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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above case it is noted that prosecution has been completed at Little Rock, Arkansas, and the case has been referred upon completion by the Little Rock office. At this time all prosecution contemplated in connection with this case has been completed. It is noted that there are indictments still outstanding against the subjects at St. Paul, Minn., although no further action on these indictments is contemplated. It is also noted that indictment #6096 at St. Paul includes JOSEPH P. MORAN, subject of I.O. #1232, as one of the defendants. Letter from this office dated August 11, 1938, suggested that this Identification Order might be cancelled and the Bureau, by letter dated August 18, 1938, indicated that it was not deemed advisable to cancel this Identification Order at that time.

It would appear proper to close this case at the present time, except for the above mentioned Identification Order. If the Bureau still desires that this case be kept pending, it is suggested that the office of origin be changed back to St. Paul, Minnesota, where the only indictments still remain. There is no investigation of any kind to be performed in the Cincinnati Field Division.

Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC St. Paul
Chicago
Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY.

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Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREMER

Dear Sirs

Reference is made to your letter dated November 8, 1938, in which you inquire whether it is desired to maintain this case in a pending status and also requesting that the office of origin be designated as St. Paul, Minnesota, in which district the only outstanding indictments remain.

Please be advised that the Bureau does not desire to cancel the identification order issued for Joseph P. Moran at the present time in view of the fact that process remains outstanding for this individual and it has not been definitely established that he is dead.

You are also advised that the Bureau does not consider it advisable to change the office of origin in this case at the present time, and your office should therefore consider itself the office of origin in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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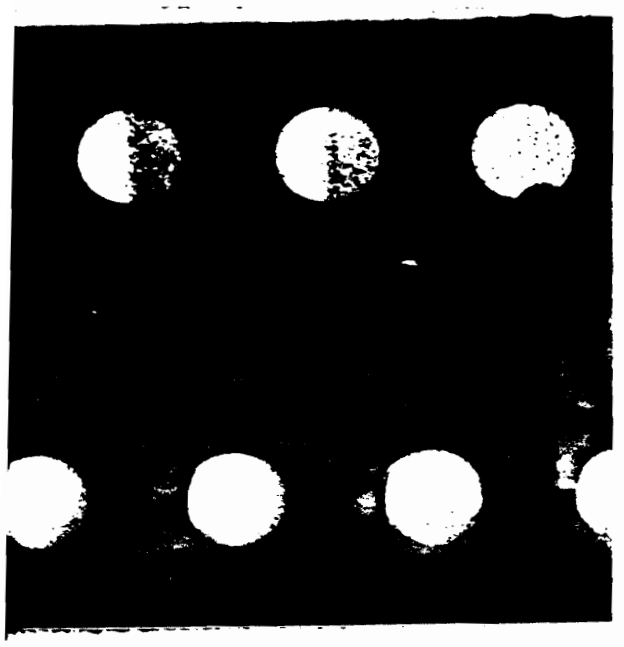

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Congratulate him and thank him for his splendid cooperation - Also check to be sure a memo was sent to S.S. re his cooperation. DM

United States Attor[redacted] Fred A. Isgrig of Little Rock, Arkansas, expresses appreciation for Director's untiring efforts in case of U.S. V. Herbert Akers, et al - Conspiracy to Harbor Alvin Karpis. Compliments work of the agents in this case, advising of their being assiled by counsel for defendants.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Little Rock, Arkansas

November 8, 1938

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed one copy of the instructions of Federal Judge THOMAS C. TRIMBLE, Little Rock, Arkansas, to the Jury in the case of HERBERT "DUTCH" AKERS; Et Al, in the recent trial at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mr. CHARLES HARLEY, Court Reporter for the Federal Court, personally delivered two copies of the Judge's instructions to this office, and stated that he had sent a copy to Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY. Mr. HARLEY has been thanked personally by me for these, but I am of the opinion that a letter from the Director to Mr. HARLEY would make him feel very happy.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Enclosure

cc Cincinnati
Inspector E. J. Connelley

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE
UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN
DIVISION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT
OF ARKANSAS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

v.

HERBERT (DUTCH) AKERS, JOSEPH ZUCKLIN,
CECIL BROCK, JEWELL LeVERNE GRAYSON,
ALIS GRACE GOLDSTEIN, MRS. AL. C. DYER,
MORRIS LOFTIS, JOHN STOVER AND RUTH HAM
ROBSION ALIAS CONNIE MORRIS, Defendant.

TRIMBLE, Thos. C. U. S. District Judge.

Gentlemen of the Jury: You have listened with patience to the evidence in this case, and the argument of counsel, and it now becomes my duty to give you the law, which is to govern you in arriving at your decision and to simplify, if I can, the issues which you are to pass upon. The great amount of testimony introduced may impress you that the issues which you are to pass upon are many, difficult and complicated, but such is not the case.

The law that I give you will be taken by you as the law, whether you agree with it or not, for that is the province of the court, but you are the sole triers of the facts, and you should apply the law w ich the court gives you to the facts in the case as you find them to exist.

This is an important case, important to the government, the public and to the defendants. It is important to the government because it involves the uncovering of a crime, which the government alleges has been committed against the laws of the United States; it is important to the public, because the public does not want crime committed and the perpetrators go free, nor does the public want innocent people convicted. It is important to the defendants because it involves their liberty, good name and reputation.

The indictment in this case charges that the defendants Herbert Akers, Jewell LeVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, Morris Loftis, Mrs. Al C. Dyer, Ruth Ham Robsion, alias Connie Morris, Joseph Zukelin, Cecil Brook and John Stover, and the two named coconspirators, Fred Hunter and Alvin Karpis, who are not named as defendants, both being presently confined in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, on the 1st day of June, 1933, or thereabouts, to the 1st day of May, 1935

or thereabouts, in Garland County, Arkansas, having notice or knowledge of the fact that a federal warrant had been issued for the arrest and apprehension of Alvin Karpis, and having notice or with knowledge of the fact that Alvin Karpis was on the 1st day of June, 1935, and continuously thereafter to the 1st day of May, 1936, a fugitive from Federal Justice, and was avoiding discovery and evading apprehension and arrest on said Federal Bench warrant, conspired, combined, confederated and agreed together and with each other that the defendants, Herbert Akers, Jewell LeVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, Morris Loftis, Mrs. Al C. Dyer, Ruth Mann Robsion, alias Connie Morris, Joseph Makelin, Cecil Brock, and John Stover, would harbor and conceal Alvin Karpis, for the purpose of preventing his discovery and arrest. The indictment then charges that in furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect and accomplish the purpose thereof, different named defendants performed various acts. The acts charged are as follows:

1. That on or about the 20th day of June, 1935, and continuously thereafter up to and including the 25th day of March, 1936, the defendants Jewell LeVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, and Ruth Mann Robsion, alias Connie Morris, provided Alvin Karpis with food, drinks, and entertainment at the Hatterie Hotel in Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas.

2. That on or about the 24th day of October, 1935, the defendant Jewell LeVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, searched for a house in the City of Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas, to serve as a residence or "hiding place" for Alvin Karpis.

3. That on or about the 24th day of October, 1935, the defendant Jewell LeVerne Grayson alias Grace Goldstein, rented from Bill Wheatley, Hot Springs, Arkansas, a house located at 602 Third Street, in the City of Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas, to be used as a "hiding place" for the said Alvin Karpis, and thereafter the defendant Jewell LeVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, provided the house to Alvin Karpis as a place of refuge and a hiding place.

4. That on or about the 5th day of December, 1935, the defendant Jewell LeVerne Grayson alias Grace Goldstein, rented from Mr. and Mrs. Toby Finkel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, a certain house located at 134 Club Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, to serve as a residence

or "hiding place" for Alvin Karpis.

5. That on or about the 11th day of December, 1935, the defendant Joseph Rakolin, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, loaned to the defendant Jewell LeVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, a set of automobile license plates in order that the defendant Jewell LeVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, might transport Alvin Karpis in her automobile from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Paris, Texas.

10. That on or about the 26th day of May, 1936, the defendant Ruth Hare Robsion, alias Connie Morris, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, furnished Alvin Karpis with certain information material to Alvin Karpis, said information being to the effect that on or about the 26th day of March, 1936, certain inspectors of the Post Office Department of the United States were seeking, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, to arrest and apprehend Alvin Karpis.

The defendants named in the indictment are not all on trial at this time, Ruth Hare Robsion, alias Connie Morris, having heretofore pleaded guilty, and the case against the defendants Mrs. Al C. Dyer, Morris Loftis and John Stover having been dismissed by the Court.

It is a violation of the law of the United States for any one to harbor or conceal any person for whose arrest or apprehension a warrant or process has been issued under the provision of any law of the United States, after notice or knowledge that a federal warrant has been issued for the arrest or apprehension of such person, but at the outset you should bear in mind that these defendants are charged with a conspiracy to harbor and conceal Alvin Karpis after notice or knowledge that a federal warrant had been issued for his apprehension. They are not charged with actually harboring and concealing him, but they are charged with the crime of entering into a conspiracy to violate the statute that I have called to your attention. The Criminal Code of the United States provides:

> "When two or more persons conspire to commit any offense against the United States, and one or more of such parties do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each of the parties to such conspiracy shall be liable to a penalty."

To constitute a conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States, the agreement, confederation or common understanding between the parties must be such as to be capable, if executed, of committing an offense against the United States if carried into effect.

A conspiracy simply means a combination or understanding between two or more persons to accomplish an unlawful purpose or to accomplish a lawful purpose by unlawful means. There must, in any event, be at least two persons involved. There may be any number greater than two, because, obviously, an individual could not conspire with himself. The term means a confederating or agreeing together, so if two or more persons or parties confederate og agree or have a common understanding for the accomplishment of an unlawful purpose, either to commit any offense against the United States, or to defraud the United States in any manner or for any purpose, then those persons are what the statute denominates conspirators.

Now I caution you that it is not necessary that two or more persons should actually meet together, that is personally together, and then enter into an explicit or formal agreement for an unlawful or criminal scheme; nor is it necessary before a conspiracy can be formed that two or more persons shall directly, that is expressly, by writing or spoken words, state or agree as to what that unlawful or criminal scheme is to be, or the particulars of the plans, or the means to be applied in carrying out such conspiracy. Conspiracies are seldom, indeed, formed in a manner open to such direct proof. Conspirators do not go upon the public highways and proclaim their purpose. It is enough that they have a common intent to accomplish an unlawful purpose., and that they act together for that purpose. As I have told you it is not necessary that the parties acted together understandingly to accomplish an unlawful purpose.

You may, in determining whether or not whether or not a conspiracy exists, take into your consideration all of the acts and deeds and surrounding circumstances admitted in evidence, and from that determine if the evidence, in your judgment, so warrants that a conspiracy has been formed within the meaning of the statute, as I

as I have undertaken to define it to you.

Now the essence of the offense is the conspiracy itself, but the mere forming of the conspiracy is not enough within itself to come within the terms of the statute. At least two things are necessary; First, the unlawful conspiracy must come into existence; and, second, someone or more of the parties to that conspiracy must do some act to effect the object of the conspiracy. The indictment herein charges that doing of a number of over acts, in order to effectuate the object of the conspiracy, as set forth in the indictment.

It is not necessary that all of the defendants should be familiar with all the details of the object of the conspiracy, nor all the plans and means for attaining the object of the conspiracy, if one existed. But it is only necessary that they know the general purpose of the conspiracy. If the evidence shows to your satisfaction that any two or more defendants have conspired together for the general purpose of committing an offense against the United States as charged in the indictment, then any defendant who knowing the general purpose of the conspiracy, who thereafter became a party to the conspiracy, or who performed any act in furtherance of such conspiracy, would then become a party to it and bound by all the acts performed and done, not only by himself, but by any other party to the conspiracy, both before as well as after he entered into the scheme. In other words a conspiracy having been formed, any person who thereafter joins in it, accepts it as he finds it, and is criminally responsible for all that has been done before he entered into it, as well as by the acts and doings of all his -copeconspirators, so long as he remains in it, and regardless of whether he is personally a party to those acts and doings or not.

In this case you need not find that all the overt acts set forth in the indictment were performed and done, but if you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt, that the defendants, or any of them, more than one, at the time and place set out in the indictment, after notice or knowledge of the fact that a Federal warrant had been issued for the apprehension and arrest of Alvin Karpis, conspired, combined, confederated and agreed together, either expressly or tacitly, to harbor and conceal Alvin Karpis, so as to prevent his discovery and arrest, and you further find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt

that any of the defendants in the furtherance or execution of such conspiracy, confederation, or combination did any one of the overt acts, specified in the indictment as having been performed by such defendant, then and in that event all of the defendants whom you find were members of the conspiracy, confederation and combination are bound by this act and it is your duty to return a verdict of guilty as to such defendant or defendants.

The defendant Jewell LeVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, has admitted in her testimony that she learned the true identy of Alvin Karpis, and if after she learned the true identity you believe that she voluntarily participated in a conspiracy, if you find there was one, to harbor and conceal Alvin Karpis, she would be guilty as Charged in the indictment. One of her defenses is that whatever she did was done through fear for her life, or of bodily harm, both for herself and for her co-defendant Ruth Hamm Robsion alias Connie Morris, and that her acts were not voluntarily done and were not of her own volition. Now the law is that one cannot excuse a criminal act merely because one is threatened with harm. In other words there must be something more than mere threats and fear; the coercion and duress of such threats must b to the extent that the free will of the one threatened is overcome by such threats; so that he is not performing or doing his own acts but the acts of the one who threatens. So if you find that the acts of the defendant Jewell LeVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, if any, were not voluntary but were the result of continuous fear of her life or bodily danger, and she at all times during the existence of the alleged conspiracy, if you find that there was one, or duing the time she participated in the conspiracy, if you find that she did, she was acting under duress and fear and not voluntarily, she would not be guilty. In considering this you may take into consideration all the facts and circumstances surrounding as shown you by her testimony, and all the testimony of the witnesses which has been submitted to you.

You are instructed that if you find from the evidence in this case that the defendant officers, either or any of them, knowing that a warrant had been issued by the federal government for the arrest and apprehension of Alvin Karpis, and knowing that he was being harbored or concealed in or about the City of Hot Springs, and if you find from

the testimony in this case that either or any of them purposely refrained from apprehending or arresting the said Alvin Karpis, or from notifying the federal officers of his presence in or about the city, of Hot Springs, with a view to protecting or aiding him, the said Alvin Karpis to escape apprehension or arrest by the federal officers, then you may consider this as a circumstance as to such defendant as to whether or not such defendant entered into and participated in a conspiracy to harbor or conceal the said Alvin Karpis. Mere failure alone of defendant officers to arrest Alvin Karpis did not make them or either of them a participant in the conspiracy charged.

The fact that the defendants have been indicted by the grand jury is no evidence of the guilt of the defenfants, and in passing upon their guilt or innocence you are not to take into consideration the fact that they have been indicted. That is simply the means that the government has of bringing the defendants to trial, for the Constitution of the United States as well as its laws provided that no personal shall be brought to trial for a felony except upon an indictment returned by a grand jury.

The fact that the defendants were jointly indicted is not evidence that they are all innocent or all guilty. You will consider each defendant separately, and unless you are convinced by the evidence of the guilt of any one or more of them beyond a reasonable doubt, it will be your duty to find that defendant or defendants not guilty.

There are four defendants, and you may find any one or more of the defendants not guilty, or you may find any one or more of the defendants guilty, and it is not necessary that you return the same verdict for or against each and all of the defendants.

At the beginning of this case as in all criminal cases and trials the defendants are presumed to be innocent and that presumption follows them, and each of them, throughout the trial until such time as the evidence in the case convinces you beyond a reasonable doubt of his guilt. I shall later explain to you the meaning of the term "reasonable doubt."

Now you are the sole judges of the credibility of the witnesses and the weight to be given to their testimony. With that the court has nothing to do. It is the province of the court to declare the law applicable to any phase of the case, and it is your duty, as I have said to you, to apply that law to the testimony and to return a verdict in accordance with both the law and the testimony.

You may judge the credibility of a witness by the manner in which he or she testifies, his or her demeanor upon the stand, the reasonableness or unreasonableness of their testimony, its consistency with itself and with the other testimony in the case, the means of knowledge which the witness may have about the fact about which he or he testifies, their interest in the case, or any other fact or circumstance tending to shed light upon the truth or falsity of a witness' testimony.

In passing upon the testimony in this case you are to exercise your commonsense, your reason, and your judgment in the light of your experience in life, and your observation of the conduct of people, and ascertain from the whole testimony what the truth is, and let your verdict reflect that truth. Verdict means truth-speaking; ascertain the truth and reflect it in your verdict, whatever it may be.

If you believe that some witness has testified falsely as to some thing, you may disregard that testimony, but you may believe if you see proper, that testimony which you believe to be true. Or, if you believe a witness has testified falsely wilfully to any one thing, you have a right to disregard his entire testimony, upon the principle that a man who will swear falsely to one thing will to another, or you cannot tell what to believe or what not to believe. But my may believe a part of the testimony, if you see proper. That is a matter that is left to the wise discretion of the jury.

The defendant Jewell LeVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, has testified in her own behalf and this the court instructs you she has a right to do. Formerly a defendant was not permitted to testify in his own behalf upon the presumption that he would testify falsely in order to save himself from punishment, but this has wisely been changed and he is now permitted to testify and the jury to weight the credibility of his testimony.

For the purpose of determining what weight you should give to the testimony of the defendant, y u may take into consideration the vital interest he has in the result of your verdict. A verdict of guilty, of course, means punishment, and a verdict of not guilty means liberty and all the things that go with it. Whether that would affect his testimony or not is a matter which you must determine. Whether or not the fact that a man's liberty is at stake would cause him to swear falsely, when otherwise he might not, is to be taken into consideration by you in determining what weight you should give to the testimony of the defendant. Then you should also apply to his testimony the same tests that you apply to the testimony of any other witness who may have appeared before you in the case.

You have been told that you should give to the defendant the benefit of a reasonable doubt. A reasonable doubt does not mean any possible or imaginary doubt, because everything that depends upon human testimony is susceptible of some possible or imaginary doubt. Neither does it mean that you should be convinced to a mathematical certainty, but it does mean that you should be convinced to a moral certainty. To be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt is that state of the case which, after an entire consideration and comparison of all the testimony in the case, leaves the minds of the jurors in that condition that they have an abiding conviction to a moral certainty of the truth of the charge. A moral certainty is such a certainty that you as prudent and reasonable men would be willing to act upon in the important affairs of your life.

A defendant has a right not to take the witness stand in his own behalf. He is presumed to be innocent, and the burden of proving him guilty is on the government, and it must prove his guilt by testimony which satisfies you of his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, and no unfavorable inference can be indulged in by the jury against any of the defendants because they did not take the stand and testify in their own behalf.

If I have not already made it clear to you, I charge you now that any admissions or statements against interest made, or acts performed, in furtherance of any conspiracy, if you believe one existed in this case, by any one of the defendants, outside of the presence and hearing of any of the other defendants, should be considered only against the defendant performing the act or making the statement, unless you find that at the time such act was performed, or statement made, such other defendant or defendants, had then become a party to such conspiracy, in which event such act or statement may be taken as evidence against any and all defendants who became parties to such conspiracy, if any, at any time during the existence thereof, and whether such defendants were present or not.

The defendants are being tried upon the charge which is set out in this indictment. If they are found guilty, it must be upon that charge. They are not being tried for any other offense than that which is charged in this indictment.

Even though you may believe from the evidence that some of them or all of them may have been guilty of some other offense, you cannot find them guilty under this indictment on that account, as they are charged only with the offense which is set out in the indictment and with none other.

In many cases, especially in conspiracy cases, it is often hard, and at times impossible to prove the offense by direct testimony. Persons engaged in unlawful conspiracies do not as a rule make their intentions public. For this reason the government must often rely in such cases solely upon circumstantial evidence. Such evidence warrants a conviction in criminal cases, provided it is of such a nature as to exclude every hypothesis but that of guilt of the offense imputed to the defendant. Or in other words, the facts proved must all be consistent with and point to his or her guilt only, and be inconsistent with his or her innocence. The hypothesis of guilt must flow naturally from the facts proven and be consistent with them all. If the evidence can be reconciled either with the theory of innocence or of guilt, the law requires that the defendant be given the benefit of the doubt and that the theory of innocence be adopted. Whenever circumstantial evidence

be proved and cannot be presumed.

The government has introduced excerpts from the Hot Springs New Era and Hot Springs Sentinel Record, newspapers published in that city, each morning and evening. Such excerpts as have been introduced in evidence are to be considered by you as circumstances in determining whether or not any or all of the defendants had notice or knowledge that Alvin Karpis was a fugitive from federal justice and a federal warrant had been issued for his arrest and apprehension.

There has been testimony introduced at the trial concerning statements or admissions made by one or more of the defendants after Karpis was arrested in New Orleans on the 1st day of May, 1936. Such evidence is only admissible against the defendants who made the statements or admissions about which any witness has testified. Such statement or admission could not bind any/other defendants and I charge you that you will not consider any statement or admission which may have been made by any of the defendants after the arrest of Alvin Karpis against any of the other defendants.

The court has undertaken in its charge to clarify the issues for you, and to give you the law that should guide you in your deliberations. The case is now submitted to you for your consideration upon the law and all the evidence that has been submitted to you, and it is now your duty to take the case and to pass upon it fairly and impartially both as to the government and the defendants. You have no other interest in this case than to do justice, and to do what is right and what is fair between the government of the United States, which is the people of the United States, and these defendants, who are citizens of the United States. You are sitting here now as servants of the law, and your only interest is to do, under the law and the evidence, what is right and fair.

This case has been rather long, and I know that some of you are anxious to get through with your service. I trust, however, that you will give this case such consideration as it deserves, and bring in such a verdict as the evidence fairly and honestly considered justifies. Not take this case and decide it honestly and fearlessly. The only real compensation that you receive for your jury service is to know that you have done your duty well, that you have not shirked your responsibility. That is the highest form of remuneration and I trust you will have that satisfaction after you have returned your verdict.

In the courts of the United States, in criminal cases, the verdict of the jury must be unanimous.

As a matter of fact, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, after taking into consideration all of the facts and circumstances brought to you by the testimony and submitted for your consideration, and applying to them the law as given you by the court, what do you believe the truth to be? That is the inquiry that is submitted to you for answer.

When you retire to the jury room select one of your number as foreman who will sign the verdict when one is reached.

Is there anything further, Mr. District Attorney?

Mr. Catlett: Nothing further, if your honor please.

The Court:

Is there anything further on the part of the defendants, or any exceptions to the charge of the court?

Counsel for Defense:

Nothing further, if the court please.

The Court:

You may retire ladies and gentlemen and consider your verdict.

(Jury Retires.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I Charles L. Harley, hereby certify that I am the official reporter for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, that I attended court and reported the trial of the case set forth in the caption, and that the foregoing pages is a true, accurate, correct and complete transcript of the court's instructions to the jury.

U. S. Court Reporter.

JEL:VTM
7-576 -3-504 November 22, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: BRYKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 8, 1938, requesting that the Bureau transmit a letter of appreciation to Mr. Charles Marley.

It would be appreciated if you would personally thank Mr. Marley for his assistance in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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November 1, 1938

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: United States v. Herbert Akers, et al.
No. 12637 Criminal
(Conspiracy to harbor fugitive - Alvin Karpis)

Dear Sir:

After two weeks of battle, this case closed with a conviction of Herbert Akers, Joseph Wakelin, Cecil Brock, and Jewel LeVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein. Each of these defendants was sentenced to serve two years in a penitentiary. Ruth Hamm Robsion, alias Connie Morris, had previously entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced by the Court to serve one year and one day in a penitentiary.

I write you to express to you my great appreciation for the most remarkable, intelligent and courageous cooperation of members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was the result of a most remarkable and unusual piece of investigation on the part of Inspector Earl J. Connelley and Agents Daniel P. Sullivan, John L. Madala, Henry A. Snow and B. M. Suttler in Hot Springs and also other Agents who were formerly connected with the Little Rock Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who did some capable work, namely, Agents R. L. Shivers, Rufus Coulter, B. L. Damron, L. M. Chipman and N. E. Marshall. However, I wish to especially point out that part of the investigation dealing with the harboring under the direction of Inspector Connelley and the remarkable results in this connection obtained by Agents Sullivan, Madala, Snow and Suttler. Their work with me during the trial of this case was marked with courage as well as intelligence and faithfulness to duty.

I am not over-emphasizing or over-using the word "courage". The Hot Springs situation was exceedingly bad; and every form of intimidation was practiced in this case by the Hot Springs underworld and officials, in some instances, from the beginning of the investigation until the close of the trial. Counsel for the defendants assailed members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am sure it will give you pleasure to know that after all their assaults, when the trial was over the jury

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gathered around members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to express to them their appreciation for their splendid work and to state their absolute confidence in the members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Though it was a long, drawn out trial that frays the nerves of men and sometimes tries their patience, at the end of this trial I must look back on the joy of the personal association with Inspector Connelley and Agents Sullivan, Madala, Snow and Suttler.

I also want to express my appreciation of your untiring efforts in this particular case and also for the great service you are rendering in your fight and warfare on crime.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Fred A. Isgrig

Fred A. Isgrig,
United States Attorney

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Honorable Fred A. Isgrig
United States Attorney
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Isgrig:

Upon my return to Washington after spending several days in New York in connection with the three kidnaping cases which were solved by Special Agents of the FBI, I was delighted to receive your letter of November 1, 1938, with reference to the outcome of the trial of Herbert Akers, Joseph Wakelin, Cecil Brock and Grace Goldstein.

As you know, I have been very much interested in these cases in Hot Springs and since their inception I have personally been following the investigations and it has been a source of real gratitude to me to receive the reports from time to time of the Agents working on the casesregarding the cooperation which you extended them and the fearless manner in which you prosecuted the subjects so successfully. I feel that the relationship of Special Agents of the FBI with United States Attorneys such as you throughout the Nation illustrates what can be accomplished through coordinated and cooperative effort. Thus I was happy indeed to receive your commendation of the work of Inspector Earl J. Connelley and Special Agents Daniel P. Sullivan, John L. Madala, Henry A. Snow, B. M. Suttler, R. L. Shivers, Rufus Coulter, B. L. Damron and L. M. Chipman.

While you have spent many long hours in connection with the prosecution of this case I know you must have the satisfaction that comes with the accomplishment of a difficult task.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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United States Department of Justice
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

As will be noted in letters of the Little Rock Office dated August 24, 1938, and August 15, 1938, and in report of Special Agent W. F. WHITELY, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated August 8, 1938, prior to the trial of the harboring cases involving the various persons at Hot Springs, Arkansas, there was a considerable number of rumors to the effect that United States Attorney, Mr. FRED A. ISGRIG, would possibly not be reappointed; that this would make it possible for a United States Attorney to be appointed who might not be as vigorous in his efforts to prosecute the Hot Springs harborers, namely HERBERT AKERS, et al.

