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and read it. When I see it
I'll suggest that I call you
to get your opinion.
S. Davis = OK. Call me - Ilite Lere.

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3:35 P.m. — ont #3.
McLaughlin — Called 613 (Sheriff's Office)
Chas. Erbey — Hello=
McLaughlin — Is Marion Anderson there?
Erbey — He's out now, but is around the building somewhere.
McLaughlin — Tell him to stay there. I want to see him. I'll be over in a few minutes.

3:40 P.m. — On #3.
McLaughlin — Hello.
Douglas Hotchkiss — Leo, some son of a bitch has been making all the stores around town and selling pictures of the Dickson boy after he was beat up. That dont help anything on top of what the legislature is doing and high water too.
McLaughlin — I hadn't heard anything

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(cont.)
about it, Douglas - Do you know
who's doing it?
Hotchkiss - No, but maybe you can
stop him by arresting for peddling
without a license.
McLaughlin - All right - sure. I'll tell
the boys. I heard that a fellow
named Lovell, out in Jonestown,
had a bunch of them and took
them to Little Rock with Dave
Harrison and Scott Wood - They
passed them around the legislature.
Hotchkiss - How is that going?
McLaughlin - all right. They're about
washed up - The committee told
me that if they couldn't find
anything in the records that
they are through - They wont.
Hotchkiss - Well, of course there nothing
to find -
McLaughlin - No. I'll see about this other
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(cont.)
Hotchkiss - Well, I just thought that you would like to know. By the way, I sent notices to the Chicago Tribune and Kansas City Star, pointing out that the roads were still open to Hot Springs and that high water hadn't interfered with reaching here.

McLaughlin - Thats good.

4:00 P.M. - Out #3.
McLaughlin - Called 680 (Witt & Witt, attys.)
Witt (Senior) - Hello.
McLaughlin - I heard from Little Rock and things are looking in good shape up there now.
Witt, Sr. - Thats fine. Gibson (Witt) went up there today and hasn't gotten back yet -
McLaughlin - I've heard that Earl (Wi

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(cont.) has been getting advice from Wootton (attorney) lately. He thinks Wootton is his good friend, but Wootton and Scott Wood really are friends. I just wanted to let you know

With, Sr. - Thanks.

4:20 P.m. - Dr # 3.
No one answered. Hoe.

H ot Springs Ark.
January 24,1936.

Memorandum for Inspector E.J. Connelley. BREKID.

Attached hereto are the logs for January 20,1937, for telephone taps on telephones 125,446 and 648 at Hot S prings Ark.

Your attention is directed to the telephone call at 10.07 A.M. on telephone #648 between Mayor L ep P. McLaughlin and State Representative James Campbell and subsequent conversatio ns of the M ayor with other persons at 11. 18 A. M . , 11.40A.M. and 11.51 A.M., where the Mayor indicates his confidence in the opinion that the l egislative investigation of the administration "fizzling out".

Also note in the above calls that Mayor McLaughlin practically dictated to Rep. Campbell and State Senator Wheatley as to how they should vote on legislative matters. McLaughling did practically the same thing in talking with State Representative Hollingsworth in the conversation over #648 at 9.47A.M.

In the call at 1 0. 20A.M. over telephone #648, the Mayor agreed to fix a parking ticket for one of John C lements' "boys".

Respectfully submitted

D.P. Sullivan
D.P.Sullivan
Special Agent.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 2 [illegible] 1937
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ROUTE TO: FILE

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

1-20-37. HAR.

12:05 Am. - In #1.
Offrs - Kelly & Murray at 116.

12:16 Am - In #2.
Mar - Reported that several transients had just checked out of the Camp Garrity (Tourist camp) with out an auto. Suggested they be watched to prevent thefts.

HAR.

12:30 Am. - Out #1.
Jack McJunkins - Called 3421 (Hatteria Hotel).
Grace (Goldstein) - Hello.
Jack - Is Jerry there, Grace?
Grace - Yeah. I'll send the maid for her. How'd you come out in Little Rock, Jack?
Jack - It looks pretty good now. Still worried some, though.
Grace - Well. (pause) Jerry is busy right (cont.)

(cont.)
now. Do you want me to take the message?
Jack - How long will she be busy?
Grace - Not long. I guess about fifteen or twenty minutes. Want her to come down?
Jack - Yeah. If she's not down in half an hour, I'll know she can't come.
Grace - Oh, she'll be there by that time.
Jack - Tell her to bring me some cigarettes. I'm out.
Grace - Ok, honey -

Hdq.

12:50 A.M. - Br #2.
Woman - Send the officers to 233 Jackson street. A man is drunk, raising hell, and beating my mother.
Rogers - Who is he?
Woman - Its Guy Buchanan -

1-20-37. H.A.

1:05 A.m. - In # 1.
Officers - Kelly & Murray at 126.

2:00 A.m. - In # 1.
Officers - Kelly & Murray at 777.

3:00 A.m. - In # 1.
Officers - Kelly & Murray at 126.

H.A.

3:10 A.m - In # 1. For Rogers.
Rogers - Hello.
Dave (Johnson:) - This is Dave, Rogers.
Come by here when you're
not too busy.
Rogers - all right.

4:05 A.m. - In # 1.
Officers - Murray & Kelly at 777.

H.A.

1-20-37- Hax

5:00 A.m. - Dr #1.
Officers - Murray & Kelly at ???.

5:55 A.m. - Dr #1.
Woman - How many breakfasts?
Corrington - Eight.

Hax

6:01 A.m. - Out #2.
Corrington - Called 1038 (Mrs Mcjunkins) advised her of the time.

6:45 A.m. - Out #2.
Rogers - Called 613 (Sheriff).
John Erney - Hello.
Rogers - Did they catch Louis Hinkle last night?
Erney - I don't know. They went out after him but don't know what they did.

Hax.

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6:58 Am. — Out #1.
Corrington - called 3374 (Plein Rest)
Ordered two more breakfasts.

7:00 Am — Out #2.
Man — Called "Eatmore Cafe"
Woman - Hello.
Man - Did Louis Hinkle come in there last night?
Woman — No. I think he's in Fayetteville. Hor.

7:50 Am. — In #1.
John Erney - Tell Rogers they didn't find Louis Hinkle last night.
Corrington - all right

8:02 Am. — In #1. Hor
Rogers — If Chief Rasberry calls, tell him I'm on the way up to get him.
Corrington — All right. 5

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8:03 Am - Sr #1.
Rasberry - Send someone to get me.
Corrington - Rogers is on his way up there now.

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8:15 AM In #446 GRW
Mrs. Harrington (Police Matron)
called Capt Rogers and said
she wouldn't come down unless
needed. Capt Rogers told her to
stay indoors out of the weather.

8:27 AM In #446 GRW
Miss Marsh called Garnett Moore
and asked him to come after her.

8:25 AM In #446 GRW
Call for Red Terry = Not In.

8:36 AM In #446 GRW
Monroe Young called Capt Rogers
and asked Rogers to drive out
after him.

8:45 AM In #446 GRW
Call for Chief = Not In.

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JRW

946 AM In #173
Carrington = Chief's Office
J.R. Fordyce = Is Mr. Akers there?
Akers - Hello -
J.R Fordyce - Mr. Akers, this is J.R. Fordyce.
My wife got a ticket yesterday
for parking in a restricted
area. She can't get in te
town this morning. I wonder
if I can arrange to take care
of it later.
Akers - That's all right Mr. Fordyce
I take care of it for you.
You won't need to come down.
J.R. Fordyce - Thank you very much.

