonna be there a few minutes?
Ella: Yes, sir.
Man: Mr. Jacobs is not there, is he?
Ella: No, sir.
Man: I'll be there in a few minutes. If anyone happens to ask for me don't tell 'em I'm gonna be there.
Ella: Yes, sir.

(From later conversations it was learned that the man in the above conversation was "Smitty", an associate of W. S. Jacobs and the reason for his coming to Jacobs' home was to avoid being served with a subpoena.)

3:07 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Smitty: 3876 (Capt. Wm. F. Smith, 1135 Central)
Woman: Hello.
Smitty: I'm up at Jake's. They're trying to serve a subpoena on me.
Woman: You're just as safe at home.
Smitty: No I'm not. Watt came by, but I screwed out on him. They might look for me at home, but they won't think about looking here.
Woman: Will you be home at five?
Smitty: No, you all go ahead and eat. I'll stay here till 6:30 or 7:00. The committee meets at 7:00. It'll be too late to serve me then.

Woman: Is Watt with you?
Smitty: Hell naw. He's the one I'm avoiding. If they
look for me at home, call me here and lemme know.
Woman: All right.

3:21 P.M., incoming on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Smitty: Hello.
Eble: Is this Mr. Jacobs?
Smitty: Who is this?
Eble: Eble, who is this?
Smitty: This is Smitty, Eble.
Eble: That you, "Cap"?
Smitty: Yeah.
Eble: I want see you right now.
Smitty: Why? You got a subpoena for me?
Eble: Naw, but they've got one for me, that's what I want to
talk to you about.
Smitty: OK, come on up.
Eble: I'll be right up.

(Eble may be Walter Ebel, newspaper reporter, and Hot
Springs representative of the Arkansas Gazette newspaper.)

4:50 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Smitty: Called 1065 (Southern News Stand)
Smitty: Anyone show up there?
Roscoe: No,
Smitty: Well, I wasn't going to stay there. I thought (Sam) Watt
was going to put me on the spot - asking me to sit
with him. Doing any business?
Roscoe: A few.
Smitty: How are you making out?
Roscoe: Don't know. Haven't checked yet.

4:51 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Smitty: Called 3876 (Capt. Wm. F. Smith) spoke to woman,
and asked if there had been any visitors.
Woman: No.
Smitty: I have company now. Harry (Strong?) is here.
Woman: Spoke of some beer in the house, and made remark he
should come home through Grand St.
Smitty: Nothing doing. I just want to outsmart this guy.
(Sam Watt?)
(The activities of "Cap" Smith would indicate that Sam
Watt was the person he thought was placing him on the
spot, and might also indicate that Watt is working
against the administration.)

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Post Office Box 1449,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 10, 1937.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
732 Rust Building,
Tacoma, Washington.

Re: BREKID.

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Miss Gandy

Dear Sir:

7-576-3

Reference is made to my letter to you dated March 2, 1937, bearing on the two houses of prostitution which [redacted] advised me were owned by Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

An examination was made in the neighborhood of the three hundred block on Malvern Avenue by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, and it was noted that there is no building located at or in the vicinity of 350 Malvern Avenue. At 351 Malvern Avenue is located the Empire Rooms. This address is in the fringe of the negro district. There is no telephone listed to Ruth Johnson or the Empire Rooms. Inquiry of the information operator at Hot Springs likewise failed to disclose any information concerning a telephone at this address. Discreet neighborhood inquiry by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan resulted in the information that Ruth Johnson operates the Empire Rooms, but there is no telephone located at this place. From the general location of the Empire Rooms, and the fact that there is no telephone listed to this place, it is probable that this house of prostitution is not well known or heavily patronized. This place has not been mentioned over any of the telephone taps maintained at Hot Springs in the past.

In regard to the house of prostitution operated by Lillian Pearrow, at 105 Prospect, you will recall that when you interviewed [redacted] on November 10, 1936, she stated that Lillian Pearrow's place was one of the large houses of prostitution in Hot Springs. This place is located on the corner of Central Avenue and Prospect Avenue, Central Avenue being the principal business street, and is about one-half block from the main office of the telephone company. Telephone number 789 is listed to the name of A. J. Pearrow at this address. The cable serving this telephone runs along an alley in the rear of Central Avenue. An examination was made of the neighborhood by Special Agents J. M. Jones and D. P. Sullivan, but no satisfactory place for point of surveillance could be located in the immediate vicinity. Satisfactory contacts have been previously had with officials of the telephone company at Little Rock in obtaining cable information on telephones at Hot Springs.

and it is possible that in this case, if the cable information was obtained, an appropriate plant could be located as far as three or four blocks away. Lillian Pearrow has had telephonic contact with the Police Department on several occasions in the past, and it is probable that a tap on her telephone at this time would be productive. No contact will be had with the officials of the telephone company at Little Rock for cable information until you authorize the installation of this telephone tap.

The telephone linemen continued to work on the telephone cable along Cedar Street in the vicinity of the residence of William S. Jacobs until the afternoon of March 4, 1937, at which time, investigation disclosed, they completed their work in this vicinity. From an observation of the activities of these men it appeared that they were engaged in purely routine work and the necessary repairing of cables due to the usual wear and tear, and to date it appears that no one in Hot Springs has knowledge that a tap has been maintained on the residence telephone of Jacobs. Upon completion of the activities in this district by the telephone linemen, and at approximately 6:00 P.M., on March 4, 1937, the tap was re-established on the residence telephone of Jacobs, with the plant located at 205½ Cedar Street.

Special Agents J. M. Jones and B. M. Suttler aided in the maintenance of the taps on telephones 123, 446 and 648 since their re-establishment, and until the evening of March 4, 1937, at which time Agents Jones and Suttler returned to the plant at 205½ Cedar Street, leaving Special Agents Henry A. Snow, William T. Morton and D. P. Sullivan to maintain the taps on the three above mentioned telephones. The Bureau was advised by telegram of the re-establishment of the tap on the residence telephone of W. S. Jacobs.

As of the date of this letter, it appears that both taps are working properly and without the knowledge of anyone in Hot Springs.

It has been noted that there has been an increase in the number of calls handled on the Police Department and Mayor's Office telephones, and another man is needed on this surveillance, in order that this plant can be properly maintained, and to make it possible for Agent Sullivan to keep in close contact with both plants and to

prepare the voluminous daily logs, and for the necessary work at Hot Springs and the Little Rock Field Division. The review of the file has not been completed by Agent Sullivan, but as soon as it is completed, a comprehensive digest of the information contained therein to date, will be submitted.

Very truly yours,



CHAPMAN FLETCHER
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati
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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Post Office box #1489
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 6, 1937

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Connelley, Inspector
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
732 Rust Building
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Sir:

I have received confidential information from Mr. Milton Nobles, Manager of the Western Union at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the effect that a man whom he does not name wired Grace Goldstein on March 5, 1937 to the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, \$100.00. This man, whose name will be obtained, informed Mr. Nobles that Grace had left Hot Springs because she did not want to get mixed up in some investigation, but did not say what investigation.

At the time I talked to Grace Goldstein several days ago, she informed me that she was still worried over the possibility of the Post Office Inspectors picking her up in connection with the Garrettsville mail robbery, as she felt that they might be of the opinion she still had some of the bonds. At this time she indicated to me that she felt that things in Cleveland and Toledo, or the East as she referred to these places, are presently pretty hot and that she expected to stay away from there. In view of this statement, I am somewhat at a loss to understand why she should proceed to Cleveland if she did have any fears as stated to me.

I am forwarding a copy of this communication to the Cleveland Division by air mail, special delivery in order that they may have this information and take such action as may be warranted should Grace Goldstein be picked up by the Post Office Inspectors, or should she be pulling

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some stunt of which this Division is not advised. Upon the return of Grace Goldstein to Hot Springs, I shall tactfully ascertain from her, if possible, the purpose of her trip to Cleveland.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Sir:

This is to advise that on the morning of March 11, 1937, I received a memorandum from Special Agent D. P. Sullivan at Hot Springs, Arkansas, advising that the taps on telephones 123, 446 and 648, being the Police Department and Mayor's Office, had been discontinued, and would remain out of service for approximately 24 or 36 hours. It appears that this action was taken because of the activities of telephone company repair men, who were working on a cable about one-fourth of a block from the plant located at 207 Laurel Street. Special Agent J. M. Jones had ascertained that this cable was in need of repairs, but had not been repaired until recently. Under normal conditions the repair of this cable would not tend to disclose the existence of a tap, but it was noted that while repairing the cable, one of the repair men caused a certain trouble which necessitated a trouble shooter being sent from the telephone company. Apparently the trouble was corrected, and the trouble shooter climbed the telephone pole immediately opposite the plant to report to the telephone company, and to prevent the discovery of the tap and in view of the activities of the repair men, Agent Jones disconnected the taps from the master terminal box, which would prevent the tracing of any tap if discovered.

Agent Sullivan advised me that they kept a constant surveillance of the repair men, and it appeared that they did not discover a tap, nor did they suspicion one. In view of the fact that these repair men were still working in the vicinity of 207 Laurel Street, and apparently would be working for approximately 24 to 36 hours, it was decided to leave this tap off until the men completed their work, and the same will be re-established as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
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Miss Gandy ☒

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

The following is a resume of the pertinent information developed through the telephone taps conducted on a 24-hour basis at Hot Springs on the telephones of the Police Department, No. 123; the Chief of Police, No. 446; and the Mayor, No. 648, from January 31, 1937 to February 10, 1937.

It might be noted that Sam Watt, part owner of the Belvedere Club in Hot Springs, testified during one of the sessions of the investigating committee that the following persons owned an interest in the Belvedere Club: Archie Ledgerwood, brother of Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood (25%); L. D. Cooper, president of L. D. Cooper Company, and former president of the Chamber of Commerce; Douglas Hotchkiss, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Harry Strong; Roscoe Johnson; Otis McGraw; Colonel William Smith (32%); Sam Watt (15%), and W. S. Jacobs.

It might also be noted that the following were listed as employees of Club: P. O. Witt, uncle of Circuit Judge Earl Witt; Buddy Wakelin, son of Chief of Police Joe Wakelin; Tax Rutherford, City Fireman; Bob Moore, former Captain of Police; Curley Evans, detective, and Mrs. Herbert Akers, wife of the Chief of Detectives.

The following telephone conversation took place on January 31, 1937, incoming on No. 648 (Mayor) between Grady Manning, manager of the Marion Hotel in Little Rock, and Mayor McLaughlin:

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Manning Grady Manning in Little Rock.
Mayor Say, when I was talking to you last time I forgot to mention about filing unless they can prove something.
Manning They have nothing on him (Judge Witt).
Mayor Yes, I know, but I wouldn't like to see a lot of charges, even though they could not be proven.
Manning Well, you can't trust that fellow Nichols.
Mayor Wood tells him what to do. But I wish they would be careful not to report anything they can't prove and cause the man grief.
Manning Well, if Nichols has anything to do with it, Woods will write the report.
Mayor Ham (Hamilton Lewis?) is very close to some of these boys.
Manning Yes, I know - I saw him in Washington and will speak to him when he gets here about Wednesday.

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Mayor I think Joe can do some good also.
Manning Yes, I know. I'll see him, too.
Mayor Well, let me know what's doing as soon as you hear.
Manning O. K.

The identity of Hamm is unknown unless it is J. Hamilton Moses, attorney, of Little Rock. Joe appears to refer to Joe Schneider, Referee in Bankruptcy at Little Rock.

On February 1, 1937 there was a telephone call received on telephone No. 648 (The Mayor), from "Dutch" Akers, as follows:

Dutch Say, I spoke to Freeman and he said everything is settled. \$1500.00 and an extra \$100.00. But there is a nigger who has paid rent for two or three years. Could you help to get him out?
Mayor No - the only way is to get some sort of legal paper. We reached that agreement \$1500.00 and \$100.00 - O.K. Get John to get up a legal notice (to the nigger).

The above conversation probably refers to the obtaining of a gambling or booking establishment in which the Mayor and Akers may have some interest.

The following is a conversation which took place on February 6, 1937, incoming on the Mayor's telephone, between the Mayor and some unknown man in St. Louis, which indicates the Mayor's tactics in lining up public sentiment in favor of Hot Springs:

Man How are they treating you?
Mayor They are still digging around, but the whole thing is petering out. We are in good shape.
Man I read in the papers that two of your opponents were negro preachers.
Mayor No, I put that in.
Man Well, anything I can do for you let me know.

The following conversation on February 7, 1937 on telephone 123 (Police Department) between Dutch Akers and Mack Wilson indicates a tipoff by Akers of a fugitive wanted by the Secret Service:

Akers Have you got a brother?
Mack Yes - four of them.
Akers One named Phil (phonetic)?
Mack Yes. He's supposed to come here in a few days.

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Akers Well, just thought I'd let you know that the Government is looking for him. Fellow with the Secret Service was just asking me for information where he would be. I didn't let on much. Referred him to Albert. He's going to see Albert in the morning and he will probably send him out to see you. I told him that I couldn't give him much information.

Mack What's he wanted for?

Akers For forgery of a Government check. I happen to know that they handle forgeries only when it's on a Government check. Has your brother been out West in a CCC Camp?

Mack Yes. He was supposed to have left there and headed back this way. The Government has been mailing his CCC check here to me each month and I'd send him part of it.

Akers Well, whatever this was must have happened out there at the camp. Guess he'll be out to see you - just wanted to get word to you know.

Mack Thanks for letting me know.

It was discreetly ascertained from Mr. Newton of the Secret Service at Little Rock that his department had attempted to apprehend one Fred Wilson, brother of Mack Wilson, the County Clerk, for their Los Angeles Office. It was not ascertained at this time if a warrant was outstanding or any further details.

On February 8, 1937, outgoing on telephone No. 123 (Police Department) is another conversation between Akers and Mack Wilson concerning this fugitive. The conversation is as follows:

Akers Hello, Mack, when have you heard from your brother, Fred?

Mack I haven't seen him in about two months.

Akers Do you still get his CCC checks?

Mack Well, he was in a CCC camp.

Akers Well, he isn't now?

Mack No. I heard from him. I got a letter from him about two months ago. He was in some little town I can't remember. I could tell you if I could find that letter.

Akers Will you please see if you can find that letter and call me?

Mack All right - sure will.

(The above call may have been for the benefit of the Secret Service Agent attempting to get information from Akers, since Akers had previously tipped off Mack Wilson on February 7th.)

A few minutes later, the following call was received by Akers from Mack Wilson:

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Mack This is Mack. I don't have that address around here.
Akers That fellow is coming around to talk to you anyway.

(This refers to the Secret Service Agent looking for Fred Wilson.)

Outgoing call on telephone No. 123 (Police Department) on February 8, 1937:

Arch Cooper talking with Matt Cummins of Murfreesboro, Arkansas. This call indicates that Arch Cooper is a close friend of Matt Cummins, the former Sheriff of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, who is a subject of a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case in the Little Rock Division:

Cooper Where is George Steele?
Cummins At Nashville.
Cooper Wasn't he your attorney?
Cummins Yes.
Cooper You know what it is all about? I need a little help, Matt.
Cummins Yes, I know.
Cooper I need him for an attorney. Do you think it will be
 all right?
Cummins Yes.
Cooper Does he have a telephone at Nashville?
Cummins Yes, at his office and at his residence.
Cooper His name is George R., isn't it?
Cummins Yes.

Cummins was indicted for embezzlement while Sheriff at Murfreesboro, but was acquitted. It is alleged that he is now engaged in questionable activities.

On the same date, an incoming call was received on the Mayor's telephone from "Crisp" Hall, Secretary of State, and the following conversation took place. It bears some significance to McLaughlin's possible tieups with the officials at Little Rock.

Hall How are you, Leo?
Mayor I had a mishap yesterday, and couldn't get there on time.
 I'll be over in a day or two. I am working on that
 KTHS (Hot Springs radio station) case, and have some work
 at the library there. You know after the election
 over here, I talked to the boss and told him of the
 situation. We had to go against you and the others to
 save the ticket. Afterwards, I told him we were going
 down the line with him and we will. I don't want to do
 anything that will make him think we are not with him.

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You know those b—— who are with him now will turn on him. Then he will have to turn to the old timers like Landers, (placing judge, Oaklawn Race Track), Hutchins and myself. We've got an organization -- those b—— haven't got anything. How about that bill over there (racing bill)?

Hall There isn't a grudge now about that bill. I don't think it will even come up.