Mr. ISGRIG advised me personally and confidentially that he understood that there was a definite effort being made along these lines; that he understood they were making effort to defeat his reappointment as United States Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas; that apparently they believed a United States Attorney would be appointed who would be more favorable to the Hot Springs Administration, and that it would be some individual who would be less vigorous in his efforts to convict HERBERT AKERS, JOSEPH WAKELIN, et al. Mr. ISGRIG advised me that in contemplation of these possibilities he set the harboring case for trial October 18, 1938, although this should have been ordinarily the time during which they would have heard the civil docket. Mr. ISGRIG advised me that he wished to be certain that he had the opportunity to try the above indicated harboring case and convict the individuals concerned. It is Mr. ISGRIG'S opinion that, notwithstanding the

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conviction of these individuals, the effort to eliminate him for reappointment will probably be continued.

As you will recall in the trial of this case on October 29, 1938, after two weeks of trial, JOSEPH WAKELIN, former Chief of Police, HERBERT AKERS, Former Chief of Detectives, and CECIL BROCK, former Lieutenant of Police in Charge of the Identification Division of the Hot Springs Police Department were convicted and subsequently sentenced, together with GRACE GOLDSTEIN, keeper of the Hatterie Hotel, a house of prostitution, to two years each in the penitentiary. It is believed that Mr. ISGRIG was very sincere in his efforts to prosecute these individuals, and that his whole hearted, sincere, capable effort in this case, as well as his particularly forceful and effective closing argument had much to do with the conviction of these individuals. I believe that Mr. ISGRIG did everything possible to obtain a conviction of these individuals.

Three of the minor defendants in this case, JOHN STOVER, MRS. AL C. DYER and MORRIS LOFTIS, on October 26, 1938, at the close of the Government's case, were dismissed upon motion by the Court. The Court indicated that their confessions had not been satisfactorily corroborated. I believe the Court was in error as to this as there were many other things produced in the Government's case which would have corroborated their statements, and I believe that this should have gone to the jury for their determination of the facts. It is believed that the case was satisfactorily presented and that there was sufficient record to justifytheircase going to the jury. After the conviction of the other individuals some of the jurors in fact indicated to us that if the case as to all had gone to the jury they would have convicted all seven of the individuals who originally went on trial.

The situation as to this, I believe, warrants some comment inasmuch as the Government at some future date

might have occasion to take before United States District Court Judge TRIMBLE, Little Rock, Arkansas, something which was of vital importance to the Government. It is not believed that Judge TRIMBLE is particularly well grounded in the Federal law and in fact during the trial of this case, in certain arguments in the Judge's Chambers he himself stated that while he was not particularly familiar with the Federal law as to certain situations, that the State law covered same, in this manner indicating that he was not particularly familiar with Federal law and procedure. It is also believed that the Judge is inclined to be easily persuaded by arguments in Court and also outside in his general conversations with friends. It is believed that the Judge is entirely honest and sincere in his efforts, but due to the above indicated circumstances and references, he might not be the best Judge obtainable wherein there is being tried a situation vital to the interest of the Government.

I believe that the efforts of United States Attorney FRED A. ISGRIG were very efficient and satisfactory in this case and that he is to be commended upon his success in the trial. The defendants in this case presented the best obtainable lawyers in Arkansas to defend them.

Yours very truly,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector.

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November 8, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Within the past few days former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin, his Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, and Grace Goldstein operator of a house of prostitution, all in Arkansas, were convicted for harboring members of the Barker-Karpis gang at the time those gangsters were fugitives from justice. Each of the persons convicted has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of two years.

The successful conviction of these persons is due in no small degree to the excellent manner in which United States Attorney Fred A. Isgrig handled the prosecution of this case. Mr. Isgrig was both capable and fearless in his prosecution of the subjects of this case and although three of the minor defendants in this case were dismissed upon motion of the Court, the several jurors subsequently advised that if their case had been permitted to go to the jury, they would also have convicted these three minor defendants.

There is an aspect of this situation in which I thought you would possibly be interested. Reports have been current for some time to block the reappointment of Mr. Isgrig as United States Attorney in order that some person unfamiliar with this case or not as competent to prosecute it as Mr. Isgrig might be named as United States Attorney with the result that these defendants would not be prosecuted. It is needless for me to point out that the Chief of Police and Chief of Detectives of Hot Springs are closely affiliated with the political powers in the State of Arkansas. It appears that the efforts being made by undisclosed persons to block the reappointment of Mr. Isgrig, influenced him to a considerable degree in setting this case for trial at an early date, it being noted that the criminal trial was set at a point on the docket usually reserved for civil cases. There are further rumors current in Arkansas that Mr. Isgrig will not be reappointed on account of his vigorous action in prosecuting these defendants.

I mention these facts to you because I feel you will be interested in the rumors and statements that are being made in Arkansas. A copy of this memorandum is being transmitted to Mr. Keenan.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Mr. Keenan with cover memorandum

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a memorandum dated November 8, 1938, addressed by me to the Attorney General setting forth certain rumors and statements prevalent in the State of Arkansas concerning an alleged attempt to block the reappointment of United States Attorney Fred A. Isgrig due to his recent vigorous and successful prosecution of certain persons for harboring criminals in that State.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

John Edgar Hoover
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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
PAUL M. CLANTON	MISCELLANEOUS - JURY TAMPERING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On October 18, 1938, during selection of petit jury for Hot Springs harboring case in the United States District Court, Little Rock, Arkansas, WALTER R. HUGHES, prospective juror, advised that he had been approached by a Methodist minister who told HUGHES he would appreciate any favors HUGHES would do for JOHN STOVER if he were selected as a juror. Reverend PAUL M. CLANTON, Hot Springs, Arkansas, in sworn statement, admits he approached HUGHES in behalf of STOVER but states he only requested HUGHES to look to and weigh the evidence against STOVER in the event he were selected as a juror. United States Attorney declines prosecution.

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DETAILS:

This case is predicated upon information developed during the selection of the petit jury to try the harboring case against former Chief of Police JOSEPH O'KAKELIN and others in connection with the harboring of ALVIN KARPIS in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The jury panel was questioned on October 18, 1938, and during this questioning by United States District Judge in the selection of a petit jury to try the harboring case, one WALTER R. HUGHES stated that he had been approached by some man who requested him to do him a favor by not voting for conviction in the case, in the event he were selected as a juror.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: H. G. Anderson Special Agent in Charge

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At that time United States Attorney FRED A. ISGRIG indicated that he desired this matter be investigated inasmuch as he had received several reports that efforts were being made by persons connected with the Hot Springs city administration to fix the jury that was to try the harboring case against former Chief of Police JOE WAKELIN and others.

Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY communicated telephonically with Mr. E. A. TAMM of the Bureau and Mr. TAMM authorized at that time an investigation to be conducted in connection with a reported effort to influence WALTER R. HUGHES, a prospective juror, in the above trial.

Thereafter WALTER R. HUGHES was interviewed by Special Agent JOHN L. MADALA and the writer and he signed the following written statement:

"Oct 18 1938
Little Rock Ark

"My name is WALTER R HUGHES I am engaged in the mercantile business at Benton Ark. About two weeks ago I received notice through the mail to report for jury service in the U. S. Dist. Court on Oct. 18 1938. A list of the jury panel including my name was published in the Arkansas Gazette. About that date or on about Oct 10 in our store at Benton Ark. a man came in and introduced himself to me. I cannot now remember his name but he said he was acquainted with my brother JOHN L HUGHES who is Sunday school supt at Benton. This man said he was a minister probably Methodist at Hot Springs, I believe he said my brother JOHN L had talked to his Congregation at one time. He said Mr. STOVER who was connected with the Hot Springs airport was going on trial in connection with the KARPIS case and that STOVER was a member of his congregation. He said that he had noticed that I had been selected as a juror and that if I was on the jury trying STOVER he would appreciate any favor I might do for him. I

mentioned this incident to my brother JOHN R who said he made a talk to this ministers Congregation I have read the above statement which is written in my own handwriting.

/s/ WALTER R. HUGHES"

Agents thereafter proceeded to Benton, Arkansas, where they interviewed JOHN L. HUGHES, brother of WALTER R. HUGHES, and he signed the following statement:

"Benton, Ark.
October 18, 1938

"My name is JOHN L. HUGHES and I live at Benton, Arkansas. I am in the mercantile business in Benton with my mother and brother, WALTER HUGHES.

"Sometime in August, 1938 I made a talk before a meeting of non-secretarian laymen which was held in the Pullman Heights Methodist Church at Hot Springs, Ark. At that meeting I met a young red-haired Methodist minister, whom I believe to be a minister of the Oaklawn Methodist Church in Hot Springs, Ark.

"Within the last two weeks the above minister called at our store in Benton one day and asked for my brother WALTER HUGHES who had stepped out for a few minutes at that time. He waited around for a few minutes, and when I later saw my brother in front of the store, I pointed him out to this minister. I was busy on other matters and did not notice whether he talked to my brother, although he walked to him from thestore.

"My brother came into thestore a few minutes later and asked me who the above man was. I told him that he was a minister from Hot Springs. Nothing more was said about

this matter, & I have not seen the above minister since that time.

"I have read the above statement, and certify that it is the truth.

/s/ JOHN L. HUGHES"

Mr. JOHN L. HUGHES stated that he was not certain of the identity of the above named Methodist minister and agents accompanied him to various places in Benton for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the Methodist minister who had approached WALTER R. HUGHES. Mr. HUGHES finally came to the conclusion that the minister who had approached him was either Reverend GEORGE W. WARREN, pastor of the Oaklawn Methodist Church, Hot Springs, residence at 222 Woodlawn Avenue, HotSprings, Arkansas, or Reverend PAUL M. CLANTON, pastor of the Fullman Heights Methodist Church, Hot Springs, residence at 5 Westbrook Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Agents thereafter proceeded to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they interviewed GEORGE W. WARREN, at his residence, where he stated that he was acquainted with JOHN L. HUGHES, having met him during August, but he denied however having contacted Mr. WALTER R. HUGHES or having attempted to intimidate Mr. WALTER HUGHES or influence anyone in connection with the trial of this case.

Agents made several calls at 5 Westbrook Street, but Reverend PAUL M. CLANTON was not at home. Neighborhood inquiry resulted in the information that Mr. CLANTON had been at home that day and that he possibly had gone to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to visit a relative, name and address unknown. Surveilance was maintained on Reverend CLANTON'S home until midnight with negative results.

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On October 19, 1938, ROBERT J. GLOVER, United States Commissioner, Hot Springs, Arkansas, called at the office of the United States Attorney with reference to PAUL M. CLANTON and advised that he had heard that Bureau Agents were looking for Reverend CLANTON who had contacted him and requested that he be brought to Little Rock, Arkansas, to ascertain what he was wanted for. At that time Reverend PAUL M. CLANTON was interviewed by Special Agents JOHN L. MADALA and J. R. CALHOUN and the following sworn statement was taken from Reverend CLANTON which was subscribed and sworn to before LOUISE L. ALLEN Deputy Clerk, United States District Court.

"STATE OF ARKANSAS)
)
COUNTY OF PULASKI)

AFFIDAVIT

"I, Paul M. Clanton, do hereby make the following sworn affidavit to J. R. Calhoun and John L. Madala, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice:

"I reside at 5 Westbrook Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and I am a Minister of the Pullman Heights Methodist Church at Hot Springs. I have been a resident of Hot Springs for approximately two years.

"I have known John Stover for approximately eighteen months, having met him at the Municipal Airport, of which he is manager. Since my first meeting with him, I have socially visited with him and have also taken rides in his airplane. John Stover is a member of the Lions Club at Hot Springs, of which I am also a member, and I officiated at his marriage within the past year.

"From reading the local newspapers and from general conversations, I learned that John Stover had been indicted by the Federal Government in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis.

"I have known John L. Hughes slightly for the past month. He lives in Benton, Arkansas, and he spoke at a Men of the Church dinner at my church on September 15, 1938. On last Friday, October 14, 1938, I went to Benton, Arkansas, by automobile with my wife for the purpose of looking at some furniture. During that afternoon we went to a drug store in Benton for a cold drink, and while there I remembered that Mr. John L. Hughes lived in Benton. I, therefore, excused myself and went around to pay him a social visit. Previously, I had noted in some newspaper that on a Federal Jury Panel was a Mr. Hughes, from Benton, and I assumed that it was Mr. John L. Hughes. I did not remember whether Mr. Hughes who had spoken at my church was Mr. John L. Hughes or Walter Hughes, and I therefore asked him and learned that he was John L. Hughes. I then asked who Walter Hughes was, and he replied that Walter Hughes was his brother. I then told Mr. John Hughes that I would like to speak to Mr. Walter Hughes, and within a few minutes, Mr. Walter Hughes came into the store of Mr. John L. Hughes. I introduced myself to Mr. Walter Hughes, and I gave him my card.

"I told Mr. Walter Hughes that I was a friend of Mr. Stover, that I did not know whether I was doing something right or wrong in that I was talking to him because of my own desire, never having been asked to talk to him. I told him that from having read the newspapers, I was under the impression that all of those who were indicted would be tried together, and that because of that, I felt that Mr. Stover's case might not be noticed by the Jury, and

I told him too that I was not asking for any favors because I had no right to ark him and that I did not know whether I was doing right or wrong, but that I wanted him to weigh and look at the evidence brought against Mr. Stover if he could rightfully feel that he could weigh the evidence. That was practically all that I had to say to him about Mr. Stover's case. Mr. Walter Hughes said that he imagined that each case would be tried separately, and I replied to him that I was under the impression that it was all to be tried together. I think, that as far as Mr. Stover was concerned, that was all I had to say. Mr. Walter Hughes made no statement to indicate that he thought that I had said anything wrong. We shook hands, and I returned to the drug store and thereafter left with my wife for Hot Springs, Arkansas. I did not discuss the matter of my meeting with Mr. Walter Hughes with anyone afterwards.

"I desire to add that I am not in any way connected with the City Administration in Hot Springs, Arkansas. I feel confident that I have never met any of the other defendants in this case, namely: Joseph Wakelin, Herbert Akers, Cecil Brook, Morris Loftis, Mrs. L. C. Dyer, and Grace Goldstein. I desire to state further that I have had no particular interest in this case, except a natural friendly feeling for Mr. Stover, and on the other hand have had only the interest of an ordinary citizen.

"I am not acquainted with any of the others of the Jury Panel in this case, to the best of my knowledge, and I have not spoken or conferred with any of them in any manner whatever.

"I have read the above and foregoing affidavit of two typewritten pages, and the same is made freely and voluntarily by me without any threats or promises.

"Dated this the 19th day of October, 1938, at Little Rock, Arkansas.

/s/ PAUL M. CLANTON

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Little Rock, Arkansas, this 19th day of October, 1938,
LOUISE L. ALLEN, Deputy Clerk,
U. S. District Court,
Eastern District of Arkansas.

WITNESSES:

J. R. CALHOUN; JOHN L. MADALA,
Special Agents, F.B.I., Little Rock, Arkansas.

Robert J. Glover.

The facts in this case were discussed with United States Attorney FRED A. ISGRIG, who advised that he would not authorize prosecution in this case; that he intended to communicate by letter with Rev. PAUL M. CLANTON during the week begining October 30, 1938, and he would request Rev. CLANTON to appear in the United States District Court some time during the week. Mr. ISGRIG stated that he intended to take Rev. CLANTON before United States District Judge THOMAS C. TRIMBLE, in order that Judge TRIMBLE might severely reprimand CLANTON for his attempt to influence WALTER R. HUGHES as a prospective juror in the Hot Springs harboring case.

The following description of Reverend PAUL M. CLANTON was obtained:

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NAME	PAUL M. CLANTON
Age	30
Height	5'3"
Weight	120
Hair	Blond
Build	Small
Complexion	Light
Eyeglasses	Rimless
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Residence	5 Westbrook Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.
Marital Status	Married
Criminal Record	None known
Fingerprints	None known

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Little Rock, Arkansas

November 10, 1958

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. PHILLIP DAVID, witness in this case at its trial recently at Little Rock, telephoned from Monroe, Louisiana, late last night and informed that she believed that one HALL, an ex-associate of ARPIS, had been following her on three occasions yesterday. She recalled that Inspector CONNELLEY had instructed her to communicate with this office in the event she were molested at a later date because of testimony given by her in the trial here.

It is requested, therefore, that you have Mrs. DAVID interviewed immediately for the facts with reference to the possible intimidation on the part of HALL.

For your information, Mrs. DAVID resides at 207 Adam Street, Monroe, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Inspector E. J. Connelley

AIR MAIL

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 12th, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

The following quoted letters were received by Special Agent F. S. SMITH in an envelope marked "Personal," postmarked at Little Rock, Arkansas, November 8, 1938:

"County Jail
Little Rock
Tuesday, Nov. 8

"Dear Mr. Smith:

"Can't you please do something to get the truth of my case - honestly Mr. Smith I am innocent of any knowledge that this gang were about town and I believe you will believe me when I tell you that.

"I never did one thing wrong in my life in that way and it sure hurts to take this rap when I know down in my heart that the kind of testimony that was presented in court would not pass on appeal but what am I to do - no money and no one to put up money for an appeal.

"I have been out of work for the past 20 months - seven of those I was flat in bed with two doctors, and when I left the job only had $82.00 to my name and $4200 in debt and believe me it sure has been a grind to eat. Only did that by selling my car and guns and whatever I had I could sell - even had to sell my home and not out of debt yet.

"As for my part I know I can do my time but think what this means to my wife and baby to say nothing of my sister and brother.

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"And Mr. Smith this has made me lose my masonic obligations which was my church and meant all the world to me.

"

I had a talk with Grace here in the jail and she swears that there was never any money transaction between her and Joe that Joe did not know about these boys - well that is her story but that is hard to believe but I have no way of telling.

"If you knew these folks who testified against me you could understand why they could be easily talked into making such a statement but I can tell you truthfully there were lots of lies told on me.

"I hope to be able to go ahead, do my time, then some day live to see the true facts exposed then let some of these folks responsible for my present fix suffer some themselves.

"There is a whole lot in this case that I can't get clear in my mind but some day maybe it will all come out.

"Now Mr. Smith, if there is anything at all that you can do I will certainly appreciate it and remember my talk with you in your office.

"Come see me any time.

Cordially

(s) Herbert Akers "

"Mr. Smith

"Dear Sir:-

"I will personally appreciate any help you can give me in this case.

"Herbert always spoke of you as being a good friend of his and I feel sure that you will not advise me wrong.

"You can reach me at Hot Springs, P. O. Box 195 or phone 666 and if you want to talk to me I will be glad to meet you in Ft. Smith.

"Thanking you in advance for any advise,

Sincerely

(s) Mrs. Herbert Akers"

It is respectfully requested that the Bureau advise the nature of the reply which should be made to the above letters, or if any action should be taken by Special Agent SMITH.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Little Rock

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated November 12, 1938, in which you quote two letters received by Special Agent F. S. Smith, one from Herbert "Dutch" Akers, and the other from his wife, with the request that the Bureau advise the nature of the reply to be made to the above letters or if any action should be taken by Special Agent Smith.

It is not believed desirable that these letters should be acknowledged. However, it is suggested that an Agent from the Little Rock Office advise "Dutch" Akers and his wife that Special Agent Smith, in his official character as an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, cannot be of assistance to them as suggested in their letters.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Little Rock

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Brashar Mo
Oct 30 - 1938

Mr. Sutler
Little Rock
Ark.

Dear Mr. Sutler:-

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I hope my small service was some assistance in the success of your cause.

Please give my kindest regards to all the F.B.I. boys as well as everyone connected with the Federal Court there for every courtesy extended us while there.

By the way, I hope that among you, you will look after the welfare of Mrs. Armenia and family because she is a very highly respectable lady and has 3 super fine children.

Thanks again for every kindness.

Cordially Yours

/s/ Frank Earl Spencer

To acknowledgement necessary as Spencer informant Agent Sutter left Ark. & would write him upon arrival in Missouri. He would advise of his safe arrival. JBW

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Mr. Sutler
c/o Office United States District Attorney
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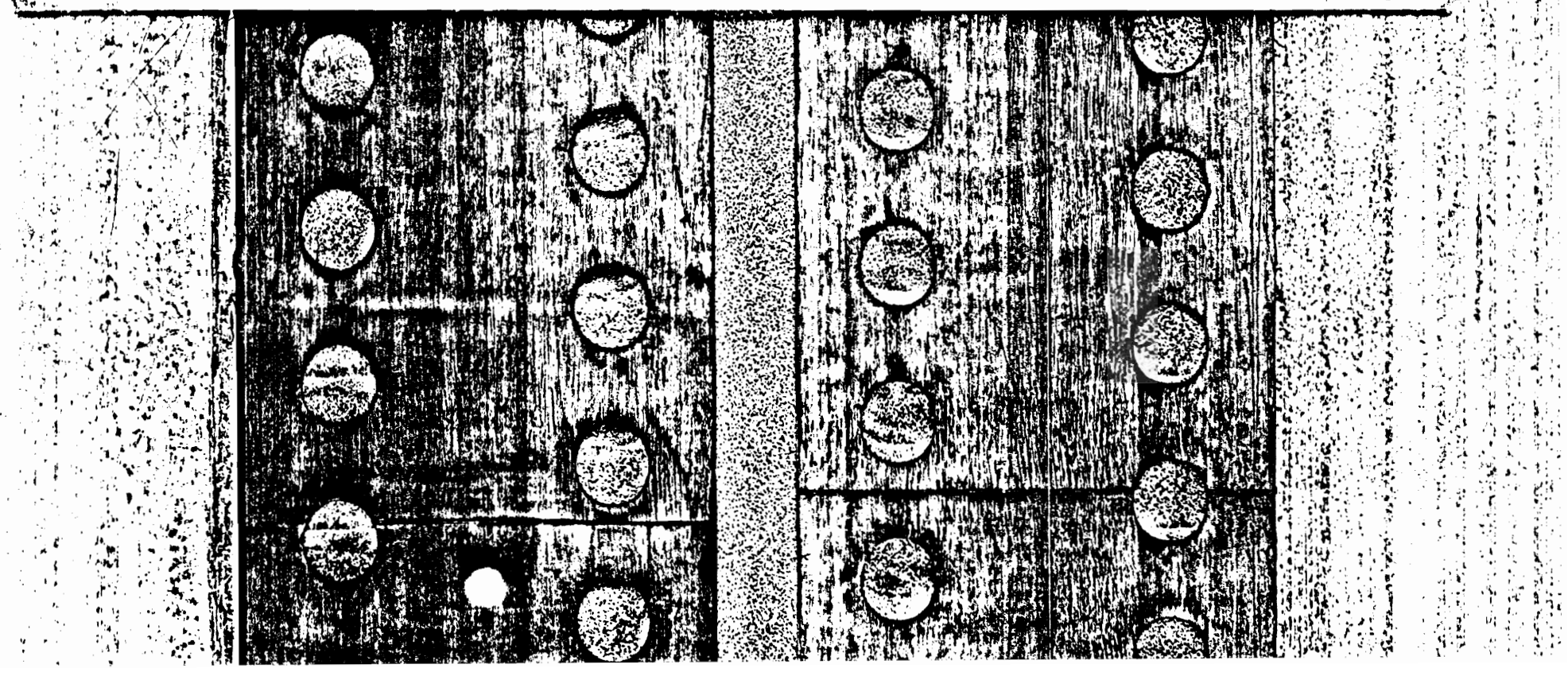

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Frank Earl Spencer

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

November 9, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLS

Re: Brekid
(Herbert "Dutch" Akers et al, Conspiracy)

There is attached hereto a letter from Frank Earl Spencer dated at Brashar, Missouri, October 30, 1938, advising of his safe arrival in that City, it being recalled that he was intimidated during the recent conspiracy trial at Little Rock, Arkansas in the above entitled case.

The writer first interviewed Frank Earl Spencer in the Spring of 1937 at his residence 125 Palm Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, in connection with the investigation then being conducted concerning the harboring of Alvin Karpis by Herbert "Dutch" Akers and others. Mr. Spencer lived next door to the prostitute, Grace Goldstein, during the time that Alvin Karpis was calling at her house of prostitution at 123 Palm Street during 1935, and Mr. Spencer furnished some valuable information to the Government regarding the association of Herbert "Dutch" Akers, former Chief of Detectives of Hot Springs, Arkansas, with Grace Goldstein and Alvin Karpis.

During the trial of the recent conspiracy case at Little Rock, Arkansas, involving Herbert "Dutch" Akers et al, Mr. Spencer testified in the Government's behalf and made a very convincing and satisfactory witness, Mr. Spencer testified against Grace Goldstein, Herbert Akers, Joseph Wakelin and Cecil Brock, placing all of the defendants in Grace Goldstein's house of prostitution at one time or another during the months of May and June, 1935, at the same time Alvin Karpis was consorting with this prostitute at her house.

In view of the damaging testimony, he received some subtle threats, but none of these threats were of such a nature that the Bureau Agents present at this trial could place their finger on any particular individual; however, the intimidation came about in such a way that Mr. Spencer was afraid to leave the city of Little Rock without protection of some kind. It should be noted here that Frank Earl Spencer is the brother-in-law of Oscar Pope Muse, another Government witness in the above mentioned conspiracy case at Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Muse also gave some very damaging testimony against the defendants in behalf of the Government, and he too received subtle threats that caused him to fear for his life before reaching the State line of Arkansas and Missouri.

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It was ascertained from the United States Marshal's Office on October 27, 1938, that a warrant had been sworn out by a party using the name of "Smith" (initials unknown) charging Oscar Pope Muse with cashing bad checks in the City of Hot Springs several years ago. The Sheriff of Garland County, Arkansas brought the warrant of arrest to the Sheriff of Pulaski County, Arkansas, who in turn advised the United States Marshal's Office at Little Rock that they desired to be advised as soon as the Government had finished with the witness Oscar Pope Muse.

Miss Gladys Mallet, Deputy United States Marshal, advised the writer of this incident and the writer conferred with Inspector E. J. Connelley, who in turn discussed this with the United States Attorney, the Honorable Fred A. Isgrig. Mr. Isgrig after being advised of the facts discussed the matter with Mr. Campbell, defense attorney for Grace Goldstein and a close associate of Leo P. McLaughlin, Mayor of the City of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Isgrig advised Mr. Campbell that Oscar Pope Muse was a Government witness and was still under subpoena by the United States Government, and for that reason the Sheriff would have no right to serve a warrant of arrest on Oscar Pope Muse for a violation of such a law committed several years prior to the instant trial. It was obvious that Mr. Campbell must have contacted Leo McLaughlin by long distance telephone immediately, as within a very short time an order was received in the U.S. Marshal's Office that the warrant of arrest had been destroyed, and it was not the desire of the Administration of Hot Springs, Arkansas to arrest or tamper with any Government witnesses subpoenaed in this conspiracy case.

On Saturday afternoon October 29, 1938, at the culmination of this conspiracy trial the United States Attorney excused Oscar Pope Muse and Frank Earl Spencer as Government witnesses. They received their checks and were instructed by the United States Attorney to proceed in their car out of the State immediately to their own domicile in Missouri and were also instructed that if for any reason they were arrested or harrassed in any way, to advise either the United States Attorney or the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Little Rock Field Office. The Little Rock Office received a telegram from Oscar Pope Muse the following day stating that he and Frank Earl Spencer had reached Springfield, Missouri safely.