JRW

849 AM In #446
Call for Jack Puckett - Not In.

JRW

851 AM In #446
Call for Red Terry - Not In.

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9⁰⁵ AM In #446 Glen
Judge Ryan called for Akers. He was told that Akers was not in. Judge Ryan asked that Akers be told to call him at 1024.

9¹⁵ AM In #173 Glen
Girl called for Garnett Moore - Not In

9³⁷ AM Out #173 Glen
Akers = J.J.
Man = Railway Express.
Akers = Mack, who is this Martin McGuire mentioned in the morning papers?
Man = That's my brother. He works up at the Army and Navy Hospital.
Akers - Ok Thanks -

9⁴⁶ Out #133 Glen
Man - 1785 - No Answer.

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9⁵¹ AM In #446 GKer
Joe Robinson called for Capt
Rogers and reported the loss of
his dog.

10⁰² AM In #446 GKer
Calf for Capt Rogers = Not In -

10⁰⁵ AM Out #178 GKer
Rasberry = 648
Miss Marsh = Mayor's office
Rasberry = Is Judge Segerwood in?
Segerwood = Yes -
Rasberry = Judge, this old fellow
you fined $25 for not having
paid occupation tax hasn't
any money but he promises
to leave town if turned
out -
Segerwood = Ok then - let him out.

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10[08] Out #183
Rasberry - 3086 (Rasberry residence -
Mrs Rasberry = Hello -
Rasberry - I forgot my gun so
be sure to put it out
of the boy's reach -
Mrs Rasberry = All right -

GRun

10[17] Am In #446
Call for Akers = Not In -

GRun

10[18] Am Out #183
Man called 3574 and ordered
5 breakfasts -

GRun

10[21] In #446
Call for Buchanan = Not in -

GRun

10[44] In #183
Call for Akers = Not In -

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10⁴⁷ Am In #446 — Glen
Call for Akers - Not In -

10⁵⁰ Am Out #143 — Glen
Woman = 991 - Busy.

11⁰⁴ Am In #446 — Glen
Call for Akers - Not In -

11¹⁶ Am In #446 — Glen
Call for Arch Cooper - Not In -

11³⁷ Am Out #446 — Glen
Akers = 77 r (Wade Clinic)
Woman = Wade Clinic.
Akers = Is Dr. Wade in?
Dr. Wade = Hello -
Akers = This is Herbert Akers. Did you call me?
Dr Wade - Yes. I lost a carrat stick pinkey at the St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday - How about coming

by and Ill give you the
details and a description of
the pin -

Akers = All right, Doctor. Ill drop by.

Glen

11 37 Am In #183
Call for Akers = Not In -

Glen

11 39 Am In #183
Mrs Akers called for Akers = Not In.

Glen

11 46 Am In #446
Fowler = City Jail

Glen

Judge Lepewood - Is Dutch there?
Akers = Hello -
Lepewood = Dutch - this is Verne Lepewood
I just heard that Shelly Hughes
is hiding around upon
Park Avenue. See if you
can find him and pick him up
Akers = All right.

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11:57 AM In #103
Dr. Davis called for Akers =
Akers = Hello -
Dr. Davis = Dutch - I can't do any thing for that fellow. He is N.G.
Akers = Ok. Doctor. He is out now. He got out this morning
Dr. Davis - Ok !

GRm

11:58 AM Out #173
Akers = 648
Mayor = Hello
Akers - Did Johnny Clemments say anything to you about that driver of his?
Mayor = Yes. Let him go but tell him he must cut that out -
Akers = Ok -

GRm

12:01 AM In #446
Mayor called Jack Puckett =
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17th In #173 Glen
Call for Akers = Not In

17th In #183 Glen
Call for Akers = Not In -

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12.57 P.M. Incoming ☎ 1183 J.L.M.
Ant. This is Ant - have they located Louie
Dimble, yet?
Tucker. No, not yet -
Ant. Have they put out any calls for him?
Tucker Yeah - the Sheriff's office is looking
for him and the Chief + Jerry Watkins
have been out after him.

1:01 P.M. Outgoing ☎ 1183 J.L.M.
Monroe Young: Hello -
Jackson
Monroe Young: Mrs. Storring (City Matron)
wants $3.00 to buy some medi-
cine - she's home with the
flux
I expect she can have it.
Jackson: I'll send one of the boys after
Monroe Young: it.

1:14 P.M. Incoming ☎ 446 J.L.M.
Man for Chief Rasberry - not in.

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1:30 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.

Charlie Cooper. Is Swede there?

Absco : no - what is it, Charlie?

Charlie Cooper: I got a car out here that I think must have been stolen or something

Absco : Where are you?

Charlie Cooper. At home -

Absco : I'll be right out -

1:38 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.

Incm. Is Red Terry there?

Young: No, he's out in the street.

1:52 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.

Buchanan: Is Rasberry there?

Rasberry: Hello -

Buchanan: This is Bluford Buchanan - are you busy?

Rasberry: No.

Buchanan: Get in a car and drive to Vance Boro. I want to tell you somethin

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1:59 P.M. I running on #446 J.L.M.
Thomas: Is Georgia Smith in jail?
Tucker: No - they turned her out yesterday.

2:13 P.M. I running on #446 J.L.M.
Uffner reporting - #503 J motorcar.

2:20 P.M. I running on #123 J.L.M.
Thomas called for Chief Rosberry on Clutch Cobern - neither if them are in.

2:22 P.M. I running on #446 J.L.M.
Thomas: Is Billy Cannon in jail?
Tucker: No -
Thomas. He heard he was - he hasn't showed up at home, and we don't know where he is.

2:32 P.M. Hunting on #123 J.L.M.
Clark Cooper: #743 - Judge are you busy
Ledgerwood: No -
Clark Cooper: I'll be up there in a little while

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2:35 P.M. Incoming on #446 D.L.M.

Mom: Is Butch there -

Abner: Hello -

Mom: Was there anything to that I told you about last night -

Abner: Yeah - I think it'll work out all right -

Mom: Say listen - you guys aren't going to shoot that Saratoga in just there, are you?

Abner: Yeah -

Mom: Christ, that guy is murder -

Abner: Well, we'll see -

2:37 P.M. Incoming on #446 D.L.M.

Robbins: Send a car to that liquor store on Robson Avenue right away.

Tucker: O.K. Charlie -

2:59 P.M. Incoming on #123 D.L.M.

Mom: I'm calling for Officer Robbins - he's at the O'Donnell's Liquor Store on Hobson Ave. with a prisoner - he wants you

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Man: to come right out there.
Tucker: O.K.

3:07 P.M. Dunning on # 446 J.L.M.
Woman called for Abers - not in.

3:10 P.M. Dunning on # 1x3 J.L.M.
Joe Dot: This is Joe Dot - is Monroe
Tucker: "Jimmy on the day or night shift?
He's on the day shift, but he's
not in a call now.

3:15 P.M. Dunning on # 1x3 J.L.M.
Conde: Is Chief Rasberry in?
Tucker: No, he's out on a call -
Conde: When he returns, have him call
Conde at # 3880.

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4 05 PM In #446 G Rue
Call for Akers = Not In -

4 05 PM In #173 G Rue
Leslie Condie called Chief Rasberry
Rasberry = Hello -
Condie = Chief have you got
Anderson in jail?
Rasberry = No - he's out.
Condie = Thanks.