Mayor You and Carl are on top and I hope you both stay there.

Hall I'll tell you something, Leo, but don't repeat it. I talked with him about this long before anything was done. He said I will show you the bill before we do anything. I told him then, if you have anything like what you are talking about in it, I'll tell you now I am against it. Well, he never showed it to me after that. He called in two or three Senators afterward and they refused to talk about it. I don't even think that one (a bill) is written. Don't repeat anything I've said about this.

Mayor No, I won't.

Hall In the last conversation I had with him about your county, he agreed with me, but I guess somebody got to him since then.

Mayor Well, I told him I would stay with him even if he kicked me in the face. We have an organization here that will go down the line with him. You boys have got to know we are with you.

Hall Everything I can ever do, I will do, Leo.

Mayor Tell him to call off the dogs and let us be with him. Tell him to call off the dogs.

(The "boss" apparently refers to Governor Bailey)

On February 10, 1937, outgoing on telephone No. 123 (Police Department), a conversation ensued between Judge Ledgerwood and one Rasberry, which indicates a possibility that Judge Ledgerwood is interested in a house of prostitution in Hot Springs.

Judge Ledgerwood Have they had those girls down?
Rasberry Yes, and they ordered both back to the clinic.
Judge Ledgerwood Have Bert get some other girls then.

Call from Dutch Akers to Judge Ledgerwood at his country home:

Akers You want me to turn those girls over to Bert and

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get their health cards made out? I am through with them.

Ledgerwood That's all right, Dutch.

This call, while not definite, would indicate that Judge Ledgerwood was ordering additional girls to be taken to a house of prostitution. The person referred to as "Bert" may be an associate or employee of Ada Garner, madam of a house of prostitution, as this name has been noted from the logs as being at Ada Garner's, and one of the Agents has heard Chief Akers talking to Bert when he called Ada Garner's place.

The majority of the telephone conversations during the above period had to do with the efforts of the Mayor to gain the support of the legislature at Little Rock in behalf of the racing bill apparently pending at Little Rock, and also in behalf of the Hot Springs angles of the investigation being conducted to oust Judge Witt and the Hot Springs administration.

Respectfully,

L. M. Chipman
L. M. CHIPMAN.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

L.R. FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Arkansas	DATE WHEN MADE 3/5/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/21-23/37	REPORT MADE BY B. L. DAMRON spw
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Tap on telephone of W. S. Jacobs temporarily disconnected on Feb. 22, 1937 due to repair work being done by telephone company employees. Taps on police and mayor's telephones at Hot Springs re-established on Feb. 26, 1937, and interesting conversations overheard from Feb. 26, 1937 to March 1, 1937, set forth herein.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Ark., dated Mar. 1, 1937</p> <p>DETAILS: The tap on the residence telephone of W. S. Jacobs, (unlisted number 2115) was disconnected at 10:30 A.M., on February 22, 1937, at which time Special Agent J. M. Jones observed employees of the telephone company working on the telephone poles and cables in the immediate vicinity of the plant. Agent Jones subsequently observed these activities, which indicated that the same was a routine inspection and repair of the equipment in that neighborhood. There were no indications that these employees were looking for or had discovered the tap, and the same will be re-instated upon completion of the activities in that neighborhood.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">On February 26, 1937, at 6:00 P.M., the taps were re-established on telephones 123 (Police Department), 446 (Chief of Police), and 649 (Mayor's Office), and the Bureau notified.</p>			
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The following conversations of interest are taken from the logs submitted for the period of February 26th to February 28th, 1937; both inclusive, as to the telephones 123, 446 and 648, there being no activity of interest on telephone 2115 for the dates of February 21 and 22, 1937:

February 26, 1937

The following conversation indicates that Monroe Young, patrolman, "fixed" a traffic violation:

8:50 P.M., incoming on No. 446

D.P.S.

Man: Is Monroe Young there?
Monroe Young: (to phone) Hello.
Man: This is Edie (phonetic) Mattar. You gave me a summons at 4:50 P.M. It's number 9083. I went out your house but could not find you.
Monroe Young: Just tear it up and forget it.

Indications are that Mrs. C. B. Webb, mentioned in the following conversation, operates a house of prostitution at 3 Crystal Street, as on January 24, 1937 one Claude Williams of El Dorado called this address and inquired if there were any "french" girls there:

11:59 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

H.A.S.

Rogers: Called 1571 (Mrs. C. B. Webb)
Mrs. Webb: Hello.
Rogers: Did you want me?
Mrs. Webb: I did, but it's all blown over now.
Rogers: What was it?
Mrs. Webb: It wasn't here - can't tell you over the telephone. Anyway it's all over now. Drop by when you have a chance and I'll tell you.
Rogers: OK, you be up late?
Mrs. Webb: Yes - 'till three or four.
Rogers: OK, I'll stop by.

February 27, 1937

The following conversation indicates a "fixing" of a traffic violation by Hazel Marsh, Secretary to Mayor McLaughlin, and Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood:

9:05 A.M., incoming on No. 648

D.P.S.

Woman calling: This is Martha Miniman. My mother got a ticket for parking, and I'd like to see the Judge about postponing it until Monday or Tuesday.
Hazel Marsh: He's not in now, but I'll tell him when he comes in and it won't be necessary for you to come down.

The following conversations indicate that Sheriff Marion Anderson has been employed to patrol the Oaklawn Park race track at a salary of \$50.00 per day, and authorized to employ ten men at salaries of \$5.00 per day each. It will also be noted that the Mayor termed the original offer of Sheriff Anderson as a "shake" and also that the Sheriff is employing Arch Cooper, discharged policeman now under indictment, and the Chief of Police, to work at the track. It will also be noted that Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood and "Sunny" Davies were interested in the employment of Anderson and that the entire transaction appears questionable:

10:57 A.M., incoming on No. 648

D.P.S.

Ledgerwood: He's here now, and says he is willing to assume all the responsibility if he can select the twenty men.
Mayor: Have him call Cella himself. It looks like a plain "shake".
Ledgerwood: Alright, let's just "off" it.
Mayor: Alright.

11:10 A.M., outgoing on No. 648

D.P.S.

Mayor: To 743 (Verne Ledgerwood)
Keep me out of that.
Ledgerwood: He says he is willing to take the "fire" if he can carry his own 20 men. He says the "Chief" (Resberry) is going on the payroll if he is successful. Marion (Anderson) said that Cella is to call Martin (Track Manager) and Martin will get in touch with Marion. He says he will put "Arch" (Cooper) on and some others. I tell you, you get in touch with Cella and I think it will all be ironed out.
Mayor: Alright, I'll do it.

11:24 A.M., incoming on No. 648

D.P.S.

Mayor: Call to Charles Cella completed.
That fellow talked to another man a while ago. He will furnish 20 men at \$5.00 a day for \$3000, making a total of \$4500.00.

Cella: I won't do it. I'll get my own patrol first. Tell him I'll give him \$50.00 a day for himself. That will be \$1500 for the season and 10 men at \$5.00 a day, which will be \$1500.00, a total of \$3000.00 for the season. That's final. If he won't do it, I'll go to the Governor.

Mayor: Alright, I'll tell him. When are you coming down?

Cella: I don't know. I am quite busy. If I can make it I will be down tomorrow.

11:31 A.M., incoming on No. 648

D.P.S.

"Sunny" Davies: Told the Mayor he was going to Little Rock, and wanted about 200 daily passes.

Mayor: Tell Marion I just talked with Cella, and he said he only needed 10 men at \$5.00 a day and would give Marion \$50.00 a day - a total of \$3,000.00.

Davies: That sounds fair. I'll tell him.

12:06 P.M., incoming from 446 (P.D.) to No. 648

D.P.S.

Man calling: Is there any chance to get out the race track?

Mayor: Go out and see Marion (Sheriff Anderson). He is putting some men on. Tell him I want him to place you somewhere.

12:47 P.M., incoming on No. 648

D.P.S.

Man calling: Have you gotten any answer on that from Marion?

Mayor: Well, that's what he said he would do.

Man calling: Fine. The old man keeps calling me and asking about it. Call him and tell him.

Mayor: I'll call him.

(After this last call the Mayor attempted to call Sheriff Anderson and Gibson Witt, neither of whom could be called "the old man". The identity of "the old man" is unknown.)

The following conversations indicate that Al J. Pearrow, husband of Lillian Pearrow, madam of a house of prostitution located at 105 Prospect Avenue, was arrested and confined in the city jail while drunk, was granted favors while incarcerated, and subsequently released by Chief of Detectives Akers:

12:45 A.M., out on No. 446

H.A.S.

Corrington: Called 789 (Listed - A.J. Pearrow, 105 Prospect)
Woman: Hello.
Corrington: Al Pearrow says to send him some coffee and
cigarettes to the city jail.
Woman: All right.

(Woman who answered was probably Lillian Barrow,
madam of house of prostitution.)

7:00 A.M., outgoing on No. 446

H.A.S.

Man: Called 789 (A.J. Pearrow)
Woman: Hello.
Man: Al (Pearrow) wants you to send him some coffee to the
city jail.
Woman: All right. Tell him I'll be over later.
(Woman was probably Lillian Barrow.)

9:30 A.M., incoming on No. 446

W.T.M.

Mrs. Pearrow: Called and asked if Alfred Pearrow (prisoner) wanted
any breakfast.
Corrington: (After consulting Pearrow) Yes - he said his amonia
is alright, but he wants some of that other medicine,
and say, you might bring him a nice cup of coffee.

12:12 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

W.T.M.

789 (A. J. Pearrow)
Akers: Lillian, what do you think about Al?
Lillian: Is he sober?
Akers: Yes, he is sober this morning.
Lillian: I'll be up there to see about him.

12:36 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

W.T.M.

666 (Akers' residence)
Tucker: Called Akers, stating Lillian Pearrow was there at
the jail about Al.
Akers: Said to turn him loose.

It will be noted from the following conversation that Monroe
Young, patrolman, "fixed" a traffic violation, and arranged not to tag the
car at any subsequent date:

8:54 A.M., outgoing on No. 446

W.T.M.

Monroe Young:

11:00 (County Tax Collector's Office)

Called, talked to Mack Wesson (Wilson) who arranged for the fixing of a traffic ticket for parking at restricted zone at Arkansas National Bank when he went to make a deposit. He made arrangements to park there in the future for this purpose.

The following conversation indicates that Chief of Detectives Akers is assisting in a divorce case:

11:17 A.M., incoming on No. 446

W.T.M.

Woman:

Well, do you know anything new?

Akers:

No - not now.

Woman:

Well, Mr. Roland (phonetic), you know is looking for a new place and the car has been moved away. I just wanted to know how the case is going on. (indistinct) told me everything was up there in Court in depositions and it was before the judge - all he had to do was to pass on it.

Akers:

Assured her he would make some contacts and find out how things were going.

The following conversation is interesting, in view of the fact that the caller says he cannot come to the Police Department, but could come as far as the Post Office, which is about 100 feet from the entrance to the Police Department:

11:27 A.M., incoming on No. 446

W.T.M.

Some unidentified man talked to Akers about getting some passes. Akers replied that he had them and urged the man to come over - but the calling man said he couldn't come there, but would come as far as the Post Office.

The following conversation appears to originate with Roscoe Johnson of the Southern Grill. It will be noted that Akers identifies people by their voice, and seldom mentions names:

1:07 P.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

Roscoe:

Is Dutch there?

Akers:

Hello.

Roscoe:

Dutch, did you find out about that party?

Akers:

Even't been able to find out a thing yet. Expect to in a little bit, and I'll let you know.

Roscoe: OK, Dutch. Say, there's a fellow here wants to speak to you.
 Akers: OK.
 Man: Hello, Dutch - how are you - just got in town. How about some passes - the kind I won't have to pay anything?
 Akers: Have some of the other kind - I'll see you up there tonight.

With reference to the following conversation, the index cards being maintained in this case indicate that one Frankie is employed at the Southern Grill (bookie and gambling establishment).

1:12 P.M., incoming on No. 446

H.A.S.

Man: Is "Dutch" there?
 Akers: Hello.
 Man: Dutch, Frankie just got in, and I got that book for you. Are you busy?
 Akers: Not much.
 Man: Drive by the "Park" (Hotel) and I'll give it to you.
 Akers: O.K.

The following calls appear of interest in view of the admission by the party calling that he is using an alias and dealing with Captain Jerry Watkins of the Police Department. (It may be stated that reporting agent received information that Captain Watkins was "fired" from the Little Rock Police Department several years ago, and is well acquainted with questionable characters in Little Rock):

2:01 P.M., incoming on No. 123

D.P.S.

Mr. Stone of Little Rock, wanted to speak with Mr. Watkins, collect. Operator told that Watkins at his residence, #2815.

2:44 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

D.P.S.

Watkins advising Long Distance Operator he would accept the call from George Stahl (phonetic) at Little Rock, when she could complete it.

3:13 P.M., incoming on No. 123

D.P.S.

George Stahl: Call from George Stahl at Little Rock completed.
 Hello "Swede". Have you heard anything about that other boy?
 Watkins: No, I haven't, George.
 Stahl: Could you send that thing over?
 Watkins: Yes, what name, S T. A. H. L?
 Stahl: No, my right name will be alright, send it to General Delivery.

Watkins: Alright.
Stahl: Have you heard anything in the last few hours?
Swede Watkins: No, I haven't.

The following conversations relate to Alfred "Pug" Dickson, who is now confined in the County Jail at Hot Springs, and a detainer lodged by the U. S. Marshal. It will be noted that Gibson Witt, the Prosecuting Attorney, states the outcome of the prosecution of Dickson will affect "those other fellows", apparently referring to the discharged police officers:

3:16 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

D.P.S.

Man Calling: To 743 (Judge Ledgerwood)
 This is Curtis Ridgeway. Bill Plummer (phonetic), the prosecutor over at Malvern and "Dutch" (Akers) are here with me. Plummer wants to get "Pug" Dickson over there and prosecute him for car theft.
Ledgerwood: I guess that will be alright, if they don't release him on bond. You'd better call Gibson (Witt) about it, before you do anything about it.
Ridgeway: Alright, I'll get in touch with him.

3:20 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

D.P.S.

Curtis Ridgeway: To 1584 (Gibson Witt, 1535 Central Ave.)
 This is Curtis. The prosecutor over at Malvern wants to get "Pug" Dickson over there and prosecute him for car theft. I talked to Judge Ledgerwood and he thought it would be alright.
Gibson Witt: I don't know. We had better see Earl (Earl Witt). We are right in the middle of all this. It doesn't affect him much, but it does those other fellows (indicted police officers). We've got to make the best showing we can on those cases. I'll try and get hold of Earl and call you in a few minutes, Curt
Ridgeway: Alright.

3:29 P.M., incoming on No. 446

D.P.S.

Gibson Witt: I just talked to Earl (Judge Earl Witt).
 He sees no objection to let Plummer (phonetic) have him. If he does take "Pug", we still have charges on him.
Curtis Ridgeway: Alright, Gib.

The following call indicates immoral relations between Cecil Brock and Louise Cooper, and is related due to the fact that Brock is house detective at the Eastman Hotel, and apparently still holds a commission from the Sheriff's Office:

5:14 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

H.A.S.

Brock: Called 87 (Craighead Laundry) conversed with Miss Louise Cooper. Informed her that his wife was expected home - asked if she had left anything - clothes, shoes, etc. out at his house.

Miss Cooper: I don't think - you'd better go up and look it over.

The following conversation indicates an agreement with the police department as to the fixing of traffic violations:

6:23 P.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

Roulliee:(phonetic) Asked for Monroe Young.

Fowler: He's out now.

Roulliee: Stated that he is manager of the Maurice Baths, and that some of his customers from Chicago had received a parking ticket, #9087; requested that nothing be done about it, as per his agreement with the police in such cases.

Fowler: All right, I'll attend to it.

The following conversation indicates that Robert Moore, discharged night captain of police, is employed at the Southern Grill, and continues to influence Ben Rogers, present night captain of police:

Rogers called Bob Moore at Southern Grill and Moore told him to go to 417 Gold (or Grove) St., arrest Curtis Sterling, search his house, and then call Moore.

February 23, 1937

The following conversations between Captain Ben Rogers of the police and Mrs. C. B. Webb reveals the protection given vice by the Police Department:

4:12 A.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

Rogers: Hello.