It should be recorded here that many of the witnesses subpoenaed in the trial of this case were in fear of their lives, and a number of them stated that as soon as they could finish their individual and personal business in Hot Springs, Arkansas, they intended to leave that town forever.

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On Saturday morning October 29, 1938, a State Summons was found on Oscar Pope Muse's car requesting him to appear for trial that day, but failed to give the reason for the Summons or the name of the officer issuing same. This Summons was turned over to Mr. Fred A. Isgrig, United States Attorney and he after making several telephone calls to various friends of his connected with the State Department, was finally told by one of the heads of that Department to tear the Summons up and forget it, as it could not be determined who the officer was who had served that Summons. It was instances such as these that made witnesses such as Oscar Pope Muse and Frank Earl Spencer fear for their life, liberty and happiness.

It should be noted in the attached letter from Mr. Spencer that he mentions Mrs. Armenia. He refers to Mrs. S. F. Armenia, a Government witness in the same conspiracy case, who together with her son, Roy Armenia, resided at 125 Palm Street in June, 1935 at the time Grace Goldstein conducted her house of prostitution next door, and both Mrs. Armenia and her son, Roy, rendered very valuable testimony to the Government in the trial of this case, and although the defense attorneys harrassed Mrs. Armenia by a stinging cross examination, they were unable to impeach her testimony one iota.

The day after Mrs. Armenia and her son, Roy, returned to Hot Springs, she sent word by some friend that several cars had stopped in front of her house the night of her return and some men had gone around her house with flashlights, probably in an effort to give her a scare.

Mrs. Armenia also reported that two days after she was excused as a Government witness a police officer by the name of Tittle had called by her home, and after conversing with her for several minutes warned her that if she returned to Little Rock it would be well for her not to talk any more. This was investigated by Agents of the Little Rock Division of the FBI, and a report has been submitted by that office on this particular incident. (See file #7-576-Sub 3-Serial 493) It should be noted here, however, that Mr. Fred Isgrig immediately upon learning of this advised Attorney Campbell to inform Leo McLaughlin that Mrs. Armenia and Roy Armenia had been placed under subpoena in another Government case and if Mrs. Armenia or her son Roy, were molested in any way that the party molesting them would be dealt with severely by the United States Government. Mr. Isgrig also informed Mr. Campbell of the particular instance of the Officer of the Hot Springs Police Department calling by Mrs. Armenia's home. Later that day, October 29, 1938, Cecil Brock, one of the defendents in this case called the writer to one side in the Federal Building hallway and stated that he had just received word from Judge Verne Ledgewood, who had advised, by long distance telephone, Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin that no Government witnesses would be tampered with and that Officer Tittle would lose his job as a patrolman on the Hot Springs Police Department for having contacted Mrs. Armenia.

This would indicate that Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin is very much afraid of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and he has left no stone unturned to keep his skirts clean in order that he will not violate any Federal Law. Another indication of his fear is that he ordered six houses of prostitution closed in Hot Springs immediately after Akers, Brock, Wakelin and Goldstein were found guilty on the conspiracy charge.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard M. Suttler

CC Inspector E. J. Connelley, Seattle, Washington. By cover letter
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Inspector E. J. Connelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1881
Seattle, Washington

Re: Brekid

Dear Mr. Connelley:

You will find enclosed herewith a memorandum regarding the above entitled case, together with a copy of a letter from Frank Earl Spencer, which I thought might be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

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Seattle, Washington

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of November 12, 1938 indicating that it is the desire of the Bureau that both Inspector M. E. GURNEA and myself be present at the kidnap training schools as instructors during the period of December 1, 1938 to December 20, 1938 inclusive.

I will arrange, in accordance with such instructions, to be at Washington at the time indicated, and in accordance with my conversation with Assistant Director H. H. CLEGG I will arrive in Washington on the morning of November 28, 1938, in order that there will be available a period of three days before the opening of the kidnap training schools for the necessary conferences with MR. CLEGG and others.

In connection with the above situation, I am in receipt of advice from the Little Rock, Arkansas Office to the effect that the United States Attorney has set the trial of HERBERT AKERS - HARBORING for December 5, 1938; that he has also set for trial on this date GRACE GOLDSTEIN, charged with violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. These subjects are the same ones previously convicted in connection with having harbored ALVIN KARPIS recently.

As to these, I believe I will be a necessary witness only in the trial of HERBERT AKERS. I have communicated with Special Agent in Charge H. E. ANDERSEN, Little Rock, and he has arranged with the United States Attorney to set down the trial of GRACE GOLDSTEIN first on December 5, 1938, as to which my presence will not be necessary. Also, he has conferred with the United States Attorney in accordance with my request as of November 14, 1938, and the United States Attorney has indicated there is a possibility that this woman may plead guilty.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

If the trial of HERBERT AKERS is had subsequent to December 5, 1938 the United States Attorney, who is aware of the fact that I will be engaged upon certain important official matters in Washington from December 1 to 20, 1938 inclusive, has indicated that he will arrange for my appearance, if necessary as a witness, at the latest date possible after December 5, 1938.

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It is believed that this would not interfere with the necessary arrangements in connection with the kidnap training school, as it is believed if I am to testify I can proceed by plane to Little Rock, Arkansas the night before such testimony and return to Washington the following night, which would necessitate an absence of only one day there, which will be during the latter part of the first kidnap training school.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Inspector

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AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Little Rock, Arkansas

November 18, 1938

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

Re: RESEARCH.

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to my letter of November 7, 1938, addressed to Mr. MILTON NOBLES, in care of Western Union, Hot Springs, Arkansas, accepting his invitation to appear before the Rotary Club of Hot Springs, Wednesday noon, November 9, 1938.

You are advised that I did visit the Club on the ninth of November, and returned as guest speaker, November 16, 1938, when I talked to approximately one hundred Rotarians and guests, my talk being entitled, "A Tour of the F. B. I.".

From the attention paid and the remarks made the talk was very well received. Representatives of business and professional men in Hot Springs, have requested me to convey to you their appreciation for the fine work done in prosecution former police officials at Hot Springs for harboring ALVIN KARPIS.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Little Rock, Arkansas,
November 18, 1938.

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

RE: JEWEL LeVERNE GRAYSON, with aliases; MARGARET THOMPSON, nee MARGARET JONES - Victim - White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that upon arrival of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN to Little Rock, Arkansas, as previously instructed by the Bureau, I and Agent SULLIVAN conferred with United States Attorney FRED A. ISGRIG relative to prosecutive action in this case.

He stated that this case was set for trial for December 5, 1938. He indicated, however, that he did not believe that GRACE GOLDSTEIN would stand trial in this matter inasmuch as her Attorney, SAM ROBINSON, who defended her in the recent harboring trial in connection with the harboring of ALVIN KARPIS at Hot Springs, Arkansas, had talked with him on several occasions relative to reducing the sentence of GRACE GOLDSTEIN in the event that she entered a plea of guilty. Mr. ISGRIG indicated that he had advised ROBINSON that he would agree to a two-year sentence, to run concurrently with her present two-year sentence, for the White Slave Traffic Act violation in this case in the event she entered a plea of guilty. He stated that ROBINSON attempted to make a better bargain in this connection but that he did not agree to same and that he had advised ROBINSON that he would request the Court to sentence GRACE GOLDSTEIN to a maximum of five years in the event she entered a plea of not guilty and stood trial.

Mr. ISGRIG stated that he felt certain, from the conversations that he had with her attorney, that GRACE GOLDSTEIN would enter a plea of guilty to instant charge, and

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that he would again contact her attorney in a few days for the purpose of having her enter her plea as soon as possible in order that she might be sentenced.

The above information was telephonically communicated to Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY at Seattle, Washington, in connection with the file entitled HERBERT AKERS, with alias; ET AL - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act - Harboring.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY
cc Dallas

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Little Rock, Arkansas

November 17, 1938

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

Re: D. P. SULLIVAN, Special Agent.

Dear Sir:

Agent SULLIVAN arrived at Little Rock, Arkansas, 12:50 A. M., November 17, 1938, to confer with the United States Attorney with reference to a harboring case against former Chief of Detectives HERBERT "DUTCH" AKERS, Hot Springs, Arkansas Police Department.

He is stopping at the Freiderica Hotel, telephone number, 9264.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc El Paso

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Sebring, Florida

Oct. 31-38

Dear Edgar:

I should appreciate greatly if you could send me any memorandum material which you may have on Dutch Akers, et al, who have just been convicted in Hot Springs.

This is especially desired regarding the prostitution angle of the Goldstein woman---I think there is a lot of stuff about the Chief taking her up on a hill to talk things over, and all that sort of thing.

Also, I should be very interested if there is a memorandum concerning Akers and some bank robbers who were protected by him in a tourist camp.

In addition, if it is not too much trouble, may I have the criminal record of Adam Richetti?

I don't know whether I told you in my previous letter, but all is excitement down in this neck of the woods. Gen and I bought ourselves a combined birthday present of three Boston puppies, selected as nearly as possible to match beloved dogs of ours which are gone. So now, we have the Four Barx Brothers, Timmy and Terry and Buddy and Mike, all Oirish, by the last name of O'Toole, and any moment that there isn't something going on in this household is a strange one indeed.

Timmy does little but to run around a grin, he is so delighted, especially with Buddy, who is just about as big as a minute, while the Terrible Twins, Terry and Mike are about half grown. We worried about the little fellow all night last night, as we had shut the gang up in the dog house and were afraid that the Pint would fall out of his bunk and couldn't get back. But when we opened up the place this morning, Half Pint had shoved the Terrible Twins out of their bed and was ruling the roost. So we pay no more attention to him when he decides to yowl for a bushel or so of petting. Anyway, 'tis a wild household now.

Thanks in advance if you can send on the Dutch Akers stuff as it will fit in perfectly in the new book. The hbokup between prostitution and crime revealed here is exactly what I am trying to put over.

Samezever

Ryley.

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Mr. Courtney Ryley Cooper
433 North Lakeview Drive
Sebring, Florida

Dear Ryley:

I regret that being out of town for the past ten days in connection with the kidnaping cases in New York has prevented me from getting the material together which you desire on Dutch Akers.

The attached memorandum however, goes into the activities in which you are interested and I am sending several photostatic copies of newspaper clippings reporting certain phases of the trial which I thought might be of assistance to you.

I enjoyed very much reading of the birthday presents which Gen and you bought yourselves and undoubtedly the name, "Four Barx Brothers," is quite appropriate.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

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USA SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR CONDUCT INVESTIGATION JURY PANEL HERBERT DUTCH AKERS NEVTA

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Mr. McGuire of Mr. Keenan's office called me again concerning the request for a jury panel investigation in Hot Springs, Arkansas. This is in connection with the case involving Grace Goldstein. He stated that he wanted to request that we advise the United States Attorney when the investigation was initiated for the reason that the United States Attorney was sending telegrams to the Department about every two minutes.

I told him that we would be glad to advise the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH

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San Antonio, Texas
November 29, 1938

RHW/ML

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

HERBERT AKERS et al;
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act
Harboring

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau letter dated November 26, 1938, requesting advice as to the amount of currency involved as well as the amount of silver in the shipment by Railway Express Agency from San Antonio, Texas, to Special Agent T. H. SISK, at Huntsville, Texas, further stating that shipment was described as consisting of one sack containing $967.00 in currency and silver.

Please be advised that the description of this money as set out on pages 11 and 12 of the report of Special Agent H. H. McCABE, Little Rock, Ark. dated Sept. 1, 1937, and the memorandum notes of Special Agent T. H. SISK in the San Antonio file of this case, disclosed the following money was contained in the above sack containing the $967.00:

1. Stack of currency with wrapper of National Bank of Commerce, Houston, Tex. stamped with date of July 20, 1937, and initials "WLF". The letter "K" appears on the opposite side of this wrapper... $300.00

2. Four stacks of 50 $1 bills, each with wrapper of National Bank of Commerce, Houston, Tex., stamped with date of July 26, 1937, with initials "ADB" appearing thereon, and W. T. Grant Co. appearing on opposite side of wrapper. 200.00

3. 1 stack of 50 $1 bills with wrapper same as above excepting the words "S.H.Kress & Co." appearing on reverse side. 50.00

4. 1 stack of 50 $1 bills with wrapper same as above, excepting that the letters "A.D." appear on the opposite side of the wrapper. 50.00

5. Loose currency 176.00

Total Currency $ 776.00

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6. Wrapped silver as follows:

Half dollars	$80.00		
Quarters	60.00		
Nickels	44.00		
Pennies	2.00		
Loose half dollars	5.00	Total Silver	191.00

Total money contained in sack, $967.00

The report of reference of Special Agent N. H. McCABE, was entitled GOLDIE H. HAIRSTON, with aliases; G. H. LANE, WILLIAM LOMAR HAIRSTON, W. L. HAIRSTON, C. H. HAIRSTON, JIMMIE MILLER, GOLDIER HARRISTON, FUGITIVE; ALFRED " SONNY" LANE (Deceased); THOMAS NATHAN MORRIS, with aliases: RALPH "PETE" TAYLOR, PETE VICKERS, PETE VICTOR; and SAM STEGAL HAYNES, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Little Rock

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 1, 1938

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM.

Mr. McGuire of Mr. Keenan's Office called and stated he had talked with someone in the Bureau about two days ago authorizing the investigation of a jury panel in Hot Springs, Arkansas; that this morning the Criminal Division had called him and that Division was excited because no investigation had yet been started.

I told Mr. McGuire I had noticed a memorandum which had been received today from Mr. Keenan authorizing the investigation and that our field office had been so instructed.

Respectfully,

/s/ P. E. Foxworth.

P. E. FOXWORTH.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

There is transmitted herewith Railway Express Agency bill No. J/92028 in the amount of $2.25, covering a shipment made on Government bill of leding No. J-112836, consisting of one sack containing $967 in currency and silver. The Railway Express Company has charged as though the entire shipment consisted of silver, and inasmuch as the rate for shipping silver is greater than that for currency, you are kindly requested to advise the amount of currency involved as well as the amount of the silver.

/s/ T. D. Quinn.

T. D. QUINN
Administrative Assistant
to the Attorney General.

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November 26, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

On September 6, 1938, the San Antonio office transmitted a shipment by Railway Express Agency from San Antonio to T. H. Sisk, Huntsville, Texas. This shipment was described as consisting of one sack containing $967 in currency and silver. The Railway Express Agency has charged as though the entire shipment consisted of silver, and inasmuch as the rate for shipping silver is greater than that for currency, you are kindly requested to advise the amount of currency involved as well as the amount of silver.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON

November 30, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION:

With reference to your memorandum of November 25, 1938, you are hereby authorized to conduct an investigation of the jury panel to be drawn in connection with the trial at Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 5, 1938, of Herbert "Dutch" Akers, for the harboring of Thomas Nathan Norris and Jewel Leverne Grayson, better known as Grace Goldstein, for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

/s/ Joseph B. Keenan.

The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. JEL:OJ

Transmit the following message to: SAC, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

HERBERT AKERS: NMVTA. JEWEL LEVERNE GRAYSON, WAS; WSTA. AUTHORIZATION GRANTED CONDUCT INVESTIGATION JURY PANEL SUGGESTED YOUR WIRE NOVEMBER TWENTYTHIRD LAST. EXPENDITURE OF FIFTY DOLLARS FOR OBTAINING CONFIDENTIAL REPORT ON JURORS APPROVED.

HOOVER.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
500 Rector Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
November 30, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: RE: PAUL M. CLANTON;
MISCELLANEOUS - JURY TAMPERING.

There is enclosed herewith for the Bureau a clipping from "The Arkansas Democrat", dated November 26, 1938, indicating that a new minister has been chosen for the Pullman Heights Methodist Church at Hot Springs, Arkansas, replacing the Reverend PAUL M. CLANTON, who is retiring from the ministry to enter business.

A few days ago, Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN met the Reverend HAROLD SADLER, Methodist minister from Benton, Arkansas, at the Missouri-Pacific Station in Little Rock. The Reverend Mr. SADLER was a schoolmate of Agent CALHOUN in college. It was learned from Mr. SADLER that he had learned of the activities of PAUL M. CLANTON in the recent harboring case in Federal Court at Little Rock, Arkansas, and that he had called this to the attention of the Bishop of his church. The Reverend Mr. SADLER stated that PAUL M. CLANTON was in his first year only in the ministry, and was therefore on probation, and that this act of his, together with other acts, had caused his superiors to believe that he was not fitted for his post, and that he had been replaced.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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FROM "THE ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT"
Little Rock, Arkansas
November 30, 1938

Rev. Meux, Glenwood, to Be Hot Springs Pastor

Hot Springs—Rev. S. D. Meux, pastor of the First Methodist church at Glenwood for the past two years, will take over the pastorate of the Pullman Heights Methodist church here Sunday.

Announcement of Rev. Meux's appointment came as a surprise here, as Rev. I. A. Lowe had previously been selected for the post by the Little Rock conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Rev. Lowe will accept the Glenwood post.

Rev. Meux, resident of Hot Springs for many years and with the Little Rock conference for 7? years, replaces Rev. Paul Cranton, who retired from the ministry to enter business.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Mr Nichols memorandum of November 30, 1938,
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Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Lester
Mr. McIntire
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Time - 5,45 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: BREKID

Inspector Connelley told me today that the harboring prosecutions in connection with the above named case have progressed in such good order that they will probably be finished sometime tomorrow and he will not have to go to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to attend the trial. Mr. Connelley advised that United States Attorney Isgrig at Little Rock is fully satisfied that Mr. Connelley will not be needed to testify.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH

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United States Department of Justice

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

December 6, 1938

Time 7:15 P.M.

Mr. Pennington, tele.

Details:

Stated that SAC Andersen had called from Little Rock and advised that Dutch Akers had been found guilty in connection with harboring in the NMVTA case and that the jury was out only ten minutes. A sentence of 2 years was imposed, to run consequetively with the one imposed on October 29, 1938.

Mr.Pennington further advised that Akers did not want to be sent to either Alcatraz or Leavenworth Penitentiaries inasmuch as he was afraid of being killed.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.	12/2/38	11/19/38	N. O. SCOTT

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; 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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. PHILLIP DAVID, 207 Adams St., Monroe, La., witness in trials at Hot Springs, Ark., alleges she was followed by strange man early in November 1938, who she identified as HALL, a former associate of KARPIS when he was living in Hot Springs. Instructions left with her and her husband as to what action to take should she be molested by anyone.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Little Rock Office to New Orleans dated 11/10/38.

DETAILS: AT MONROE, LA.

Agent interviewed Mr. PHILLIP DAVID at his place of business, the "SPAT CAFE," but whose residence is 207 Adams Street, as it was thought advisable to see him before interviewing his wife, Mrs. PHILLIP DAVID, who had complained to the LITTLE ROCK OFFICE that some man had been following her due to the fact that she had testified in behalf of the Government in the trials which had taken place in Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. DAVID advised that about three weeks ago his wife had returned home in a very nervous condition, stating to him that she was on her way home late one afternoon when she had noticed a strange man following her down the street; that she looked around at him several times and started to walk a little faster when he also began to quicken his pace; that when she arrived in front of her home she ran for a short distance and got up on the porch and this man ran after her until she got in the house and then left. He stated that due to the fact that she had testified for the Government in the trials at Hot Springs, Ark. she was under the impression that someone had been sent to Monroe, La. to try to harm her, but that as far as he was concerned he had not given the matter very

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much thought as he thought it was more imagination on the part of his wife, although he had instructed her not to go out alone at night and should she see this person again to report it to him at once. He further stated that since then nothing more had been seen or heard of from this person, who his wife advised looked like a man known to her as HALL, and who was an associate of KARPIS. Agent instructed Mr. DAVID that should anyone molest Mrs. DAVID again to get in touch with the local police and have them pick them up, and to call the NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, whose telephone number was left with both Mr. and Mrs. DAVID.

Mrs. PHILLIP DAVID, 207 Adams Street, was interviewed along with Mrs. NIEBERG, who lives in the rear at this address and who was also a witness for the Government in the trials at Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs. DAVID advised that about the 6th or 7th of November 1938, late in the afternoon around 7:30 P. M., she was returning home when she noticed a strange man following her; that she looked back several times and began to walk faster, and at the same time this person also quickened his pace; that she got a little ways from her home and started running, when he also began to run after her; that she ran up on her porch and in the house and he also came up on the porch, but did not come in and then left and she has not seen him since. She stated that due to this affair she has been very nervous and afraid to go out alone, advising that she was most positive that this person was a man known to her as HALL, an associate of KARPIS, as she stated she knew HALL from back in Hot Springs, and that she got a good look at him when he came up on the porch. She described him as follows:

Age	40 to 42 years
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	165 to 175 pounds
Build	Rather heavy
Complexion	Red
Dress	Neat

Both Mrs. DAVID and Mrs. NIEBERG advised they were very frightened over this affair and were under the opinion that somebody had been sent to Monroe, La. to harm them due to their testimony at the trials in Hot Springs. Mrs. DAVID stated she had reported this matter to a Mr. O. L. CROW, Special Deputy Sheriff and Night Watchman in that section of the city, but that she had not seen or heard any more regarding the affair since that time. Mrs. DAVID was advised that should she be molested by anyone again to notify the local police immediately, and have the person arrested, and to call the NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, whose telephone number was left with her.

Agent contacted Special Deputy Sheriff and Night Watchman O. L. CROW and requested him to maintain a special lookout for any strangers in that section of the city, especially prowling around Mrs. DAVID'S residence. He stated that he did not see this man, but had made inquiries in the neighborhood after Mrs. DAVID had reported the affair to him, and he was unable to ascertain any information as to where this person had lived or anyone who had seen him. He advised that he would take special care in the future regarding any strangers that might be loitering around in that neighborhood.

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	12-4-38	12-1,2,3-38	L. R. WEBER	DTR

TITLE
JURY PANEL, December 5, 1938, Term of U. S. District Court, Little Rock, Arkansas

CHARACTER OF CASE
QUALIFICATIONS OF JURORS

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: At request of United States Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas, and with prior Departmental and Bureau authority, investigation was conducted concerning personnel of jury panel, called for term of U. S. District Court beginning December 5, 1938, at Little Rock, Arkansas. Case against HERBERT AKERS, former Chief of Police, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for harboring THOMAS NATHAN NORRIS to be tried at this term of court.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from the Bureau dated Dec. 1, 1938.

DETAILS: This report covers investigative activity by Special Agents L. A. QUINDRY (A), J. R. CALHOUN, W. F. WHITELY, H. A. THOMPSON, B. L. DAMRON, N. H. McCABE, and the Writer.

There is set forth hereinafter, in alphabetical order the results of investigations to ascertain the qualifications of the members of the jury panel called for the term beginning December 5, 1938, in the U. S. District Court at Little Rock, Arkansas. HERBERT AKERS, former Chief of Police, Hot Springs, Arkansas, is to be tried at this term for harboring of THOMAS NATHAN NORRIS, and JEWEL LaVERNE GRAYSON, alias GRACE GOLDSTEIN, is to be tried at this term for the violation of the White Slave Traffic Act which is pending against her.

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The investigation was conducted at the request of the U. S. Attorney at Little Rock, Arkansas and with the authority of the Department and the Bureau.

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Subsequent to the transcription of the individual reports on each of the jurors, [redacted]

BARNES, WALTER
Sheridan, Arkansas - A farmer of modest income and of good character, habits [redacted]

BURNETT, J. E.
Clinton, Arkansas - Regarded as substantial citizen of good character, habits [redacted]

JONES, LEM
Sheridan, Arkansas - Regarded as moderately well-to-do citizen with good character, habits [redacted]

LIGHT, WALTER
Little Rock, Arkansas - Sales Manager of moderate income with good character [redacted]

MURRELL, ERNEST B.
Little Rock, Arkansas - Business man of moderate income, good character, habits [redacted]

MYERS, LOUIS R.
Little Rock, Arkansas - Moderately well-to-do business man of good character, habits [redacted]

READ, ALBERT C. 2nd.
Little Rock, Arkansas - Broker of moderate means, having good reputation, character, habits [redacted]

WILLIAMS, RUFUS J.
Little Rock, Arkansas - Moderately well-to-do business man of good character, habits [redacted]

The originals [redacted] are being forwarded to the United States Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas in connection with this matter.

ALEXANDER, VEO B.,
Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas.

Deputy Sheriff L. THOMASSON, of the County Jail and Identification Bureau at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, advised he has known of ALEXANDER for at least eight years; that he is in his forties; that he believed him to be in the mercantile or insurance business. Although married, THOMASSON was not certain if ALEXANDER had a family. However, he stated that "he comes from one of the oldest families in Pine Bluff and except for a few of them who drank to excess, all were okeh"; however, ALEXANDER was not considered a drinking man. He bears a good reputation as far as THOMASSON is concerned. No further data was forthcoming.

Sheriff GARLAND BREWSTER of Pine Bluff advised he has known ALEXANDER for all of his life (40 to 45 years); that he originally wrote insurance until employed by the Arkansas Power & Light at Pine Bluff until six months ago when he took charge of the bond department for the company where he is presently employed. The Sheriff considered him "very intelligent, bright and well posted", advising he came from a good family; that he is married, has a family and is "a man of honor", attending church regularly. Financially, ALEXANDER "is up against it", according to the Sheriff, having lost his home during the depression although he is now "okeh". The Sheriff considered him a good juror, advising ALEXANDER served on a recent civil docket of the petit jury; that his law enforcement attitude is good. He did not believe ALEXANDER had ever been involved in a damage suit.

It is not known if this individual is related to VERN ALEXANDER of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who is presently under investigation by the Little Rock Office in case entitled VERN ALEXANDER; Simmons National Bank, Pine Bluff, Arkansas - NATIONAL BANK ACT, Little Rock File 29-72.

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[redacted] V. B. ALEXANDER presently resides at 656 Laurel

Street in Pine Bluff; that he is 52 years old, married and has one daughter; that he is employed by the Southern Securities Company of Little Rock and has been an Agent since September, 1938, for the Mutual Life and Arkansas Power and Light Company; that his character, habits and morals are regarded as excellent; that he receives approximately $150.00 monthly in salary; that he is very reliable and honest; that he lost everything he had during the depression, was out of work for a long period of time but has managed to pay up old bills and since has purchased very little on credit; that he owned his former home at 1607 Beech in Pine Bluff but lost same.

ATTWOOD, MARK
Fordyce, Dallas County, Arkansas

Mr. J. WILLARD CLARY, Fordyce, Arkansas, stated that MARK ATTWOOD owns a Chevrolet Agency in Fordyce and that Mrs. ATTWOOD, wife of Mr. ATTWOOD, owns the only motion picture show in the town. Mr. CLARY judged Mr. ATTWOOD to be about fifty years of age. Mr. CLARY stated that Mr. ATTWOOD drinks to some extent and that he has a failing in chasing women. Mr. CLARY stated that aside from Mr. ATTWOOD'S penchant for women, he is well regarded in Forydce. He is a good business man and is above the average in intelligence.