4 09 PM In #446 G. Rue
Call for Akers -
Akers = Hello -
Man = Dutch, I thought you were
coming by here -.
Akers - Aw - Hell - I forgot it.
Man = Well. that fellow wants
to leave at 5 00 o'clock.
Akers = Tell Johnnie to give it
to him and I'll come up and
fix it up -
Man = Ok.

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4:13 In #46 Glen
Call for Akers = Not In -

4:35 In #46 Glen
Officer reported = 114 Jonestown.

4:44 In #173 Glen
Mrs Petty at La Mar Bank House
called for Chief Rasberry. Not In.

4:59 In #173 Glen
Bill Howard, Arkansas National
Bank called and asked that a
Policeman be sent to the bank. He
reported that an unknown man
had entered the up stairs over
the bank.

5:20 In #46 Glen
Mrs Brock called and asked if
Brock had been about the jail -
She was told that Brock had not been in

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5:55 P.m. — In #2.
Man — Is Dutch Aiken there?
Officer — He's at supper.
Man — Is chief there?
Rasberry — Hello.
Man — (had hung up)

6:25 P.m. — In #2.
Man — Reported an auto wreck at Malvern and Church streets.

Hon.

6:28 P.m. — Out #2.
Aiken — Called 2745
No one answered.

6:50 P.m. — In #1.
Officer — Reported at 503 - Jonestown -

7:00 P.m. — Out #2.
Man — called 1065 (Southern Grill). asked for Jimmie Phillips.
Phillips — Hello —
Man — (had hung up). (23)

Hon.

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7:08 PM In #173 G Rice
Call for Walter Ebel = Not In.

7:23 PM Out #173 G Rice
Akers = 783 (Residence of Sam Garrett)
Woman = Hello -
Akers = Is the Judge there?
Judge Garrett = Hello -
Akers = Judge, Iva Ross, a Post Office Inspector is here. He has something he wants to talk to you about -
Ross = Hello -
Garrett = Hello -
Ross = Judge. I've got some facts & divorces which appear to have your signature on them. Ma, I see you sometime in the morning?
Garrett = All right. About 10 o'clock?
Ross = That's fine. I'll see you then

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Elkin

7:37 PM In #173
Akers = Chief's office
Mayor = This is Leo. Is the Chief there?
Akers = He just stepped out.
Mayor = Find him and have him
call me -
Akers = All right - just a minute
Ebel wants to talk to you.
Walter Ebel = Hello - Leo - did you
see that Answer prepared
by Scott Wood.
Mayor = Yes, I saw it. You wrote it
for him didn't you?
Walter Ebel = What? - Oh - Yes!

Elkin

7:38 PM In #173
Mayor called and asked to speak
With Walter Ebel.
Ebel = Hello -
Mayor = Say - that thing in there about
that fellow (Brock) still doing
fingerprint work is just a

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damn liar and I want you to put it just like that in your paper. I know you're been over there pretty close to that fellow.

Ebel = You know I didn't have anything to do with that and anyone who says so is a damn liar. Where are you?

Mayor = It doesn't make any difference where I am. (Hung up).

E. Lee

7:40 PM Out #173
Rasberry = 600
Mayor = Hello -
Rasberry = This is Rasberry -
Mayor = Say - call the Newspaper and talk to Bob Dean and give him a statement to the effect that none of those fellows who have been named in the indictments have done any work for the Police Dept.
Rasberry - All right - 26

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7:58 PM Out #133 Glen
Akers = 797 J - No Answer

8:25 PM Out #446 Glen
Brock = 613
Man = Sheriff's Office
Brock = Is Roy Elmer there?
Man = No -
Brock = OK -

8:27 PM Out #133 Glen
Rasberry called #613, Sheriff's Office
and asked if they had located
Louis Hinkle - Was told that
they had been unable to locate
him.

8:30 PM In #446 Glen
Man called and reported a
drunk in back of Arkansas
Trust Co -

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8:46 PM In #446 — G Lee
Officer reported = 503 Jamestown.

8:50 PM Out #446 — G Lee
Brock = 3100
Man = Sentinel Record
Brock = Is there an extra out?
Man = No -
Brock = Thanks -

9:35 PM In #446 — G Lee
Officer reported = 116 Jamestown

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10:00 P.M. — In # 1.
Officer — Reported at 8 - Jonestown -

10:06 P.m. — Out # 1.
Man — Called 3900 (Market St. Garage)
John — Hello -
Man — This is Dalton, with Burch Motor Co. Did you pull in a '37 model Ford from Prospect St?
John — No. You have me?
Dalton — yes. It may be stolen.

10:10 P.m. — Out # 1.
Dalton — Called 100 (Central Garage) and inquired if they pulled in a Ford Auto from Prospect St.
Clerk — No -

10:30 P.m. — In # 1.
Mrs McJunkins — Requested Corrington to call her at six A.M.

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10:35 P.m. - In #1. Hdq.
Officers - Reported in.

10:40 P.m. - Out #1.
Officer - Called 1580 (listed - H. B. Dalton)
Asked for Mr. Dalton -
Man - He's out looking for his car.

10:55 P.m. - In #1. Hdq.
Officers - Reported at 116.

11:10 P.m. - In #1
Officer - Reported at 3012 Central Ave.

11:35 P.m. - In #1 and 2.
Women - Send officers to 708½ Central
right away -
Covington - all right. Hdq.

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11:45 Pm. — Out #1.
Covington — Called Western Union for correct time.

11:46 Pm. — In #1.
Officers — Robbins, Abbott, and Davis reported at 788.

11:53 Pm. — In #1.
Officers — Moore & Bradley at 116.

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#3
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9:15 AM In

Mayor received a call from Ed. Ellen
Farris at Little Rock.

Mayor = Hello-

Farris = Leo, this is Ed. I've been
in bed and I still have
some fever so I haven't
been out.

Mayor = Well, when will the
Commission meet?

Farris = Well. They are to meet tomorrow
here at my house, 511 P. Street.

Mayor = all right. I sent a copy
of that bill to Charles Cella.
I don't know what he wants
to do.

Farris = Well, you're coming over
aren't you?

Mayor = Yes

Farris = All right.

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GLW

9:9 AM Out
Mayor placed a telephone call
for Jim Campbell at the House
of Representatives, Little Rock. Operator
reported she was unable to locate
Mr. Campbell.

GLW

9:28 In #648
Mrs McCafferty called the Mayor
and talked at length about renting
a store place on Central Ave.
She stated she would be unable
to pay the high rent ($175 per mo) asked
by the Mayor.

GLW

9:41 In #648
Long Distance Operator reported
she had been unable to locate
Jim Campbell at the State House.

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9:47 AM Out — Glen

Mayor placed call for Hollingsworth at State House, Little Rock —

Hollingsworth: Hello.

Mayor — This is Leo, Sayon this bill to exchange judges - don't draw on it for me and also be sure to see Jim Campbell and tell him about that. I'll see him

Hollingsworth: All right Leo, I'll see him

9:50 AM Out — Glen

Miss Marsh called Elmer at #1134 (Fire Dept) and told him to come to the Mayor's Office -

10:05 AM In —

Chief Rasberry called Judge Isgrigwood - (See Log #1447 - 10:05 am)

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10:07 A.M

Representative Jim Campbell called the Mayor from Little Rock, Ark.

Mayor: I was talking to Ernest (Mauer) - did he tell you what I told him about that Circuit Judge Bill?