Mrs. Webb: Ben, I'm worried about one of my girls - afraid something might have happened to her - she went to Room 1028 at the Arlington (Hotel) some time ago and hasn't come back yet. The bell-boy just phoned me and said

Mrs. Webb (cont'd): that the fellow in the room there wouldn't give her any money or let her out - wish you'd go over and get all you can out of that s- o- b- and I'll split the difference with you. The girl's name is Juanita - not Jerry.

Rogers: OK, I'll go over and see the house dick.

4:45 A.M., outgoing on No. 446

Rogers: Called 1571 (Listed - Mrs. G. B. Webb, #3 Crystal Street - evidently madam of a house of prostitution.)

Mrs. Webb: Hello.

Rogers: We couldn't find out much, but I'll call you in a few minutes.

Mrs. Webb: All right - thanks - I was afraid something might have happened to her.

5:00 A.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

Man: Asked for Rogers (slightly foreign accent)

Rogers: Hello.

Man: This is "Mack" (phonetic) over at the Arlington - I just got in that room - they're both up there asleep now.

Rogers: OK. Thanks.

("Mack" apparently refers to McAdams, house detective at the Arlington Hotel.)

5:02 A.M., outgoing on No. 123

H.A.S.

Rogers: Called 1571 (Mrs. G. B. Webb)

Mrs. Webb: Hello.

Rogers: Just found out that they're both up there asleep.

Mrs. Webb: Thanks.

The following conversation apparently is a "tip" to Chief Akers as to vice:

11:36 A.M., incoming on No. 123

W.T.M.

Woman: Dutch, that fellow is driving a Cadillac - he's a tall dark skinned fellow and parks his car in Gibbs' Garage. He's got two girls with him.

Akers: OK.

(NOTE: The woman did not identify herself and Akers recognized her voice.)

The following conversation reveals the "fixing" of a traffic violation by Monroe Young, patrolman. It was noted from the logs that Captain Jerry Watkins called for Monroe Young at 6:45 P.M., and left word for him to call this number:

7:22 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

H.A.S.

M. Young: Called 358 (Listed - G. P. Van Sickle)
Van Sickle: Hello, Monroe, one of my tenants got a parking ticket. His license number is 57-464.
M. Young: All right. Just tell him to forget it.

While reporting agent was in Hot Springs on other matters, it was apparent that gambling was no longer being conducted in the open, nor was the "bookies" being operated in the open at the present time.

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March 19, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH
P. MORAN, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM -
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the original report of Special
Agent B. L. Dameron, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, March 5, 1937,
which does not carry your signature.

If this report meets with your approval, you should so
signify by affixing your signature, after which it should be returned
to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #1072920

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Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
March 13, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: HARRY PERLMAN;
Information Concerning.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram dated February 18, 1937, wherein you advised that a Buick automobile had been located in Hot Springs, Arkansas, under suspicious circumstances, and it was noted that the automobile bore Alabama tags 113-4060.

As noted in the telegram from this office dated February 18, 1937, the above Alabama licenses were issued to Harry Perlman of Hurtsboro, Alabama, for 1937 model Plymouth sedan, motor #p4-21,931.

Kindly advise this office of the results of your investigation in Hot Springs inasmuch as the Sheriff at Seale, Alabama, is anxious to determine if the above mentioned Alabama license tags or automobile registered by Perlman have been reported stolen.

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

732 Rust Building
Tacoma, Washington

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

March 12, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Please refer to letter of the Little Rock Division addressed to me under date of March 10, 1937, and referring to the possibility of establishing a telephone tap on the house of prostitution operated by Lillian Pearrow, 105 Prospect, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It is believed, in view of the recent activity at Hot Springs, possibly due in part to the racing season having opened, that this telephone presents very definite possibilities in the scheme as to information we are obtaining, and that a telephone tap should be established on this telephone.

It is believed in order to operate this telephone tap three additional men should be assigned to the Little Rock office for this work in order that two of these will be available for covering the tap established on the Pearrow telephone and one will be available for assignment to the tap being maintained on telephones 123, 446 and 648.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Little Rock office in order that they may request necessary authority for the tap on the telephone in question, the expense of renting a suitable plant for establishing such telephone tap and any other incidental expenses necessary for the operation of the plant.

The Little Rock office is being requested also to make a check at the telephone company at Little Rock in a discreet, confidential manner in order to obtain the necessary cable information which will permit them to locate a suitable place for establishing our telephone tap. This of course should only be done if they are definitely certain of the reliability of the person they are to contact in order to avoid disclosure of our activity at Hot Springs, Ark.

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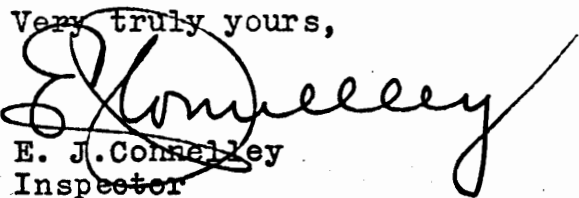
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It is believed desirable that this tap be established in order that we may obtain as much information as possible in the next three or four weeks in order that we may thereafter consider the desirability of proceeding with confidential investigation which after a very short time would result in knowledge on the part of some at least that we were making an open inquiry. It would be only a short time until it was known we were making some kind of inquiry if we were to start approaching witnesses. I have in mind particularly the possibility of verifying that Herbert ~~Akers~~ approached the place where Karpis and Hunter were located at Dyer's Landing for the purpose of warning these individuals to depart probably prior to the time he advised us on October 5, 1935, that two suspects were at this point. It is recalled that these individuals departed about two or three days before Akers furnished us with the information.

Agent D. P. Sullivan is working on a digest of all information available as to each particular individual who has been mentioned in connection with the information developed to this time in order that we may have some idea of what the possibilities are as to showing violations as to the individuals concerned. The deficiency so far in the information we are obtaining is that most of the situations refer to violations of state laws rather than violation of any Federal law, with the possible exception of an evasion of income tax payments, although a generally corrupt condition of local officers combined with others is very definitely shown by the information so far obtained over the telephone taps which have been in operation.

Very truly yours,


E. J. Connelley
Inspector

EJC.B
cc Cincinnati
Cleveland
Little Rock

AIR MAIL

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

EAT:TMF

March 18, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

We have at the present time five men engaged in the maintenance of telephone taps at Hot Springs, Arkansas, ostensibly to gather information justifying harboring proceedings as a result of the activities of various persons associating with Alvin Karpis during the time that he was a fugitive. Mr. Connelley has requested the assignment of three additional agents to Hot Springs to cover an additional telephone tap and I have made arrangements to send these three men to Hot Springs. It is to be noted that the racing season is now in full swing in Hot Springs and I believe that we should maintain the various taps for an additional ten days. To date we have not obtained any information of any value for use in the Federal Courts in any type of case although, of course, we are collecting considerable data concerning irregularities in the administration of the police department and the mayor's office. The material we are gathering of this nature, however, is just a corroboration of items which have been matters of general information for a considerable period of time and the entire state set-up is such in Arkansas that there does not appear to be anyone to whom we could turn over the information which we have developed and expect to have any positive action taken. It appears, consequently, that a continuation of the taps beyond an additional ten-day period will constitute a considerable waste of man-power, and I will at the end of that period, unless you designate otherwise, discuss with Connelley the advisability of discontinuing these taps and initiating an open investigation in Hot Springs for the purpose of establishing our harboring cases, if any.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MRS. SCOTT WOOD, Pres.
104 West St.
HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

MRS. HENRY S. YOKUM, Treas.
225 West Oak St.
EL DORADO, ARK.



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Arkansas Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

STATE OFFICE
Room 324 Donaghey Bldg.
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Hot Springs Ark.
March 14, 1937

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The inclosed newspaper clipping should interest you. This information did not get to the newspaper through me. I presume that the letter referred to is the one I wrote you.

If it is good strategy to give out information like this to the press it is alright with me.

We have heard nothing of your agents visit here as promised in your letter of the 8th.

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Handwritten signature and date.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Scott & Wood
Box 315
Hot Springs Ark.

Edward V. O'Brien
see serial 7

F. B. I. AGENT ENTERS HOT SPRINGS INQUIRY

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Income Tax Investigation Re- ported Under Way

From The Commercial Appeal
Little Rock Bureau

LITTLE ROCK, March 12.—An agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been ordered to Hot Springs to conduct a secret investigation of conditions in the resort city, it was learned tonight.

According to information here, one of the Hot Springs residents responsible for the investigation by a House committee during the recent Legislature wrote J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F. B. I., requesting that he send an agent to the spa.

Mr. Hoover replied that he was assigning a man and that he would pay special attention to the income tax reports of certain city officials and so-called "big shots" in the gambling world, in an effort to discover any possible law violations.

It is understood the agent already is conducting his investigation.

The Legislature named a five-member committee to investigate reported lawless conditions in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit. After five weeks of hearing witnesses the committee submitted two reports, one signed by three members, recommended impeachment of Circuit Judge Earl Witt.

The other, signed by two members, asked that further action be indefinitely postponed.

The House later voted by an overwhelming majority to drop the matter.

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THE (MEMPHIS) COMMERCIAL APPEAL
MARCH 12, 1937

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March 19, 1937

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Mrs. Scott Wood,
Box 315,
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dear Mrs. Wood:

I have received your letter of March 14, 1937, transmitting a newspaper article appearing in the Memphis Commercial Appeal on March 12, 1937, indicating that an Agent of this Bureau is conducting investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas with particular reference to the income tax reports of "certain city officials". You are advised that this newspaper article is without foundation and fact, since Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation do not conduct investigation into matters involving income tax frauds, such cases being handled by the Internal Revenue Bureau of the Treasury Department.

I desire to thank you for your courtesy in bringing this newspaper article to my attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. E.A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Egan
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Ed

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Washington, D. C.

March 14, 1937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring Investigation
in Hot Springs.

I telephoned SAC Fletcher at the Little Rock Office with reference to his letter to the Bureau concerning man-power to work on the taps at Hot Springs in the above matter. I told him that Special Agent J. L. Madala has left Washington for Hot Springs to resume his work on these taps. I told him that Mr. Madala has placed some of those taps himself, and it is possible that he will be able to place any others which are needed. However, if this is not so, we will send some man more qualified in telephone tapping in there to perform that work.

I told Mr. Fletcher to be sure and notify the Bureau if Madala is unable to place those taps so that we can put someone in there who can put them in.

Respectfully,

EAT
E. A. TAMM.

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RE: EPKID.

Confirming my telephone conversation of this date with Mr. Tamm, you are advised that a telegram was received at this Division from Special Agent in Charge Ladd for Special Agent J. M. Jones who is in this district on special assignment, and which telegram advised as follows:

"YOUR WIFE ADVISED HER FATHER PASSED AWAY DESIRES YOU CALL HER IMMEDIATELY"

Subsequent to my conversation with Mr. Tamm in which he authorized Agent Jones to be relieved of his present assignment and granted authority for him to proceed to Chicago, I advised Agent Jones of the authority granted and he is arranging now to leave Hot Springs.

Regarding the relief to replace Agent Jones, it is the opinion of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan that the other Agents presently on the plant at Hot Springs would not be able to handle the placing and discontinuance of the taps now in effect, especially in view of the fact that there is at the present time considerable activity by the telephone linemen, and it is necessary from time to time to discontinue the taps and later to replace them, all of which must be done quickly in order to prevent their detection. It is believed that an Agent less experienced than Agent Jones might possibly be observed in connection with placing these taps and every effort is of course being made to prevent this. It is for this reason that the request was made that an Agent qualified in telephone taps be dispatched to this Division to replace Agent Jones.

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Reference is now made to my letter of March 11, 1937 addressed to Inspector Connelley at Tacoma, Washington, in which letter information is contained to the effect that the taps on telephones 123, 446 and 648 had been disconnected temporarily in view of the activity of the telephone linemen in the vicinity of the taps. It is contemplated that the activity of the telephone men will probably cease within the next twenty-four hours, after which it will be possible to reestablish the taps, however, in view of the departure of Agent Jones these taps will not be reestablished until such time as the Agent who is to replace him has arrived at Hot Springs.

Reference is now made to my letter of March 10, 1937 addressed to Inspector Connelley at Tacoma, Washington, particularly that portion of the letter which refers to the assignment of the various Agents now handling the telephone taps at Hot Springs. As stated in this letter Special Agents J. M. Jones and E. M. Suttler are assigned to telephone number 2115, being the telephone of W. S. Jacobs. At this place a twenty-four hour surveillance is maintained by these two Agents.

Special Agents D. P. Sullivan, H. A. Snow and W. T. Morton are on duty in maintaining a twenty-four hour surveillance on telephones 123, 446 and 648 which are listed to the Police Department and Mayor's Office at Hot Springs. In the past few days due to the racing season which has commenced at Hot Springs there has been noticed an appreciable increase in the telephone calls received and placed over these three telephones. In each instance the Agent on duty on the log which he keeps takes down the information and when he is relieved from duty on the tap he is then required to write up his logs in a legible manner, which requires much of his time in addition to that actually spent on the telephone tap. I am informed by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan that during the time from eight in the morning until five in the afternoon of each day it is necessary that at least two of these three Agents remain on duty in view of the volume of telephone calls now being received. In the evening one of the Agents usually can handle the telephone tap while the other two spend considerable time in writing up their logs for the day which necessitates that during the night these three Agents have to alternate on the telephone tap.

It is my understanding as stated in my letter to Inspector Connelley dated March 10, 1937 that he desires that Special Agent Sullivan maintain close contact with both plants located in Hot Springs, supervising the preparation of the daily logs which are voluminous, and to be in a position to see and become aware of the activities of any telephone linemen working in the vicinity of the plants and to take necessary steps

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to prevent their detection by withdrawing the same, and in addition thereto review the telephone logs and keep the file up to date, setting forth necessary leads and other data which will be required in the event of an open inquiry at Hot Springs. Agent Sullivan due to his many other duties at Hot Springs has not been able to comply with this latter instruction and it is therefore necessary that Special Agent E. L. Damron of this Division devote almost his entire time to keeping the file up to date and making the necessary review of the telephone logs in the course of the preparation of the reports in this case. It has been suggested by Inspector Connelley that a review of the file be made and that all pertinent information obtained over the telephone taps to date be set out under the individuals in which we are particularly interested. This review has been made in part; of course, it will have to be kept up to date from time to time in order that all of this information will be available at such a time or when an open inquiry will be made. If the Bureau has available an Agent, not of the police type, whom the Bureau believes would be suitable to use on the telephone taps, and this Agent could be assigned to this Division for that purpose, it would then relieve Special Agent Sullivan and permit Agent Sullivan to carry out the instructions as given by Inspector Connelley. This would also probably relieve Agent Damron to some extent as the reports would be prepared by Agent Sullivan, and if time permitted he would make the necessary index of the telephone conversations which is being maintained, otherwise this index would be prepared as in the past by Agent Damron.

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Mr. E. J. Connelley
cc Cincinnati

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
March 15, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

By letter dated March 10, 1937, the Little Rock Field Division requested this division to ascertain the registered owner of 1936 Missouri license #434-539 and the reputation of this owner. The Little Rock Division advised that this license was seen recently on a Cadillac automobile that stopped in front of the residence of W. S. Jacobs and that four men left the car and entered the Jacobs residence. Further, that Mr. Jacobs apparently controls all gambling activities in Hot Springs and is a subject of inquiries being conducted in this case at the present time.

In response to a communication from this division, Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State, advised that the records of the Motor Vehicle Department, Jefferson City, Missouri, show that 1936 Missouri license #434-539 were issued to William B. Hite, Jr., 20 East Big Bend, Webster Groves, Missouri, for a 1931 Ford Sedan, motor #A4738194, and title #3383677 was issued on February 8, 1932, covering this car in the name of William B. Hite, Jr.

It is requested that your division conduct the necessary investigation. The Little Rock Division has requested that all inquiry be most discreet and the fact that this automobile has recently been seen in Hot Springs should not be disclosed.

Very truly yours,

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Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati
E.J. Connelley
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 15, 1937.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm, of the Bureau, on March 14, 1937, you are advised that the telephone taps on telephones 123, 446 and 648, which are listed to the Police Department and Mayor's Office, Hot Springs, Arkansas, have not yet been re-established. The telephone company linemen are still engaged in repairing the cable in the immediate vicinity of the plant for these telephone taps, which is located at 207 Laurel Street. From the progress made by these men it appears that they will have completed this work late today or tomorrow. After appropriate surveillance to determine whether they will do further repair work in the immediate vicinity of the plant, these taps will be re-established. Up to the present time, Special Agents H. A. Snow, William T. Morton, B. M. Suttler and D. P. Sullivan have been maintaining the tap on telephone 2115, the unlisted telephone of William S. Jacobs, in addition to maintaining the twenty-four hour plant at 207 Laurel Street, where the wires used in tapping telephones 123, 446 and 648 are located.