Mr. ROBERT MAYS, a merchant at Fordyce, Arkansas, stated that in his opinion MARK ATTWOOD is a good business man and thoroughly honest.

Postmaster T. C. HAGINS, Fordyce, Arkansas, stated that Mr. MARK ATTWOOD is a brother to ED ATTWOOD who served on the jury which convicted JOSEPH WAKELIN, HERBERT AKERS and others in the recent harboring case in Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. HAGINS stated that the ATTWOOD family came from New Edinburg, a settlement about fifteen miles from Fordyce. Mr. HAGINS stated that MARK ATTWOOD and his brother went on a bond for a man who got the Star Mail Route contract between Montrose and Crossett, Arkansas, and that this mail carrier "threw up the contract" and that the ATWOOD brothers would have to pay $2,800 to the Government. Mr. HAGINS stated that he does not believe this would cause resentment on the part of Mr. MARK ATTWOOD toward the Government and cause him to be against the Government if called for jury service. He stated that MARK ATTWOOD and his wife are in excellent financial condition and that Mr. ATTWOOD owns a Chevrolet Agency. He has always had a reputation of paying his bills promptly.

Sheriff WILL BENTON, Fordyce, Arkansas, stated that he has known Mr. ATTWOOD for twenty-five to thirty years and regards him as a good business man, thoroughly honest, and one who pays his debts. Sheriff BENTON stated that Mr. ATTWOOD had never been on a jury in Dallas County to his knowledge during the eighteen years Mr. BENTON has been Sheriff.

Mrs. Hugh Russell, a leader in P.T.A. and other civic work in Fordyce, Arkansas, stated that Mr. MARK ATTWOOD is a good business man and one whom he regards as thoroughly honest. Mrs. RUSSELL stated that she had heard a few rumors to the effect that Mr. ATTWOOD occasionally sought the society of women other than his wife but that she did not know of the truth of this matter. She stated that it was her opinion that Mr. ATTWOOD is civil minded and that if he were put on a jury he would serve honestly.

BARNES, WALTER
Sheridan, Grant County, Arkansas

Mr. A. C. CEARLEY, County Treasurer of Grant County, Sheridan, Arkansas, stated that Mr. BARNES in his opinion, would be a good juror although he did not have much education. Mr. CEARLEY regards Mr. BARNES as honest and intelligent and he stated that there has never been anything against his character in the county.

Mrs. ED F. McDONALD described WALTER BARNES as a farmer about forty-five to fifty years of age, a married man with children in their teens. She stated that Mr. BARNES is regarded as an excellent citizen, and has never been involved in any trouble to her knowledge. She has known him for many years.

Mr. JEWELL JONES, County Clerk and Circuit Clerk, Grant County, informed Agent that in the last general election WALTER BARNES was elected Constable of Merry Green Township in which the town of Sheridan is located. Mr. JONES stated that Mr. BARNES had not been a candidate for office but that the citizens wrote in his name for the reason that a liquor dealer was running for constable and the law abiding people of the community did not desire to have a liquor dealer as their law enforcement officer. Mr. JONES described Mr. BARNES as being a man of about forty years of age, is married, and has several children and one grandchild. Mr. JONES stated that the BARNES family are law abiding and WALTER BARNES is a neighbor of his. Mr. JONES stated that Mr. BARNES has a very limited education; that Mr. BARNES could write could scarcely read but that he has more than the average common sense. Mr. JONES felt that Mr. BARNES could not be reached through any improper consideration.

BRADFORD, FLOYD
Shirley, Van Buren County, Arkansas

Sheriff J. W. HATCHETT, Clinton, Arkansas, advised that at the present time FLOYD BRADFORD operates a filling station at Shirley, Arkansas. He stated that he believes BRADFORD is rather hard pressed financially at the present time but he knows nothing derogatory concerning Mr. BRADFORD'S character. He advised however, that BRADFORD is not considered a leader in the community but in his opinion would probably make a competent juror. According to the Sheriff, BRADFORD is a Democrat.

The above information was confirmed by Mr. O'NEIL of the State Revenue Department, who likewise stated that he felt that BRADFORD would probably make a good juror.

Mr. ARCHIE TIPTON, former president of the Farmer's Bank and present state representative from Clinton, advised that FLOYD BRADFORD is presently operating a service station at Shirley, Arkansas and is in rather strained financial circumstances. He stated that BRADFORD was formerly the County Agent stationed at Magnolia, Arkansas, and that he lost this position when a check-up was made and it was found he was short in his accounts. Mr. TIPTON stated that BRADFORD'S son had died shortly prior to this time and he had undergone numerous expenses in connection therewith and he believed BRADFORD had probably spent a little extra money at this time and had no idea of defrauding anyone but the check-up on his accounts came rather sudden and he was unprepared for the same. He stated that it was his understanding that BRADFORD had made all of this money good and had never been prosecuted in connection therewith. He knows of no other trouble BRADFORD has ever been in and advised that in his opinion BRADFORD would probably make a good juror.

BROCKMAN, L. L.
Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas

Deputy Sheriff L. THOMASSON, of the County Jail and Identification Bureau, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, advised that he has known BROCKMAN for 15 years; that he is about 50 years old; that he is married and has one child, a son, who is an invalid in a sanitarium; that he is presently employed by Fox Brothers Hardware Store, in Pine Bluff, where he has worked for several years; that all he knows of him "is the best"; further, that he is Treasurer of the First Baptist Church, in Pine Bluff, and has acted in this capacity for 12 or more years. THOMASSON believed that BROCKMAN, who, he informed, bears a good reputation and community standing, is in sympathy with law enforcement. He also believes that BROCKMAN is a brother or cousin of E. W. BROCKMAN, former District Attorney at Pine Bluff for many years. THOMASSON further believes that BROCKMAN has served on local juries. He does not have any family troubles, to THOMASSON'S knowledge, nor has he ever been involved in any known damage suits.

Sheriff GARLAND BREWSTER, of Pine Bluff, advised that he has known BROCKMAN for 25 to 30 years; that he is employed as a bookkeeper for Fox Brothers Hardware, Retail Department, Pine Bluff; that he is "a high type of gentleman and a member of the Baptist Church"; that he is married, and is quite active in church work; that he "comes of fine folks", and is a brother of E. W. BROCKMAN, former District Attorney, who was recently defeated for State Senator; that "he has a fine, one-hundred-percent reputation", owns his own home, is thrifty and economical, and lives on a moderate income, living within his means; that he has a good law enforcement attitude, and that neither he nor his family have ever been involved in any trouble or damage suits, to his knowledge.

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[redacted] BROCKMAN as 55 years old, married, having one son who is dependent; that he has been employed for 24 years as a bookkeeper at the Fox Brothers Retail Hardware Company, at $200 per month; that his character, habits, and morals are regarded as excellent, and he is considered very reliable and honest; that he owns his home. The report further indicates that he is not indebted and has paid his bills regularly by the month.

BRYAN, CHARLES G.
Malvern, Arkansas.

Mr. JOSEPH T. ALDERSON, Postmaster, Malvern, Arkansas advised that CHARLES BRYAN is a native of Malvern, is approximately 38 years of age, married and has three children; that he is presently employed as an accountant at the Ramsey Motor Company, but prior thereto was employed by the Malvern Brick Company as Superintendent for about four years; that BRYAN and his father were stockholders in this concern, and after the brick company had been dissolved, BRYAN went in with the Ramsey Motor Company as a temporary employee. Prior to the time he was with the Malvern Brick Company, he was an accountant in the office of the Moline Timber Company. He stated that BRYAN is a high-type individual that bears an excellent reputation in Malvern, had no connections that he knew of with any one in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that he was sure that he was not susceptible to outside influence, and that he would vouch for him in every way.

Mr. ROSS McCORMACK, lumber dealer at Malvern, advised that he had known CHARLES BRYAN for many years, and that BRYAN married a BOYLE girl; that CHARLIE BRYAN has a good reputation in Malvern and believes that he is a man who would not be influenced by anyone or anything while acting as a juror. He stated that when BRYAN was connected with the Malvern Brick Company, one CONNELL of Hot Springs, Arkansas was a big stockholder in this concern, but that CHARLES BRYAN was the office manager and remained in the office all the time and therefore did not have occasion to deal with anyone in Hot Springs.

TOM FISHER, Sheriff, Malvern, Arkansas, stated that he has known CHARLES BRYAN since he was a small boy; that he has lived in MALVERN all of his life, except the time that he attended school, and to his knowledge has no relatives or connections in Hot Springs, Arkansas; that BRYAN's mother was named HART before her marriage, and that his relatives all reside in Louisiana. He stated that BRYAN was thoroughly honest, dependable and would not be invluenced by anyone or anything while acting as a juror. He stated that if he

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was looking for a good juror he would certainly select CHARLIE BRYAN.

JACK BENTON, Arkansas State Police Officer, stationed at Malvern, Arkansas stated he has known BRYAN for many years and considers him a high-type business man and would make a good juror in any type of case where law enforcement was involved, as he thoroughly believed in Law enforcement and would not be susceptible to any kind of influence.

Both JACK BENTON and Sheriff FISHER stated they had never known BRYAN being involved in any kind of trouble.

[redacted]HARLES G. BRYAN as being worth approximately $5,000.00; that he owns a city lot in Malvern, Arkansas and has a temporary income of $900.00 a year; that his credit rating in Malvern is good, and his banking experience was entirely satisfactory. This report states that BRYAN has resided in Malvern since February, 1925, is considered capable and reliable and obtained his education in advanced accounting in a school in Syracuse, New York; also, that BRYAN and his associates, formerly of the Malvern Brick Company, are planning to form another brick company with BRYAN as the head of this company.

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BRYANT, BILL
Bauxite, Arkansas, Saline County -

At the time inquiry was made at Bauxite, Arkansas concerning this juror, the mines were closed, and Agent was unable to locate the parties reported to have information concerning this man. Inquiry of the Postmistress at Bauxite disclosed that BILL BRYANT is a middle aged bachelor who resided about two miles from Bauxite on the road leading from Bauxite to the Sheridan Highway; that together with a brother, he operates a store in this vicinity; that BILL BRYANT was born and raised in and near Bauxite, and has no relatives living outside of that vicinity; that he has a sister who was formerly Postmistress at Bauxite and also has a sister named ADELIA BRYANT FOSTER, who is employed by the Government in some capacity in Little Rock. She stated that BILL BRYANT bears a good reputation in the community, and she has never heard of him being involved in any kind of trouble.

BUFORD, CECIL L.,
Briggsville, Yell County, Arkansas.

Mr. J. B. GATLIN, Cashier, Danville State Bank, Danville, Arkansas, advised that Mr. CECIL L. BUFORD is Postmaster at Briggsville, Arkansas, and runs a small mercantile business there. Mr. J. B. GATLIN advised that Mr. BUFORD owns considerable property but owes a lot of money; however, his character and reputation is above reproach and is attitude toward law enforcement is considerably better than average.

Mr. BAXTER GATLIN, father of Mr. J. B. GATLIN, who is presently Tax Assessor of Danville and formerly Sheriff of Yell County, Arkansas, advised that he is well acquainted with Mr. CECIL L. BUFORD. Mr. BUFORD is about 40 years of age, married and operates a farm in addition to his mercantile business. Mr. GATLIN considered Mr. BUFORD'S credit standing good; that Mr. BUFORD was a leader in the community but he would not recommend him for jury service because he drinks quite a bit and might be favorable to the bootlegging element in liquor cases.

Mr. JOSEPH F. NUNN, Assistant Cashier, Danville State Bank, Danville, Arkansas, advised that he is personally acquainted with Mr. CECIL L. BUFORD; that he is above the reproach with respect to character and reputation, and, according to Mr. NUNN, he has a good attitude toward law enforcement.

J. S. BURNETT,
Clinton, Van Buren County, Arkansas

Sheriff J. W. HATCHETT of Clipton, advised that Mr. J. S. BURNETT is the leading merchant in this town; that he is well fixed financially; and is one of the leading, if not the leading, citizen in the town. He advised that Mr. BURNETT'S reputation as to honesty, integrity, and intelligence was unquestionable and that he would make an excellent juror in any type of proceeding. He further advised that Mr. BURNETT is a Republican.

Mr. O'NEIL of the State Revenue Department at Clinton, Arkansas, advised that he has known J. S. BURNETT all of his life and substantiated the information given by Sheriff HATCHETT with reference to Mr. BURNETT'S occupation, financial standing, and general reputation.

Mr. ARCHIE TIPTON, former president of the Farmer's Bank at Clinton, who is now in charge of liquidating the same, also advised he had known Mr. BURNETT all of his life and confirmed the information given by the above two individuals.

All three of these individuals spoke of Mr. BURNETT in the very highest terms and knew nothing derogatory whatsoever concerning his general character and reputation.

CAMP, CLAUDE C.,
Nimrod, Perry County, Arkansas

Mr. H. E. VAN DALSEM, Assistant Cashier, First State Bank, Plainview, Arkansas, Perryville Window, Perryville, Arkansas, was interviewed at his place of business and advised that CLAUDE C. CAMP is about 45 or 50 years old, married and has two or more children. For the past eight or ten years Mr. CAMP has been in business at Nimrod, Arkansas, operating a general store, mercantile establishment, handling groceries, et cetera. Mr. CAMP was raised at Alpine and Nimrod, Arkansas, both located in Perry County, and has spent practically all of his life in that vicinity. He has not had much education and, according to Mr. VAN DALSEM, there has never been any complaints about his credit standing. He stated, however, that Mr. CAMP handles most of his business through PLUNKETT-JARREL Wholesale Grocers, Morrilton, Arkansas, and has never had any cash to borrow from the bank of which Mr. VAN DALSEM is Cashier. The only thing which Mr. VAN DALSEM could say derogatory to Mr. CAMP'S character was the fact that he had been arrested on at least two occasions at Perryville, Arkansas, for drinking. Despite this fact, however, Mr. VAN DALSEM stated that he considered Mr. CAMP to be a more responsible individual than Mr. TED WRIGHT, the latter also being known to Mr. VAN DALSEM, as set out hereafter in this report.

Mr. G. W. TAYLOR, Deputy Sheriff, Perryville, Arkansas, advised Agent that he had known CLAUDE C. CAMP for about three years, and that for a while it was necessary to arrest CAMP about once a week for drinking but that he was never finger-printed on these occasions. According to Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. CAMP purchased his goods from wholesalers at Morrilton, Arkansas, about once a week and while there would purchase liquor and would end up at Perryville quite drunk. Mr. TAYLOR added that at the present time the wholesalers at Morrilton, Arkansas, are delivering by truck to Nimrod, Arkansas, and, therefore, it is not necessary for Mr. CAMP to go to Morrilton, Arkansas, as formerly. For this reason it has been unnecessary for Mr. CAMP to pass through Perryville as frequently as before. Consequently he has not been arrested for the past year. So far as Mr. TAYLOR knew, Mr. CAMP'S character and reputation otherwise was all right, although he considered his business "not much of a store". Mr. TAYLOR stated that in his opinion Mr. CAMP had a very bad attitude toward law enforcement.

Dr. A. H. STEVENS, Casa, Arkansas, advised that he has known Mr. CAMP for a good many years, and that the only thing about him derogatory to his character is that CAMP runs with a rough group and associates with bootleggers. He added, however, that Mr. CAMP was raised in the vicinity of Alpine, Arkansas, and in that vicinity there were a number of good citizens, although they were friendly to the bootlegging element and in Dr. STEVENS' opinion Mr. CAMP might be all right as a juror except on liquor cases.

CLEMENTS, RALPH
Des Arc, Arkansas.

At Des Arc, Arkansas, Agent interviewed Sheriff FINUS GRADY, who advised that he has known RALPH CLEMENTS for years, and that CLEMENTS has lived near Des Arc all of his life. Sheriff GRADY stated that CLEMENTS is a man of good character and has never been in any trouble to his knowledge; that CLEMENTS is a man about 32 years of age and owns a farm down near the river, where he raises livestock and some produce. Sheriff GRADY stated that he cannot recall whether CLEMENTS has ever served on any of the County Juries at Des Arc, but advised that he knows of no reason why CLEMENTS would not make a good juryman.

Agent interviewed Postmaster W. M. McQUEEN at Des Arc, who advised that he is well acquainted with CLEMENTS, and that to his knowledge this man has never been in any trouble of any kind in his life. Mr. McQUEEN stated that CLEMENTS lives on a farm down near the river and does not get into town except on Saturday afternoons. Mr. McQUEEN stated that it would be impossible to get over to the vicinity where CLEMENTS LIVED without the use of a boat, and that CLEMENTS usually comes back and forth to town by boat. Mr. McQUEEN stated that he had a registered letter for CLEMENTS from the U. S. Marshal's Office which he showed to Agent, and it was noted that this is apparently a summons for CLEMENTS to serve on instant jury. In this connection, Mr. McQUEEN stated that he has been in touch with CLEMENTS' brother, who advised him that CLEMENTS would be in on Saturday afternoon, December 3, 1938 to get this letter.

Mr. McQUEEN referred Agent to Mr. L. N. SWINNEY, who is employed at the Des Arc Post Office and who advised Agent that he went to high school with CLEMENTS; that CLEMENTS has never been in any trouble to his knowledge and is now married and has several children; that CLEMENTS is about 32 years of age, and although rather bull-headed in some ways, is thoroughly honest and certainly could not be "bought" by anyone.

Both Messrs. McQUEEN and SWINNEY advised Agent that CLEMENTS is a sort of a rural character but has a good reputation and is probably above the average character and reputation among the folks in this community. CLEMENTS apparently stays on his farm most of the time and is never seen in town except when he comes

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in on Saturdays to make the necessary purchases for the week and to call for his mail at the Post Office.

At the time this report was dictated, no credit rating had been received for Mr. CLEMENTS.

CLOWER, C. H.,
Tarry, Lincoln County, Arkansas.

J. H. TALIAFERRO, who operates the Grady Drug Store at Grady, Arkansas, advised that he has known CLOWER since 1919. TALIAFERRO advised Agent that he formerly lived at Tarry, Arkansas, near CLOWER and still operates a farm near that point, thus explaining his acquaintance and knowledge of CLOWER'S activities. He reported that CLOWER is in his 60's, married and has four daughters, all of who have good reputations; that CLOWER is a merchant, farmer and ginner and presantly owns around two-thousand acres at Tarry, Arkansas, where he operates a large plantation; that he is "well fixed financially" and residing with his wife. TALIAFERRO confidentially advised that CLOWER "is a money maker" and thinks strictly of his business; that he recalled a relative of CLOWER'S had once remarked "he doesn't have a friend in the world and doesn't think of anything but money". TALIAFERRO, however, thought that this was a rather strong remark; that "although CLOWER is all right" he would not say that he was honest as he heard from sources, which he would not disclose, that CLOWER has been involved in crooked business dealings; that CLOWER permits gambling by negroes on his plantation and "gets his cut of a nickel from the take-off box", insisting on his split for the number of games played by the negroes. However, the informant also advised that CLOWER has never actually been involved in any known criminal activities nor did he know of any law suits concerning him. He further explained that CLOWER does not care "what the other fellow does as long as it doesn't concern him"; that consequently he did not believe his law enforcement attitude was very strong. He further stated that his only connections with CLOWER at this time are business dealings and that they are "not much". He believed that CLOWER has served on juries but stated that he would not want him to serve on any jury for him as he thought he could be easily influenced.

P. H. PREWITT, who is a liquor store proprietor at Grady, Arkansas, advised that he has known CLOWER for twenty years; that he has never had any business dealings with him but knows him by reputation; that he is "shy" of him and would not care to be in business with him; that CLOWER must have made twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars this year; that he has a fair reputation

but would readily take advantage of anyone in a business deal since he is "gready for money". PREWITT advised that he does not like CLOWER and would not trust him under any circumstances as he considered him "too tight"; that he would not leave any money in his care because of certain shady business deals involving CLOWER, which PREWITT did not mention. However, he stated that CLOWER does not have any known criminal activities or troubles to his knowledge. He further advised that CLOWER weighs cotton short at his cotton gin; that he does not believe CLOWER "is so good in his law enforcement attitude but okeh as long as he or his immediate associates would not be involved in any dealings"; that he has no interest in other individuals as long as he is not personally involved. He reported that CLOWER attempted to "skin" Dr. R. O. JOHNSON of Grady, Arkansas, out of his wife's aunt's property, consisting of about 400 acres and of about $4,000.00 in cash when she left same; that CLOWER was involved in a law suit over this transaction at Star City, Arkansas; however, that Dr. JOHNSON won the suit. PREWITT was unable to name the attorney who had represented CLOWER during this law suit. He believed that CLOWER has served on juries and presently "figures him a big fellow". It was PREWITT'S opinion that CLOWER is the type of individual who would do anything for money; further, that he believed he would readily accept bribes, consequently he would not recommend him for jury duty, as he thought he "could be reached".

DAVIS, JEFF,
Havana, Yell County, Arkansas.

Mr. J. B. GATLIN, Cashier, Danville State Bank, Danville, Arkansas, advised that JEFF DAVIS is about 50 to 55 years of age, married and has no children. He owns quite a bit of property in the vicinity of Havana, Arkansas, and is influential politically in that community. Mr. J. B. GATLIN considered Mr. DAVIS' character and reputation to be all right and about like the average person in his attitude toward law enforcement. According to Mr. J. B. GATLIN, Mr. JEFF DAVIS has served on many juries, both on grand and petit juries, and Mr. J. B. GATLIN was of the opinion that he would make a good juror as he had never been in any trouble, but at the same time he did not consider him to be in the same class as Mr. M. A. VANDOVER, whose name is set out elsewhere in this report.

Mr. BAXTER GATLIN, father of Mr. J. B. GATLIN, who is presently Tax Assessor in Danville, Arkansas, and formerly Sheriff of Yell County, Arkansas, advised that he considered Mr. JEFF DAVIS' character and reputation to be good and that he would prefer to have Mr. JEFF DAVIS on a grand jury than a petit jury for the reason that he did not consider Mr. JEFF DAVIS to be so favorable toward law enforcement and might be inclined to be "easy".

Mr. JOSEPH F. NUNN, Assistant Cashier, Danville State Bank, Danville, Arkansas, advised that he formerly lived in Havana, Arkansas, and has known Mr. JEFF DAVIS personally for about fifteen years. According to Mr. NUNN, Mr. JEFF DAVIS bears a generally good reputation and character and his attitude toward law enforcement is good.

EASTERLING, DUDLEY
Chicot, Chicot County, Arkansas

Chief Deputy Sheriff ROBERT CHOTARD, Lake Village, Arkansas, described DUDLEY EASTERLING as a man about forty-four years of age, is married, and the father of four children, He lived at a small settlement known as Chicot, nine miles south of Lake Village and owns a general merchandise store at this place. In addition he owns about 160 acres of land. Mr. CHOTARD did not believe that Mr. EASTERLING has ever served as juror in state court. Mr. CHOTARD stated that about four or five years ago Mr. EASTERLING had a car wreck near Mason Lake, north of Lake Village, Arkansas, at which time he ran into a logging truck at midnight. Mr. CHOTARD stated that it was rumored that Mr. EASTERLING had had a few drinks before setting out in the automobile at that time and he suffered a head injury which is plainly noticeable on his forehead and some persons had asserted that it had affected his intellect although he did not think so.

Mr. E. T. CASHION, Cashier of the Bank of Lake Village, Lake Village, Arkansas, stated that he has known Mr. DUDLEY EASTERLING for twenty-five years. He stated that the father of Mr. EASTERLING was a leading physician in the county and that he died a short time ago. He stated that DUDLEY EASTERLING operates a general store at Chicot, a settlement south of Lake Village. Mr. CASHION stated that Mr. EASTERLING was somewhat handicapped financially because he had considerable holdings on land and no cash upon which to operate; however, Mr. CASHION did not believe that Mr. EASTERLING could be approached in any improper manner. He believes Mr. EASTERLING'S moral standards to be excellent.

Mr. HUNTER HOLLOWAY, a druggist at Lake Village, stated that he had known DUDLEY EASTERLING for five years and he is a leading citizen at Chicot, Arkansas, he is married, and has several children. Mr. HOLLOWAY stated that Mr. EASTERLING suffered a disfigurement on his face because of an automobile accident but that this accident did not affect Mr. EASTERLING'S mind.

Mrs. ELIZABETH P. DABNEY, postmistress at Lake Village, Arkansas, stated that Mr. DUDLEY EASTERLING in addition to having a general store at Chicot, Arkansas, he was also the postmaster at that place. Mrs. DABNEY stated that Mr. EASTERLING has a very fine wife and children; that his father who died a year or two ago was an excellent physician and that his brother is a good doctor in Lake Village at the present time. Mrs. DABNEY stated that DUDLEY EASTERLING had been regarded as a bit wild a few years ago and that he was in an automobile accident and that this accident may have quieted him somewhat.

GAINES, BEN P.
Lake Village, Chicot, Arkansas

Chief Deputy Sheriff ROBERT CHOTARD, Lake Village, Arkansas, informed Agent that BEN GAINES is a substantial citizen in the county; that he and his family own the Chevrolet Agency at Lake Village; that BEN GAINES is regarded to be thoroughly honest and level headed.

Mr. E. T. CASHION, Cashier of the Bank of Lake Village, Lake Village, Arkansas, stated that he had known BEN GAINES for twenty-five years; that GAINES graduated from the local high school and attended college. Mr. CASHION believes him to be a leading citizen of the community and he stated that Mr. GAINES stands for those things which advance his community. He regards him as a fair minded, honest, and trustworthy individual, and he is in excellent financial condition.

Mr. HUNTER HOLLOWAY, a druggist at Lake Village, Arkansas, stated that he had known BEN GAINES all of his life and that he regards him as a fair minded citizen who would stand for the best in the community, he is married, and has one child.

Mrs. ELIZABETH B. DABNEY, postmistress at Lake Village, Arkansas, stated she has known BEN GAINES since he was a baby and that he is well liked in his community; that he and his family own the local Chevrolet Agency, and their financial condition is believed to be good although business has not been prospering recently. She regards BEN GAINES as having an even temper and being very fair minded. She stated that the only failing of BEN GAINES was that he could not resist the opportunity to shoot craps if anyone should hand him a pair of dice. She stated that his character is believed to be excellent otherwise and that in her opinion he would be a good juror.

GARNER, C. L.
Rison, Cleveland County, Arkansas

From Mr. J. C. OWENS, druggist at Rison, Arkansas, it was learned that Mr. CLEVE L. GARNER is about fifty years of age, is married, and is the father of a grown son. He owns the C. L. GARNER and Son Lumber Company in Rison and is regarded by Mr. OWENS as an excellent citizen. He is very active in church work and is a very conscienticus citizen, according to Mr. OWENS. Although he is somewhat "set in his ways", Mr. OWENS said that he does not feel, however, that Mr. GARNER is obstinate.

Mr. ROBERT SEARCY, Assistant Cashier of the Bank of Rison at Rison, Arkansas, described Mr. GARNER as a man about fifty or fifty-five years of age. He stated that Mr. GARNER has only a grade school education but that he considers him to be above the average in common sense. He owns a sawmill and is in fair financial circumstances and his character is above reproach. Mr. SEARCY felt that the only drawback to Mr. GARNER was that he is somewhat argumentative.