Campbell: Yes -

Mayor: Don't have anything to do with it - pro or con.

Campbell: I don't think they'll pass it anyway.

Mayor: Yes. I know - but don't have any part in it.

Campbell: All right -

Mayor: Did you read the Gazette this morning

Campbell: Yeah and you all enter in it before the wrote it?

Mayor: Yes

Campbell: I don't think it'll hurt anything

Mayor: Did you talk with any members of the committee lately?

Campbell: Yeah

Mayor: Are they going to be for it about this thing down here?

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Campbell: Yes, three of them will -

Mayor: What's the atmosphere over there?

Campbell: I don't think they'll get 25 votes to impeach him.

Mayor: No, I think the Committee is beginning to filter out.

Campbell: When are you coming over - I would like to see you

Mayor: I'll have to be there tomorrow to attend a meeting of the Racing Commission at four o'clock. I'll try to see you then.

JLM.

10:20 A.M

John Clements: Morning

Verne (Ledgewood) fined one of my boys $5.00 this morning for double parking - I wish you would take care of that.

Mayor: All right, I'll attend to it, but I wish you would watch that, as there is a lot of beef about it.

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10:55 In

Miss Marsh = Mayor's Office

Rip = Is the Mayor in?

Mayor → Rip: = Hello - Hello Mayor. This is Rip. Can I see you if I come right down?

Mayor = Yes - come on down.

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Mayor: *1124 (City Service Dept.)
Man: Hello -
Mayor: Let me talk to Elmer -
Elmer: Hello
Mayor: Go to Vic and get two small suit boxes, paper and string.

J.L.M.

11:18 A.M. Montgomery
Mayor: #47 (Jackson Hdwe Store)
Man: Hello -
Mayor: Is Roy there?
Roy: Hello -
Mayor: This is Leo - send three of those things over here - better leave it at the boat office in the Auditorium, & I'll pick it up there
Roy: All right - how's everything?
Mayor: Looks pretty good - I guess that Committee has about pictured out in their investigation. I talked with some of them last Saturday, and told me that they weren't concerned about the Primary Election, or the Watson case, or about getting me out of office

Mayor — that they only were interested in checking
those the records of these gambling houses
to see if they were paying off to me (laugh.
Roy — Well. I doubt I figure it would amount
to much anyway.
Mayor — It's just the work of some overly enthu
siastic representative in the House —
Roy — Yeah. I guess so —
Mayor — As Doug Hotchkiss said last nite —
between Scott Wood, the Legislature
Committee, the rain and those floods,
we're in for a bad season in Hot Springs.
Roy — Yeah, you'd be surprised the number
of people that left here on account of the
bad publicity.
Mayor — Well. I hope things will stay quiet now

11:23 A.M. — Morning — (L.D.)
Brood Smith — Is George there? This is Brood
Smith talking —
Mayor — No. he probably is around the line
Kept — he usually sits there.

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11:23 A.M Outgoing J.L.H.

Mayor: #600

Woman: Hello -

Mayor: Tell Herman to be around there at one o'clock - I want him to do something for me.

11:40 A.M Outgoing J.L.H.

Mayor called Long distance for Senator Walter Wheatley at Little Rock, Ark.

Mayor: How's everything going up there?

Wheatley: Just fine, Leo. We've considering the Appropriation Bill now.

Mayor: How's our matter now there?

Wheatley: All right - the Senate seems to think it is a political joke.

Mayor: You're voting with the Administration all right, aren't you?

Wheatley: Yes

Mayor: You vote along with what they want.

Wheatley: Yes, I've been go along right well there.

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Major. I've sent you 50 copies of the Hot Springs newspaper that contains that editorial about the proposed investigation down here. Take a copy and give it to each Senator, and do with the others as you wish - I also sent Mamie some copies to distribute among the House members.

Whiteley. All right Leo, I'll do that. Any time I can do anything for you fellows down there, let me know.

J. L. M.

11:51 A.M. This morning
George Neal called the Major long distance from Little Rock.
George: Hello Leo; how are you?
Major: Just fine -
George: Do you know who this is?
Major: No -
George: This is Geo. Neal.
Major: Oh yeah - how are you?
George: All right - is everything O.K.
Major: Yeah - they're looking for a bear and they

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Mayor: Don't going to find me.
Bourg: I would like to see you on a matter.
Mayor: I'll be in Little Rock tomorrow -
where can I reach you?
Bourg: I don't know, - where will you be?
Mayor: I'll be at Ed Harris' house at 4
o'clock. call me there.
Bourg: All right, I'll do that -

11:53 A.M. Outgoing.
#613
Mayor: Sheriff's Office -
Emmy: Is Norman (Anderson) there?
Mayor: No -
Emmy: See if you can locate him, and have
him call me.
Mayor: All right, Leo. -

11:54 A.M. Outgoing
#743
Emmy Harris: Hello -
Mayor: Where is Verne (Ledgewood)

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Sunny Vows — He just left. Looks like they've thrown the policemen to the walls.

Major — I don't think so - they're just trying to stir up the public against them. I think the sentiment will quiet down.

Sunny Vows — Things have quieted down considerably already about the investigation.

Major — Yeah, in another week or so, it will be all forgotten.

JLH.

11:55 A.M. — Morning

Sheriff: Had you want me?

Major — Yes - where are you?

Sheriff: At home eating dinner.

Major — It's nothing important - I just wanted to see you. I'll be back here at 1:30 P.M. and will see you then.

Sheriff: All right -

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11:54 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Mayor called #430 (Johnny, Constable)
No answer.

11:58 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.
Sgt. Tucker: Did Johnny Clements say anything to you about that business of his?
Mayor: Yes - let him go, but he's to cut that out.

12:01 P.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Mayor: #446
Tucker: City Jail.
Mayor: Do Jack Puckett there?
Puckett: Hello -
Mayor: About Louis Hubble - just use your own judgment about him.
Puckett: I'd like to get those kids away from him.
Mayor: The Sheriff's office have the papers for him, and will pick him up when he shows around the jail again.

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12:03 P.M. Incoming J.L.M.

Johnny Clements: Did you see about that driver for me?

Major: Yes. I released him just now.

Johnny Clements: All right, thanks. I need him this afternoon.

12:14 P.M. Outgoing J.L.M.

Major: 728

Operator: Como Hotel.

Major: Judge Ledgerwood, please.

Operator: (Rings) His room doesn't answer, - call # 2379-W.

12:14 P.M. Outgoing J.L.M.

Major: 2379-W

Ledgerwood: Hello.

Major: I wish you would be here at 1:30 P.M.

Ledgerwood: All right.

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12 55 P.M. Incoming J.L.M.
Mayor: Do you want me to bring you anything
Miss Marsh - No - are you coming in?
Mayor - In a few minutes -

1:56 P.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Mayor: #184 City Clerk's Office.
Jackson: Hello -
Mayor: Come up a minute -

2:25 P.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Miss Marsh called her mother at #2250
and told her that she had to take some
statements, and that she probbly wouldn't
get away from the office until after four
o'clock I suggested she pick her up in
the car.

2:43 P.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Miss Marsh called #170 and ordered
a quantity of groceries.

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2:53 P.M. Outgoing JLM

Miss Marsh: *65

Mary Sellers: No. Pacific Bus Terminal -

Miss Marsh: Mary, do you know Louis Hubble, who is janitor here -

Mary Sellers: No. I don't -

Miss Marsh: He's supposed to have put his two children on the bus this morning, and told them to stay on until he could get up with them. One boy is 11, and the other is 13.