Special Agent John L. Madala reported for assignment at this field division today, and will be available to re-establish the taps on telephones 123, 446 and 648, and thereafter will be available to aid in the surveillance of the tap on telephone 2115 with Special Agent B. M. Suttler or one of the other agents assigned at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It will be noted from the letter of Inspector Connelley to the Bureau, dated March 12, 1937, that he suggested that action be taken to determine whether a tap can be established on the telephone of the house of prostitution operated by Lillian Pearrow, this place purportedly being owned by Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin. It can only be ascertained whether this tap can be established after contact is had concerning the cables, with the telephone company at Little Rock, and the necessary information obtained. This information probably can be obtained by an agent who understands and can read blueprints. For this reason it is suggested that Special Agent J. M. Jones be made available at Little Rock for the purpose of ascertaining whether this

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tap can be established, and installing same. If this can be done, and after the tap has been established, and with information provided by Agent Jones as to the manner in which he established it, any agent who has completed the Bureau's course in wire tapping would be able to disconnect and re-establish this tap when necessary. For this purpose, the three men suggested by Inspector Connelley to be assigned for work at Hot Springs, at least one man should be assigned who has had wire tapping training. Two of these agents will be assigned to the surveillance of the Pearrow tap if it is determined that this tap can be established, and the third and preferably one with wire tapping training, will be assigned to the surveillance of the taps on telephones 123, 446 and 648, listed to the Police Department and Mayor's Office. This will make four men to maintain these taps, the fourth man being necessary in view of the number of calls being made over these telephones.

Referring to Bureau letter dated March 12, 1937, which I have confirmed under separate cover, Special Agent B. L. Damron will report to Inspector H. H. Clegg for four weeks assignment at Washington, D. C., on March 22, 1937. As you have previously been informed, Agent Damron has been submitting weekly reports of pertinent conversations overheard over the taps at Hot Springs, and for the past three weeks has been maintaining an index of the names mentioned in telephone conversations, this work being done at the Little Rock Field Division.

With the addition of the fourth man at the plant on the police and mayor's telephone taps, Agents Madala and Sullivan will be able to submit the weekly reports in rough draft form from Hot Springs, and will maintain the index and complete the summary of information obtained from the taps to date, as has been requested by Inspector Connelley.

The season at Hot Springs is in full swing, and it is probable that more information can be obtained over the telephone taps at the present time than at any other time during the year. It is therefore suggested that if possible, Agent Jones be made available at this field division as soon as possible so that it can be ascertained whether the tap on the telephone of Lillian Pearrow can be established. Meanwhile, it is suggested that the additional agent to aid in the surveillance of the taps on the Police Department and Mayor's Office telephones, and one who has had training in wire tapping be assigned to this field division to aid in the surveillance of these telephone taps.

Very truly yours,

Clayton Fletcher
CLAYTON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Cincinnati

Mr. Connelley

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AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

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March 19, 1937

Mr. Chapman Fletcher,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
500 Hector Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your Personal and Confidential letter of March 15, 1937, pertaining to the investigation being conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas in connection with the activities of persons believed to have harbored Alvin Karpis and his fugitive associates, it is desired that the Bureau be immediately notified in the event the agents currently assigned to your office are unable to satisfactorily place the telephone tap on the telephone located at the house of prostitution operated by Lillian Pearrow.

As you were informed by Mr. Tamm in a recent telephonic conversation, arrangements have been made to assign three additional agents to your district to handle the work arising from the placing of the various telephone taps at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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Mr. Joseph
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for

MRS. SCOTT WOOD, Mrs.
104 Watt St.
HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

MRS. HENRY S. YOKUM, Treas.
225 West Oak St.
EL DORADO, ARK.



X Arkansas Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

STATE OFFICE
Room 334 Donaghey Bldg.
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Hot Springs, Arkansas
March 16, 1937.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Further information regarding the newspaper clipping from the Memphis Commercial Appeal which I sent you with my letter of March 13, gained by my husband while he was in Little Rock yesterday, seems to me should be brought to your attention.

As my husband encountered Mr. R. W. Sisson, Little Rock Correspondent for the Memphis Commercial Appeal, in the state Capitol Building yesterday the following conversation (in substance) took place.

Mr. Sisson, " Well Mr. Wood, did you see my story about Hot Springs in our newspaper a few days ago. (This refers to the clipping I sent you.

Mr. Wood, " Yes I did but I noticed that the following day the Arkansas Gazette denied the story, saying they had investigated it and found that Mr. Hoover's Department has nothing to do with income taxes, that investigation of those are handled by another Department."

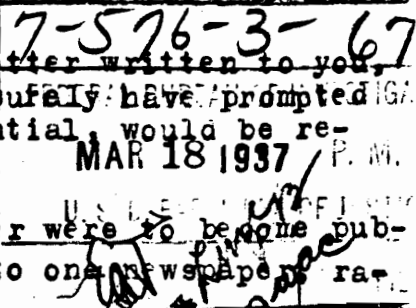
Mr. Sisson, " Sure I saw that, but you know why they did that, the Gazette tried to get some information off the story and couldn't and that made ' em sore. You see I know all about your wife writing that letter to Mr. Hoover and just what Mr. Hoover wrote her, that he was going to send an agent over there to see her, and I know who the Agent is that he told her he was going to send. The Gazette wanted this newswfully bad but they couldn't get it."

There are several things about this whole thing that seem rather strange to me.

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First: It seems strange to me that a letter written to you, and marked personal, the contents of which must surely have prompted you to keep the information more or less confidential, would be revealed to a newspaper correspondent.

Secondly: If the contents of that letter were to become public property why was the showing of it confined to one newspaper rather than making it available to all of them.



See Serial 62-54-41-22-24
Edward G. Bremer
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7-576-3-67

March 24, 1937

Mrs. Scott Wood,
Box 315,
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dear Mrs. Wood:

I have received your letter of March 16, 1937, containing further data concerning alleged information in the possession of a newspaper reporter indicating that publicity had been given to a letter which you wrote to this Bureau.

I desire to inform you that the Bureau has not in any manner disclosed to any person outside of the Bureau the contents of your letters or indicated that you had been in correspondence with the Bureau. I trust that an Agent of the Bureau has interviewed you in connection with the complaint which you desire to make.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
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March 17, 1937.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
732 East Building,
Tacoma, Washington.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, FUGITIVE - I. O. #1232
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM;
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has recently been informed that
plants are being maintained at 209 Cedar Street and
207 Laurel Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, without
proper authority having been obtained from the Bureau
to make the expenditures necessary to maintain these
plants.

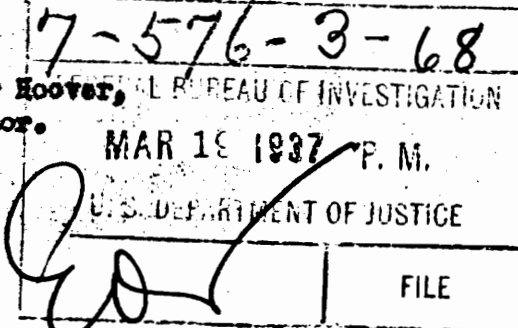
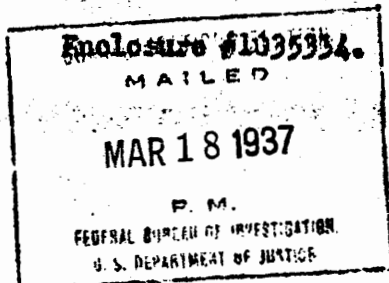
There is enclosed a copy of Bureau letter dated
March 17, 1937, addressed to the Little Rock Field Divi-
sion authorizing the necessary expenditures in maintaining
the plants above mentioned.

The Bureau desires again to advise that it is
absolutely essential that prior Bureau authority be
obtained before arrangements for expenditures of this
nature are completed.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
March 17, 1937.

Time - 4:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring Investigation
at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

I telephoned SAC Fletcher at the Little Rock Office with reference to Mr. Connelley's letter of March 12, 1937 concerning the placing of an additional telephone tap on the telephone of a certain prostitute in Hot Springs. I told him that we were interested in knowing whether Madala can place that tap or whether we will have to send some telephone man in there to place the tap.

Mr. Fletcher said that he has written us about this situation, and we will probably get the letter today. He said that he talked with both Sullivan and Madala about this situation, and their opinion is while Madala could replace a tap after it has once been placed and a diagram drawn, he cannot place the original tap on the setup down there. Mr. Fletcher said that even Agent Jones had some difficulty in reading the blueprints which go to make up the plant, and it takes one very familiar with the entire telephone situation to draw the plans and diagram for the placing of such a tap. Therefore, while Madala could replace the tap after a diagram has been drawn up, he cannot under those circumstances install the original tap.

I told Mr. Fletcher, therefore, to call the Oklahoma City Office, tell them that he has talked with the Bureau about this telephone tap situation, and that the Bureau wants Agent Parry sent over to Hot Springs to install this tap.

With reference to the request for three additional men to work on the taps down there, Mr. Fletcher said that he will need this number at least. He said that while he has eight men in the office at this time, the fact that they are all well known at Hot Springs would preclude the possibility of their being used on these taps at this time. Consequently, we will have to make arrangements to get some men in there who are not known.

Time - 5:00 P.M.

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I telephoned Mr. Peterson at the St. Louis Office and told him to send one of his men to the Little Rock Office for assignment to the above mentioned telephone tap. I explained to Mr. Peterson the nature

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of the assignment so that he could pick out a man who is suitable therefor.


Time - 5:10 P.M.

Office

I telephoned Mr. Dewey at the Louisville/and told him we would like to have one of his men sent over to Little Rock to work on this telephone tap. He said that he has a man who is going into court on the 18th, but he could leave on Friday for Little Rock and would fit in very nicely in this situation. I told Mr. Dewey that this would be all right, but to make sure that this Agent is gotten over there as soon as possible.

I told both Peterson and Dewey that they should make sure the Agent who is sent down into Arkansas to work on this tap should be one who has never before worked in Arkansas in any capacity. The Bureau will be notified by wire the identity of the Agents and the time of their departure, etc.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM

United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 18, 1937.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Lester
Mr. Nichols
L Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Re: BREKID.

The Bureau is advised that at approximately 2:40 P.M., on March 17, 1937 the taps were re-established at Hot Springs, Arkansas on the telephones 123, 446 and 648, the first two numbers being assigned to the Police Department of Hot Springs, and the last number being assigned to the office of the Mayor of Hot Springs. *ack*

Chapmon Fletcher
CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

Via AIR MAIL

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INVESTIGATION
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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L.R. FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Ark.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/16/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/1-7/37	REPORT MADE BY B. L. DAMRON	Mr. Nathan Mr. Tolson Mr. E. A. Tamm Mr. Clegg Mr. Glavin Mr. Ladd Mr. Nichols Mr. Rosen Mr. Tracy Mr. Carson Mr. Egan Mr. Gurnea Mr. Hendon Mr. Lester Mr. Quinn Mr. Nease Mr. Gandy
TITLE GEORGE TIMINNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Conversations of interest overheard on taps on police and Mayor's telephones at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for period of March 1 to 7, 1937, inclusive, set forth. Logs for this period reveal bribe of \$500.00 accepted by Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and Captain Jerry Watkins for release of one Earl King, who was arrested for operating a race horse wire service. Tap on residence telephone of W. S. Jacobs re-established on March 4, 1937, and interesting conversations overheard from that date to March 7, 1937, inclusive, set forth. Confidential informant states Mayor McLaughlin has interest in two houses of prostitution. Survey of these two houses made for establishment of telephone taps, which disclosed only one house has a telephone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-- P --</p>				
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Ark., dated March 5, 1937.				
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>Chapman Detek</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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DETAILS:

On March 1, 1937, [REDACTED] called at the Little Rock Division, upon request, and advised Special Agent in Charge Fletcher that Mayor Leo McLaughlin is financially interested in two houses of prostitution in Hot Springs. These two houses were alleged to be - one operated by Lillian Brown, alias Lillian Pearrow at 105 Prospect, and the other being operated by Ruth Johnson, alias Ruth Jones, and located at 350 Malvern Avenue. b2 b7d

The address of 105 Prospect, and the name of Lillian Pearrow has appeared in the logs previous to this date, and indicates that she is operating a house of prostitution, and is known to the police department. Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and J. M. Jones, made a survey of this address, and Inspector Connelley and the Bureau advised. The advisability of establishing a tap on this telephone is now under consideration.

With reference to the address of 350 Malvern Avenue and Ruth Johnson alias Ruth Jones, neither the address nor name has appeared among the logs submitted in this case. Reporting agent ascertained that this address is occupied by the Peoples Laundry, but opposite this building was the Empire Rooms. Thereafter Special Agent D. P. Sullivan ascertained that the Empire Rooms were operated by Ruth Jones, but there was no telephone at this address. It also appeared that the Empire Rooms is located in the negro section, and would be a low class house. The Bureau and Inspector Connelley were advised of these facts.

On March 4, 1937 the telephone company employees completed their repair work on Cedar Street and at 6:07 P.M., the tap on the residence telephone of W. S. Jacobs (unlisted number 2115) was re-established by Special Agent J. M. Jones, and the plant maintained by Special Agents Jones and B. M. Suttler.

Both plants are now in operation again at Hot Springs, with twenty-four hour service being maintained at both 207 Laurel Street and 205½ Cedar Street. The plant at 207 Laurel Street is maintained by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan, Wm. T. Morton, and H. A. Snow.

It appears from the logs submitted for the period covered by this report that all public gambling and booking of horse races has ceased, but will probably be resumed after adjournment of the State Legislature, which is fixed for March 11, 1937. It would appear that these activities ceased during the time the legislature was in session, in order that the investigation of Hot Springs and Circuit Judge Earl Witt would not be revived by the legislature.

Re: JOHN DICKSON MATTER

On March 3, 1937 Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers telephoned, reporting agent, and advised that Alfred "Pug" Dickson was released to the Sheriff at Benton, Arkansas, for prosecution as to the theft of a Ford truck. Newspaper releases for March 5, 1937 reported that Dickson was found guilty, and was sentenced to serve one year in the State Penitentiary. The newspapers quoted Floyd Huff, U. S. Commissioner at Hot Springs and attorney for the defense, as stating that, "John Dickson was killed because he had committed the 'unpardonable crime of robbing a Hot Springs gambling joint'" and that "no crime would so enrage the Hot Springs police as that".

Re: ARREST AND RELEASE OF EARL KING

At approximately eleven o'clock on the morning of March 3, 1937, Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and Day Captain Jerry "Swede" Watkins raided the residence of Mrs. Claire Sims at 211 Woodbine St., in Hot Springs, and arrested Earl King, Andrew "Tex" Anderson, and another man whose identity is unknown. These three men were arrested for operating a race horse wire service of some kind, the names or tips being transmitted from California. The three men were arrested and taken to the city jail. John Condon and Frank McCarthy, who are connected with the Oaklawn Park track in some unknown capacity there joined Akers at the Police Station. Soon thereafter Earl King made a long distance telephone call to Dave Schmidman in Los Angeles, California, and told him that it would take \$500.00 to get him out of jail and "square it with them." Dave promised to send the money by Western Union.

Thereafter, and during the afternoon, King attended the races or was not in jail when long distance telephone calls for him were coming in from Los Angeles, and at approximately six o'clock King, with the assistance of Akers, obtained \$500.00 from the Western Union. King, apparently, was released on the night of March 3, 1937, but Anderson and his companion were held in jail. King apparently disappeared for several days, and "run out" on Anderson and his companion, who were convicted of some charge, and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail, each. On the night of March 5, 1937, King called Captain Watkins and in strong language told him to spring the "two kids" and to tell Akers he was willing to "go along" with him, but "what the Hell - I've got to get some results." King apparently remained in hiding at or near Benton, Arkansas, during which time the brother of Andrew Anderson made strenuous efforts to have his brother released and out of town.

As of March 7, 1937 Anderson and his companion were still in jail, and Chief of Detectives Akers contemplated seeing King again and then releasing the two boys.

The following conversations appearing in the logs reveal this transaction:

March 3, 1937

10:57 A.M., incoming on No. 123

B.M.S.