Postmaster R. C. CARMICAL, Rison, Arkansas, stated that he had known Mr. C. L. GARNER all of his life and that Mr. GARNER is fifty-two years of age. Mr. CARMICAL thought Mr. GARNER rather ignorant insofar as education was concerned but he regards him as a man who will listen to reason. He stated that he possesses an excellent moral character and his financial situation is excellent. Mr. CARMICAL regards Mr. GARNER as a rather "hard headed" individual. He stated that Mr. GARNER was left an orphan and that he had a hard struggle in life. Mr. CARMICAL stated that Mr. GARNER is for law and order and that if he served on a jury he probably would get the idea at the outset that the defendant was guilty and he would cling to that idea.

GILL, T. W.,
Gould, Lincoln County, Arkansas.

GUY H. BIBBS, operator of BIBBS Drug Store at Gould, Arkansas, advised Agent that he has known GILL for over twenty years; that he is around 64 years of age, married and has a family of seven or eight children, none of whom are known to have been in trouble; that the family reputation was good; that GILL is presently farming but writes fire insurance on the side; that until about eight years ago GILL worked in the Bank of Gould as a Cashier until the bank was discontinued; that he was "in fair shape", owning a 160 acre farm. BIBBS considered his credit rating satisfactory, advising that he was conservative and lived a moderate life; that he was of very good character, honest and bore a good reputation; that he has been Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School at Gould for the past fifteen years; that he is conscientious and has a good law enforcement attitude. He did not know of any damage suits involving GILL. He believed that GILL has served on previous criminal juries.

J. W. PASCHALL, Postmaster at Gould, advised that he has known GILL for about twenty years; that GILL is presently farming and was a bank Cashier in the Bank of Gould until the depression closed it; that he is "moderately fixed"; that he resides with his wife as his family are fully grown; that "he had no complaints against him"; that all of the family bore a good reputation and, except for one incident involving one male member of the family, who at one time was arrested for disturbing the peace at Gould along with a large group of other young boys, that none of them had ever been in any trouble; that this particular son, who was in his teens at the time, had been released on this charge. He considered GILL law-abiding and confirmed Mr. BIBBS' remarks. Prior to his arrival in Gould, PASCHALL stated GILL was also a Cashier in the Bank at Tillar, Arkansas.

GRAY, HAVIS T.
Rison, Cleveland County, Arkansas

Mr. J. C. OWENS, a druggist at Rison, Arkansas, stated that he had known HAVIS T. GRAY during the entire lifetime of that young man. He advised that Mr. GRAY is about thirty years of age, married, and that he is employed in the office of the County Agent and in his spare time keeps the books for Mr. OWENS. Mr. GRAY is Superintendent of the sunday school class of the First Baptist Church in Rison; has a high school education, some college training, and has attended business school. Mr. OWENS stated that he recommended Mr. GRAY in every manner.

Mr. ROBERT SEARCY, Assistant Cashier of the Bank of Rison, Rison, Arkansas, upon interview, stated that he had known HAVIS T. GRAY for about twelve years; that this young man had completed three years in State Teachers College at Conway, Arkansas; that he taught school for five years and is now employed by the Soil Conservation Service. Mr. SEARCY described him as quiet, intelligent, and honest, and stated that he considers him an ideal citizen.

Mr. R. C. CARMICAL, postmaster atRison, Arkansas, described HAVIS T. GRAY as a country boy who had a good character; that he was formerly a school teacher; and that he was "country raised" and rather young but he was sound in his ideas and would listen to older men. Mr. CARMICAL stated that GRAY is absolutely for law and order and that to his knowledge he had never been on a jury.

HARVEY, B. I.,
Grady, Lincoln County, Arkansas.

Mr. A. J. CLEMMONS, Postmaster at Grady, Arkansas, advised Agent that he has known the above individual for ten years; that he is about 47 years old and has been in business for about ten years at Grady, Arkansas, operating a general merchandise and cash bargain store. He further advised that HARVEY is married and has two young children; that the family reputation is good; that financially HARVEY seems to be in very good condition and was probably worth around $10,000.00 or $12,000.00. He considered his character and reputation good, advising that he was a member of the Methodist Church; that there was no question of his honesty; that he was never in any known trouble; that he is for law enforcement. Mr. CLEMMONS did not know of any law suits involving HARVEY. He blieved that HARVEY had served on a Federal grand jury in Little Rock.

J. H. TALIAFERRO, who operates the Grady Drug Store at Grady, Arkansas, advised Agent that he has known HARVEY since 1918; that HARVEY, who operates his own merchandise business, is of the "best reputation, honest and law abiding"; that the family reputation was also good; that although he owns his present home he imagined he was "not too well fixed", although getting along; that he recommends him highly; that he is a regular church attendant and has never been involved in any known law suits. He summarized by stating "there is no better man in the county".

HAYS, OMAR,
Amity, Arkansas.

A. N. SHAW, Sheriff, and CURTIS ECHOLS, Tax Collector, both of Arkadelphia, Arkansas advised that OMAR HAYS is the son of W. C. HAYS, President of the bank at Amity, Arkansas; that OMAR HAYS and his brother-in-law named ALLEN, operate a store in Amity; that OMAR HAYS is approximately 39 years of age, married and has a house full of children, his wife being the daughter of former Judge WATSON (deceased) who was formerly a County Judge of Clark County, Arkansas. Further, that W. C. HAYS is still active in the bank at Amity, and both he and his son are considered the leading citizens of Amity; that OMAR HAYS bears an excellent reputation, is financially independent, has never been in any kind of trouble and believes in good law enforcement; that HAYS, to his knowledge, has no connections with anyone in the Hot Springs, Arkansas community, nor has he any relatives there, as his wife's people all live in Arkadelphia, and his relatives were all born and raised around Amity, Arkansas. He stated that in his opinion HAYS would be one of the best jurors the Government could get in a criminal case, due to his outlook as to law enforcement and the fact that he would not be susceptible to any influence by anyone or anything in arriving at a verdict. Sheriff SHAW stated that JOHN LOOKADOO, Attorney, who is a nephew of HOUSTON EMERY, former prosecuting attorney at Hot Springs, was born and reared at Amity and no doubt is a good friend of OMAR HAYS, but that in his opinion, LOOKADOO would not even attempt to approach HAYS or influence him as a juror.

Dr. ROSS, at Arkadelphia, who operates a hospital at this point, stated he has known OMAR HAYS for many years and considers him to be a man of high character and one who is absolutely honest; that he is sure he would make a good juror and would not be influenced by anyone or any thing. He stated also that Attorney LOOKADOO was born and raised at Amity, Arkansas and is a personal friend of OMAR HAYS, but he is sure that LOOKADOO would not approach HAYS, as HAYS is the type of man that would not be influenced, and that LOOKADOO knows this.

HICKEY, GLEN,
Oden, Montgomery County, Arkansas.

Mr. FRANK HALE, Mt. Ida, Arkansas, advised that he formerly lived at Oden, Arkansas, and was Forest Ranger there for eight and one-half years; thereafter he was Sheriff for six years and County Judge for two years; that he traded considerably with Mr. GLEN HICKEY and his father, SAM HICKEY, and he would not hesitate to swear on a witness stand that GLEN HICKEY is "crooked" in his business dealings, as he knows that Mr. GLEN HICKEY overcharged him and caused him to pay considerably more than he should have for what he purchased. Mr. HALE stated that Mr. GLEN HICKEY had had an automobile accident in which one Mr. FLOYD SHORT was killed. Mr. HICKEY, however, was not arrested in connection with this matter but was a defendant in a damage suit. According to Mr. HALE, Mr. HICKEY has had at least two other wrecks, and he felt that he was not the type of person who could be depended upon in connection with any law enforcement activity. Mr. HALE further stated that Mr. GLEN HICKEY is 32 to 35 years of age, married and has two children. He was born and reared at Oden, Arkansas, and presently operates a store with his father, Mr. SAM HICKEY, this store being quite large. Mr. HALE further stated that while he was Sheriff of Montgomery County, Arkansas, he had occasion to raid the HICKEY store and confiscate a slot machine and on this occasion he and Mr. GLEN HICKEY almost had a fight. Mr. HALE further advised that Mr. GLEN HICKEY has sold liquor at the store in Oden, Arkansas, on occasions and will do anything to make money.

Mr. J. M. GLAZE, Sheriff of Montgomery County, Arkansas, advised that he has been Sheriff for the past four years and has known Mr. GLEN HICKEY for fifteen years or more. Mr. GLAZE considered Mr. GLEN HICKEY'S credit standing good and the business operated by Mr. GLEN HICKEY and his father, Mr. SAM HICKEY, is considered to be the best business in Montgomery, County. According to Mr. GLAZE, Mr. GLEN HICKEY would probably be all right in his attitude toward law enforcement unless there would be money in it for him.

HILLMAN, GEORGE
Fordyce, Dallas County, Arkansas

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[redacted] stated confidentially that GEORGE HILLMAN had been discharged as a post office clerk for incompetency in recent months. [redacted] stated that GEORGE HILLMAN is working in pool halls for his brother and he does not regard GEORGE HILLMAN as being a very good citizen, inasmuch as he drinks to excess and is known as a woman chaser; furthermore, he owes everybody in town.

Mr. ROBERT MAYS, a leading merchant in Fordyce, Arkansas, stated that GEORGE HILLMAN had worked in the post office at Fordyce and had been discharged recently for some reason he did not know. Mr. MAYS stated that Mr. HILLMAN has a good education and that he probably would be a good juror.

[redacted] informed Agent confidentially that GEORGE HILLMAN was discharged early during the calendar year from his position as post office clerk [redacted] said that GEORGE HILLMAN owed nearly everybody who will lend him money and recently a finance companytook his automobile from him inasmuch as he could not pay on same. [redacted] stated that GEORGE HILLMAN is "sore" at the Government and that it is his opinion that if GEORGE HILLMAN should be put on the jury the Government would get the worst of it. [redacted] stated that GEORGE HILLMAN drinks to some extent and he has a bad reputation in that he runs after women of loose character. [redacted] stated that GEORGE HILLMAN is forty-two or forty-three years of age.

Sheriff WILL BENTON, Fordyce, Arkansas, stated that he had known GEORGE HILLMAN for thirty years and had known his parents and grandparents. Mr. BENTON stated that GEORGE HILLMAN'S reputation is bad concerning women and that he lost a good job in the post office recently because of shortage of funds and it was the opinion of Mr. BENTON that he had used funds of the Government to carry on his affairs with women. Sheriff BENTON

stated that GEORGE HILLMAN'S father was on a murder jury a number of years ago in Dallas County and that he hung the jury being the only man against conviction although the case was one of cold blooded murder. Mr. BENTON stated that in his opinion GEORGE HILLMAN would act just about in the same fashion as his father did in that case if he should be put on a jury.

Mrs. HUGH RUSSELL, leader in P.T.A. and civic affairs, of Fordyce, Arkansas, stated that GEORGE HILLMAN is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and has more than the average amount of intelligence but that he has been regarded as being very immoral for many years. She stated that HILLMAN, although a married man, carries on affairs with other women and drinks to some extent and that he recently lost his position in the post office.

INGRAM, FRED J.
Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas

Deputy Sheriff L. THOMASSON, of the County Jail and Identification Bureau, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, advised that he has known FRED J. INGRAM for about 8 years; that INGRAM is about 45 years old; that he is married, but has no children; that INGRAM, who owns his own home, is considered "well fixed"; that he believes that INGRAM is in the brokerage business, and may do a little farming on the side; that his reputation is "of the best", as far as he knows; that he "has never heard anything against him." THOMASSON had no information concerning any possible damage suits involving INGRAM, nor did he have any additional data concerning his background or family history.

Sheriff GARLAND BREWSTER, of Pine Bluff, advised that he has known INGRAM all of his life (from 45 to 50 years); that INGRAM is the Potentate (head) of the Shrine in Pine Bluff; that he was left a considerable sum of money by his father, and now has an income of about $1,000 per month; that he was a former director of the M. & P. Bank in Pine Bluff, when it existed, about seven years ago; that he considers him a good citizen, "a well-posted man, who is intelligent and congenial." He further advised that INGRAM does not work, to his knowledge, because of his income; that he is married, and has no children; that his family has never been involved in any criminal activities. Sheriff BREWSTER considers INGRAM'S law enforcement attitude good, and stated that he has not been involved in any damage suits, to his knowledge. He also considers him a good juror, advising that INGRAM has served on local juries and acted intelligently.

[redacted] INGRAM is 45 years old, married, and without children; that he has, for a number of years, operated his own agency as a planter and real estate owner; that his character, habits, and morals are considered excellent; that he receives $10,000 annually from his farm and incoming rents; that he is worth about $150,000; further, that he is very reliable and good for any obligation that he may make.

JOHNSON, ED LEE
Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas

Deputy Sheriff L. THOMASSON, of the County Jail and Identification Bureau, at Pine Bluff, advised that he has known of JOHNSON for 10 or 12 years; that he is about 36 years old, and married; but that he had no information concerning JOHNSON'S family; that he is employed as a teller, or in a similar position, at Simmons National Bank in Pine Bluff, where he has worked for at least 10 years; that he "has never heard anything wrong about him in his life"; that JOHNSON is a former juror and has a good law enforcement attitude. His father was R. LEE JOHNSON, Former Municipal Clerk at Pine Bluff, who died in 1935, but who was "Always proud of his son"; that his reputation is good; that he is a man of ordinary living circumstances. THOMASSON did not have any knowledge of possible damage suits involving JOHNSON, nor did he know of any family history or troubles involving JOHNSON.

Sheriff GARLAND BREWSTER, of Pine Bluff, advised that he has known JOHNSON all of his life (30 or 35 years); that he is a bookkeeper at the Simmons National Bank in Pine Bluff; that he is married and comes from a family with a good background; and that his father, who is now dead, was a former City Clerk in Pine Bluff. The Sheriff considered JOHNSON of good reputation and "a fine citizen and a moral boy." He further stated that JOHNSON has a fine law enforcement attitude, although he has served only as a juror in the civil dockets; that he considers him a good juror who uses "good, sound intelligence." JOHNSON has never been involved in a damage suit, to his knowledge.

[redacted] JOHNSON to be 32 years old, married, but having no children; that he has been employed for 15 years as a clerk in the Simmons National Bank in Pine Bluff; that he is regarded as of excellent character and of excellent habits and morals; that his income is $2,500 annually; that he is also a reporter for R. G. DUNN, receiving an additional $25 monthly; that he is presently purchasing a home. The report further reflects that JOHNSON pays his bills regularly by the month.

JONES, LEM
Sheridan, Grant County, Arkansas

Mr. A. C. CEARLEY, County Treasurer of Grant County, Sheridan, Arkansas, stated that he had known LEM JONES all of his life. He described Mr. JONES as a man of about fifty-five years old, married, and has two married daughters. Mr. CEARLEY recalls that Mr. JONES in the past has served on juries in Circuit Court and is considered to be fair minded. He formerly was in excellent financial circumstances and is making a living at the present time although his finances are not very good. Mr. CEARLEY stated that the character of Mr. JONES is above reproach.

Mrs. ED F. McDONALD stated that she regards Mr. LEM JONES as an excellent citizen. She stated that he is about fifty-five years of age, and that he owns a grocery and feed store in Sheridan. He owns his own home in the town and owns some property in the county. He is a member of the Democratic Central Committee and Mrs. McDONALD believes him to be thoroughly honest.

Mr. JEWELL JONES, County Clerk and Circuit Clerk, Grant County, Sheridan, Arkansas, stated that LEM JONES is not related to him in any way. He stated that LEM JONES had been in the grocery business for a number of years at Sheridan and that he had lived all of his life in Grant County. He has only an average education but he is level headed and mentally alert.

LAWRENCE, OTHA R.
Malvern, Arkansas.

Mr. JOSEPH T. ALDERSON, Postmaster, at Malvern, Arkansas stated that OTHA LAWRENCE and his family have resided in and around Malvern since 1930. He did not know his wife's maiden name, except that her first name was FLORENCE; that he is approximately 45 years of age and has two children, his present address being Route #2, Box #23. He stated that LAWRENCE formerly lived at Magnet, Arkansas where he had a grocery store, but at the present time is operating a service station in Malvern and also works at a grocery store operated by one R. L. CONNELL. He stated that LAWRENCE bears a good reputation in and around MALVERN, and in his opinion would not be susceptible to outside influence while acting as a juror.

ROSS McCORMACK, lumber dealer at Malvern, stated that he was not very well acquainted with LAWRENCE but knew that his general reputation in Malvern was good, and that in his opinion he would be a good juror.

TOM FISHER, Sheriff, Malvern, stated that he has known OTHA LAWRENCE for many years, and that he was born and raised in and around Malvern, having operated a store at Magnet, Arkansas for several years; that he is a man who attends strictly to his own business, not meddling in other people's affairs. His character is considered to be good, he is a church-going man, honest and reliable; that to his knowledge, he has no connections, either business or personal, with anyone in Hot Springs, Arkansas and would not be susceptible to any influence while acting as a juror. He stated that LAWRENCE has served as a juror in the court at Malvern, Arkansas and has always been considered reliable.

JACK BENTON, Arkansas State Police Officer, stationed at Malvern, stated that he was not very well acquainted with OTHA LAWRENCE, but knew that his general reputation was good, and that he had never been in any trouble of any kind. He stated that he thought LAWRENCE would make a good juror.

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[redacted] OTHA R. LAWRENCE has resided in Malvern for three years and prior to that time operated a store at Magnet, Arkansas, which is five miles from Malvern; that he is about 45 years of age, has a wife and two children, is well regarded in his community and has good character and habits. His annual income is estimated to be $300.00, and his estimated worth to be $5,000.00. [redacted] he owns his own home and other property from which he obtains rental, and his credit rating in Malvern is good.

LESLIE, LEE,
DeWitt, Arkansas County, Arkansas.

Sheriff LLOYD LAFARGUE of DeWitt, Arkansas, advised Agent that he has known LESLIE the past 45 years; that LESLIE is about 50 years old and owns a small merchandise store known as LESLIE'S Store, about fifteen miles from DeWitt; that he is also a farmer and pays taxes on 1500 acres of land; that he is married and has several children, all of whom bear good reputations; that he believed he was in fairly good financial circumstances; that his character, honesty and reputation were all good; that he has never been involved in any trouble to his knowledge; that his attitude towards law enforcement was good; that he has never known him to be involved in a law suit; further, that he has served on jury panels at DeWitt and was considered a good juror.

HERMAN C. PRANGE, of the County Treasurer's Office at DeWitt, Arkansas, advised that he has known LESLIE for twenty-five years. He confirmed Sheriff LAFARGUE'S remarks and added that everyone in DeWitt is LESLIE'S friend; that he considered him one of the finest men in Arkansas County.

LEWIS, O. S.
Ladelle, Drew County, Arkansas

Mr. CHARLES FINCH, railroad conductor at Crossett, Arkansas, and formerly a resident of Monticello, Arkansas, which is the county seat of Drew County, Arkansas, upon interview stated that he had known O. S. LEWIS for twenty years and that Mr. LEWIS has never been involved in any trouble. Mr. FINCH stated that Mr. LEWIS has a fair education. He stated that he is 55 years of age, is married, and has a grown son in business with him. Mr. FINCH thought that the only thing against Mr. LEWIS was that he is very "Scotch" in business transactions, but he considers him as standing for law and order.

Mr. JOE McCLOY, banker at Monticello, Arkansas, described O. S. LEWIS as a hard working owner of a grocery stor at Ladelle, Arkansas, a small settlement eleven miles south of Monticello. Mr. MCCLOY stated that the financial standing of Mr. LEWIS is excellent and stated that he runs a country store, the only one in the community and owns some farm land and is in the timber business also. Mr. McCLOY thought Mr. LEWIS even tempered, with morals above reproach. It was Mr. McCLOY'S opinion that Mr. LEWIS could not be reached through any improper consideration.

Mr. JUAN TROTTER, a leading merchant at Monticello, Arkansas, stated that he had known O. S. LEWIS for twenty years or more and he was known as a prosperous well regarded citizen. He stated that Mr. LEWIS has never been involved in any trouble and he feels confident that Mr. LEWIS would be a good juror.

Mr. F. L. LANCE, Assistant Cashier of the Union Bank and Trust Company at Monticello, Arkansas, stated that Mr. LEWIS banks with his institution and is financially well off. Mr. LANCE has known Mr. LEWIS for about ten years and regards him as a man of excellent reputation.

County Judge Elect L. W. BELL, Monticello, Arkansas, described O. S. LEWIS as a shrewd business man but being thoroughly honest. Judge BELL stated that in his

opinion Mr. LEWIS would make an excellent juror except for the fact that his health has not been good for the past year and that at the present time he might not be able to stay during a session of court.

Mr. W. F. NORRELL, Congressman Elect, Monticello, Arkansas, stated that O. S. LEWIS is a fine man from a moral standpoint and from a business standpoint; that he is a merchant, timber buyer, and farmer. Mr. NORRELL stated he did not recall that Mr. LEWIS had ever served on a jury in a state case, but he is of the opinion that he could not be approached through any improper consideration. Mr. NORRELL stated that Mr. LEWIS at the present time is in poor health which would be the only drawback against his serving as a juror.

LIGHT, WALTER
1517 Center Street
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

The current City Directory lists WALTER LIGHT as Manager of the Arkansas Maytag Company, office 815 Main Street, home Apartment 3, 1517 Center Street.

Lieutenant C. O. FINK, Identification Officer of the Little Rock Police Department, informed that LIGHT has never been arrested by his Department.

Mr. GEORGE WORTHEN, Vice-president of W. B. Worthen Company, Bankers, informed that he does not know LIGHT personally, but that, according to the Bank's records, LIGHT is a man approximately 52 years old, is connected with the Maytag Company, and has, at the present time, a checking account with a balance of approximate[redacted]that this account has been opened since last August. However, according to the Bank's records, LIGHT also had a previous account, the dates of which are not known. 67C

Mrs. FLORA WAGNER, of the Chamber of Commerce, informed that she does not know WALTER LIGHT.

Mrs. W. B. PARSONS, Owner and Manager of the Lindenwood Apartments, 1517 Center Street, informed that she has known WALTER LIGHT for the past three years, during which time he has resided in her apartment building; that, to the best of her knowledge, the LIGHT family are not natives of Arkansas, but she does not know where they are from; that WALTER LIGHT is Manager of the Maytag Company, is 45 or 50 years old, is married, and has some grown children who do not live in Little Rock, Arkansas; that his general reputation and character are very good; that she considers him a high-class man; and that she has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning him. Mrs. PARSONS informed that Mr. LIGHT'S business requires him to

travel a great portion of the time out of Little Rock. It was impossible to obtain further information in the neighborhood of the Lindenwood Apartments, at the time this investigation was conducted, in view of sickness of two of the neighbors and the absence from home of the others.

Mr. ZACK WOOD, Secretary of the Union National Bank, stated that he does not know LIGHT personally, but inquired in the Bank and ascertained that he is a man approximately 45 years old, who maintained a checking account in this bank.

The following individuals were contacted, none of whom know WALTER LIGHT:

J. A. PITCOCK, Chief of Police,
O. N. MARTIN, Detective,
L. V. WITHERSPOON, Detective,
A. M. HAYNIE, Detective, Little Rock Police Dept.;
JAMES R. GLADDEN, Circuit Clerk; and
CARL OEHRING, 1816 Spring Street.

McCASLIN, ZEE
Scotland, Van Buren County, Arkansas

Sheriff J. W. HATCHETT of Clinton, Arkansas, advised that he has known Mr. McCASLIN all of his life. He stated that McCASLIN lives at Scotland, Arkansas, and is a stockman and farmer. He is a Democrat, very well off financially, and bears an unimpeachable reputation in the community. He has never been in any trouble or involved in any law suits to Sheriff HATCHETT'S knowledge.

The above information concerning the reputation, financial standing, and character of Mr. McCASLIN was confirmed by Mr. O'NEIL of the State Revenue Department and by Mr. ARCHIE TIPTON, former president of the Farmer's Bank of Clinton, Arkansas. Both of these individuals stated they had known Mr. McCASLIN all of his life.

The above two individuals also stated that Mr. McCASLIN had lived in the community all of his life and all advised that in their opinion he would make an excellent juror in every respect.

MEAD, J. C.
Monticello, Drew County, Arkansas

Mr. JOE McCLOY, banker at Monticello, thought that Mr. MEAD is about forty-six years of age. It was learned from Mr. McCLOY that J. C. MEAD is the son of the late Major MEAD who was a leading citizen of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Mr. J. C. MEAD has lived in Monticello, Arkansas, for twenty or twenty-five years and formerly had the Ford automobile business , but now owns the Dodge and Plymouth Agency in Monticello. Mr. McCLOY stated that at one time Mr. MEAD was one of the leading citizens of the county financially but that he lost most of his money during the depression . He described MEAD as a college man, a good business man, a man short of stature, and somewhat easy going, although he is a man who will stand for his convictions. Mr. McCLOY stated that Mr. MEAD'S morals are excellent.

Mr. JUAN TROTTER, leading merchant in Monticello, stated that JOHN CURTIS MEAD is a fine citizen, owner of the Dodge and Plymouth Agency, and has an excellent moral character. It was learned from Mr. TROTTER that Mr. MEAD'S wife has not been in good health and that this might weigh against Mr. MEAD as a juror for the reason that if he is absent from home overnight he worries over the condition of his wife.

Mr. F. L. LANCE, Assistant Cashier of the Union Bank and Trust Company in Monticello, described J. CURTIS MEAD as a man in his forties and an excellent citizen. Mr. LANCE stated that Mr. MEAD is in fair financial circumstances and that he is dependable citizen and in the opinion of Mr. LANCE could not be reached through any improper consideration.

County Judge Ele ct L. W. BELL described CURTIS MEAD as one of the highest type citizens he knew anywhere. It was the opinion of Judge BELL that MEAD can not be reached through any improper consideration. He stated that Mr. MEAD has a college education, is a native of Pine Bluff, and his father was a leading citizen of Arkansas. Mr. CURTIS MEAD is married and has two boys. It was the opinion of Judge BELL that Mr. MEAD would be an excellent juror.

Congressman Elect W. F. NORRELL, Monticello, Arkansas, stated that Mr. MEAD had been in the automobile business for a number of years and he regards him as an upright Christian gentleman. Mr. NORRELL did not recall that Mr. MEAD had ever been on a jury in the county.

MURRELL, ERNEST B.
1400 Izard Street
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

The current City Directory lists ERNEST B. MURRELL as Manager of the Orkin Exterminating Company, office 414 Boyle Building, home 1400 Izard Street, Apartment "A". The current Telephone Directory lists his office address as the Donaghey Building.

Lieutenant C. O. FINK, Identification Officer, Little Rock Police Department, stated that the Department records failed to indicate a criminal record for MURRELL.

Mrs. FLORA WAGNER, in the Office of the Chamber of Commerce, Little Rock, Arkansas, informed that MURRELL is local Manager for the Orkin Exterminating Company, with headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee; that he is married and has one child; that he has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since April 27, 1937.