Mary Sellers: I remember a man putting two boys around that age on the 11:10 P.M. bus last night for San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Marsh: Mary, do you know Jack Prescott

Mary Sellers: No! I don't.

Miss Marsh: Well, he knows you. He'll be over there in a little while. See him any information he wants.

Mary Sellers: All right.

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2:58 P.M. Incoming — J.L.M.
Man called for the Mayor — not in.

3:32 P.M. Outgoing — J.L.M.
Mayor: # 743
Ledgerwood: Hello -
Mayor: Jim (Campbell) sent a couple short bills over here for you to go over.
Ledgerwood: I'll be over.

3:35 P.M. Incoming on # 446 — J.L.M.
Officer reporting: #19 Johnstone.

3:43 P.M. Incoming on # 441 — J.L.M.
Boss Mortuary reported an emergency call to 1123 Washington Ave.

3:47 P.M. Incoming on # 123 — J.L.M.
Man called for Abner — NOT IN.

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3:55 P.M. Outgoing no 123 J.L.M.

Watchie: ≡ 3421 (Hatteras Hotel)

Maid: Hello.

Watchie: Is Grace there?

Maid: No, she's not.

Watchie: All right.

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January 18, 195

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY:

Re: Brekid.

There are attached hereto the logs for January 17, 1957 taps on telephones listed to the Chief of Police, City Jailor, Office, all located in the City Hall at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The call at 5:17 A.M. indicates that Mayor McLaughlin issu to close all cheap "joints" in Hot Springs, Arkansas at 11:00 P. due to the recent "heat" placed on the town by the passing of th solution demanding a Legislative investigation of Hot Springs.

That call at 5:25 A.m. between Lillian Pearrow and Night Ca discloses that the houses of prostitution in Hot Springs are being with knowledge and co-operation of the local police. Lillian Pearro of a house of prostitution at 105 Prospect Street, Hot Springs.

The calls recorded at 1:55 P.M. and 10:47 A.M. pertain to $25.00 gambling debt mentioned in yesterday's memorandum . It appears "Dutch" Akers is playing both ends in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Padala,
Special Agent.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVES
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF
ROUTE TO:

To " #446 (City Jail)
and #123 (Chief Police)
Hot Springs, Ark.
Plant at 207 Laurel.

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12:01 AM — In #1
Rogers — Anything doing, sgt.?
Covington — Nothing but a drunk.
Rogers — I'll be over in a little bit.

12:02 AM — In #1.
Officers — Murray & Kelly at 116. HPA

12:03 AM. — In #2.
Woman — Send officer to corner of Malvern & Jackson to clear out the drunks so we can get home

12:05 AM — In #1.
Officers — Abbott & Davis at 3337.
Where is Rogers now?
Covington — I don't know — on the street.
Abbott — I'll find him.

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H.H.

12:30 Am. - In # 2.
Phillips Jamison - Inquired of Rogers what he wanted.
Rogers - asked if Jamison knew Paul Cooley and whether they were together previous night.
Jamison - informed Rogers that Cooley is employed at Eastman Hotel, and that he helped Cooley push an auto out of the ditch.

H.H.

12:42 Am. - In # 1-
Man - Is Dutch there?
Covington - no - not at night.
Man - What's his home phone?
Covington - 666.

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H.H.

12:45 Am - In # 1.
Fitzwater - gave Rogers description of a beggar worrying housewives - requested him picked up.

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1:00 Am. – In #1.
Officers – Kelly & Murray at 126.

1:02 Am. – In # 2.
Green – Advised Rogers that a drunk was at the green Lumber Co.

1:03 Am. – Out # 2.
Rogers – Called 3606 (Firestone) asked for an officer
Abbott – Hello.
Rogers – Ascertained that Davis was en-route to the station.

1:05 Am – In # 1.
Mrs. McJunkins – Advised that she heard a prowler at her home.
Rogers – I'll be out.

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1:24 Am. - In #2.
Rogers - Hello.
Bob Moore - Conversed socially with Rogers. Advised that if anyone called him he could be reached upstairs at the Southern Club.

1:30 Am. - In #.1.
Kelly - Send car to meet me at the Confectionary. Drunks are raising hell at 734½ Central.
Rogers - OK.

1:38 Am. - In # 1.
Fitzwater - Reported suspicious car parked in rear of Mrs. Basham's place
Rogers - suggested that Fitzwater obtain more definite information

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1:45 Am - Out #1.
Rogers - Called 3606 (Firestone) asked whether Officers had left.
Clerk - Yes - already gone.

1:50 Am. - In #2.
Hudson (drunk) - Going to eat Rogers?
Rogers - Yes - At Baby Elephant.
Hudson - I'll meet you there.

2:05 Am - In #1.
Officers - Kelly & Murray at 116.

2:25 Am. - Out #1.
Rogers - Called 1949 (Mrs. Lestridge Basham
Mrs Basham - Hello.
Rogers - Inquired the owner's name of a coupe parked behind her place on Central.
Mrs. Basham - advised that the car was secured on a trade from John L. Peters.

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3:00 Am — In #1.
Officers — Murray & Kelly at 126.

3:15 Am — Out #1
Man — Called 638.
No one answered.

Hss.

3:17 Am. - Out #1
Rogers — Called 613 (Sheriff Office) asked for John.
George Rankin - John works days now -
Rogers - advised that pursuant to recent mayor's orders the police had closed up all "joints" like the "Bucket of Blood" and "White House" at 11:00 Pm, but the crowds went to Loyd's place just out of city limits - Wanted to know whether sheriff was going to close that place at 11:00 too -
Rankin - I'll find out tomorrow.

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3:25 Am. – In #1.
Eddie Scudder – Anything doing Rogers?
Rogers – No, not a thing. Why don't you write a good editorial about there is no crime in Hot Springs. That last one was a pretty good one.
Scudder – OK.

3:45 Am. – In #1.
Man – How long will you be there Roger.
Rogers – Until about 10:00 Am.
Man – I'll be over – want to talk to you.

3:50 Am. – In #1
Griffin – Reported being on Malvern St.
Rogers – Keep cruising around.

4:02 Am. – In #1.
Officers – Kelly + Murray at 777.

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Hon.

4:30 Am. - Out #2.
Jack McJunkins - called 1038 (his res.)
Mrs. McJunkins - Hello
Jack - Inquired whether his wife was afraid of burglars -
Mrs McJ. - Not now. Was just scared - Did you just get in?
Jack - yes -

Hon.

4:32 Am - In # 1.
Man - Is Charlie Rose there? (garage man)
Rogers - Yes.
Man - Tell him to meet me at the garage - We just had a wrecker call.

Hon.

4:35 Am. - Out #2.
Man - Called 1316. Requested man answering phone to come attend to the battery in the Dodge - dead again.

Hse.

5:00 Am. - In #1.
Officers - Kelly & Murray at 126.

5:25 Am - In #2. Hse.
Rogers - Hello.
Lillian - Rogers, this is Lillian (Barrow) are you the night captain now?
Rogers - Yes.
Lillian - Why can't any girls but Grace's girls get in the Kings-way? (Eastman Hotel). Mine couldn't get in tonight and I heard several others couldn't.
Rogers - I hadn't heard anything about it.
Lillian - Well it just started tonight that way. You know that Brock is the "dick" there now, and if Grace (Goldstein) is paying off I want to know about it so I'll (cont.)

you.