Man: This is Jack calling from Mrs. Sims' apartment.
Dutch Akers is across the street at 211 Woodbine,
he says send another car and more men out here.
Tucker: All right.

11:30 A.M., outgoing on No. 123

B.M.S.

John Condon called a number, but same was indistinguishable, as Agent was trying to catch a call on No. 446 at same instant.
Man: ? Barber Shop.
Condon: See if Frank McCarthy is around there.
Barber: Yes sir, he's in my chair.
Condon: Tell him to come to the phone.
McCarthy: Hello.
Condon: Frank, as soon as you get prettied up, catch a cab and come down to Herbert Akers office at City Jail.
McCarthy: OK, John.

11:45 A.M., outgoing on No. 123

B.M.S.

Condon: 807 (Oaklawn Jockey Club)
Pete: Hello.
Condon: Pete, have you seen Bill yet?
Pete: No.
Condon: Got a lot of nice names you know from California.
Pete: Good.

12:15 P.M., outgoing on No. 123:

B.M.S.

King: Long Distance this is 123, Earl King, calling Dave Schmidman - Woodberry 6-2247, Los Angeles, California, collect.
Operator: I'll call you back.

12:45 P.M., incoming on No. 123

B.M.S.

Long distance from Los Angeles, Dave Schmidman, calling Earl King.
Schmidman: What's trouble, Earl?
King: I'm in jail, got pinched this morning, and it's gonna take \$500.00 to get me out and square it with them. If I don't get it, I'm going to get those other boys in plenty of trouble.
Schmidman: How much you need?
King: \$500.00 by Western Union, care of City Jail.
Schmidman: I'll see Dave and he'll call you or send the money.
King: OK, Dave, be sure.

1:05 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

H.A.S.

Called Long Distance to Little Rock, #4-0602.
Clerk: State Revenue Department.
Man: Auto license Bureau, please.
Clerk: Hello.
Man: This is Police Department at Hot Springs. Give me the dope on 1936 license #168-761.
Clerk: (pause) Issued for 1936 Buick sedan, in name of Andrew Anderson - gave his address as 615 Okard St., Dallas, Texas.
Man: OK, thanks.

(Note: Man calling was believed to have been Brock. Did not give name.)

2:15 P.M., incoming on No. 123

W.T.M.

Long distance operator calling for the Mr. King who placed a long distance call to Los Angeles. Tucker told her King could not be reached until four o'clock. She asked that King call Operator #4 when he returned.

3:19 P.M., incoming on No. 123

B.M.S.

Operator: Long distance calling Mr. King.
Young: Call back at four o'clock.

4:02 P.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

L. D. Operator: Has Mr. King come back yet.
Tucker: No, they're still out at the races.
L. D. Operator: Will he be back?
Tucker: Yes, they'll be back after a while.
L. D. Operator: Have him call operator #4 at Hot Springs.

5:00 P.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

L. D. Operator: Repeated request that Mr. King call her when he returned from the races.
Officer: I don't know him, but if he comes in, I'll tell him.

5:44 P.M., incoming on No. 123

J.M.J.

L. D. Operator: Trying to locate Mr. King for Los Angeles Call.
Watkins: Called L. D. operator, who advised him she was trying to locate Mr. King.
Watkins: Said King was in jail, but would be brought to the phone in a few moments.

NOTE: King was at the races, apparently having been released for the afternoon.

5:57 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

J.M.J.

Akers: Called 494 (Western Union), talked to Nobles, and asked what kind of identification they wanted on King -- Nobles said any identification would do.
Akers: He's the right fellow OK because I listened while he called Long Distance.

6:25 P.M., incoming on No. 446

J.M.J.

Dutch called - spoke to "Swede".
Swede: What do you want me to do put that in an envelope?
Dutch: No, put it in your pocket and put him back in jail.
I'll talk to him when I get down there.
Swede: OK.

6:48 P.M., incoming on No. 123

J.M.J.

Long Distance calling Mr. King:
"Out for a few moments."
Long Distance: Are you sure? We had a report that he was in jail.
Fowler: He is, but I can't let him talk until Mr. Akers or the day captain comes in.
L. D. Party: The party will talk to you.
Party: Is King in jail there?
Fowler: Yes.
Party: What's the charges?
Fowler: No charges - held for investigation.

Party: What's the bail?
 Fowler: You will have to speak to the detective
 Party: No charges - is that all you can tell me?
 Fowler: You can call the detective.
 Party: There was some money sent to him - did he get it OK?
 Fowler: Yes, it arrived.
 Party: When will the captain be in?
 Fowler: 30 or 40 minutes.
 Party: OK, I'll call back.

7:13 P.M., incoming on No. 123 J.M.J.

Man: This is Joe. Where you were this morning. The woman
 wants to know if they are going to be back to the
 apartment.
 Akers: You tell her to leave everything the way it is -
 everything will be straightened out and they will
 be back OK tonight.
 Man: OK.

8:22 P.M., incoming on No. 123 J.M.J.

Woman at 211 Woodbine wanting to know when those men would be out of jail.
 "Soon, I guess."

9:30 P.M., incoming on No. 446 J.M.J.

"Joe" calling Ben Rogers regarding time Mr. King and Mr. Anderson would
 be released.
 Rogers: "Leaving now."

March 4, 1937

4:15 P.M., incoming on No. 123 H.A.S.

Man: Is Dutch Akers there?
 Tucker: No - out at races.
 Man: Do you have a jockey in jail named "Tex" or A. Anderson?
 Tucker: Yes, he's on "holdover" - no charges.
 Man: When will he be charged?
 Tucker: Not until Mr. Akers finishes investigation and decides.

6:43 P.M., incoming on No. 123 W.T.M.

Man: Mr. Akers, you got Anderson there - the jockey?
 Akers: Yes, who is this?

Man: This is his brother.
 Akers: From Little Rock?
 Man: Yes.
 Akers: Well, come on down, he has been wanting to get
 in touch with you.
 Man: Well, er - er -
 Akers: Aw come on down. It's alright.

7:02 P.M., incoming on No. 123

W.T.M.

Andy Anderson called Akers, and from the conversation it appears that one "King" has run out on them and they are looking for him.

March 5, 1937

9:54 A.M., incoming on No. 123

W.T.M.

Operator announced Little Rock was calling for Akers. Corrington told her he was in court and would be 15 minutes before he could talk. Operator asked him to call Operator #12. The party calling in Little Rock was heard telling operator, "Tell him to call 4-9641 - Anderson".

NOTE: 4-9641, Little Rock, is number of a pay station in the business offices of the telephone company in Little Rock.

10:15 A.M., incoming on No. 123

W.T.M.

Man giving name Anderson called Akers from Little Rock, asking Akers, "What did you do with those two boys?"

Akers: 30 days a piece.
 Anderson: Let's see - that will be \$1.00 a day?
 Akers: Wait a day or so - before I can get them straightened out.
 Anderson: You mean you can't spring 'em now?
 Akers: No, not until about Monday.
 (Rest of conversation consisted of an argument in which Anderson insisted that he didn't know "King" and that "King" was connected with the two boys.
 Watkins cut in, telling Anderson that King would contact him (Anderson) and tell him to call him (Watkins).

4:20 P.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

Man: Is Dutch Akers there?
 Raspberry: No.
 Man: Swede Watkins?

Rasberry: No. This is Chief talking.
 Man: Is that ex-jockey, Andy Anderson still in Jail?
 Rasberry: He's out on chain gang. Got 30 days for vagrancy.
 Man: This is his brother. I want to pay a fine for him
 and get him out. Can I pay \$30.00 fine?
 Rasberry: You could ask the Judge. He'll probably let you.
 Man: Can I get his car out so I can borrow some money on it?
 Rasberry: Guess you'd have to see Mr. Akers about that, and
 get an order from Anderson.
 Man: OK. I'll come over tonight.

7:05 P.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

L. D. Operator: Benton (Ark.) is calling Mr. Jerry Watkins.
 (From pay station)
 Watkins: Hello.
 Man: Hello Jerry - you know who this is - this is "E"
 (phonetic).
 Watkins: Who?
 Man: Ferrell (phonetic) I'm still over near Benton. Just
 came in town tonight to get something to eat. Did
 they turn the "kids" loose yet?
 Watkins: No - not yet - they're still in here. Think we can
 get them out tomorrow, though.
 Man: Well, by God, why the Hell haven't you done it before
 now. I'm afraid to come over there.
 Watkins: Well, they should be out tomorrow. Are you going to
 stay over there? I think it would be all right for
 you to come over here.
 Man: I'm staying over heret tonight. Say, a party told me
 that the "pinks" (or "punks") (phonetic) were
 in town looking for me over there - is that right?
 Watkins: Not that I know of. If they are, they haven't been
 around here asking about you.
 Man: Well, I'll probably sleep late in the morning and call
 you up tomorrow afternoon - get those "kids" out
 of there.
 Watkins: All right - try my best - tomorrow. Tell you what you
 do - you come over here tomorrow afternoon. It'll
 be all right - call me when you get in town. If
 you don't want to come by the station, call me,
 and I'll deliver them to you, wherever you say to.
 Man: All right. I'll call you. You tell Dutch (Akers)
 that I'm willing to "go along" with him - but
 what the Hell - I've got to get some results.
 Watkins: All right. They'll be out tomorrow.

NOTE: Call probably refers to the Andy Anderson and King, now being held by
 P.D. Man's voice calling was not the same as man who called at 4:20 PM (#123)
 who claimed to be Anderson's brother.)

March 6, 1937

11:45 A.M., incoming on No. 123

W.T.M.

Long distance call for Akers from Little Rock. (call made from pay station)

Anderson: Mr. Akers, Anderson, Andy.
Akers: Alright.
Anderson: Think you will spring those boys today? Watkins said something about getting them out today.
Akers: No, I can't spring them today. It won't be before Monday. Have you seen King.
Anderson: No. (Insists he knows nothing about King except that he heard that he was in Benton).
Akers: I got a message from him for these boys - it's for them.
Anderson: Say, don't let Tex work too hard -- he isn't used to hard work.
Akers: No, he isn't working - they are inside and doing alright. They are alright where they are.
Anderson: I left him a little money to eat on. You know that woman where he was living said something about going down there and taking them a little money. I didn't want to make you mad - understand, that I was going around you - I just took a little there for him to eat off.
Akers: No, that's alright.
Anderson: If I see King I'll tell him - I don't know if I could see him - everybody in the world is looking for him.
Akers: No, that's alright, I'll reach him today.

1:36 P.M., incoming on No. 123

W.T.M.

Man identifying himself as "Joe at Woodbine" called and asked if "Tex" was still in jail, saying "Tex's" sister had called him (Joe) from Little Rock, saying she was coming over. Officer replied that "Tex" was still in jail.

2:16 P.M., incoming on No. 123

W.T.M.

Long Distance from Benton
Man Calling: Swede, this is Earl. How's things?
Watkins: Where are you?
Man: Benton. Meet me at that garage.
Watkins: What garage?
Man: Andrew's. I'll be there in half an hour.
Watkins: Alright, I'll be there.

NOTE: This is probably the "King" previously mentioned. Agent H. A. Snow proceeded to vicinity of the Andrews Garage, 1611 Park Ave., and kept a police car, parked on side of road under surveillance for 3/4 hour, but

no contact was made. Agent W. T. Morton took up surveillance upon Agent Snow's return, but the police car was gone.

9:09 P.M., incoming on No. 123

D.P.S.

Woman: Asked for Watkins, who came to phone.
Woman: This is Mrs. Sims. What's the latest news about the boys. I talked to Dutch about it, and he said he is going to turn them loose. He talked to Judge Ledgerwood about them. Do you think it is true. Do you think he will do it?
Watkins: Yeah. I'll see him again in the morning, and I'll stop by and see you.
Mrs. Sims: That is very nice. Of course, it was unfortunate that he was staying here, but he was sickly, and I know his brother and sister were supporting him. He seemed such a nice boy.
Watkins: Yes ma-am, I'll see you in the morning.

9:17 P.M., incoming on No. 123

D.P.S.

Woman: This is Mrs. Sims again. This is confidential. You know I have known "Dutch" since he was a boy? Do you think he will do what he says he will? I have been asked for some statements by this race commission. You know I think I ought to call my lawyer about this. What do you think, Mr. Watkins?
Watkins: I don't think it will be necessary. They will be out in the morning.
Mrs. Sims: You know Dutch came right in and got that boy without a warrant, and walked right through a door, of course, you were with him, but with Dutch it's different. I don't know why they arrested him.
Watkins: That big fellow, King, he was selling service into California. That was that machine they had in there.
Mrs. Sims: Was that it? My husband told me they had a "bug" in there. I thought he meant they brought bugs in the house with them.
Watkins: I'll get hold of Dutch tonight and talk to him. If I don't get a hold of him tonight, I'll get a hold of him the first thing in the morning.
Mrs. Sims: I sure do appreciate it.

March 7, 1937.

5:00 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

H.A.S.

Watkins: Called 1901 (Claire Sims, 211 Woodbine)
Mrs. Sims: Hello, Jerry, glad you called. I've been embarrassed -
people talking about the raid at my house.
Watkins: Well, I don't think there's anything going to come
out of it. Both of the fellows have been out in
front all day as trustys. They'll be released soon.
Mrs. Sims: That's good. I didn't see anything wrong with them.
Anderson was nice and quiet. They didn't take any
money out of Hot Springs. They brought some in.
Hope it doesn't get in the papers; would be bad
publicity for the town. Thanks for calling.

6:24 P.M., incoming on No. 123

D.P.S.

Anderson, at Little Rock, calling Akers.
Akers: Hello.
Anderson: What time shall I come for that boy?
Akers: I am going to take it up in the morning. I haven't
been able to get in touch with that other boy.
Anderson: I saw him yesterday.
Akers: Who?
Anderson: King. I saw him with that boy out at the oil station.
Say, you want to release him don't you?
Akers: I've got them out now. They are out in the sunshine now.
Anderson: I want to spring those boys. As soon as you get a release,
I'll come over and get him. You want him to get out of
town, don't you.
Akers: Yeah. Call me tomorrow.
Anderson: Alright, Chief. I'll call you about six pm. That will
be alright, won't it?
Akers: Yes.

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The following conversations of interest to this investigation
appear in the logs for the period covered by this report:

March 1, 1937.

The following conversation apparently refers to telephone
business at the race track, and indicates that Chief of Detectives Akers
is a close friend of Mr. H. W. Shepard, Unit Manager of the Telephone
Company:

11:48 A.M., incoming on No. 446

B.M.S.

Shepard: Mr. Akers, please.
Akers: Akers talking.
Shepard: You call me?
Akers: Have you got your passes?
Shepard: Yes, plenty.
Akers: Well, you know what I called you about, don't you?
Shepard: Yeah, if we can get any of that business out there again this year let me know, you know what I mean.
Akers: Yes, sir.

The following call indicates that Cecil Brock, formerly in charge of the Identification Unit of the Police Department, but now employed as house detective at the Eastman Hotel, arranged for the fingerprinting of all maids at the hotel:

12:35 P.M., incoming on No. 123

B.M.S.

Tucker: Hello, Chief's Office.
Housekeeper: This is the housekeeper at the Eastman Hotel. I sent my maids over to be fingerprinted Saturday afternoon, they said they waited from four to five but never did get printed. Now, I can't let them off every day - when can you take them?
Tucker: Call back about 1 o'clock lady.

The following conversation appears to have originated with Miss Fern Griffith, who formerly resided at 648 Park Avenue, Hot Springs (present address of Cecil Brock), as Brock attempted to call her earlier during the day in Little Rock:

1:34 P.M., incoming on No. 123

W.T.M.

Long Distance operator announced a call for Mr. Buck (or Brock) and he answered. The conversation between Brock and the woman calling indicated that she was in great distress because she had become pregnant by him. He said he had gotten "a druggist over here, Petty (phonetic) to fix up some stuff for her and she instructed him to send it to her at 611 West 6th St., Little Rock, by special delivery. Part of his conversation is as follows: "There is enough there for 18 spoonfuls; take 1 spoonful in 1/3 cup of hot water every four hours and tonight get in a tub of very hot water up to your hips, later adding more hot water and at the same time drink a big glass of hot ginger tea." The conversation closed as follows:

Brock:

Woman:

Brock: Oh, yes you will darling, for me?
Woman: No sir, no more, aren't you coming over?
Brock: I will, Honey, just as soon as I can get some change and a car.

(611 West 6th Street, Little Rock, is listed as the residence of Mrs. Terrell Harrell, in the current telephone directory.)