Mrs. CHAMBERS, residing at the intersection of Fourteenth and Izard Streets and next door from the MURRELL home, informed that she has known the MURRELL family for over a year; that ERNEST MURRELL is married and has a child about one year old; that he and his wife are not natives of Little Rock but came from Memphis, Tennessee; that, to the best of her knowledge, he possesses excellent character and reputation.

Mrs. BOYD, who resides in Apartment "B", at 1400 Izard Street, stated that she has known the MURRELL family for approximately two years; that she would judge MURRELL'S age as 28; that he and his wife came from Memphis, Tennessee, and rented this apartment; and that his general reputation and character are excellent. She stated, further, that he meets his obligations but takes on more than he should, as far as expenditures are concerned. Effort was made to check additional neighbors in the vicinity of the MURRELL home; however, none of them were at home.

Mr. ZACK WOOD, Secretary of the Union National Bank, stated that he did not know MURRELL; however, inquiry in the Bank revealed that MURRELL is a young man with an apparently good reputation.

The following individuals were interviewed, all of whom did not know MURRELL:

J. A. PITCOCK, Chief of Police;
L. V. WITHERSPOON, Detective,
A. M. HAYNIE, Detective, Little Rock Police Dept.;
JAMES R. GLADDEN, Circuit Clerk; and
W. B. WORTHEN, Banker.

MYERS, LOUIS R.
225 Vernon Avenue
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

The current City Directory lists LOUIS R. MYERS as President of the Southern Securities Company, office 821 Boyle Building, home 225 Vernon Avenue.

Lieutenant C. O. FINK, Identification Officer, Little Rock Police Department, advised that MYERS has no criminal record with his department.

Chief of Detectives O. N. MARTIN informed that he has known MYERS for approximately 12 years; that he is married and has one son and is of Protestant religion; that his financial status is good; and that he considered MYERS reliable. He stated that, in his opinion, MYERS would make a good juror.

Mr. ZACK WOOD, Secretary of the Union National Bank, informed that he has known MYERS for approximately 12 years and estimated his age as 40; that MYERS is President of the Southern Securities Company, is a Democrat in politics, is married, and has one son about 16; that his general reputation and character are very good; that he has an ample income, and, in his opinion, would make an excellent juror.

Mr. GEORGE WORTHEN, Vice-president of the W. B. Worthen Company, Bankers, informed that he knows MYERS by sight; that he would place his age as between 40 and 50; that he is engaged in the securities business; that his general reputation and character are good, and, based upon the meager knowledge that he had of MYERS, he thought that he would make a good juror.

Mrs. FLORA WAGNER, of the Chamber of Commerce, informed that MYERS is a member of the Chamber of Commerce; that he is probably well off financially; and that she had never heard of anything of a derogatory nature concerning him.

The following individuals were contacted, all of whom stated that they did not know MYERS:

J. A. PITCOCK, Chief of Police,
L. V. WITHERSPOON, Detective,
A. M. HAYNIE, Detective, Little Rock Police Dept.;
JAMES R. GLADDEN, Circuit Clerk; and
CARL OMERING, 1815 Spring Street.

ORMAN, ARTHUR
Morrilton, Conway County, Arkansas

D. E. THOMAS, deputy sheriff and present sheriff elect at Morrilton, Arkansas, advised that he has known Mr. ORMAN all of his life. He stated that Mr. ORMAN is engaged in the insurance business, bears an excellent reputation in Morrilton, is active in civic affairs, is considered to be well to do financially, and in his opinion would make an excellent juror. He stated that Mr. ORMAN is considered one of the leading citizens of the town and that he knows nothing derogatory concerning Mr. ORMAN'S character.

Mr. ROY WOOD, deputy county clerk, confirmed the information given by Mr. THOMAS and added that there was not a man in the city of Morrilton who bore a better reputation than did Mr. ORMAN and he was absolutely honest and fair in all respects.

PATTON, J. L.
Wooster, Faulkner County, Arkansas

It was observed by Agent at Wooster that the largest store in this town is apparently owned by Mr. J. L. PATTON and Agent made inquiry of Mr. A. R. GRAHAM, owner of the GRAHAM Grocery Store at Wooster, with reference to the above named individual.

He advised that Mr. PATTON is the postmaster at Wooster and that he owns the store observed by Agent. He advised that Mr. PATTON is well off financially but that in his, GRAHAM'S, opinion, PATTON does not have a very good character. He stated that he gave this opinion for the reason that he personally knows that on a number of occasions PATTON has cheated negroes who traded at his store and on one occasion he knows of a time that PATTON opened some mail containing a check for a negro and the negro had to threaten to have PATTON arrested before he was able to get his check back. GRAHAM stated he is a half brother of PATTON but that he does not like to claim any relationship to him because of the practices PATTON has used in Wooster.

Sheriff J. W. HATCHETT of Clinton, Arkansas, Deputy Sheriff L. R. SUMMERS, Deputy Sheriff O. L. CLANTON, and T. E. WOFFORD, Circuit Court Clerk, all of Conway, Arkansas, were interviewed and all advised that they were well acquainted with J. L. PATTON and stated he had lived in the vicinity of Wooster all of his life; that he was well to do financially and bore an excellent reputation in the community. They likewise confirmed the above information to the effect that PATTON is postmaster at Wooster. Mr. SUMMERS also added that PATTON had served as a juror in a recent term of court at Conway and had proved to be a satisfactory one.

PETTY, M. P.
Russellville, Pope County, Arkansas

Mr. BURL HARRIS, deputy sheriff at Russellville, Arkansas, advised that he has known Mr. PETTY all of his life. He stated that Mr. PETTY is a rather elderly gentleman, being around 65 years old and that he has lived in Russellville all of his life and has held numerous jobs in that town as a clerk in various stores and that the last job he had was part time work in the New Store as a shoe salesman. He advised that Mr. PETTY'S wife is deceased and he lives with his daughter who works for the W.P.A., and that Mr. PETTY is in very poor financial straits. He stated that he never heard of any trouble that Mr. PETTY had gotten into and he knows of no law suits in which Mr. PETTY was involved. He advised that Mr. PETTY would probably be honest as a juror but that he was not an outstanding character by any means.

Mr. L. B. McCLURE, President of the Peoples Bank at Russellville, stated that Mr. PETTY is down and out financially at the present time and lives with his daughter; that he has held numerous jobs in Russellville as a clerk in a number of different stores, but that he is a confirmed liquor addict and because of this habit has been unable to hold a job steadily for any length of time. He stated that after Mr. PETTY has gone three or four days without having a drink he becomes very nervous and jittery and in his opinion would not be suitable as a juror.

Mr. GEORGE LAMING who owns the Laming Drug Store in Russellville stated that he is well acquainted with Mr. PETTY and that Mr. PETTY is financially no good, is a worthless character, and has passed several bad checks on Mr. LAMING. Mr. LAMING likewise advised that Mr. PETTY had been a store clerk all of his life and had never amounted to much around Russellville and in his opinion would not make a very good juror.

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Mr. PETTY has resided in Russellville, Arkansas, for approximately thirty-five years and is considered a permanent resident of that place. He is about sixty-five years old, a widower and has one self supporting daughter, age thirty-five. His present employment is that of a clerk part time in Mack's Store and he has previously been employed as a clerk in the New Store and Hunt Walden's store. His employer's opinion is shown as good, character as good, and there is a notation that he drinks some, he has no court record, is considered thrifty, and his income is unsteady. His daughter is a clerk in a United States Government office with an income of $75.00 per month. [redacted] he owns no real estate but formerly owned some city property but lost it to loan companies. His estimated worth is $500, and at the present time he is paying $15.00 per month rent.

RACKLEY, J. A.
Pottsville, Pope County, Arkansas

Mr. J. E. DARR, postmaster at Atkins, Arkansas, advised that he was well acquainted with Mr. RACKLEY, having known this individual allof his life. He stated that Mr. RACKLEY lives one mile west of Pottsville and owns and operates the Pope County Nursery. He also owns a considerable amount of property throughout the county and is financially well to do. Mr. DARR stated he could say nothing but the best for Mr. RACKLEY'S general character and reputation in the community and in his opinion, Mr. RACKLEY would make an excellent juror.

J. ARTISS TYSON of the State Revenue Department at Atkins, Arkansas, also advised that he had known Mr. RACKLEY all of his life and confirmed the above information as to Mr. RACKLEY'S business and financial standing as well as to his general character and reputation.

Mr. O. E. McCOLLUM, President of the Merchants and Farmers Bank at Atkins, likewise stated that Mr. RACKLEY bore an excellent reputation in the vicinity of Atkins; and that he was very well off financially.

All of the above individuals interviewed stated they knew nothing derogatory whatsoever concerning Mr. RACKLEY'S character and all recommended that he would make a good juror.

RAGSDALE, C. B.,
Stuttgart, Arkansas County, Arkansas.

T. G. McCASLIN, Chief of Police at Stuttgart, Arkansas, advised Agent that he has known RAGSDALE for the past four or five years and since he came to Stuttgart from Texas to open the Ford Agency; that he is around 45 years old, married and has a family, all of whose reputations are good as far as he knows; that RAGSDALE is well off financially as he owns oil wells near Longview, Texas, and occasionally visits there; that "he is a fine fellow of good character and reputation, is a law-abiding citizen with a good attitude toward law enforcement"; that he is also President of the Lions Club at Stuttgart and has never been involved in any law suits to McCASLIN'S knowledge; that he knows "nothing bad about him".

WALTER B. PFEIFFER, Vice President of the Peoples National Bank at Stuttgart, Arkansas, advised that he has known RAGSDALE since he came to Stuttgart from Kilgore, Texas, about three years ago to open the Ford Agency; that he had a very good community reputation and was a good citizen in every respect; that his financial standing was very good; that he considered him "A number one and one of their best citizens". He confirmed other remarks made by McCASLIN.

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[redacted] RAGSDALE owns the RAGSDALE Motor Company, a Ford Agency at Stuttgart, Arkansas, where he has resided for the past four or five years, having formerly lived at Kilgore, Texas, El Dorado and Beebe, Arkansas; that he is 49 years old, married, and has one son, age 21, who is in college; that he is a highly respected citizen, thrifty, with an income of $5000.00 a year from his business; that he also has an oil well in Kilgore, Texas, and is presently drilling for oil at Magnolia, Arkansas; that he is generally estimated to be worth $50,000.00. His character and standing in the community is beyond reproach as he is absolutely reliable.

READ, ALBERT C., II
1609 Broadway
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

The current City Directory lists ALBERT C. READ, II, as Secretary and Treasurer of Read-Stevenson & Dick, Inc., a realty company, 109 Main Street.

Lieutenant C. O. FINK, Identification Officer of the Little Rock Police Department, informed that READ does not have a criminal record with the Department.

Chief of Detectives O. N. MARTIN informed that he has known READ for 7 or 8 years; that he is a married man, is a Democrat in politics, moderately fixed financially, absolutely honest, possesses good character and reputation, and, in his opinion, would make an excellent juror.

Detective A. M. HAYNIE informed that he knows READ casually; that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning him; and that, in his opinion, READ is absolutely honest and reliable and would make a good juror.

Mr. JAMES R. GLADDEN, Clerk of Circuit Court, informed that he has known READ about 10 years; that he would estimate his age as approximately 40; that he is engaged in the real estate business, is a Democrat in politics, and, in his opinion, is married; that he is apparently in a satisfactory condition financially; that his general reputation and character are very good; and that, in his opinion, READ would be above accepting a bribe, and would make an excellent juror.

Mr. ZACK WOOD, Secretary of the Union National Bank, informed that he had known READ for approximately 14 years; that he would judge his age to be 42; that he is engaged in the real estate business. He stated that, to the best of his knowledge, READ is unmarried; that his general reputation and character are good; that, as to his financial status, he does not think that he has much of an earning power; but that, in his opinion, he would make a good juror.

Mr. GEORGE WORTHEN, Vice-president of W. B. Worthen Company, Bankers, informed that he has known ALBERT G. READ, II, and his family for a great many years; that READ is approximately 35 or 40 years old and comes from an excellent family, is of good reputation and character, is of fair financial status, and, in his opinion, would make an excellent juror.

Mrs. FLORA WAGNER, of the Chamber of Commerce, informed that she knew that READ is connected with the real estate business; that she does not know him personally; that she has never heard of anything of a derogatory nature concerning him.

Mr. CARL CHERING, 1816 Spring Street, informed that he has known READ for over 25 years; that he is approximately 38 years old, comes from an excellent family, possesses a good character and reputation, would make a good juror, and is above acceptance of a bribe.

Mr. J. A. PITCOCK, Chief of Police, informed that he does not know READ, but that he does know his family; that, to the best of his knowledge, READ'S character and reputation are good, inasmuch as he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning him.

SWINDLE, WILBURN,
Norman, Montgomery County, Arkansas.

Mr. FRANK HALE, Mt. Ida, Arkansas, advised that for six years he was Sheriff of Montgomery County, Arkansas, and later had been County Judge for two years. He advised that he is well acquainted with Mr. WILBURN SWINDLE and has never heard anything bad about him. He advised that Mr. SWINDLE is 38 to 40 years of age, married and has three children. He was born and reared in the vicinity of Black Springs, Arkansas, and nothing definite can be said derogatory to his character, although it was Mr. HALE'S opinion that the whole SWINDLE family is dishonest. He advised that GEORGE SWINDLE, a brother of WILBURN SWINDLE, will do anything; that FRED SWINDLE, another brother of WILBURN SWINDLE, was arrested for stealing hogs; that SANDER SWINDLE, another brother of WILBURN SWINDLE, will not pay his debts, and that the whole family is a superstitious lot. Mr. HALE added that he would consider Mr. WILBURN SWINDLE'S attitude toward law enforcement very doubtful.

Mr. J. M. GLAZE, Sheriff, Mt. Ida, Arkansas, advised that he is well acquainted with Mr. WILBURN SWINDLE and he knows that he works as a Clerk for the Black Springs Lumber Company, Norman, Arkansas. In addition Mr. SWINDLE operates a farm and seems to be getting along very well as a farmer, as he has a large amount of livestock on his farm. Sheriff GLAZE was also doubtful concerning Mr. SWINDLE'S character and reputation, and it was his opinion that the whole SWINDLE family is dishonest.

Mr. ARLIE BATES, Norman, Arkansas, mechanic, who operates a place of business in the same block as the Black Springs Lumber Company, Norman, Arkansas, advised that WILBURN SWINDLE is a rather queer sort of person, very hard to become acquainted with, but apparently quite successful in his dealings. Mr. BATES advised that one of WILBURN SWINDLE'S brothers had built a home at Norman, Arkansas, had taken out insurance on this home and

thereafter in about three months a fire had occurred which destroyed the residence. He added that many people in the vicinity of Norman, Arkansas, believed this fire to be of incendiary origin and thought it was quite queer that SWINDLE slept through the entire fire, although WILBURN SWINDLE'S home is located not more than three-hundred yards away. Mr. BATES could say nothing definite of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. SWINDLE'S character and reputation and was doubtful about Mr. SWINDLE'S attitude toward law enforcement, as he felt he might be easily "bought".

THOMAS, GODFREY,
DeWitt, Arkansas County, Arkansas.

Sheriff LLOYD LAFARGUE of DeWitt, Arkansas, advised that he has known THOMAS for about thirty years; that he is about 52 years old and a prominent farmer of DeWitt, owning 1000 or 1200 acres of farm land five miles west of DeWitt; that he was in good financial condition, married and residing with his wife; that they did not have any children. Sheriff LAFARGUE considered him a "fine man" and of good character and reputation, advising that he was a legionnaire, and that there was no question concerning his honesty; that he believed in law enforcement and had never been involved in a law suit to his knowledge; further, that he has served on both criminal and civil juries at DeWitt.

HERMAN C. PRANGE, of the County Treasurer's Office at DeWitt, stated that he has known THOMAS since 1923; that he is financially well off as he owns large acreages of rice lands; that ADOLPH THOMAS, present State Representative for Prairie County, is is brother. PRANGE considered him of excellent character and reputation, stating the he was honest and straight-forward and had never been involved in any trouble. However, he recalled that several years ago someone, whose identity he could not remember, had sued THOMAS over a pumping engine on a farm vacated by THOMAS, as THOMAS had apparently removed the pump when he departed, believing that same was his property; that the matter had been settled out of Court. PRANGE was unable to advise the name of the attorneys representing THOMAS in this transaction. He further stated that THOMAS has been a jury commissioner for the Southern District of Arkansas County and has also served on juries.

TODD, WILLIAM
Monticello, Drew County, Arkansas

Mr. CHARLES FINCH, a railroad conductor at Crossett, Arkansas, formerly a resident of Monticello, Arkansas, stated that Mr. WILLIAM TODD had been in the grocery business at Monticello for many years and that he considers him a good citizen but probably a bit argumentative.

Mr. JOE McCLOY, a banker at Monticello, informed Agent that WILLIAM TODD owns the Piggly-Wiggly Store in Monticello and that he has been in business for many years in Monticello. He is about sixty-three years of age but his eyesight and hearing are good and in build he is very large. Mr. McCLOY believes Mr. TODD'S character to be above reproach. He stated that he is somewhat stubborn and contrary and possibly obstinate, but that he stands for law and order.

Mr. JUAN TROTTER, a merchant at Monticello, has known Mr. W. D. TODD for thirty years. He stated that he is a good citizen in the community and owner of the Piggly Wiggly Store. Mr. TROTTER believes him to be above average in intelligence although he does not have much education. It is Mr. TROTTER'S belief that Mr. TODD would be a good man for jury service insofar as being honest, although he thought Mr. TODD'S stubbornness might weigh against him.

Mr. F. L. LANCE, Assistant Cashier of the Union Bank and Trust Company at Monticello, Arkansas, stated that he had known Mr. WILLIAMTODD all of his life. Mr. LANCE stated that when he was a small boy, Mr. TODD was a leading merchant in Monticello. He said that he bears an excellent reputation and stands for the best in the community.

County Judge Elect L. W. BELL, Monticello, Arkansas, informed Agent that WILLIAM D. TODD is an excellent citizen although somewhat "hard headed". Judge BELL described him as about fifty to sixty years of age but with all of his mental faculities. He stated that Mr. TODD is in good financial condition and his character is such

that he could not be reached through improper motives.

Congressman Elect W. F. NORRELL, Monticello, Arkansas, described WILLIAM D. TODD as a fair minded and honest citizen who would conduct himself properly as a juror. Mr. NORRELL could not recall Mr. TODD ever serving on a jury in his county.

TORRENCE, M. E.
Atkins, Pope County, Arkansas

Mr. J. E. DARR, postmaster at Atkins, Arkansas, advised that he was well acquainted with Mr. M. E. TORRENCE and had known him all of his life. He stated that Mr. TORRENCE had been postmaster at Atkins for nine years; that he is a Republican; and after he was replaced by Mr. DARR he went to live on his farm located about one mile west of Atkins where he owns 160 acres of land and a home. He stated that Mr. TORRENCE has since operated this farm and also writes insurance. He further advised that he would estimate the net worth of Mr. DARR at around $4,000 or $5,000 which constitutes the value of his home and the 160 acres of land above mentioned. He stated that Mr. TORRENCE is a good church man, bears an excellent reputation in Atkins, and his word is considered as good as his bond. It was his opinion that Mr. TORRENCE would make an excellent juror.

J. ARTISS TYSON of the State Revenue Department at Atkins, Arkansas, advised that he has known Mr. TORRENCE all of his life and confirmed the information given by Mr. DARR as to the general reputation, character, and standing of Mr. TORRENCE in the community and added that he could not think of anyone who would be a finer citizen in that community than would Mr. TORRENCE.

Mr. O. H. McCOLLUM, President of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, Atkins, Arkansas, advised that Mr. TORRENCE bears an excellent reputation in Atkins and presently earns his living from selling a little insurance and operating his farm near that city. With reference to the financial standing of Mr. TORRENCE, Mr. McCOLLUM stated that his present circumstances would be considered moderate. Both of these latter two individuals confirmed the information that Mr. TORRENCE had been postmaster at Atkins.

TOWNSEND, J. E.,
Stuttgart, Arkansas County, Arkansas.

T. G. McCASLIN, Chief of Police at Stuttgart, Arkansas, advised Agent that he has known TOWNSEND for about fifteen years; that he is around 55 years old, married and has a wife and two grown children, all of whom are "O. K."; that TOWNSEND is in partnership with his brother and son and operates the Townsend Lumber Company at Stuttgart, although he also has mills at Clarendon, Arkansas, and interests at St. Charles, Arkansas; that he believed he was doing well in his present business; that he owns his own home, is a church member of the North Methodist Church, was honest and bore a good reputation as well as character; that his attitude towards law enforcement was also good and that he had never been involved in any known damage suits to his knowledge; that he believed he would make a good juror.

WALTER B. PFEIFFER, Vice President of the Peoples National Bank at Stuttgart, Arkansas, advised that he has known TOWNSEND for about fifteen to eighteen years. He confirmed McCASLIN'S remarks and also advised that TOWNSEND "is one of our most substantial citizens"; that financially, morally and otherwise he was "O. K." in every respect.

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[redacted]OWNSEND is 52 to 55 years old, married, has a daughter, age 24, and a son, age 15; that for the past twenty or more years he has operated the Townsend Bros. Lumber Company at Stuttgart; that he is of good character, thrifty, owns his home and also rents several houses; that he is generally estimated to be worth $50,000.00; that his social and credit standing in the community is of the very best.

VANDOVER, M. A.,
Plainview, Yell County, Arkansas.

Mr. H. E. VAN DALSEM, Assistant Cashier, First State Bank of Plainview, Perryville Window, Perryville, Arkansas, advised that he has known Mr. M. A. VANDOVER for fifteen or twenty years; that he is 55 or 60 years of age, married and has one or more children. Mr. VANDOVER operates a mercantile and hardware business at Plainview, Arkansas, which, according to Mr. VAN DALSEM, is by far the best business in Plainview. It was quite apparent from Mr. VAN DALSEM'S remark that he has a very high regard for Mr. VANDOVER'S character and integrity. It was further ascertained that Mr. VANDOVER is a Director in the First State Bank of Plainview. However, this information was not known to Agent at the time Mr. VAN DALSEM was interviewed. Mr. VAN DALSEM added that to his personal knowledge no Director of the First State Bank of Plainview has ever borrowed money from that bank and it was his opinion that Mr. VANDOVER did not need to borrow money because he was quite well to do. Mr. VAN DALSEM was of the opinion that Mr. VANDOVER was sound for law enforcement and a much higher type of individual than either Mr. CLAUDE C. CAMP or Mr. TED WRIGHT, whose names are set out elsewhere in this report.

Mr. J. B. GATLIN, Cashier, Danville State Bank, Danville, Arkansas, advised Agent that he has known Mr. M. A. VANDOVER personally for fifteen years and considered him as honorable and honest as a man can be. Mr. GATLIN was formerly employed in the Sheriff's Office at Danville, Arkansas, and states that Mr. VANDOVER has never been in any trouble and was always one-hundred percent for law enforcement. Mr. GATLIN considered Mr. VANDOVER pretty well to do and could say nothing whatsoever against him. He added, however, that Mr. VANDOVER has been in bad health for the last four or five years and consequently has almost retired from business activities. It was understood by Mr. GATLIN that Mr. VANDOVER suffers from high blood pressure and possibly from cancer of the stomach. Mr. GATLIN considered him to be a "physical wreck".

Mr. BAXTER GATLIN, Tax Assessor, Danville, Arkansas, and formerly Sheriff of Yell County, Arkansas, was interviewed at the Danville State Bank shortly after his son, Mr. J. B. GATLIN, was interviewed. Mr. BAXTER GATLIN confirmed in every way the information received from Mr. J. B. GATLIN and advised that he considered Mr. VANDOVER a mighty good man, thoroughly reliable with excellent character and reputation and very dependable insofar as law enforcement was concerned. In fact Mr. BAXTER GATLIN added that the people in the vicinity of Plainview, Arkansas, take pains to prevent Mr. VANDOVER from hearing of any of their misdeeds for fear he will report them.

WARREN, EMMETT,
Gould, Lincoln County, Arkansas.

GUY H. BIBBS, who operates BIBBS Drug Store at Gould, Arkansas, advised Agent that he has known WARREN for over twenty years; that WARREN is about 55 years old, single and lives over the line in Desha County but receives his mail at Gould; that he has never been married; that he is a planter and gin operator "well fixed and in good financial standing"; that he owns his own plantation and has an interest in about two-thousand acres of land; that he is also in partnership with C. H. HOLTHOFF of Gould on about eight-hundred acres of cotton. He stated there was not any question as to the honesty, character and good reputation of WARREN; that he believed in law enforcement; that he has never been in any known trouble during the past thirty years at Gould; that he believed he originally came from Illinois. He stated that WARREN has served on juries in Desha County and has never been involved in any known law suits.

J. W. PASCHALL, Postmaster at Gould, advised Agent that he has known WARREN since 1906. He confirmed Mr. BIBBS' remarks but stated that WARREN originally came to Gould with his father from Indiana and has been in the farming business ever since. He believed him to be a good law-abiding citizen who was "A number one for law enforcement".

WATKINS, J. F.
Shoffner, Arkansas.

At West Point, Arkansas, Agent interviewed Mr. L. A. CROWDER, whose wife is Postmaster at West Point, and who advised that J. F. WATKINS no longer lives at West Point, Arkansas, but that he formerly ran a store in this town prior to 1918. Mr. CROWDER stated that WATKINS moved to Searcy, Arkansas about 1918 and lived in Searcy until about a year ago, at which time he returned to West Point, where he stayed for a few months and then left to take a position as Manager of a commissariat on some large plantation in the eastern part of Arkansas. Mr. CROWDER advised Agent that WATKINS was regarded as a very substantial citizen during the time he lived at West Point, Arkansas.

At Searcy, Arkansas, Agent interviewed Sheriff TATUM PLANT, who, when questioned regarding the reputation of J. F. WATKINS, advised - "WATKINS is as good a man as we have got in the county and believes in law enforcement". Sheriff PLANT stated that he has known WATKINS for many years; that WATKINS used to run a general mercantile store at West Point, Arkansas and moved to Searcy sometime around 1920; that in Searcy, Arkansas, WATKINS worked for The Peoples Bank as a realestate contact man for several years and was also with the Farm Loan Administration in White and Searcy Counties for several years. Sheriff PLANT stated that WATKINS is now at Shoffner, Arkansas, a small town located in Jackson County, running a commissariat for some large plantation near that place; that WATKINS has been in Shoffner for a little less than one year.

Sheriff PLANT stated that WATKINS has been foreman of the County Grand Jury at Searcy, Arkansas several times and is considered a very substantial citizen in this section of the county. Sheriff PLANT stated that he is certain that WATKINS has never been in any trouble and has always been in favor of good law enforcement.

At the time this report was dictated, no credit rating had been received for WATKINS.

WILLIAMS, RUFUS J.
4920 "I" Street
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas

The current City Directory lists RUFUS J. WILLIAMS as President of the Planters Lumber Company, office 410 East Washington Avenue, North Little Rock.