(cont.)
know what to do about it.
Rogers - I don't know.
Lillian - Well, you know she can
afford to pay off - my god-
when any of her girls get
drunk she fines them
twenty dollars everytime. Find
out for me, will you, whether
she is or not - You can
do it - and let me know.
You know, we all have to
stick together to make a
living in this. Every girl
but Gracie was stopped there
tonight.
Rogers - All right Lillian. I'll see
what I can do and let
you know -

(Note: Lillian is probably Lillian
Pearrow, Madam of House of Prostitu

1-17-37- Hon.

6:00 Am - In # 1.
Woman - Inquired the number of breakfasts needed -

7:15 Am. - Out #1.
Rogers - Called 3232-W (residence) Conversed with wife relative to plans for breakfast -

Hon

#1 & #2
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8:20 AM Out #173 GLaw
Man called 357 and ordered 19
breakfasts for the jail.

8:40 AM In #446 GLaw
Chief Rasberry called in and told
Corrington to send a car for him.

8:45 AM In #173 GLaw
Man called for Akers - Not In.

8:47 AM In #446 GLaw
Call for Rogers - Not In.

9:07 AM In #173 GLaw
Corrington - Chief's Office
Charlie - Is Dutch there?
Corrington - No, he hasn't come down.
Charlie - Have him call Charlie
at #100.
Corrington - All right.

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9:10 am In #446 Glen
Call for Akers - Not In.

9:50 am In #143 Glen
Mr. Monroe at Little Rock called
Akers = (Monroe is Missouri-Pacific Railway Agent.)
Akers = Hello -
Monroe = Say Dutch, cain't you
pick up Ed. Hawkes and put
him away for me?
Akers = Why don't you come on down here?
Monroe = I just can't make it today, Dutch.
Akers = Well, send me a telegram telling
me to keep him for you.
Monroe = Ok Thanks Dutch.

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10:02 A.M. Outgoing on #123 J L H.
Chief Rasberry: "1196 (His residence)
Woman: Hello -
Chief Rasberry: Get the boy ready, and I'll come up and get him.
Woman: All right.

10:12 A.M. Outgoing on #UV6 J L H.
Watson: Is he been in jail tonight - they picked me up last night for being drunk
Woman: Why didn't you call me sooner -
Watson: I would have, but they wouldn't let me use the telephone.
Woman: I'll be right down to get you out.

10:23 A.M. Incoming on #UV6 J L H.
Woman: Is Curtis Jackson in jail?
Clerk: No record of him on our books -

10:20 A.M. Outgoing on #123 J L H.
Clerk: 152 (National Park Service)
Is Capt. Pritchard there?
Watson: No, he isn't, Hutch -

11:7:31

Albers Tommy. see if you have a record on Earl Gardner, Milwaukee, Wis. and Eddie Corcoran. Naples. Fla. Call me back.

10:39 A.M. A morning on #123 d.t.m.
Charlie Hutch, can you go over there with me now?
Albers: No Charlie, I'm busy. I have to make up a report for that Legislature Committee - they've got me mixed up in that too - I'll send me of the other men.

d.t.m.
10:42 A.M. Outgoing on #123
Ordered 15 dinners at #3574.

d.t.m.
10:43 A.M. Outgoing on #123
Albers: #100 (Central Garage)
Man: Hello.
Albers: Is Charlie there with that other car yet?
Man: No
Albers: What is the license number of that red Studebaker coupe, we dragged in there? 15

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Mrs: Mrs. # 6201

Albers: Have Charlie give me the number of that Chev. Coupe when he comes in.

10:46 A.M. Incoming on #446 J L M.

Charlie: Say Dutch - that car is a '29 Chev. Coupe with license #107-665.

Albers: O.K. Charlie -

10:50 A.M. Incoming on #123 J L M.

Mr. Eaves: Is Dutch there?

Albers: Hello -

Mr. Eaves: This is Mr Eaves - did you get a car with Miss. license plates on it this morning?

Albers: Yes, we dragged one in from in front of Will McLaughlin's place.

Mr. Eaves: Was it a Studebaker?

Albers: Yes -

Mr. Eaves: It belongs to an agent from out of town who has been here for a convention.

Albers: It's been sitting there so long, we thought it was a stolen car, and started to check on it.

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Mr. Evans: Well, the car is O.K.
Ahern. Tell him to come to the station with the bags, + we'll send over to Savage to get it.

J.L.H.

10:48 A.M. Outgoing no # 123
Ahern called #666 (his residence).
No answer -

10:55 A.M. Incoming no # 446 J.L.H.
Mgr for Ahern - not in.

11:17 A.M. Incoming no # 446 J.L.H.
Mgr: Is Jack Burkett (janitor) there?
Jack: Hello -
Mgr: What time are you going after the dinners?
Jack: In about ten minutes -
Mgr: We'll be looking for you with a nice chicken for you -
Jack: Who is this?
Mgr: You figure it out - we'll have you down on the way over there.
Jack: All right, I'll be waiting for you.

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10:47 A.M. Jacksonville 446

Jacksonville: Is Hatch there?

Atlanta: Hello.

Jacksonville: I saw that party last night - what happened to him?

Atlanta: Mr Brown signed his bond for his appearance in court Monday.

Jacksonville: Well, I didn't want to go to Court with him on this - couldn't you get him to pay the money out of court.

Atlanta: No I couldn't do a thing with him - he's going to contend it was a gambling debt. Has he got an attorney?

Jacksonville: I don't know.

Atlanta: Well, Hatch Swannie called me just a while ago and said that he was representing the boy.

Jacksonville: I won't be here tomorrow, but why don't you get a hold of him before court and explain this to him. If you don't want to do that, ask him to continue the case until you can round up your witnesses, and in the mean time I'll talk to him.

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Jack Dong: Well, I can do that.

Gibson: Can't you get some witnesses who will testify that they saw you give him the money outright. You can say that you didn't know what he was going to do with the money; that he walked to the back of the place, and couldn't see what he was doing back there.

Jack Dong: I can get three or four witnesses all right that can say they saw me give him the money.

Gibson: Well, you contact them tomorrow morning, and either have your witnesses there for court, or else have them continued for a couple of days. I'll talk to him then.

Jack Dong: O.K. Gibson -

Note: Jack Dong is the owner of the Ringtone Bar, a gambling place in town.

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11:20 A.M. Running on #123 D.L.D.

MAN: That nigger that runs that red Studebaker we pulled in this morning is coming up there after it. Send somebody to the garage with him to get it.

Rodney. All right -

11:23 A.M. Hunting on #446 D.L.D.

Mc Burnett: #241 (C. Lloyd Huff's office) not in

11:23 A.M. Hunting on #446 D.L.D.

Mc Burnett: #1408 (Huff's residence)

Woman. Hello -

Mc Burnett: Is Mr. Huff in -

Woman. No, he's not -

Mc Burnett: This is Deputy Marshal Mc Burnett. I wish you would tell him to call me at the jail when he comes in. I've got a case for him

Woman. I'll do that.

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11:25 A.M. Incoming on # 123 J.L.H.

Inman: Has Hatch come back yet?

Sgt: No. Not home.

11:37 A.M. Outgoing on # 123 J.L.H.

Roberts called # 3900 (Market Street Garage) and told them to get a flat tire on the City Bus car.

11:40 A.M. Outgoing on # 446 J.L.H.

Hatcher. # 1723 - (Hatcher residence)

Hatcher: Hello -

Hatcher: How are you feeling?