"Swede" mentioned in the following conversation is Day Captain of Police Jerry Watkins. Jimmie Phillips, with whom he is talking, is connected with the Southern Club.

7:22 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

J.M.J.

"Swede" called for Jimmy Phillips at #1069 (Southern Grill), requesting broken bottle of whiskey, as he had a bad cold. Phillips said "No, but come on up if you want a drink or so". Swede (Watkins) said he needed it as he had a bad cold.

The following conversation between W. S. Jacobs and Chief Akers is self-explanatory. The identity of Nobles is unknown.

7:50 P.M., incoming on No. 446

J.M.J.

W. S. Jacobs called Akers.

Jacobs: Say, I got a letter here from Nobles, with a lot of good things in it about you - do you want to see it?

Akers: Yes, where are you - home?

Jacobs: Yes.

Akers: OK, I'll be up.

The following conversations tend to explain one of the alleged "rackets" in Hot Springs, engaged in by the police and local garages:

9:32 P.M., incoming on No. 123

J.M.J.

Girl called and said she could not get her car because there was a \$1.00 storage charge and she had no money to pay same - claimed there should not be a charge because the judge had instructed a charge be placed against her or she should be turned loose - not held for investigation.

Rogers claimed she would have to pay the charge.

10:47 A.M., incoming on No. 123 (3/2/37)

W.T.M.

Akers (calling):

Chief that woman with the Ford car in the garage -
Judge says to release her car without charges - and
give her that gambling paraphernalia in the window
in my office - and tell her to get the Hell out
of town.

10:48 A.M., outgoing on No. 123 (3/2/37)

W.T.M.

Chief Raspberry:

3900 (Market St. Garage)
Ordered the above car released without charge -
describing the car as "that V-8 with Kansas licenses.

The following conversation appears to relate to the employment
of Marion Anderson and associates, at the Oaklawn Park race track, to
patrol the same.

9:14 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M., outgoing on No. 648

W.T.M.

3800 (Arkansas National Bank)
Man: Called for Marion Anderson.
Man: Marion, I hear you got straightened out alright.
Anderson: Yes.
Man: Arch is here, where can he see you. I'll send him out to
the track.
Anderson: Listen, I want to see you first. (Made arrangements
for meeting at Mayor's office).
NOTE: The voice of man calling was not similar to that
of the Mayor.

The following conversations are self-explanatory, and indicate
that in the past tax free passes were issued:

11:05 A.M., incoming on No. 648

W.T.M.

Ish Bean asked for tax free passes. Hazel told him she couldn't issue any,
and in a confidential tone of voice told him the Government were checking
too close.

11:23 A.M., incoming on No. 648

W.T.M.

Man giving name "Reed" asked Mayor about an owner's or trainer's pass.
Mayor said he couldn't issue any, and offered him daily passes. The Mayor
said in a confidential tone of voice that the Government men were checking
the lists too close.

The following conversation indicates that members of the
"administration" obtain employment during the races:

11:31 A.M., outgoing on No. 648

W.T.M.

743 (Hot Springs City Judge)

Hazel:

Mrs. Caroline there?

Man:

No, she has gone, but she will be back at noon.

Hazel:

Oh, oh, she was going to do something for me.

Man:

Well, she's going to do it - I talked to her and she
said she would -- (interrupted)

Hazel:

Well, she had better.

Man:

You going to the races aren't you?

Hazel:

Yes.

Man:

Who you going with? I know that Gib Witt (or nit wit)
is taking you.

Hazel:

(Laughter)

Man:

God damn! God damn! That's all I got to say.

Hazel:

(Laughs)

McLaughlin cuts in.

Mayor:

I read your brief last night, and you handled that last
thing just right. (Conversation continued along this
line and mention was made of "leaving an opening.")

Man:

Cella coming to town?

Mayor:

Not today, but he'll be here Tuesday or Wednesday.

Man: 4

Well, I want to know if I will be with the race track -
you know - let me know how I stand. I was told
I was an associate attorney, I will have to know
something so I will know how to act accordingly.

Mayor:

Sure, that is right. Well, you see him Tuesday or
Wednesday and talk it over with him. How is the
Coffee (phonetic) crowd coming around?

Man:

Oh, alright.

Mayor:

Has Potter (phonetic) come over yet?

Man:

No, he hasn't. Say, I tell you something you got to
be cautious about - Jay (phonetic) Roland.

Mayor:

Yes.

Man:

Now Jay is "right", you understand, he is "right" but
you gotta be cautious.

Mayor:

Yes, I see.

Man:

Well, I am busy. I got two or three things to
straighten out. Vern wants to put Archie Ledgerwood
on as a guard on that money truck, "s--t", that won't
do - he'd get himself killed and everybody else - we
got to change that.

Mayor: "Well, don't you know he has been out there at
Belvedere - and learned all about firearms?
Man: "S--t", "S--t", aw, "S--t".
Mayor: "Ha! Ha! Well, I'll see you."

NOTE: The voice of the man was similar to that of
Sonny Davies.

March 2, 1937

The following conversation appears to relate to the activities
of Chief Akers in a divorce suit:

2:05 A.M., incoming on No. 446

W.T.M.

Woman (to Akers): Did you ever see another woman as much trouble as I am?
Akers: Why, no.
Woman: Have you called yet?
Akers: No, not yet.
Woman: Well, shall I call my lawyer?
Akers: Yea - and I'll call the judge.
Woman: Alright - you do that.
Akers: I'll call you.

The following conversation is self-explanatory, but the identity
of the caller and "the old man" are unknown:

10:15 A.M., incoming on No. 446

W.T.M.

Man: (with "Dago" brogue) Dutch, what did you do with my
partner - the old man?
Akers: In jail.
Man: \$50. fine?
Akers: Yes.
Man: You want me to send him out of town?
Akers: Wait a little while and we'll see!

The following conversation is further evidence as to the traffic
in firearms by the police. "Curley" apparently refers to Detective Curley
Evans:

12:05 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

W.T.M.

"Curley" asked Akers what he did about that pistol.
Akers said he sold it.

Another indication of the varied activities of Akers appears from the following calls:

12:55 P.M., incoming on No. 446

W.T.M.

Mr. Abe Cousley (phonetic) called Akers, who inquired "about that policy you had on that nigger, Arnett Jones, have you paid a claim on it yet?"

Cousley: Yes, paid it to his wife yesterday.

Akers: What was the amount?

Cousley: \$317.70.

Akers: I am working on that case - might come out a little on it.

12:57 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

W.T.M.

1134 (Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.)

Akers: Mr. Cousley (phonetic) (probably identical with party of previous call)

Cousley: Yes.

Akers: You know if that nigger had any in any other company?

Cousley: No - I don't.

Akers: What I mean is - if he had put that in his application - or he doesn't have to put that in?

Cousley: No, he doesn't have to put that in.

The following calls appear related and indicate a new business being opened (Highland Park Inn) in which Akers and Marshall Purvis, attorney, are interested:

4:30 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

H.A.S.

Watkins: Called 870 (Purvis & Purvis, Attys)

Asked for Marshall (Purvis)

Clerk: Not here now.

Watkins: Have him call either Akers or Watkins at the jail.

6:40 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

J.M.J.

Man (Akers?): Called 3620 (Purvis, Marshall), said he had been to see "Criss". They have stole most of the stock. There's a \$40 light bill - the rent is all paid - I told him the place has to be run on the level - If I don't see a lot of entrys I'm going to check up every day.

Marshall: He thinks you are in for half?

Man: Yes, but your name is down for it - if he ever says anything, I'll deny ever having said so.

Marshall: OK.

10:59 A.M., incoming on No. 123 (3/3/37)

B.M.S.

Man: Dutch there?
Tucker: No.
Man: Tell him to call 2505
(Phone #2505 is Highland Park Inn.)

The following conversations are self-explanatory:

6:55 P.M., incoming on No. 123

J.M.J.

Man asking if the 1928 Buick Coach reported stolen last night had been recovered.
Jailor: No information yet.
Man: Would you mind explaining what that detective meant about there would have to be a reward posted before the detective department would start looking for it?
Jailor: You will have to speak to Mr. Akers about that, he's in charge of that work.

9:31 P.M., incoming on No. 446

J.M.J.

Man asked for Rogers - reported theft last night about 11:00 P.M. of a 1928 Buick, Iowa 1936 license #77-25488 - advised Rogers - "This fellow will kick in if you get the car back."
Rogers: OK.

From the tenor of the following conversation it appears that the same might have originated with a madam of a house of prostitution:

8:26 P.M., incoming on No. 446

J.M.J.

Woman: Asked Dutch "Did you go down there?"
Dutch: Yes.
Woman: Were they there?
Dutch: Yes.
Woman: Did you go to the races yesterday?
Dutch: Yes, I saw one, but the other one must have been up in the stands.
Woman: Try again tonight.
Dutch: O, give me a call tomorrow night.

The following call indicates that Captain Ben Rogers was able to secure a badge for his wife to enter the races free of charge:

9:22 P.M., outgoing on No. 446

J.M.J.

Rogers:

Called 8653, spoke to Bill Hamilton, of 229 Woodbine who advised Rogers he had secured a badge for Rogers' wife. Rogers will call at the house for it.

The following conversations indicate that Mayor McLaughlin did not want a new election bill passed, as it would affect the coming election:

9:42 A.M., incoming on No. 548

B.M.S.

Hollingsworth:

Hollingsworth calling the Mayor long distance from Little Rock.

Mayor:

Mayor?

Yeah, listen in reading over that thing I was talking to you about, I find about 10 or 12 objectionable features. Have you read it?

Hollingsworth:

No, I haven't.

Mayor:

Well, one of the objectionable features is the watcher who stays at the polls all day is supposed to sign the back of each ballot, that destroys the secrecy, see. It seeks to do away with the writing in of names during an election. There are many other objectionable features. Besides that, it becomes effective now, and we would not want it to affect us next month. You know that.

Hollingsworth:

I'll take care of this. Don't worry about it, it's practically in the bag.

Mayor:

And listen, I want to bid in that delinquent lot for 500 and 100 penalty, that'll make 600 all told.

Hollingsworth:

OK, now send me some more passes.

Mayor:

I will, but don't forget this. I told Jim to work with you on this and he will.

Hollingsworth:

I'll take care of it, don't worry.

9:52 A.M., incoming on No. 648

B.M.S.

Mayor:

Long distance operator gave the Mayor Mr. Campbell. Jim - Leo. There's a couple of bills I want you to send me a copy of; City Bill #400 and House Bill #291. Now, have you read over this City Bill #240 yet?

Campbell:

That's the election bill, no, but it has been referred to a committee and I've got the bill right here in my pocket. I'm going to keep it there as long as I can.

Mayor: Milan told me he would not have amended the bill if he had known us boys didn't want it, but he was opposed to the whole bill. One of the bad features is that it shoots one of our commissioners right out from under us.

Campbell: I understand. I'll take care of it for you, Leo.

(Hollingsworth is Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives. James Campbell is a State Representative from Hot Springs.)

The following conversation is interesting, in view of the fact that the Oaklawn Park race track is outside the city limits, and Chief Akers would have no jurisdiction, except as a Deputy Sheriff under Marion Anderson, who is patrolling the track through employment by Charles Cella:

10:45 A.M., incoming on No. 648

B.M.S.

Sam: Long Distance from Little Rock.
Mayor, this is Sam Robinson, lawyer for Louis Michael. I am getting ready to leave Little Rock with him in a few minutes, to come down and see you. I think he's got a good cause of action.

Mayor: I do too, I talked to him while ago, and like I told him that Sigman guy is a no-good son-of-a-bitch, and he can get judgement against him.

Sam: How did it happen? The way he explained it, he has a cause of action against the race track association also.

Mayor: No, he hasn't any action against the track, the way it happened my Chief of Detectives, Dutch Akers, was out at the track yesterday; this man Sigman ran up to him and said the man who robbed him of a diamond ring two years ago was there with the ring on. Dutch told me they looked around for 30 minutes before this fellow put the finger on Louie Michael.

Sam: But I heard that Akers told Michael he was acting in behalf of the track association and created quite a scene.

Mayor: He might have said that, but he didn't mean it. Akers is one of my men, sent out to the track by me to watch for pick pockets, etc., he's not connected with the association at all.

Sam: No use in seeing you then, if I need you further, I'll write or phone.

Mayor: Do that.

(One Elzie Sigman is a resident of Hot Springs and owns several race horses. Louis Michael is listed in current city directories as living at 1302 Cumberland St., Little Rock, occupation not listed.)

The following conversation between W. S. Jacobs and Mayor McLaughlin is self-explanatory:

11:00 A.M., outgoing on No. 648

B.M.S.

Mayor: 2115 (W. S. Jacobs' unlisted phone)
Jacobs: Hello.
Mayor: Have anybody out at the Club last night?
Jacobs: When I left at 7 o'clock there was 40 or 50 cars
1 in the yard, the Governor's secretary and a party
were there ordering dinner.
Mayor: Did they pay for it?
Jacobs: I don't know, I left a check with Otho and left it
up to him, told him if they didn't offer to it was
all right. Track was short of folks, wasn't it?
Mayor: Yeah, folks and money too.
Jacobs: Maybe more will come in Saturday.
Mayor: They've put in another bill against us, I think it
was put in from the other side of the State. I think
I'll be able to block it, just got a few days now,
and I think I can keep it pushed around 'til it's over.
Jacobs: Yeah, two days this week and all next week.
Mayor: I'll show you the bill when I see you.
Jacobs: All rightie.
(The Club apparently refers to the Belvedere Club. The
bill referred to by McLaughlin appears to be the election
bill previously mentioned.)

Several calls on the Mayor's telephone indicated that Hazel Marsh, Secretary to the Mayor, received a tip from one Sanders, and with a girl friend, made a bet on the daily double and won, the double paying \$140.10.

March 3, 1937

The following conversation indicates the practice of Chief Akers in talking to persons in his automobile. It will also be noted that the Mayor fixed a meeting place which is in the business district and not near his residence:

8:07 A.M., incoming on No. 123

B.M.S.

Mayor: Let me speak to Dutch Akers.
Corrington: Just a minute.
Akers: Hello.
Mayor: Busy?

Akers:
Mayor:

No.
Drive on up and park on the other side of the street
from Bath House Row. I'll sit in the car with
you, I wanna talk to you about something.
Be right up.

Akers:

The following conversation, noted in the logs as a questionable
transaction, probably originated with Gus Maile, (Not Bailey), Manager
of the General Exchange Insurance Company at Little Rock:

10:19 A.M., outgoing on No. 123

B.M.S.

Dutch Akers got Operator 12, Little Rock, re: to
his call.
Bailey: Dutch, this is Gus Bailey.
Dutch: Hello, Gus.
Bailey: I've got a check for you in that Wright case at
Holland's Garage, made payable to you. Remember?
Dutch: Yeah, just mail it.
Bailey: Well, I would have done that, but you all have been
having so much trouble over there lately.
Dutch: That didn't affect me, I wasn't mixed up in it.
Bailey: Good, the check is for \$25.00, dated Feb. 13th,
I'll mail it to Police Headquarters.
Dutch: Thanks, Gus.

NOTE: This transaction sounds as though it may be
questionable.

The following conversation is self-explanatory:

10:30 A.M., incoming on No. 123

B.M.S.

Mrs. Dudley: Mr. Akers, please.
Akers: All right.
Mrs. Dudley: Mr. Akers, this is Mrs. Dudley.
Akers: Who?
Mrs. Dudley: You remember Dr. Dudley, don't you?
Akers: Sure.
Mrs. Dudley: Well, this is Mrs. Dudley. I've had my upper teeth
pulled, that's why you can't understand me. Mr.
Akers I want to buy something from you. I don't
want to mention it on the phone. Will you come by?
Akers: Go ahead and tell me, it's all right.
Mrs. Dudley: Well, you got any diamonds?
Akers: Got some small ones.
Mrs. Dudley: How about some one or two carats?

Akers: I tell you, I'll look around, and see what I can pick up. I'll let you know.
 Mrs. Dudley: I was telling Mr. Scott yesterday I wanted to see you, you're not afraid of me, are you?
 Akers: Oh, for Christ's sake no.
 Mrs. Dudley: Thank you, Mr. Akers.