Lieutenant C. O. FINK, Identification Officer, Little Rock Police Department, informed that RUFUS J. WILLIAMS does not have a criminal record with his Department.

O. M. MARTIN, Chief of Detectives, Little Rock Police Department, states that he knows WILLIAMS, but not intimately; that, to the best of his knowledge, his general character and reputation are good, as he has never heard of anything of a derogatory nature pertaining to him.

Mr. JAMES R. GLADDEN, Clerk of Circuit Court, informed that he had known WILLIAMS 8 or 10 years; that he would estimate WILLIAMS' age as 55; that he has been engaged in the lumber business for a number of years, and is now in that business; that he is married and has one son, is a Democrat in politics; and that his general reputation and character are good, he having never heard of anything of a derogatory nature pertaining to WILLIAMS. Mr. GLADDEN stated that, in his opinion, WILLIAMS is absolutely honest and would make a good juror.

Mr. ZACK WOOD, Secretary of the Union National Bank, informed that he does not know WILLIAMS personally, but does know him by general reputation; that his general reputation and character are good; that he is engaged in the lumber business, and is considered financially well off. He stated that, in his opinion, WILLIAMS would make a good juror.

Mr. GEORGE WORTHEN, Vice-president of W. B. Worthen Company, Bankers, informed that he has known WILLIAMS for over 20 years; that he is approximately 60 years old; that he owns and operates the Planters Lumber Company; that his general character and reputation are good; that he is moderately fixed financially, at the present time. Mr. WORTHEN stated that, in his opinion, WILLIAMS would make a good juror.

Mrs. FLORA WAGNER, of the Chamber of Commerce, informed that the Planters Lumber Company, of which Mr. WILLIAMS is President, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. WAGNER

stated that she does not know WILLIAMS and has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning him.

Mr. CARL OMBRING, 1816 Spring Street, informed that he knows WILLIAMS by sight; that his general reputation and character are considered good; and that, in his opinion, he would be above the accepting of a bribe.

The following individuals were contacted, all of whom stated that they do not know WILLIAMS:

J. A. PITCOCK, Chief of Police,
L. V. WITHERSPOON, Detective,
A. M. HAYNIE, Detective, Little Rock Police Dept.

WRIGHT, TED,
Adona, Perry County, Arkansas.

Mr. H. E. VAN DALSEM, Assistant Cashier, First State Bank, Plainview, Arkansas, Perryville Window, Perryville, Arkansas, advised that he has known TED WRIGHT for eight or nine years and has known him very well for the past two or three years. In addition he has known practically all of the WRIGHT family and has had business dealings with E. S. WRIGHT, brother of TED WRIGHT, and found him to be satisfactory. According to Mr. VAN DALSEM, Mr. TED WRIGHT is about 25 to 30 years of age, married and for the past four to six years has been operating a filling station at Adona, Arkansas. Mr. VAN DALSEM could give no information relative to Mr. WRIGHT'S character and habits but apparently did not consider him very highly as he indicated that he considered that there was more to Mr. CLAUDE C. CAMP than to Mr. TED WRIGHT. Information concerning Mr. CAMP is previously set out in this report.

Mr. G. W. TAYLOR, Deputy Sheriff, Perryville, Arkansas, advised that Mr. TED WRIGHT is well known to him and that he has never heard of WRIGHT being in any trouble. According to Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. TED WRIGHT is more reliable than Mr. CLAUDE C. CAMP, this being a contrary view to that set out by Mr. H. E. VAN DALSEM.

Dr. A. H. STEVENS, Casa, Arkansas, advised that he is well acquainted with Mr. TED WRIGHT; that he is a member of the church, has lived in Adona, Arkansas, all of his life and bears a generally good character and reputation. At the present time Mr. TED WRIGHT operates a small gasoline station at Adona, Arkansas, and is able to make a bare living by this means. The only thing which Dr. STEVENS could say derogatory to WRIGHT'S character is that he formerly ran a pool hall at Adona, Arkansas.

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Director,
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Re: JURY PANEL, DECEMBER 5, 1938,
TERM OF U. S. DISTRICT COURT,
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS;
QUALIFICATIONS OF JURORS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent L. R. WEBER, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated December 4, 1938.

Please be advised that the following agents conducted investigation of the jurors listed after their names.

SPECIAL AGENT J. R. CALHOUN

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HAVIS T. GRAY
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BEN GAINES
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WILLIAM TODD
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M. E. TORRENCE
N. P. PETTY

SPECIAL AGENT (A) L. A. QUINDRY

C. C. CAMP
GLEN HICKEY
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M. A. VANDOVER
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The remaining jurors listed on the original panel were either excused or were well enough known to the various members of the United States Attorney's Staff that no investigation concerning them was necessary.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
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PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Since being convicted for harboring ALVIN KARPIS, Herbert "Dutch" Akers, former Chief of Detectives, Hot Springs, Arkansas, has expressed concern over the possibility of his being incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas or Alcatraz Island, California. He expressed to Mr. FRED A. ISGRIG, U. S. District Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas, as well as to me, his apprehension that if he is sent to either of these institutions he will probably be killed by inmates.

On December 6, 1938, at which time AKERS was sentenced in Federal Court at Little Rock, Arkansas for harboring T. N. NORRIS and others, while conversing with Mr. PENNINGTON of the Bureau, this matter was called to his attention, with the request that it be given appropriate consideration.

Mr. ISGRIG telephoned me today and stated that he would like to learn, if possible, where AKERS is to be taken to serve his sentences. He pointed out that he had received information, as he has informed me before, that prisoners at the Leavenworth Penitentiary are looking forward to the time when AKERS will arrive there. Mr. ISGRIG received this information from members of the U. S. Marshal's Office who have recently been to Leavenworth.

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This matter is being brought to the attention of the Bureau at the request of Mr. ISGRIG, who stated that he feels that it would be a travesty on justice to have AKERS placed in either of the two above mentioned penitentiaries. It is his recommendation that the convict be sent to some other Federal institution.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF PRISONS

I want to inform you that Herbert "Dutch" Akers, former Chief of Detectives, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department since being convicted for the harboring of Alvin Karpis on October 29, 1938, at which time he was sentenced to two years in a Federal Penitentiary, has expressed a concern over the possibility of his being incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, or Alcatraz Island, California. He expressed to Mr. Fred A. Isgrig, United States Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas, as well as to the Special Agent in Charge of the Little Rock office of this Bureau, his apprehension that if he is sent to either of these institutions he will probably be killed by inmates.

It might be further stated that on December 6, 1938, Herbert "Dutch" Akers was also sentenced in the Federal Court at Little Rock, Arkansas, for the harboring of T. H. Morris, at which time he received an additional two-year sentence which is to run consecutively with the sentence he received in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Isgrig telephonically contacted the Little Rock office of this Bureau and stated that he would like to learn, if possible, where Akers was to be taken to serve his sentence. He pointed out that he had received information that prisoners at Leavenworth Penitentiary are looking forward to the time when Akers will arrive there. It appears that Mr. Isgrig received this information from members of the United States Marshal's office, who have recently been to Leavenworth, Kansas. Mr. Isgrig has stated that he feels it would be travesty on justice to have Akers placed in either of the two above mentioned penitentiaries, it being his recommendation convict be sent to some other Federal Penitentiary.

This matter is being brought to your attention for such action as you deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NAME OF CONVICT WITH ALIASES:

JOSEPH WAKELIN

VIOLATION:

KIDNAPING - HARBORING

PAROLE REPORT

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After the kidnaping of EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, members of the gang separated and fled to various sections of the country. Thereafter members of the gang were either apprehended by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or were killed while resisting arrest, or were killed by gangster associates.

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AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

After ALVIN KARPIS arrived in Hot Springs, Arkansas, he apparently contacted Chief of Police JOSEPH WAKELIN, Chief of Detectives HERBERT AKERS and Lieutenant of Police CECIL BROCK, and arranged for protection from arrest by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He thereafter remained in Hot Springs, Arkansas, until March 26, 1936. During that time JOSEPH WAKELIN was intimate with and the constant companion of GRACE GOLDSTEIN, operator of a house of prostitution in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The GOLDSTEIN woman also became the constant associate and paramour of ALVIN KARPIS. Through the illicit association of GRACE GOLDSTEIN with JOSEPH WAKELIN, KARPIS was able to evade arrest for a period of nine months, although he was at that time the most badly wanted criminal in the United States and carried the title in practically every newspaper in the United States as "Public Enemy #1".

Throughout the investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the harboring of ALVIN KARPIS at Hot Springs, Arkansas, JOE WAKELIN failed to provide any information in connection with the harboring of this man. During the time that KARPIS was in Hot Springs, Chief of Police WAKELIN was contacted on various occasions but failed to provide any information concerning KARPIS' whereabouts although evidence developed by the investigation reflected that WAKELIN knew that KARPIS was living in Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the years 1935 and 1936.

As a result of the conspiracy of Chief of Police WAKELIN, HERBERT AKERS, and GRACE GOLDSTEIN, the Government was forced to expend several thousand dollars in various investigations looking for the apprehension of ALVIN KARPIS in other sections of the United States. Shortly before KARPIS was apprehended and thereafter, JOSEPH WAKELIN was interviewed by Bureau Agents but he denied having any information concerning the harboring of ALVIN KARPIS in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and the Government was forced to place him on trial and bear the expense of a long trial to obtain his conviction.

PERSONAL HISTORY

JOSEPH WAKELIN was born at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on May 21, 1876, where he attended school, completing the seventh or eighth grade. He is an American citizen, married and has one son, JOSEPH RAYMOND WAKELIN, age about thirty years; his wife is still living. He has stated that he has been engaged in law enforcement work practically all of his adult life with experience in private detective work in Hot Springs, Arkansas, as well as being connected with the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department. He was appointed Chief of Police, Hot Springs, Arkansas, in April, 1927, and held this job continuously until January 1, 1937.

WAKELIN was not connected with the Police Department from January 1, 1937, until May or June, 1937, when he again returned as Chief of Police and served until April, 1938, when he was released from that position. This man has his own home in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fail to reflect any previous criminal record for JOSEPH WAKELIN.

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NAME OF CONVICT WITH ALIASES:

JEWELL LaVERNE GRAYSON, with aliases:
Grace Goldstein, Mrs. Ed Woods, Helen Woods.

VIOLATION:
KIDNAPING -
HARBORING

PAROLE REPORT

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AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

During June, 1935, GRACE GOLDSTEIN was operating a house of prostitution at 123 Palm Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. This woman was the paramour of former Chief of Police JOE WAKELIN. She and WAKELIN, former Chief of Detectives AKERS, and former Lieutenant of Police BROCK conspired together to harbor ALVIN KARPIS. KARPIS spent most of his time in the company of GRACE GOLDSTEIN and continuously resided in Hot Springs, Arkansas, with GRACE GOLDSTEIN in various places of residence until March 26, 1936. During this time GRACE GOLDSTEIN was the constant companion of ALVIN KARPIS. She knew his true identity but refused to provide information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as to the whereabouts of KARPIS. This woman conspired with former Chief of Police WAKELIN, former Chief of Detectives AKERS and former Lieutenant CECIL BROCK, and was instrumental in arranging for ALVIN KARPIS that he should receive police protection during the time he resided in Hot Springs, Arkansas. This woman admitted that she rented various places of residence for ALVIN KARPIS and she was acquainted with the fact that during the time KARPIS resided in Hot Springs, Arkansas, that he was engaged in various criminal enterprises.

She arranged for a hideout for KARPIS where he might come immediately after KARPIS and FRED HUNTER robbed a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, November 7, 1935, at which robbery KARPIS and HUNTER obtained $34,000.

Since the apprehension of ALVIN KARPIS there is some indication that GRACE GOLDSTEIN obtained some $10,000 worth of bonds from ALVIN KARPIS, which were a part of the loot obtained in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery. This woman has consistently refused to advise the location of these bonds. Since the apprehension of ALVIN KARPIS she has refused to provide any information concerning JOSEPH WAKELIN, HERBERT AKERS, AND CECIL BROCK as to their knowledge and activities in harboring ALVIN KARPIS during the time that KARPIS resided in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

This woman has operated a house of prostitution since she was seventeen years of age. She first operated in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she married. She moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, about the year 1930 and has since that time operated houses of prostitution in various places in Hot Springs. She has since been divorced and has not remarried.

During the fall of 1935 she persuaded and induced her own niece, MARGARET THOMPSON, to leave her home in Blossom, Texas, and GRACE GOLDSTEIN thereafter transported this girl to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where she persuaded and induced this girl to engage in prostitution in a house of prostitution then operated by GRACE GOLDSTEIN. This woman brags about the fact that she is closely connected with the Hot Springs Police Department and has stated that she would be advised of any investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any other outside law enforcement agency which might be made about her, stating she would obtain this information from the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department.

During her trial in United States District Court, Little Rock, Arkansas, which began on October 18, 1938, GRACE GOLDSTEIN attempted to intimidate the various witnesses who had been subpoenaed to testify in behalf of the Government. As a result of this intimidation United States District Judge THOMAS C. TRIMBLE revoked the bond of GRACE GOLDSTEIN for the remainder of her trial

and she was placed in the custody of the United States Marshal.

This woman is proud of her association with outstanding criminals and gloats over any newspaper publicity which connects her with ALVIN KARPIS.

As mitigating circumstances, it may be stated that GRACE GOLDSTEIN, according to various relatives, has been the sole support of her mother, who is seventy-six years of age, for the past several years, and that she has also lent financial assistance to other members of her family from time to time.

PERSONAL HISTORY

GRACE GOLDSTEIN was born in Texas and was raised in the vicinity of Blossom, Texas. She is an American citizen and is approximately thirty-two years of age. She has been previously married but is now divorced. She is not known to have had any children. For several years she has operated a house of prostitution at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where she makes her home. This woman has a mother who resides in Blossom, Texas, and she has three sisters and three brothers, all of whom reside on farms in the vicinity of Blossom, Texas. All of the relatives of GRACE GOLDSTEIN are poor and have a difficult time to make a living.

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect the following criminal record of JEWELL LaVERNE GRAYSON, alias GRACE GOLDSTEIN, under FBI # 1523906: B3

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In addition this woman has admitted that she has been arrested on numerous occasions at New Orleans, Louisiana, for various offenses connected with her engaging in prostitution in that city. She apparently was not fingerprinted on the occasion of these arrests.

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NAME OF CONVICT WITH ALIASES:

CECIL C. BROCK

VIOLATION: KIDNAPING - HARBORING

PAROLE REPORT

CECIL BROCK, during the years 1935 and 1936, was Lieutenant in the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department, and was in charge of the Identification Bureau of that Department. In addition to taking care of the records of the Hot Springs Police Department, he also conducted investigations in regard to the various matters coming to the attention of the Police Department.

Around the first of June, 1935, ALVIN KARPIS and FRED HUNTER came to Hot Springs, Arkansas. Information indicates that these men came to Hot Springs because they desired to find a place where they would remain unmolested by any law enforcement officers. These two men had, within a month previously, participated in the robbery of a mail truck at Warren, Ohio, on April 25, 1935, in which robbery they obtained $72,000. FRED HUNTER was KARPIS' constant companion until both were arrested at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936.

ALVIN KARPIS was indicted with various other persons by the United States Grand Jury at Saint Paul, Minnesota, on May 4, 1934, for conspiracy to kidnap and transport in interstate commerce for ransom, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER. By virtue of a warrant issued on the above indictment KARPIS was a fugitive from justice and wanted by the Federal Government. KARPIS and his associates fled from the State of Minnesota after the release of EDWARD GEORGE BREMER on February 7, 1935, upon payment of $200,000 ransom. Various members of the gang fled to different parts of the United States.

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Ultimately all of the members of this gang were either killed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation while resisting arrest, were arrested and convicted for the above kidnaping or other crimes, or were killed by their own criminal associates.

Upon the arrest of ALVIN KARPIS at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936, he was removed to Saint Paul, Minnesota, where he entered a plea of guilty to the kidnaping of WILLIAM A. HAMM, JR. in the United States District Court, Saint Paul, Minnesota. ALVIN KARPIS was given a life sentence in a United States Penitentiary and is now serving this sentence at the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California. The indictment against KARPIS for conspiring to harbor in connection with the kidnaping of EDWARD GEORGE BREMER is still pending against him.

On May 18, 1938, the United States Grand Jury at Little Rock, Arkansas, returned an indictment against CECIL C. BROCK for conspiring with others to harbor ALVIN KARPIS at Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the years 1935 and 1936. BROCK made a $5,000 bond and was released on this bond on May 19, 1938. Upon a plea of not guilty BROCK went on trial in the United States District Court at Little Rock, Arkansas, on October 18, 1938, and the petit jury returned a verdict of guilty against him on October 29, 1938. On the same date United States District Judge THOMAS C. TRIMBLE in the United States District Court, Little Rock, Arkansas, sentenced BROCK to serve two years in a United States Penitentiary.

AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

The evidence in this case reflects that CECIL BROCK, during the time that he was Lieutenant in the Hot Springs Police Department, conspired with HERBERT AKERS, Chief of Detectives, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department, and JOSEPH WAKELIN, Chief of Police, Hot Springs Police Department, to harbor and conceal ALVIN KARPIS. Evidence indicates that he had been advised that KARPIS was in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that he was active in preventing the arrest of KARPIS.

During the investigation of this case BROCK was interviewed on numerous occasions but he denied being implicated in the harboring of ALVIN KARPIS and he refused time and again to provide any information that would be helpful in this investigation, as did the other members of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department, who also harbored ALVIN KARPIS.

On December 24, 1936, one JOHN DICKSON was incarcerated in the City Jail at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and he died as a result of a beating inflicted upon him. The Garland County Grand Jury returned an indictment against CECIL BROCK and other officers, charging him with murder in connection with the above beating. In a subsequent trial, however, CECIL BROCK was acquitted of this charge.

PERSONAL HISTORY

According to his own statements, CECIL BROCK is thirty-four years of age and is single, having been divorced from a former wife several years ago. He married his former wife when he was nineteen years of age and had one child by her. The child resides with her mother at Hot Springs, Arkansas. BROCK was born at Nashville, Arkansas, on January 16, 1904, and received a grammar school education at Nashville, Arkansas, Paris, Texas, and Hot Springs, Arkansas, through the eighth grade. He has resided at Hot Springs since 1922 and was employed for a period of about twelve years by the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department as Lieutenant of Police in charge of the Bureau of Identification. After his release from the Police Department on January 2, 1937, he was engaged as House Detective in the Eastman Hotel. For a short while thereafter he was engaged in private detective work. He is an American and he maintains his residence at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

His father, J. T. BROCK, resides at the Lamar Hotel at Hot Springs and is employed as a carpenter. BROCK'S mother, LILLIE B. TAYLOR, resides at Graysonia, Arkansas, where she is Postmaster of the Fourth-Class Post Office there. BROCK has two brothers, JAMES ERCELL BROCK and GERALD BURTON BROCK, the latter of whom resides with CECIL BROCK at a rooming house located at 132 Chapple Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fail to reflect any previous criminal record for CECIL BROCK.

During January, 1937, CECIL BROCK was arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Garland County, Arkansas, charge - murder. This arrest is not supported by fingerprints. He was acquitted on the above charge in March, 1937. This information is reflected in the records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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On April 25, 1935, ALVIN KARPIS, FRED HUNTER, HARRY CAMPBELL, and another unknown person robbed a mail truck at Warren, Ohio, obtaining $72,000 in loot. Within the following month KARPIS and HUNTER proceeded to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the purpose of obtaining a place where they could "cool off".

AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

HERBERT AKERS who was the Chief of Detectives at Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the years 1935 and 1936, and for some years prior to that time, was apparently contacted by ALVIN KARPIS during the early part of June, 1935, or upon his arrival in Hot Springs, and KARPIS thereafter remained in Hot Springs, Arkansas, until March 25, 1936. During this period of time KARPIS made various trips outside of the state and on November 7, 1935, KARPIS and his constant associate, FRED HUNTER, with other men robbed a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, obtaining $34,000 in loot. Immediately after the mail train robbery, KARPIS proceeded by airplane with his companion, FRED HUNTER, to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he remained unmolested until he left there on March 26, 1936.

Throughout this period of time the Federal Bureau of Investigation was conducting investigations throughout the United States in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of KARPIS.

Through the contact which KARPIS developed with Chief of Police JOSEPH WAKELIN, Chief of Detectives HERBERT AKERS, and Lieutenant of Police CECIL BROCK whereby he was guaranteed protection and assurance from arrest as long as he remained in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was unable to learn of KARPIS' whereabouts, and the Hot Springs Police Department, particularly HERBERT AKERS, willfully misled agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as to the whereabouts of KARPIS although AKERS and the other Hot Springs officers above mentioned knew at all times that KARPIS was living in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and was associating with GRACE GOLDSTEIN, operator of a house of prostitution in that city. GRACE GOLDSTEIN throughout that period was the paramour of JOE WAKELIN, the Hot Springs Chief of Police.

Shortly before the arrest of ALVIN KARPIS in New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936, and after KARPIS was arrested, HERBERT AKERS was interviewed at various times by Bureau Agents but he refused to provide any information concerning the whereabouts of KARPIS. AKERS also was interviewed in connection with the harboring of ALVIN KARPIS but he refused to provide any information as to his activities in harboring KARPIS or as to the activities of JOSEPH WAKELIN and CECIL BROCK in harboring this badly wanted fugitive.

HERBERT AKERS admits he knows hundreds of outstanding confidencemen. He has admitted that he has protected various criminals in the past; that he has accepted a percentage of the money obtained by confidence men from victims through the operation of confidence games in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

During the various investigations conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it has been learned that former Chief of Detectives HERBERT AKERS and former Chief of Police JOSEPH WAKELIN were engaged in the wholesale stealing and subsequent disposal of automobiles with various criminals. In addition, AKERS has admitted a practice to deal in various items of stolen property which allegedly came into his possession either in the way of bribes or through illegal confiscation of the property of criminals who may reside in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

PERSONAL HISTORY

HERBERT AKERS is forty-two years of age and an American citizen. He was a member of the Hot Springs Police

Department for eighteen years up until the time of his termination of such employment in August, 1937. Prior to being connected with the Hot Springs Police Department, AKERS has stated that he was an electrician in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for several years. AKERS is presently married but is not known to have any legitimate children. It is reported that he has an illegitimate son, HERBERT AKERS, JR., age about fifteen years. He also has an adopted child which he supports. Up until the time of his arrest, AKERS lived with his wife in Hot Springs, where he maintained two homes, one in downtown Hot Springs, and the other on Lake Catherine, about five miles from Hot Springs. AKERS has stated that both of these homes are heavily mortgaged.

AKERS' wife, up until a short while ago, was employed at the Belvedere Club gambling house, on the outskirts of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

AKERS has two brothers, one of whom is employed by the Hot Springs Fire Department. The other brother is reported to operate a garage on the outskirts of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It is not know whether his mother and father are living at the present time.

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect the following criminal record for HERBERT AKERS, under F. B. I. # 1,528,336:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.	KIDNAPING - HARBORING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Corrected parole reports on subjects HERBERT AKERS, CECIL BROCK, GRACE GOLDSTEIN and JOSEPH WAKELIN submitted to the Bureau.

REFERENCE: Letters from Bureau dated November 22, 1938.

DETAILS:

In accordance with instructions in Bureau letters of November 22, 1938, Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN prepared corrected parole reports on subjects HERBERT AKERS, CECIL BROCK, GRACE GOLDSTEIN and JOSEPH WAKELIN, which are being forwarded to the Bureau and office of origin.

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December 12, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 26, 1938, regarding a shipment of silver and currency made by your office.

As yet the Bureau has not been advised in this matter and it is requested that you give it your early attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Little Rock, Arkansas

December 14, 1938

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 1, 1938, (7-576) addressed to the Oklahoma City Field Division concerning two letters received by Special Agent F. S. SMITH from HERBERT "DUTCH" AKERS and his wife.

This is to advise that I conferred with AKERS and his wife at the County Jail in Little Rock the morning of Saturday, December 10, 1938, and advised him that Agent SMITH, in his official character as an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, cannot be of any assistance to them.

AKERS informed me that he and his wife had written the letters because of the high regard in which they hold Agent SMITH, feeling that any advice he might give them would be to their best interests. AKERS left the impression that he merely desired to see Agent SMITH in order that he might unburden himself with reference to his recent convictions for harboring.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

F. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Oklahoma City
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SAMUEL ONEAL

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
500 Rector Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
December 13, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: RE: B R E K I D.

I am enclosing herewith, for the information of the Bureau, copy of a letter from SETHOLIA ATKINSON SMITH, dated at Hot Springs, Arkansas, December 2, 1938.

She advises that after testifying in the above case she returned to Hot Springs and was discharged from her position at the Majestic Hotel.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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No_ 9 Mallard St_

Hot Spring__ Ark.

Chief F B I Agent

Dear Sir_

I am asking you for in_mation_ I was call_ to Little Rock the 17__ of October for State witnes_ on the case of Mrs_ Goldstein_ I was imployd at the Majestic Hotel and when I come back the house_keeper had fired me. And I wont to know what can be done about it_

Your_ truly_

S/ SETHOLIA ATKINSON SMITH

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Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of December 13, 1938, enclosing a copy of a letter from Setholia Atkinson Smith, dated at Hot Springs, Arkansas, December 2, 1938.

It is believed that when an Agent is next at Hot Springs, Arkansas, he should call upon this individual and advise her that this Bureau cannot be of assistance to her in connection with the discontinuance of her employment at the Majestic Hotel, as set forth in the letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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W. BRYANT JEFFERSON WA, ROBBERY OF CHICAGO CLUB, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, DECEMBER 28, 1936, UFAP. ARTHUR JEFFERSON, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, BROTHER OF SUBJECT, INFORMED SUBJECT IN CUSTODY TULSA, OKLAHOMA, AND TO BE RETURNED HOT SPRINGS FOR TRIAL STATE COURT. SUBJECT WAS WITNESS FOR GOVERNMENT AT RECENT BREKID HARBORING TRIAL, LITTLE ROCK.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1630,
San Antonio, Texas,
December 18, 1938.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 12, 1938 which letter referred to Bureau letter dated November 26, 1938 regarding a shipment of silver and currency made by this office.

Your attention is directed to a letter from this office dated November 29, 1938 setting out a complete description of the shipment of silver and currency referred to in the aforementioned Bureau letters.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones

GUS T. JONES,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc- Little Rock

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AHC:SIR

December 28, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. T. D. QUINN
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With reference to your memorandum dated November 19, 1938, requesting to be advised of the amount of silver and currency shipped on Government bill of lading #J-112836 from the San Antonio office, please be informed that $776.00 of this shipment consisted of paper currency and $191.00 consisted of silver making a total of $967.00. The voucher from the Railway Express Agency covering this shipment is being returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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December 20, 1938

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: W. BRYANT JEFFERSON, with alias;
Robbery of Chicago Club, Hot
Springs, Arkansas, December 28, 1936;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent N. H. McCABE, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated August 6, 1937, and to teletype from the Little Rock Field Office dated December 12, 1938.