Hatcher: Pretty fair -

Hatcher: Benny, my daughter from Kansas, wrote me + said that she had been reading that you were sick. She told me to call you to tell you that she hopes you will get over your sickness soon. She likes you very much -

Hatcher: Thanks - my whole side has been bothering me, but I expect to be out soon.

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11:44 A.M. Incoming on #446 - D.C.D.

John Cooper: Is Eddie Hawley in jail?

Albers: Who is talking -

John Cooper: John Cooper -

John Cooper: Yes, he's here.

Albers: George told me to be in court tomorrow morning - I better be there, huh?

John Cooper: Yes -

11:46 A.M. Incoming on #446 D.C.D.

Woman: Send an officer to 215 Beale Ave. - right away.

Sgt: What's the trouble?

Woman: I don't know - I'm calling for another party.

11:49 A.M. Outgoing on #113 D.C.D.

Albers: #100 (Central Barge)

Man: Hello -

Albers: Why did Charlie want me?

Man: I don't know.

Albers: Did that nigger get that red car?

Man: Yes -

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11:49 A.M. Outgoing on # 123
Abers: # 2002
Woman: Hello -
Abers: Is Houston (Emory) there?
Woman: No - I think he's at his office.

J.L.M.

11:50 A.M. Outgoing on # 123
Abers: # 1037 (Emory - Ridgeway)
Emory: Hello -
Abers: About that dressing over there tomorrow at two o'clock - does this girl (Sossie) have to be over there?
Emory: Yes -
Abers: You want anybody to drive her up there?
Emory: No, I'll take her in my car -
Abers: Had - you hear from the Governor's Office yet -
Emory: Yeah - it's all set for two o'clock tomorrow afternoon -

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11:58 A.M. Q running on #446
Woman: Is Mr. M. Burnett there?
Young: He's gone over to Bob Huff's office -

12:09 P.M. Q running on #123 D.L.M.
Man called in for lunch -
Young advised he was out.

12:34 P.M. Q running on #123 D.L.M.
Woman reported a buggy man at 1204 Wallis
Lady asked that he be picked up.

12:34 P.M. Unknown on #123 D.L.M.

Young: 613
Young: Sheriff's office -
Young: They want you to pick up an insane
woman at 1204 Wallis here,
Young: There's no one here now, but we'll
go out there as soon as somebody comes in

12:44 P.M. Q running on #446 D.L.M.
Man called in for lunch - not in.

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12:58 P.M. Unknown on #446 dictg.
Brooks called this home (#1402) and requested about dinner —

1:06 P.M. Dr. running on #123 dictg.
Brown Is Lloyd there?
Lyle: No, he works nights - he goes home at four in morning -

1:09 P.M. Dr. running on #446 dictg.
Officer reporting - 19 Junction -

1:10 P.M. Unknown on #123 dictg.
Officer called #141 (Rich Roland Wright and requested about the Train.

1:25 P.M. Dr. running on #446 dictg.
Brown. Is Dr. Lebow there?
Dr. No, you might find at his home.
Brown. What is that number -
Dr: #666.

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1:31 P.M. Morning of 28th 8 A.M.

Hicks Swaim: Is Abers there?

Abers: Hello -

Hicks Swaim: This is Hicks -
Are you going to be in town
tomorrow morning?

Abers: No. I'll have to be in Little Rock.

Hicks Swaim: I wondered if you could get some -
one to whisper in Lexgoverdi
ear tomorrow morning for him
to tell Jacks to give this fellow
his checks back. If he doesn't,
he threatens to go before the Com-
mittee at Little Rock, and spill
it over there. He will be satis-
fied if Jacks just gives him his
checks back.

Abers: Couldn't you do anything with him

Hicks Swaim: No, he's got a couple of smart doctors
behind him. Can you get some-
body to whisper to the judge to tell
Jacks that -

Abers: All right, Hicks.

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1:55 P.M. Incoming on #446 D.L.M.
From: Dr Bergen in part -
Action: No -

2:13 P.M. Outgoing on #446 D.L.M.
From: #613
Rpg Conroy: Sheriff's Office -
From: Did Harry Howard get a hold of you
-yesterday?
Rpg Conroy: Yes -
From: Are you going over?
What time?
Rpg Conroy: 3 o'clock -
From: I wondered how long it's going to last.
Rpg Conroy: A few minutes
From: I'll try and be there.
Rpg Conroy:

2:35 P.M. - Outgoing on #446 D.L.M.
From called #1247 and #11 - No answer.

2:43 P.M. Outgoing on #123 D.L.R.
Chief Rosberg called Market Street Garage -
inquired about tire left there to be fixed.

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2:57 P.M. Jr running on #446 J.L.M.
Jr runs: Is Johnny Jones in jail?
Sgt: No -

3:29 P.M. Jr running on #446 J.L.M.
Officer reporting - 3433 J motorcycle -

3:40 P.M. On typing on #123 J.L.M.
Tucker called #3574 and ordered 13 drinks.

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3:50 PM In #446 — Glen

Call for Walter Ebel. Not In

4:00 PM In #173 — Glen

Joe Wakelin called for Akers. He was told that Akers was not in. He asked that Akers be told to call him.

4:07 PM In #446 — Glen

Call for Jerry Watkins - Not In -

4:15 Out #446

Man - 743 (Judge Legerwood)

Legerwood - Hello -

Man - Is Mr Davies there?

Legerwood - No. He hasn't been here today.

Man - Thanks

4:22 In #173 — Glen

Woman called Tucker and reported a wreck she had had on Central Ave. Tucker asked if anyone was hurt. She said "No". Tucker told her she would have to settle it with other party or resort to a civil suit.

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4:36 In #446 — GLee

Call for Monroe Young = Not In.

5:10 In #446 — GLee

Tucker = City Jail

Potts = Is Watkins there?

Watkins = Hello =

Potts = Jerry, this is Potts. Come up to the Southern Grill. I've got something I want to talk over with you.

Watkins = All right. I'll be up in a little bit.

5:25 PM Out #173 — JRow

Sheriff Wilson (Iowa) = 666 (Akers home)

Akers = Hello-

Sheriff Wilson = This is Sheriff Wilson. Did you have the photostatic copies made of that register sheet?

Akers = No - they demanded the sheet back before I could have them made. You can subpoena me to bring that sheet when you want it.

Sheriff = Ok then. I'm going to leave in the morning.

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5:30 In #, 46

Call for Jack Puckett - Not in.

GRun

5:40 In #446

Call for Akers - Not in.

GRun

6:00 In #446

Monroe Young: City Jail

man = Hello - C.J. Spencer said to find out what the bond would be for that fellow Dutch put in jail.

Monroe Young: He's charged with investigation He can't get bond now.

man = All right.

GRun

6:10 In #183

Call for Louis - Not in.

GRun

6:35 In #446

Officer reporting = 55 Jamestown

GRun

6:46 In #446

Girl called Akers and asked him if he could come by. Akers said he would try to.

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Glen

705 PM In # 446

Rasberry = Hello -

Mayor: Weldon this is Lee. Any of those places that are selling whiskey without paid tax we want to clean out. We also want to get rid of all of these dopheads. Understand?

Rasberry = Yes - all right.

Mayor = Tell Rogers about it too.

Rasberry = All right.

Glen

706 In # 446

Call for Watkins = Not In.

Glen

715 In # 183

Cross Company called and reported they had received an emergency call to go to 1113 Florence St.