The following conversations indicate that the "administration" at Hot Springs is now working with the State administration and Governor Bailey:

(Long distance operator announced a call for Mayor McLaughlin from Little Rock)
 Mayor: Hello.
 Man: Hello, Leo, this is Grover J -- (indistinct) (probably Grover Jarnigan, Bank Commissioner).
 Mayor: Why, hello Grover.
 Man: Say Leo, I want you to do something for me.
 Mayor: Sure will.
 Man: They are bringing up a bill here - house bill 521 - by Boyer - about assuming the debts on the toll bridges.
 Mayor: House bill 521.
 Man: 521 by Boyer.
 Mayor: Alright.
 Man: We want you to kill it. (Explaining it was adverse to the Refunding Bill)
 Mayor: Sure will.
 Man: Yes. Want you to call your two representatives and have them kill it.
 Mayor: I'll do it. I'll do it.
 Man: We'll sure appreciate it.
 Mayor: What's the status of that bill now?
 Man: They are trying to get it up in the house this morning.
 Mayor: Alright, we'll do it.
 Man: I am sorry that I haven't been over to your races yet.
 Mayor: Yes. I had the pleasure of meeting the "Boss'" wife yesterday. Their box was next to mine. I gave them two losers though, so I guess I am in bad up there again.

10:15 A.M., incoming on No. 648

T.T.M.

(Operator announced completion of call to Mr. Maner in Little Rock.)
 Mayor: Hello, Earnest, this is Leo. You know that house bill 521, by Boyer?
 Maner: Well, I dunno.

Mayor: Well, they are trying to get it up in the house this morning, aren't they?
 Maner: No, they have a Senate Bill up for amendment about the County examiners.
 Mayor: Well, I got a call about this bill from headquarters, you understand what I mean?
 Maner: Yes.
 Mayor: It seems that they are trying to kill this bill because it interferes in some way with that refund bill - something about the toll bridge.
 Maner: Yes. What is that number?
 Mayor: Yes, get a pencil (pause) it is House Bill #521 - by Boyer. Now, not that we give a damn about this bill but the Governor and them are against it and here we c go with them. You see?
 Maner: Yes - vote against it.
 Mayor: Yes - vote against it. See Jim and tell him.

10:17 A.M., incoming on No. 648 W.T.M.

(Call to Rep. Campbell connected at Little Rock.)
 Mayor: Hello, Jim, just got a call from other there a while ago about that house bill #521 - this is Leo.
 Campbell: Alright.
 Mayor: Seems like the "Big Fellow" (probably Governor Carl Bailey) and the others down stairs are against it.
 Campbell: Yes, that must be that thing of Harris' about those bridges.
 Mayor: Well, they are trying to get in the house this morning - it is by Boyer, they told me - they want to kill it - I dunno, they claim that it will interfere with that refund bill - something about the toll bridge.
 Campbell: Well, now, I don't know - if it is that thing I am thinking about, I am obligated to those fellows from Jefferson County. I am traded out with them - on that bill of ours - 421.
 Mayor: Uh huh.
 Campbell: Anyway, I don't think that thing will pass. They've tried it time and again.
 Mayor: Well, you see the Governor and them are against it and we can go with them.
 Campbell: Well I don't know whether we are talking about the same thing. I'd better look it up.
 Mayor: This is by Boyer they told me.
 Campbell: Well, I'll look into it and see what I can do.
 Mayor: Well, the administration is against it - just let Earnest go one way and you go the other, I guess.

The following conversation appears to be between Mayor
McLaughlin and "Sonny" Davies, City Attorney:

11:56 A.M., outgoing on No. 548

W.T.M.

743 (Hot Springs City Judge)

Mayor:

About that income tax - Scott Wood and Fleet have been investigating up there in the Revenue Department. They have been supposed to be "assisting" in that other stuff and they've been looking up those records - what they are after is in connection with my divorce - to see how much income I have.

Man:

(voice similar to that of Sonny Davies) Well, I got mine from Brad Smith (indistinct conversation continued audible parts of which indicated Brad Smith is a confidant of Davies and that Davies is preparing to go to Washington) Well, you know another thing - old Houston Emory isn't right.

Mayor:

No.

Man:

No sir - he's wrong.

(Pause)

Man:

Well, you are straight on that income tax aren't you? Have you put this years in - how much did you pay?

Mayor:

Sure I am straight. I just paid them \$85.00. Gib Witt fixed up for me. Why, they turned back \$102 on last year's - Gib Witt made a mistake in it.

Man:

You got nothing to worry about then - you know you have put in all of your earnings.

Mayor:

Yes, yes, every bit of it. They were just over there looking for money that just didn't exist.

Man:

Well, if you know you got that in straight you got nothing to worry about.

Mayor:

Naw - they thought they would find something wrong - they didn't find my other interests.

NOTE: Pertaining to the last sentence in this conversation, and particularly "my other interests", in overhearing this conversation, and judging from the Mayor's tone of voice, it is probable that the implication that he has "other interests" would be erroneous. It is believed that he meant that the searchers didn't find the "other interests" which they (searchers) believed existed.)

March 4, 1937

The following conversations indicate that the Mayor and Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood are concerned over a recent act of the legislature defining nuisances. It will also be noted that Carroll Hollingsworth, Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives, apparently works for McLaughlin, and is working on the election bill, previously mentioned. The conversation between Ledgerwood and McLaughlin concerning "books" also appears interesting.

9:30 A.M., incoming on No. 648

W.T.M.

(Operator announced completion of connection of call to Mr. Hollingsworth at Little Rock).
Mayor: Hello Carroll; Say, a bill was passed and approved - House Bill #149 - got your pencil?
Hollingsworth: Yeah - just a minute.
Mayor: House Bill #149, by Wright and Coleman, approved February the twenty fifth. It is now Act #118 - defined as Act To Define Certain Public Nuisances and Abatement.
Hollingsworth: Yes.
Mayor: I guess it is down there in Crip's (phonetic) office now.
Hollingsworth: Yes.
Mayor: I tell you what I wish you would do - go down there and read it. I want to find out what it is applicable to here, you know, and let me know.
Hollingsworth: Alright, I will.
Mayor: What about our other thing?
Hollingsworth: Oh, it's on ice.
Mayor: Fine! Now will you go down and read it and call me back - reverse the charges.
Hollingsworth: Yes, I can do it in no time - call you back in 15 minutes.
Mayor: Oh, no hurry - I just wanted to see what it is applicable to here.

10:47 A.M., incoming on No. 648

W.T.M.

(Operator announced long distance call for the Mayor from Mr. Hollingsworth in Little Rock.)
Hollingsworth: This thing here, I don't see how it is gonna hurt you.
Mayor: What does it say?
Hollingsworth: (Then read most of the bill (Act 118 - House Bill 149) which in substance is as follows: Any public dance hall or similar place becomes rowdy or there is loud misconduct and illegal drinking of whiskey

Hollingsworth (cont'd): in and around it, it may be defined as a public nuisance and breach of the peace. Proceedings against this may be instituted by the Chancellor in the Circuit Court, prosecuting attorney in the Circuit Court, or on petition of ten citizens who must first post a bond for damages and costs. The jurisdiction lies in the circuit Court.) (The conversation was closed as follows:

Mayor: Alright. Now are you staying on that other?
Hollingsworth: I am! Staying on it night and day.

11:00 A.M., outgoing on No. 648

W.T.M.

743 (City Judge's Office)

Mayor: Say Vern, that thing doesn't touch us - he just read it to me. (Mayor outlines Bill referred to in call of Mayor and Carroll Hollingsworth at 10:56 A.M. on this date.)

Ledgerwood: I had read that. I got to watch that close.

Mayor: Yes - the jurisdiction is in the circuit court and 10 citizens can invoke proceedings, but they must give bond.

Mayor: Say, after you left out there I saw ten fellows in that end (or "N") box. They were in that box making books. I stood there and watched - several went up there and placed bets. I threw 'em out. They are booking up in the Arlington. Now, I'm going to call up Chester (Manager of Arlington Hotel). I happen to know those fellows. Now, with our books closed we can't have these son-of-bitches out there making books - out in the open.

Ledgerwood: Send somebody up to them to place a bet and have Akers arrest them. That is what to do.

Mayor: I'll see Dutch.

(It will be noted that apparently Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers is employed at the track and apparently is a member of the patrol in charge of Marion Anderson, Sheriff. Note also previous conversation between McLaughlin and Sam Robinson, Attorney, wherein McLaughlin said Akers was not working for the track.)

Subsequent to the above calls McLaughlin called Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers to his office and then had the following conversation with Mr. Chester, Manager of the Arlington Hotel:

11:06 A.M., outgoing on No. 648

W.T.M.

2400 (Arlington Hotel)
Mayor: Mr. Chester, please.
Mr. Chester: Answers.
Mayor: Mr. Chester, Leo talking, you got a bunch of fellows up there & one little grey headed fellow, Frachetti - What's his name?
Chester: Frachetti - he spells it F - r - a - c - h - e - t - t -
Mayor: 8, and nother fellow named Douglas. They've been coming here for years. Now they are up there operating a bookie business in the hotel -
Chester: I will not stand for that! They will have to get out -
Mayor: The boys have been trailing them and watching them close. They've got a wide open hand book business up there. They even go out to the races & yesterday evening they went out there and in that end (or "N") box they were openly taking bets - several of those American Legion fellows went up there placing bets. I just ordered them off. John Condon threw them off. They've got another fellow with them - Sam Bloom, over at the Eastman.
Chester: I am glad you told me - we will work right with you on that.
Mayor: Now they have some racket up there- they've already skinned two fellows. They are not only taking in out of town people, but they are working on guests up there in the hotel. So, I am send Dutch up there and I wanted you to know what he was coming up there for.
Chester: I certainly thank you - we appreciate that.
Mayor: The books in Chicago have been closed and they are now coming down here to operate. That's what they are doing, so I told Dutch to go up there quietly and just tell them that we are glad to have them here, but if they are going to do that kind of business we will have to put them on the train.
Chester: Well, thank you. We will cooperate with him.

Subsequent to this call, it appears that Chief Akers returned to the Police Department, and made the following call:

11:18 A.M., outgoing on No. 123

B.M.S.

Akers: 3322 (Howe Hotel)
Operator: Howe

Akers:
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Douglas:

Mr. Douglas, please.
Hello.
Doug, tell those boys who are betting across the street to be careful, there's some under cover men in town.
You mean the bookies at the Arlington?
Yeah, there's some under cover men here see, I'll explain when I see you at the Southern for lunch.
OK, I'll tell 'em.

The following conversation concerning the coming city election, between A. T. "Sonny" Davies and Mayor McLaughlin appear of interest, especially the remark, "we are telling the others that Tuesday is the last day."

W.T.M.

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12:00 Noon, outgoing on No. 648
743 (City Judge's office)
Sonny, what's doing - how are you getting along?
Oh, alright. I am writing up this ordinance. When are you going to have a council meeting?
Well - we'll have a call meeting - we didn't adjourn the last time.
No about this ordinance, of course it will probably affect business men out of town - now I know about the revenue and all that - but, if it is going to affect any of these business men in town, you see what I mean - you had better take it up with them.
I tell you, I would talk to them before I did anything - I sure would.
Sure - Oh yes - I'm going to talk to them and I am thinking about inviting those it will affect to the council meeting.
Before I acted finally I sure would take it up with those it would affect.
Say - what else do you know?
Oh, everything is lovely. So far the only candidates you will have against you is Brad Smith and Potter. Potter's brother is up here now soliciting money for Bob - I gave him \$250.00.
Of course we are telling the others that Tuesday is the last day.

Yeah.
Let me see - oh - or did you ever get what I was telling to do to Bob?
No, I haven't gotten around to it yet.
He' is the sole agitator - you get to him.

12:04 P.M., incoming on No. 648

W.T.M.

A man (name indistinct) from New Era called Mayor for details about proposed parking meters. Mayor said nothing had been done about that ordinance as yet, but when a council meeting was held to decide it all of the business men on Central Ave., that would be affected would be invited to attend.

12:15 P.M., incoming on No. 648

W.T.M.

Davies: New Leo - Partine (phonetic) at the New Era just called. Now, you must stress the point of leaving that to the people.
Mayor: I gave it to him that way.
Davies: No is the time not to get yourself in any wrangle, see what I mean?
Mayor: No, if they don't want it, we won't have it, revenue or no revenue.
Davies: And another thing - have you filed yet?
Mayor: Oh, yes I have. Done tended to that.
Davies: That is the thing now - be sure you got it in - on time. You see if I was on the other side I could bring that up - I would question it.
Mayor: Oh, I am straight on that.
Davies: You be sure.

The identity of "Big Harry", who made the following call, has not been established to date, but conversations indicate that he is a gambler or a "con" man, and a friend of Chief of Detectives Akers and Captain Jerry Watkins, of the Police Department.

3:04 P.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

"Big Harry": Is Swede Watkins there?
Watkins: Hello.
"Big Harry": Swede, this is Harry - "Big Harry" - you know you stopped me a while ago. Did you want anything with me?
Watkins: Where are you now?
"Big Harry": In back of the YW Cafeteria.
Watkins: I'll see you on the street some time tonight. Got a fellow I want you to meet.
"Big Harry": OK, my friend.

The following conversations appear related, and are set forth because of the fact that Attorney W. D. Swaim acts as an informant for Chief of Detectives Akers, and Akers calls him on numerous occasions. It appears that Swaim possibly splits fees with Akers on cases referred to him.

12:15 A.M., outgoing on No. 446

H.A.S.

Rogers: Called 2410 (Eastman Hotel)
Asked for Brock (house detective)
Brock: Hello.
Rogers: Cecil, do you have a man registered in 408 named Ernest Poore?
Brock: I'll call you back.

12:18 A.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

Rogers: Hello.
Brock: There's a fellow named Ernest Arnold in 408 - might be the one.
Rogers: There's a fellow here named Oscar Gurleck (phonetic) who says he and a fellow Poore worked five weeks in Texas; Poore registered at the Eastman and Gurleck left his suitcase there for a day or two - got it back today with \$720.00 missing. I'm sending over for that Ernest if it's the same room this guy says it is.
Brock: OK, meet me at the office.

1:40 A.M., outgoing on No. 446

H.A.S.

Rogers: Called 2410 (Eastman Hotel) for Brock.
Brock: Hello.
Rogers: Who was that girl in that guy's room over there?
Brock: She was Marion Richards - lives at the Army-Navy Hospital Nurses' home. I didn't know she was in there until we went in.
Rogers: Are you coming over here?
Brock: Yeah - be over in a little bit.

5:00 A.M., outgoing on No. 446

H.A.S.

Rogers: Called 3770
Clerk: Army - Navy Hospital.
Rogers: Give me the Nurses Home.
Clerk: Can't connect this time of night.
Rogers: Is there a nurse there named Miss Marion Richards?
Clerk: Can't tell tonight - call after 7:30 A.M.

2:04 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

B.M.S.

Man: 3270 (Army & Navy Hospital)
Tried to get Miss Richards. She was out. He left a
number, 3420 (W.D. Swain) for her to call.

2:15 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

B.M.S.

Swain: 3770 (Army & Navy Hosp.)
Operator Army and Navy.
Swain: Nurses Home, please, Miss Richards.
Miss Richards: Hello.
Swain: Miss Richards, Earnest wants to know if you are coming
down.
Miss Richards: Yes, Mr. Swain.
Swain: Do you know where to come?
Miss Richards: Yes, I think so, the jail.
Swain: I'll tell him you're coming.

6:44 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

W.T.M.

Akers: 3278 (W. D. Swain) Asked for Mr. Swain - he was
temporarily out.

6:50 P.M., incoming on No. 123

W.T.M.

Man: Called for Akers (probably attorney Dick Swain)
Akers: Dick, I didn't want you particularly.
Dick: Well, everything is alright - it isn't as good as I
expected, but it is alright.

The Bill Miller mentioned in the following conversation operates
the Miller Cigar Store (bookie, gambling place and beer parlor).

7:00 P.M., incoming on No. 446

W.T.M.

Miller: Bill Miller called for Akers.
Dutch, you got a friend of mine in jail - drunk - he was
fined \$10. I want you to see what you can do for him.
Akers: Who is he?
Miller: Ezell (phonetic).
Akers: Aw, crap! He's been in here so many times the Judge
is kinda sore at him.
Miller: Well, do what you can for him.
Akers: Well, I'll do what I can.

March 5, 1937

A conversation at 11:10 A.M., on #2115, between W. B. Jacobs and Louis Tarlowski, Attorney of Little Rock, revealed that Jacobs was planning on "big things" if his plans go through.

The following conversation indicates the method of Mayor McLaughlin in dealing with politicians.