On the afternoon of December 12, 1938, ARTHUR JEFFERSON, Hot Springs, Arkansas, telephoned this office and advised that his brother, the subject, had been apprehended at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was to be returned to Hot Springs on a robbery charge.

Mr. JEFFERSON pointed out that the subject had been a witness at the recent harboring trial in the BRENID case held at Little Rock, and intimated that his arrest at Tulsa had been caused by his activities in furnishing information to the Government. He informed me that Agents working on the BRENID case had suggested that he communicate with the Bureau in the event the subject or any of the other witnesses were arrested or bothered by the Hot Springs authorities.

Mr. JEFFERSON wanted me to stop extradition proceedings by contacting either the Governor of Arkansas or the Governor of Oklahoma.

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I, of course, informed him that the Bureau could not be placed in a position where it would oppose the State Governments in prosecuting those charged with crimes. I informed him, however, that Special Agent DEAN R. MORLEY was then in Hot Springs and would confer with him.

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Agent MORLEY called to see ARTHUR JEFFERSON the same afternoon and tactfully brought to his attention that the Bureau would not be in a position to interfere with the State in this case. Agent MORLEY learned that the Hot Springs officers were returning subject to Hot Springs to dispose of the robbery case against him in connection with the hold-up of the Chicago Club on December 28, 1936.

This information was furnished to the Bureau by teletype of reference, inasmuch as Inspector CONNELLEY while at Little Rock instructed that the Bureau be kept advised, should any action be taken against witnesses who aided or appeared for the Government in connection with the harboring cases.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Memphis, Tennessee
December 28, 1938

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: GRETA GILLSTRAP, Witness, KARPIS
HARBORING AND SHELTERING CASE,
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Dr. M. W. Holehan, 223 Physicians and Surgeons Building, Memphis Tennessee, a personal friend of mine, called me this morning and told me there was a woman in his office I might be interested in seeing.

This woman was Greta Gillstrap who formerly lived in Memphis where she worked as a waitress, and Dr. Holehan had treated her in 1936 after she had been operated on by Dr. Holehan's former associate, Dr. J. L. Jelk. Mrs. Gilstrap is at present living in Kansas City, according to Dr. Holehan's information, and had dropped by his office while in this city.

Dr. Holehan, upon learning that Greta Gillstrap had been a witness in the recent Karpis Harboring and Sheltering and Conspiracy trial in Hot Springs, called me, thinking that she might have some information of interest. Dr. Holehan later informed me that it was his understanding that Mrs. Gilstrap was married to an army sergeant and lived with this sergeant at Kansas City, Missouri, at the present time, and probably engaged in prostitution.

I met and talked with Mrs. Gillstrap in Dr. Holehan's office and she was high in her praise of the representatives of the F. B. I. with whom she had come in contact at the above mentioned trial. She stated that they were gentlemen in every respect and treated her very nicely. She added further that she felt sorry for the children and wife of the former Chief of Detectives at Hot Springs who was recently sent up in the above mentioned case, but did not feel sorry for the officer himself. Not being familiar with the details of this case, I did not attempt to discuss it with her. She seemed to harbor no

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animosity against the Bureau or its representatives with whom she had come in contact. She stated voluntarily that she had recently testified in the Karpis Harboring and Sheltering and Conspiracy Case in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and contemplated returning to Kansas City within the next few days.

After she had left, Dr. Holehan stated to me that he thought she might have information of interest to the Bureau and that was his reason for calling me.

He was thanked by me on your behalf and assured that this information would be treated in strict confidence and you would be informed of his cooperation. Dr. Holehan stated further that if any representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation desired to contact or question Mrs. Gillstrap in the future, he thought he would be able to obtain her address in Kansas City.

It is probable that most of the above data is already contained in the Bureau's files on this phase of the above case.

Mrs. Gillstrap indicated during the course of our conversation, during which Dr. Holehan was present, that she had at one time been an inmate of one of the bawdy-houses operated by Grace Goldstein.

Very truly yours,

W. H. D. Lester

W. H. DRANE LESTER
Inspector

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Thank you for your memorandum of January 3, 1939. I find from our records that on December 15, 1938, Mr. Isgrig called at the Bureau and explained the situation with reference to the case of Herbert "Dutch" Akers. On that same day the Atlanta Penitentiary was specially designated, and he was committed to that institution on December 19, 1938.

Director.

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7-576 January 16, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Oklahoma City office letter addressed to the Bureau under date of October 3, 1938, enclosing a memorandum prepared by Special Agent Frank S. Smith relative to his interview with Herbert Akers, copies of this correspondence being indicated for your office.

Particular attention is invited to page four of this memorandum which indicates Herbert "Dutch" Akers related information to Inspector E. J. Connelly concerning individuals at Hot Springs, Arkansas, whose activities may be in violation of the Internal Revenue laws of the United States.

The Bureau desires that the appropriate officials of the Bureau of Internal Revenue be furnished with such information as is contained in your files relative to these allegations by Herbert "Dutch" Akers. When this information is supplied to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the Bureau should be advised.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 24, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

RE: ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER
Member of Karpis-Barker Gang
I. C. #7-576

There is attached hereto a copy of I. C. #7-576 on Arthur "Doc" Barker, member of the Karpis-Barker Gang.

It is requested that this write-up be revised to reflect the death of the subject "Doc" Barker in his recent attempt to escape from Alcatrz. It is also suggested that the interesting details of the Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, as well as the details of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, harboring cases be prepared in interesting case write-up form; however, it is being left to the discretion of the Investigative Division whether or not these latter features should be included in the revision of the attached I.C., or made the subject matter of a separate write-up.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice
Little Rock, Arkansas

January 24, 1939

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of January 16, 1939, wherein the Bureau instructs that information relative to possible violation of the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States by certain individuals in Hot Springs, Arkansas, be furnished to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

In this connection it is deemed advisable to invite the attention of the Bureau to a personal and confidential communication to the Director from the Little Rock Field Division under date of August 15, 1938, wherein in paragraph two, page two, it is set forth that Mrs. LEO McLAUGHLIN furnished information to the effect that the Collector of Internal Revenue, Mr. HOMER ADKINS, had promised Mayor LEO McLAUGHLIN of Hot Springs, Arkansas, that if McLAUGHLIN would assist in the election of United States Senator HATTIE W. CARAWAY, that a new Federal Judge, who is to be appointed for Arkansas, would be "friendly to the Hot Springs crowd".

Further attention of the Bureau is invited to the personal and confidential communication from the Little Rock Field Division to the Director under date of August 24, 1938, containing information received from Attorney P. A. LESLIE to the effect that Collector of Internal Revenue HOMER ADKINS had made an agreement with LEO P. McLAUGHLIN and VERNE LEDGERWOOD, that if Garland County, Arkansas votes were delivered to Mrs. HATTIE W. CARAWAY, steps would be taken looking to the removal of United States Attorney FRED A. ISGRIG of the Eastern District of Arkansas, and his replacement by SAM ROREX.

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DIRECTOR January 24, 1939

In connection with the latter information it may be stated that the Little Rock Field Division is presently conducting an investigation as to the qualifications of Mr. SAM ROREX as possible successor to FRED A. ISGRIG as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

In view of the fact that Collector of Internal Revenue HOMER M. ADKINS is the person to whom any information concerning a possible violation of the Internal Revenue Laws would ordinarily be furnished, and in view of the above indicated connection between ADKINS and the Hot Springs crowd it is felt that the Bureau may deem it inadvisable to furnish information to the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Little Rock, Arkansas, and it may be considered advisable to furnish such information direct to the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Washington, D. C.

This matter will be held in abeyance pending further Bureau instructions to this office.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Cincinnati.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Eastern District of Arkansas

Little Rock

March 11, 1939

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I called at your office to see you on December 12th, 1938, but you had gone to Florida. I went there upon the suggestion and advice of members of the Department, your friends and mine. With developments as reported in the press, I now feel justified in writing you.

I note from the press that the Attorney General, Mr. Murphy, has been quoted as saying he desired to clean up the District Attorneys' offices in this country believing that many of them were filled by men who are merely cogs in the local political machines. I believe that Mr. Murphy is sincere in this reported attitude and, yet, the stories continue to emanate from Washington that I am to be removed from the United States Attorney's office and that Sam Rorex is to be appointed. Sam Rorex is strictly a cog in the local political machine and has been off and on for twenty years. His political alignment has always been with Leo McLaughlin, Mayor of Hot Springs and political boss there.

Leo McLaughlin, as you know from reports of your own agents, made the statement before and after the Karpis trial that I would lose my job. His friendship for Sam Rorex is well-known and I believe that if Mr. Murphy knew my record in this community and that my removal is being made through the political friends of Leo McLaughlin; that I am to be punished for the prosecution of the Karpis cases - he could not in good conscience stand for it. I do not believe that Mr. Murphy even knows anything about the report of the investigation of Sam Rorex by the FBI. I do not believe that the President of the United States would stand for my removal if he actually knew the facts.

It is the duty, I believe, of the Attorney General of the United States and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to see to it that a United

States Attorney with my record should not be removed for and replaced by friends of those criminals who have been prosecuted.

Hot Springs has quit harboring criminals where they are known to be wanted by the Federal Government. Their quitting was coincident with the Karpis trial, but the harboring of other criminals, the taking of graft from gamblers, and all kinds of vice, is as bad in Hot Springs today as it ever was. I only got partially through with the job. Hot Springs people know this. The best people of that town and of this State know it, and the law-abiding element of this State expresses bitter disappointment and resentment at the turn things have apparently taken.

These are the facts and any investigation you may order will substantiate every statement. I felt at liberty to call upon you in this matter because of your interest in law enforcement.

If United States Attorneys are to be sacrificed for performance of duty, then how can you hope to get anywhere in your courageous battle against crime?

Sincerely yours,

(S) Fred A. Isgrig
FRED A. ISGRIG

FAI/r

Little Rock, Arkansas

January 29, 1939

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: SAMUEL ROREX commonly known as SAM ROREX; DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT - UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype of January 16, 1939, requesting investigation as to SAMUEL ROREX who is a departmental applicant for the position of United States Attorney, particular reference being made to letter from this office to Bureau under date of August 24, 1938, in the BREKID Case.

The letter of August 24, 1938, covered an interview with Mr. P. A. LASLIE, an attorney located at 512 Pyramid Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, who informed Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN that he had heard a rumor to the effect that HOMER ADKINS, Collector of Internal Revenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, had made an agreement with LEO P. McLAUGHLIN and VERNE LEDGERWOOD that if Garland County votes in the recent primary were delivered to Mrs. HATTIE W. CARAWAY that steps would be taken to have Mr. FRED A. ISGRIG removed as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, to be replaced by Mr. SAM ROREX, now chief counsel for the Home Owners Loan Corporation, Little Rock, Arkansas, the reason being that Mr. ROREX as United States Attorney would be more agreeable to the former Hot Springs, Arkansas officials who were under indictment at that time.

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On January 18, 1939, Special Agent HAYNE A. THOMPSON interviewed Mr. P. A. LASLIE in connection with the investigation of Mr. ROREX for the position of United States Attorney. Mr. LASLIE reiterated that he had heard rumors which were unsubstantiated to the effect that a trade was made between

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Senator HATTIE CARAWAY and the Garland County officials that if the County went for Senator CARAWAY in the impending election that SAM ROREX would be made United States Attorney and would side-track the cases involving the Hot Springs officials for harboring ALVIN KARPIS. Mr. LASLIE stated he was unable to give any more definite information in this matter and he could not recall from whom he had heard this rumor.

Mr. BROOKS HAYS, National Committeeman for the Democratic Party for the State of Arkansas and who was a defeated candidate in the 1930 Congressional election in which SAM ROREX and Congressman DAVID D. TERRY were candidates, on January 24, 1939, while being interviewed as to the qualifications of SAM ROREX, stated that he had heard a rumor which can not be substantiated which rumor was current prior to the recent senatorial election to the effect that United States Attorney FRED A. ISGRIG was to be removed from office if Garland County voted solidly for Senator HATTIE CARAWAY. Mr. HAYS stated he does not know if ROREX was actually in on this trade or whether that was a deal made with the political manager for Senator CARAWAY and Hot Springs, Garland County officials. Mr. HAYS also stated that during the 1938 Congressional race LEO P. McLAUGHLIN, Mayor, Hot Springs, had been active for ROREX in that congressional election.

A write-up taken from the Arkansas Democrat, daily newspaper in Little Rock, Arkansas, dated January 1, 1939, under the heading "ROREX SLATED FOR U. S. POST HELD BY ISGRIG" is being forwarded to the Bureau with copies of this letter. It will be noted that in this write-up it is indicated that ROREX ran second in the first primary election, however, that is in error inasmuch as ROREX ran third in that congressional race.

Subsequent to the publication of this article, United States Attorney FRED A. ISGRIG on January 23, 1939, informed Special Agent J. R. CALHOUN that someone had mentioned to him that a day or two after January 1, 1939, the write-up on ROREX being considered for United

States Attorney's position, an article had been noted in the paper to the effect that ROREX had given or had attended a banquet which was also attended by Mayor LEO P. McLAUGHLIN of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Special Agent L. A. QUINDRY and HAYNE A. THOMPSON examined the Arkansas Gazette and Arkansas Democrat for the period between January 2, 1938, and January 15, 1939, with nothing being noted pertaining to ROREX and Mayor McLAUGHLIN. The only article was one published in the Arkansas Gazette January 3, 1939, to the effect that ROREX had addressed an American Legion meeting the previous night.

The information pertaining to the rumored trade between Garland County and Senator HATTIE CARAWAY has not been set out in the report covering the investigation of SAM ROREX.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 8, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN

RE: SAMUEL ROREX, commonly known as SAM ROREX; DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT - UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Reference is made to your memorandum of January 14, 1939, requesting an investigation of the above named applicant, who has been suggested for appointment as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

The records of this Bureau contain information obtained by an Agent on August 13, 1938, in an interview with Mr. P. A. Laslie, 512 Pyramid Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, in connection with the harboring investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, arising out of the Bremer kidnaping case. Mr. Laslie was the attorney who represented Mrs. Leo P. McLaughlin, the former wife of the Mayor of Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the divorce proceedings brought by her against her husband.

Mr. Laslie stated on August 13, 1938, that he had heard a rumor to the effect that Homer Adkins, Collector of Internal Revenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, had made an agreement with Leo P. McLaughlin and Verne Ledgerwood of Hot Springs, that if Garland County votes in the recent primary were delivered to Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway, steps would be taken to have Mr. Fred A. Isgrig removed as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, to be replaced by Mr. Sam Rorex, the instant applicant. According to Mr. Laslie, the reason for this arrangement was that Mr. Rorex, as United States Attorney, would be more agreeable to the former Hot Springs officials, who were under indictment at that time, and would make it easier for them. Mr. Laslie could furnish no verification of this information.

On January 18, 1939, Mr. Laslie was interviewed by an Agent of the Little Rock Field Office of this Bureau in connection with the instant applicant investigation. Mr. Laslie reiterated that he had heard rumors, which were unsubstantiated, to the effect that a

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trade was made between Senator Hattie Caraway and the Garland County officials that if the County went for Senator Caraway in the impending election that Sam Rorex would be made United States Attorney and would sidetrack the cases involving the Hot Springs officials for harboring Alvin Karpis. Mr. Leslie stated that he was unable to give any more definite information in this matter, and he could not recall from whom he had heard this rumor.

An interview was also conducted with Mr. Brooks Hays, National Committeeman for the Democratic Party for the State of Arkansas, who was an unsuccessful candidate in the 1930 Congressional election, in which Sam Rorex and Congressman David D. Terry were also candidates. Mr. Hays stated he had heard a rumor to the effect that United States Attorney Fred A. Isgrig was to be removed from office if Garland County voted solidly for Hattie Caraway. Mr. Hays added that he could not substantiate this rumor, which was current prior to the recent senatorial election. He said that he did not know whether Rorex was actually a party to this trade, or whether it was a deal made between the political manager for Senator Caraway and the Hot Springs, Garland County officials. Mr. Hays also said that during the 1933 Congressional race Leo P. McLaughlin, the Mayor of Hot Springs, had been active in favor of Rorex.

There is transmitted herewith for your information a copy of an article which appeared in the Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock, Arkansas, on January 1, 1939, under the heading "Rorex Slated for United States Post held by Isgrig". It will be noted that the article contains the statement that Rorex ran second in the first primary election. However, this is incorrect, inasmuch as he was third in that Congressional race.

On January 23, 1939, United States Attorney Fred A. Isgrig informed an Agent of the Little Rock Office that a day or two after the above mentioned article appeared in the Arkansas Democrat, someone had mentioned to him that an article had appeared in the paper indicating that Rorex had given or had attended a banquet, which was attended by Leo P. McLaughlin. However, Special Agents examined the Arkansas Gazette and the Arkansas Democrat for the period from January 2, 1939, to January 15, 1939, without discovering anything therein pertaining to Rorex and Mayor McLaughlin. The only article noted was one published in the Arkansas Gazette of January 3, 1939, to the effect that Rorex had addressed an American Legion meeting the previous night.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Little Rock, Arkansas,
February 3, 1939.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a clipping from the Arkansas Gazette, a Little Rock, Arkansas, newspaper, under date of January 31, 1939, which contains a news item with reference to the former wife of subject CECIL BROCK.

It will be noted that this woman is quoted as saying that she could not tell BROCK she has married or he would quit writing, as prison officials will permit him to receive letters only from herself and his mother.

This matter is being brought to the attention of the Bureau for possible reference to the Bureau of Prisons.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FROM "THE ARKANSAS GAZETTE"
Little Rock, Arkansas
January 31, 1939

FORMER WIFE HOPES TO AID EX-POLICE OFFICER IN PAROLE

The former wife of Cecil Brock is married again, but if the man convicted of conspiring to harbor Alvin Karpis at Hot Springs in 1936-1937 is freed from federal prison before he is eligible for parole in June he can thank her for a new start in life.

The former Mrs. Lanell Brock became Mrs. Lanell Saunders on New Year's Day, she announced yesterday when she conferred with federal officials in another attempt to hasten Brock's freedom. Saunders, a Joliet, Ill., automobile dealer, lived in the apartment house occupied by the Brocks before their divorce in August, 1937.

Brock, a former Hot Springs police lieutenant, doesn't know his former wife has remarried.

"I can't tell him because then he'd have to quit writing and I couldn't write letters to cheer him," she said. "Prison officials will permit him to receive letters only from me and his mother. He tells me how much he misses my letters when I don't write.

Thinks Brock Unfortunate.

"Cecil and I have been good friends. I'll do anything in the world to help him because I don't believe he would accept money from any criminal. I will always think he was made the goat. I know he received no money from any transactions with the underworld. After he lost his job last summer I've known him to go hungry many times, and I know he wouldn't do that if he had money."

Mrs. Saunders, a striking blonde, asked that one point concerning her separation from Brock be cleared up.

"Many people think I divorced him because of that case," she said. "That's untrue. Even if I had known he was guilty I would never have left him for that reason. I would have felt it my duty to remain true to him for the rest of my life if he had to stay in prison that long."

Husband Seconds Efforts.

Mrs. Saunders is living with her sister in Little Rock for a few weeks before she and her husband go to Joliet.

"Mr. Saunders approves of my efforts in Cecil's behalf," she said. "He is going to take me to see Cecil on our way north. "I'll have to tell him we are married then.

"If I can't do anything else for him, I at least have arranged a job for him with a Hot Springs business firm. He will be ready to apply for a parole in June. I hope we can find some way to free him sooner."

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF PRISONS

I am transmitting herewith a photostatic copy of a clipping from The Arkansas Gazette, a Little Rock, Arkansas newspaper under date of January 31, 1939, which contains a news item with reference to the former wife of Cecil Brock. It will be noted this woman is quoted as saying that she could not tell Brock she has been married or he would quit writing, since the prison officials will permit him to receive letters only from her and his mother.

It is recalled that Cecil Brock was sentenced to a Federal prison for two years in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis at Hot Springs, Arkansas. This matter is being called to your attention for such action as you deem desirable.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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500 Rector Office Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 5, 1939

Mr. Milton Nobles,
Western Union Telegraph Company,
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dear Mr. Nobles:

Your letter of February 1, 1939 has been received, and I have carefully studied the contents.

As of interest to our Bureau in Washington, D. C., I am mailing a copy of your communication there for Mr. Hoover's perusal.

With best wishes and my sincere thanks for your cooperation with this Bureau, I am -

Sincerely yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Hot Springs, Arkansas
February 4, 1939

Mr.H.E.Andersen,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Mr.Andersen:

Mr. ISGRIG called me on the telephone yesterday and said that city officials here had asked our U.S. Senators to "bury" Isgrig because he did not desist in our police corruption cases.

I understand that at one time Isgrig was in with Charlie Rockafellow and our crooked politicians at one time and that if it had not been for FBI, there would have been no conviction or trial of Akers etal.

This may be gossip but wanted you to know that Isgrig seems to be on the spot and he wanted Rotary Club to tell senators, Hot Springs Citizens appreciate what he did.

We wrote senators that if he was consistent official that he should be given credit for his part in convicting Akers and Wakelin and not dismissed because of political influence from our local gangster officials.

Regards,

s/ Milton Nobles.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

500 Rector Office Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 7, 1939

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

Dear Sir: Re: B R E K I D

During the investigation of the harboring cases against police officials and others at Hot Springs, Arkansas, a voluminous index was prepared on 3 x 5 paper with reference to the BREMER case.

Inasmuch as final prosecution has been had against all defendants in the Little Rock Field Division, the Bureau is requested to authorize the destruction of the index, unless the retention of same is desired by Inspector E. J. CONNELLEY or the Bureau in Washington.

Personally, I do not believe this index would serve any useful purpose now that our case has been disposed of.

Very truly yours,
H. E. Andersen
H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Inspector E. J. Connelley

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Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BRECKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 7, 1939, requesting authority to destroy the index maintained in connection with the harboring investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

In view of the fact that your office may be called upon to furnish data relative to this matter which will be made more readily available if the index is maintained, it is believed desirable at this time not to destroy this index, provided there is sufficient space available for its maintenance.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Inspector E. J. Connelley

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BUREAU OF PRISONS

WASHINGTON

March 10, 1939

MEMORANDUM TO JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

I have received your memorandum of March 3, 1939 and the photostatic copy of a clipping from "The Arkansas Gazette" in reference to the former wife of Cecil Brock, #53857-U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

I appreciate your cooperation in forwarding this information to us. Your letter and the copy of the clipping are being placed in the Bureau file on the case where they will come to the attention of the U. S. Board of Parole, and copies are being sent to the Warden of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Eastern District of Arkansas
Little Rock
March 11, 1939

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I called at your office to see you on December 12th, 1938, but you had gone to Florida. I went there upon the suggestion and advice of members of the Department, your friends and mine. With developments as reported in the press, I now feel justified in writing you.

I note from the press that the Attorney General, Mr. Murphy, has been quoted as saying he desired to clean up the District Attorneys' offices in this country believing that many of them were filled by men who are merely cogs in the local political machines. I believe that Mr. Murphy is sincere in this reported attitude, and yet, the stories continue to emanate from Washington that I am to be removed from the United States Attorney's office and that Sam Rorex is to be appointed. Sam Rorex is strictly a cog in the local political machine and has been off and on for twenty years. His political alignment has always been with Leo McLaughlin, Mayor of Hot Springs and political boss there.

Leo McLaughlin, as you know from reports of your own agents, made the statement before and after the Karpis trial that I would lose my job. His friendship for Sam Rorex is well-known and I believe that if Mr. Murphy knew my record in this community and that my removal is being made through the political friends of Leo McLaughlin; that I am to be punished for the prosecution of the Karpis cases - he could not in good conscience stand for it. I do not believe that Mr. Murphy even knows anything about the report of the investigation of Sam Rorex by the FBI. I do not believe that the President of the United States would stand for my removal if he actually knew the facts.

It is the duty, I believe, of the Attorney General of the United States and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to see to it that a United States Attorney with my record should not be removed for and replaced by friends of those criminals who have been prosecuted.

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Hot Springs has quitm harboring criminals where they are known to be wanted by the Federal Government. Their quitting was coincident with the Karpis trial, but the harboring of other criminals, the taking of graft from gamblers, and all kinds of vice, is as bad in Hot Springs today as it ever was. I only got partially through with the job. Hot Springs people know this. The best people of that town and of this State know it, and the law-abiding element of this State expresses bitter disappointment and resentment at the turn things have apparently taken.

These are the facts and any investigation you may order will substantiate every statement. I felt at liberty tocall upon you in this matter because of your interest in law enforcement.

If United States attorneys are to be sacrificed for performance of duty, then how can you hope to get anywhere in your courageous battle against crime?

Sincerely yours,

S/ Fred A. Negrig

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NOTATION: Send copy of letterto A.G. at once.
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March 13, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter dated March 11, 1939, from Mr. Fred A. Isgrig, United States Attorney, Eastern District of Arkansas. This letter sets forth information relative to the appointment of Sam Rorex as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas and the removal of Mr. Isgrig in view of the successful convictions of the former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin, his Chief of Detectives, Herbert Akers, his Lieutenant in Charge of Identification, Cecil Brock, and Grace Goldstein, operator of a house of Prostitution, all of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who were convicted for the harboring of members of the Barker-Karpis gang at the time those gangsters were fugitives from justice. For your information, each of the persons convicted has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of two years in connection with this harboring case.

Under date of November 8, 1938, I addressed a memorandum to the Attorney General outlining the fearlessness with which the United States Attorney, Fred A. Isgrig, handled the successful prosecution of this case as reported to me by the Agents investigating this matter, as well as outlining the rumors concerning the removal of Mr. Isgrig as United States Attorney by certain political factions, in view of his successful prosecution of this case.

Under date of January 14, 1939, Mr. Joseph B. Keenan, then The Assistant to the Attorney General, addressed a memorandum to me requesting a quick teletype investigation of the character and qualifications of Mr. Sam Rorex, of Little Rock, Arkansas, who had been suggested for appointment as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

I am transmitting this information to you because I feel you will be interested in this matter.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Honorable Fred A. Isgrig
United States Attorney
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Isgrig:

I wish to acknowledge your letter dated March 11, 1939, relative to the possible appointment of Sam Rorex as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, as well as your removal, in view of the manner in which you brought about the successful convictions of former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin, his Chief of Detectives, Herbert Akers, his Lieutenant in Charge of Identification, Cecil Brook, and Grace Goldstein, operator of a house of prostitution, all of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

I have transmitted a copy of your letter to Honorable Frank Murphy, The Attorney General, calling his attention to the fact that I had previously brought to the attention of the former Attorney General the fearlessness with which you handled the prosecution in connection with this harboring case. As you know, it was a real source of appreciation to me to learn of the excellent cooperation which you extended Bureau Agents while working on the harboring case, as well as of the manner in which you prosecuted the subjects so successfully. I know that it will be gratifying to you to learn that I have brought to the attention of the Attorney General of the United States your record in connection with the successful conviction of the above named persons charged with the harboring of Alvin Karpis.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc Little Rock(Enclosure - copy incoming letter)

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