12:02 P.M., outgoing on No. 648

D.P.S.

To 3517 (Not listed)
Mayor: Hello.
Ed Farris: I was over home last night. That bill is alright. There is another bill that may come up in the Senate. That one is bad. You know as long as I was over there I kept it out. We raised the purses \$18,000.00 this year. We have better horses. We are making money but we are building up the track. That's my argument. At eight this morning I called Conway Hall and had him call Paul Ward. It's a mean thing to combat.
Mayor: When is it coming up?
Farris: Tomorrow or maybe this evening. It didn't go to the committee.
Mayor: What kind of a man is Dick?
Farris: He is a dirty son of a b---. He won't take a dime, though.
Mayor: Can't deal with him, eh? What you want me to do, Ed.
Farris: Call up your senator or anybody else you might know. I am afraid they may slip it through.
Mayor: Alright, I'll get to work on it.

(Ed Farris is Secretary of the Racing Commission. The identities of the other parties mentioned in this conversation are unknown.)

The following conversations further verifies that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers is interested (financially) in the Highland Park Inn:

10:40 A.M., outgoing on No. 123

F.T.M.

Akers asked operator to connect him with Mr. Shepherd (telephone official). Mr. Shepherd was not in, and Akers talked to a lady in Shepherd's office, asking her why no calls could be put out of No. 2505, at Highland Park Inn. The lady told him the phone was temporarily disconnected because of a \$31.91 bill, yet unpaid.

11:34 A.M., outgoing on No. 123

W.T.M.

Akers talked with Mr. Shepherd of the Telephone Company about No. 2505, at Highland Park Inn. The conversation disclosed that a man named "Casper" (phonetic) formerly owned this place and had departed leaving a large telephone bill due on this phone. Akers stated that he had bought this place and didn't want to assume that obligation. However, Shepherd insisted that the phone would not be serviceable until the bill was paid.

The following conversation appears of interest, and is being made the subject matter of a separate file in the Little Rock Field Division. It may be stated that C. Floyd "Babe" Huff is United States Commissioner at Hot Springs, and is the subject of an administration investigation at the present time, the file being entitled "C. Floyd Huff, United States Commissioner, Hot Springs, Arkansas."

11:44 A.M., outgoing on No. 123

W.T.M.

Akers placed long distance call to Sheriff's Office at Benton, and when Sheriff could not be located he called the State Prosecutor at Malvern, whom he addressed as "Bill". Akers advised that "Pug" Dixon would not be returned to Hot Springs for prosecution and that he could be sent on to Tucker Farm. During the conversation the prosecutor said he brought out on the witness stand that "Babe" Huff harbored "Pug" Dickson in Little Rock while he was being sought in connection with his crime. Akers appeared highly aroused, and urged that the Prosecutor address a letter to the Department of Justice pointing out that Huff harbored a Government fugitive.

The following conversation apparently originated with a "tout" or "bookie":

5:29 P.M., incoming on No. 123

H.A.S.

Man:

Is Swede Watkins there?

Watkins:

Hello.

Man:

Swede, I want you to do me a favor - you know Condon and all those boys pretty well. I got put off the track this afternoon - want you to get me back on. I'm at Miller's now.

(Condon apparently refers to John Condon, who resides at the Park Hotel, but whose exact connections with the track are unknown at this time.)

March 6, 1937

The following conversation indicates that Day Captain of Police Jerry "Swede" Watkins on occasions is employed at the Belvedere Club at night;

8:31 P.M. outgoing on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs: 123 (Chief of Police)
Man: Chief's Office.
Jacobs: Is Swede there?
Man: Yeah, I can get ahold of him, wait a minute.
Swede: Hello.
Jacobs: This is Jacobs.
Swede: Yessir Mr. Jacobs.
Jacobs: Otho Phillips just called and wanted to know if you could come out.
Swede: Yessir Mr. Jacobs I can go out tonight, how are you feeling?
Jacobs: Oh, not so good.
Swede: I saw that (?) (didn't catch name) and he wants to know if you could use a couple of loads of hens.
Jacobs: Yeah if the price is right.
Swede: \$15.00 a piece.
Jacobs: All right.

The following conversation between Mayor McLaughlin and W. S. Jacobs, appears of interest:

8:35 P.M., incoming on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs: Hello.
Mayor: Whatdya know?
Jacobs: What's that?
Mayor: Lot of people in town today.
Jacobs: Hello there, I didn't catch your voice for a minute.
Yeah, plenty of people in town. I was just getting ready to call the Southern when your call came in, to tell 'em not to take any more reservations for Belvedere, it's full.
Mayor: That's fine. Lot of our friends in here tonight.
Jake: Yeah?
Mayor: Yeah. Saw Bob Crisp today, he told me a bill got lost today in the house. Funny. He saw the bill before it went up. Seems that Tackett (probably Taggart) who lives here and is a brother of Tackett over there and he sent the bill to his brother and his brother sent it back. I believe it was an election bill

Mayor (cont'd): presented by that fellow Gavins. Funny how a bill could get lost in the House like that.

Jacobs: Jim told me today Tackett was gonna run against you.

Mayor: Yeah, he qualified today.

Jacobs: You know Huff, he told Wheatley that there won't be any gambling around here if McLaughlin is elected. (laughs)

Mayor: (Laughs) Well there sure won't be any if Tackett is elected.

Jacobs: You say he qualified today?

Mayor: Yes, today was the last day. That's all right tho, it's perfect. I'm not worried at all.

Jake: I guess it ain't hardly safe to sneak around a little yet. (Gambling)

Mayor: No, I think he wants you to stay quiet a few more days anyhow.

Jacobs: Yeah, all right.

Mayor: I'll be seeing you.

(Bob Crisp is a State Representative from Pulaski County, is personally known to reporting agent, and has an office in the Rector Building. He is an attorney and close friend of former Governor J. M. Futrell. Tackett is Elmer S. Tackett, Attorney of Hot Springs, and candidate for Mayor in the city election to be held at Hot Springs on April 6th. He is opposing Mayor McLaughlin and the "administration." His brother is Representative Tackett of Pike County, a friend of the administration. The election bill apparently refers to the bill mentioned by McLaughlin in previous conversations. Huff refers to U. S. Commissioner C. Floyd Huff, who is opposing the administration and cooperating with Scott Wood in fighting the administration. Mr. Huff called at the Little Rock Division on March 8, 1937 and during his visit stated that several people had hoped the Bureau would take some action in Hot Springs with reference to harboring Alvin Karpis, as Karpis stayed in Hot Springs so long that surely someone gave him protection. Wheatley apparently refers to Hill Wheatley, who owns much real estate in Hot Springs and is friendly to the administration. The expression by McLaughlin of "he wants you to stay quiet, etc" apparently refers to Circuit Judge Earl Witt, and also refers to the opening of the gambling houses. It appears that public gambling is being held in abeyance pending the adjournment of the present legislature, as shown by the following conversation between Jacobs and "Tink" Young of the Ohio Club):

9:14 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115

B.M.S.

Jacobs: 210 (Ohio Cigar Store)

Man: Hello.

Jacobs: Is Mr. Young there?

Young: Hello.

Jacobs: Well, have you got a pretty good crowd?
 Young: Yes, fair, the racing crowd didn't get paid off today, waiting 'til Monday. If they had we would have had a big night also nuff.
 Jacobs: All reservations are taken at Belvedere.

The following conversation refers to the arrest of a barber named Gus who was arrested on March 4, 1937, and fined \$30.00. Gus made several calls to Jack and Frank at the Reliance Barber Shop and Jack said he would see Judge Ledgerwood.

8:56 A.M., incoming on No. 648 H.A.S.

Man: Asked for Judge Ledgerwood.
 Ledgerwood: Hello.
 Man: Judge - you know who this is - Jack, at the Barber shop. Do you want to come by here today and collect that fine from that party today?
 Ledgerwood: You tell him to hold it. I may be able to arrange it where he won't have to pay any fine. I'll be up there sometime today and talk to you.
 Jack: All right. Thanks, Judge.

The following conversation reveals the release of a prisoner fined for being drunk, in lieu of having him serve out the fine:

10:22 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 D.P.S.

Man calling: Is Judge Ledgerwood there?
 Judge to phone: Hello.
 Man: This is Mr. Stanfield. There was a Mr. Hobbs fined \$10.00 for drunkenness. Could you release him until he gets the money. If he doesn't you can throw him back in jail. I don't want to stand good for him.
 Ledgerwood: Sure, I would be glad to.

(Mr. C. A. Stanfield is an attorney in Hot Springs with offices in the Arkansas National Bank Building.)

It appeared from calls made by the Mayor and his secretary on this day that the Mayor had the city clerk get up a list of election officials in the past, who were called and told to come to the Mayor's office. The county clerk also prepared a list of persons who served on the petit and grand juries, three or four years ago. The Mayor stated to the county clerk, "I want to see if they would be usable now & see what I mean?" Apparently, the Mayor is preparing for the city election on April 6th.

March 7, 1937

At 12:30 P.M. on this date W. S. Jacobs called Room 769 of the Arlington Hotel and spoke to a man he called Judge, who said he would see Jacobs before he left town. The identity of Judge was not disclosed. It appeared however from the logs as to March 6, 1937 that John Bransford, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Pat Robinson, State Representative, made reservations at the Arlington through Mayor McLaughlin, and one of them may be the party referred to as Judge.

The following conversation is self-explanatory. Al and Lillian Pearrow operate a house of prostitution at 105 Prospect Street:

12:15 P.M., outgoing on No. 123

W.T.M.

789 (A. J. Pearrow, 105 Prospect)

Swede (Watkins) called and said to Lillian: I asked them boys about what Al wanted me to find out for him. Tell him I'll see him about it.

Lillian: He is here now.

Watkins: Which 'un was it that did it?

Lillian: He said Davis.

Watkins: Well, I talked to the man what done it and he swore he knew nothing about it.

Al: Swede, I'll be over there - I'll see you.

The following conversation appears to have originated with Mrs. Herbert Akers or her daughter, who was in Little Rock on this date:

6:26 P.M., incoming on No. 446

D.P.S.

Mrs. Akers: Long distance call from Little Rock, probably from Mrs. Akers, engaged in general conversation then - Did you hear that Leo (Mayor McLaughlin) and Burns (phonetic) made seven trips down here with "dough"? They offered to give Grady Manning (owner of Southwest Hotels) the "books".

Akers: Didn't know that. I knew they were squabbling about something. (Further talk about some person getting married and about woman helping somebody move; that she might not be home until Tuesday.)

Akers: So long, honey.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 18, 1937.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of March 8, 1937,
addressed to Mrs. Scott Wood, Box 315, Hot Springs, Arkansas (7-576-3).

By reference to the reports submitted recently in this
matter and especially pertaining to the recent legislative investi-
gation as to alleged lawless conditions in Hot Springs, Arkansas, it
will be noted that this legislative investigation apparently
originated with Mr. Scott Wood, attorney at law and former Judge of
the Circuit Court at Hot Springs. The Mrs. Scott Wood to whom the
reference letter from the Bureau was addressed, is the wife of
Attorney Scott Wood.

I am enclosing herewith a newspaper article taken from the
Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tennessee, under date of March 13, 1937,
which indicates that the Bureau's letter to Mrs. Wood was released
to the newspapers and misquoted to such an extent that it appeared
that an agent was being assigned to conduct an investigation as to
income tax reports of city officials and others in Hot Springs.

In view of the fact that an undercover investigation is
now in progress at Hot Springs, Arkansas, which includes the
alleged lawless conditions existing in Hot Springs at this time,
and it appears inadvisable to contact either Mr. or Mrs. Wood until
such time as the investigation in Hot Springs is conducted in the open.

Unless advised to the contrary the Bureau instructions to
interview Mrs. Wood, therefore, will be held in abeyance until a
future date.

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Very truly yours 7-576-3-72

Chapman Fletcher 1937
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Commercial Appeal
Memphis, Tenn.
March 13, 1937.

F. B. I. AGENT ENTERS HOT SPRINGS INQUIRY

Income Tax Investigation Re- ported Under Way

From The Commercial Appeal
Little Rock Bureau

LITTLE ROCK, March 12.—An agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been ordered to Hot Springs to conduct a secret investigation of conditions in the resort city, it was learned tonight.

According to information here, one of the Hot Springs residents responsible for the investigation by a House committee during the recent Legislature wrote J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F. B. I., requesting that he send an agent to the spa.

Mr. Hoover replied that he was assigning a man and that he would pay special attention to the income tax reports of certain city officials and so-called "big shots" in the gambling world, in an effort to discover any possible law violations.

It is understood the agent already is conducting his investigation.

The Legislature named a five-member committee to investigate reported lawless conditions in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit. After five weeks of hearing witnesses the committee submitted two reports, one signed by three members, recommended impeachment of Circuit Judge Earl Witt.

The other, signed by two members, asked that further action be indefinitely postponed.

The House later voted by an overwhelming majority to drop the matter.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 22, 1937.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector E. J. Connelley to the Bureau, dated March 12, 1937, wherein he suggests the advisability of placing a tap on the telephone of Lillian Pearrow, who operates a house of prostitution on the second floor of 105 Prospect Avenue, telephone 789, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and to my subsequent conversations with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau on March 17 and 22, 1937.

Authority is requested from the Bureau to establish this telephone tap and to expend an amount up to \$75.00 per month for the rental of a suitable place for surveillance of this telephone tap, if and when it is definitely learned that this tap can be established.

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Cincinnati
Mr. Connelley

Via AIR MAIL

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March 29, 1937.

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Mr. Chapman Fletcher,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
800 Rector Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TIMNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1232;
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated March 22, 1937, requesting authority to expend an amount up to \$75 per month for the rental of a suitable place for surveillance of a telephone tap to be placed on the telephone at 103 Prospect Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, said address consisting of a house of prostitution operated by Lillian Pearrow.

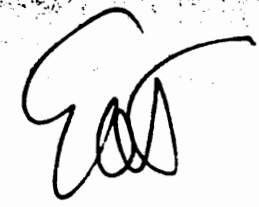
You are hereby authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$75 per month for the rental of a suitable location for this surveillance.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Dawsey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
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cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley,
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Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 22, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: R. A. RADCLIFFE, ET AL;
Information Concerning.

Dear Sir:

In reply to the letter of March 15, 1937, in your case entitled, "HARRY PERLMAN; Information concerning", your file 62-1125, please be advised that information has been received from Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department, to the effect that investigation of the parties residing in the apartment house located on Osage Avenue in Hot Springs was with negative results and indicated that none of the men were wanted, nor were their automobiles stolen. Chief Akers stated that his information as to the suspicious actions of these men originated with Chief Deputy Sheriff Roy Erney, of Hot Springs, and that subsequent investigation disclosed that these men arrived at the apartment house at different times, and there were no indications that they were engaged in any illegal activities.

With reference to the discrepancy in the description of the automobile in the possession of Perlman and for which Alabama tags No. 113-4060 were issued, it was stated by Chief Akers that investigation disclosed that Perlman traded his Plymouth sedan for a Buick automobile while enroute from Alabama to Hot Springs, and attached the Alabama plates to the Buick without having them transferred.

In view of the above information, this case is being considered closed by the Little Rock Field Division, and a copy of this letter is being forwarded to interested divisions, it being noted that the Detroit Division carries this file under the title, "AUGUSTINE LOVIDE, with alias (62-870); the Washington Field Division carries the file under the title, "JULIUS SILVERMAN; ET AL" (62-3509); the Kansas City Division carries the file under the title, "SUSPICIOUS PERSONS, HOT SPRINGS, ARK., Driving Ford Car, Motor #1661403" (62-1118); and the Omaha Division conducted an investigation as to Robert I. Goode.

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Very truly yours,

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CHAPLON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 23, 1937.

Time - 5:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring Investigation
at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

SAC Fletcher telephoned me from the Little Rock Office with reference to the above, and said that Agent Parry of the Oklahoma City Office, after making a thorough survey of the situation at Hot Springs, has arrived at the conclusion that he cannot put in the latest telephone tap there, and further, he says that unless Agent Jones has some additional information and blueprints, he does not believe that he will be able to put it in without detection.

I told Mr. Fletcher to get in touch with Chicago and find out if Jones' family affairs are in such a situation that he can come on back down there tonight and put this tap in. I told him not to release Parry until he is sure that Jones can come down there.

Mr. Fletcher is going to telephonically advise me in the morning as to what arrangements are going to be made relative to this matter.

Respectfully,

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