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8:30 P.m. - In # 1.
Officer - Terry reported at 217 -

9:00 P.m. - In # 1.
Officers - Reported at 503 - Jonestown.

9:01 P.m. - In # 2 -
Man - Dutch there?
Officer - No. He's out some place. Hms

9:15 P.m. - In # 1.
Man - Akers there?
Covington - No. He's not here -
Man - Has he gone home?
Covington - I couldn't say.

9:25 P.m. - Out # 2 -
Akers - Called 666 (his res.) Hms
Maid - Hello.
Akers - Inquired if his wife was feeling better, and what she needed

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Hall

9:30 P.M. - out #1.
akers - called 1696 (Chief Rasberry res.)
Rasberry - Hello -
Akers - Did you stop at the Southern club?
Rasberry - yes. She wasn't there -
akers - How bad was she hurt?
Rasberry - She was beat up pretty bad
akers - I've got him on "hold over" now, but I'll put him on the docket in morning -

Hall

9:35 Am - In #1 -
Woman - Dutch akers there?
Rogers - He's just gone -

Hall

9:40 Am. - Out #1.
Rogers - called 341 (Citizens); spoke to Lee Hall & advised him that "Saratoga" was in jail on assault charges placed by Akers - Requ that Hall appear as witness.
Hall - I'll talk to Ben (Harrison) about it

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9:45 P.m. - In #2-
Man - Is Akers there?
Corrington - No.

9:46 P.m. — Out #1.
Rogers - Called 2199 (Eldon Cooley)
inquired if Paul Cooley lived
there-
Cooley - No. I don't know him-

9:50 P.m. - Out #1.
Rogers - Called 100 (Central Garage)
asked for Charlie (Reece)
Clerk - He's gone home-
Rogers - What kind of a car was
it that Akers had brought in?
Clerk - An Oldsmobile, I think.

10:00 P.m. — In #1-
Officers - Moore + Bradley at 8-

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Hds.

10:01 P.m. — In #1.
Officers — Murray & Kelly at 116.

10:25 P.m. — In #2.
Man — Reported lights moving in Jatlo Wholesale house.
Rogers — They keep a watchman inside.

10:30 P.m. — In #1
Officer — Reported at 115 - Jonestown -

Hds.

10:50 P.m. — In #1.
Girl — Is Jack McJunkins there?
Officer — He stays at the Fire Dept.
Call 1124.

10:55 P.m. — In #1.
Officers — Moore + Bradley at 116.

Hds.

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11:00 P.M. — Officers Kelly & Murray - 11c.

Hoe -

11:35 P.M. — Dr # 1.
Scudder (reporter) — Do you have John in jail?
Officer — yes. Dutch put him in this afternoon. He'll be charged with assault tomorrow.

Hoe

T. N TELEPHONE #LIST
LISTED TO MAYOR'S
CITY HALL, HOT SPRING
SURVEILLANCE AT 207 LAWN.

#3
1/17/37
11:52 A.M. Outgoing
1335

Mayor:
Miss Marsh: Hello -
Mayor: What are you doing?
Miss Marsh: Nothing
Mayor: I'm at the office doing some work -
Miss Marsh: Can I help?
Mayor: Well, you might - I'm going to call Violet + tell her to be here at 1:30 P.M., and help me get some records and things to take over there tomorrow. I'll call you in about 20 minutes and let you know whether I'll need you.

D L.L.

11:53 A.M. Outgoing
Mayor: #2399
Violet: Hello -
Mayor: I've been getting Emmett to get me some stuff for me to take over to Little Rock Tomorrow. If you're not busy I want you to come over here and help me with some things -
Violet: Will you be at your office?
Mayor: No, downstairs in the Clerk's office.

#3
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1:32 P.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Miss Marsh: Can you send somebody after me?
Major: I'll come myself -

2:13 P.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Violet: What else do you want me to do?
Major: Have you looked carefully?
Violet: Yes -
Major: I'll be down there in a minute.

3:15 P.M. Outgoing. J.L.M.
#184
Major.
Jackson: I got it -
Major: All right -

Top. of. #446 (City Jail)
and #123 (Chief of Police)
Hot. Springs, Ark.
Plant at 207 Laurel.

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12:04 Am. - In #1.
Officers - Kelly & Murray at 777.

12:30 Am - In #1.
Rogers - Anything doing, Sgt.?
Corrington - No! Everything's quiet.
Rogers - I'll be with Garnett Moore and Bradley at 3606 for a while.

HHA

12:32 Am. - In #2.
Anderson - Call me at 5:30 Am, please, at home #2393 (Marion Anderson)
Corrington - all right.

12:35 Am. - In #1.
Mrs McJunkins - Call me at 6:00 Am please.
Corrington - all right.

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Has.

1:10 Am. — In #1.
Officers - Kelly & Murray at 126.

1:22 Am. — In #2. For Rogers.
Rogers - Hello.
Man - If you want to catch them now come on down here.
Rogers - all right.

Has.

1:23 Am. — Out #1
Rogers - Called 3606 (Firestone); asked for one of the officers.
Abbott - Hello!
Rogers - Go to the White House and close them up. Fellow just called and said they are open now.

1:26 Am. — In #1.
Garrett Moore — Reported at Market Street Garage with a dead auto battery on the Buick.

Has.

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Hos.

1:50 Am. — In # 1.
Officers — Murray & Kelly at 116.

3:00 Am. — In # 1.
Officers — Murray & Kelly at 116.

3:05 Am. — In # 2. For Rogers — Hos.
Rogers — Hello.
Woman (col) — Did George Jr. get off this morning?
Rogers — yes.

Hos.

3:06 Am. — In # 1.
Bill Henderson (drunk) — Conversed incoherently concerning his right to play a music box if he wanted to.
Rogers — (to Covington) Call the operator.
Covington — Out # 2 — Who's calling in on #446?
Opr. — I think 2581 called you.

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3:30 Am. - In # 1.
Bill Henderson - (Drunk) - Hear that music-box?
I've got to go to court for playing
it.

3:35 Am. - In # 1.
Rogers - Reported he would be at Jim
& George Cafe for a while.
Garnett Moore - Ok.

3:45 Am. - In # 1.
Fitzwater (night watchman) - Reported a suspicious
boy in vicinity Central Garage

3:50 Am. - In # 1.
Officers - Kelly & Murray at 116.

4:30 Am. - In # 2.
Fitzwater - Reported suspicious boy told
him he had been to Miller's and
talked to "Big Shorty" there.
9. More - I'll tell 4 Rogers.

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5:00 Am. — In #1. Hrs.
Officers — Conway & Kelly at 777.

5:29 Am. — Out #2.
Corrington — Called 2393 (Marion Anderson)
Anderson — Hello.
Corrington — All right, Mr. Anderson.

5:45 Am — In #1. Hrs.
Woman — How many breakfasts?
Corrington — Seven.

6:00 Am — Out #1.
Corrington — Called 1038 (Jack McJunkins)
Mrs. McJunkins — Hello.
Corrington — All right Mrs "mac". Bring Jack's suit and shoes too when you come down.

6:25 Am — In #1. Hrs.
Mrs. McJunkins — Inquired correct time.

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Hw.

6:50 Am - In #2.
Man - Asked for Stevens (or Stephens)
Stevens - Hello.
Man - Sonia (Hinkle?) said to tell you he decided not to go.
Stevens - Well.

6:55 Am - Out #1.
Rogers - Called 666 (Akers res.) Hos.
Akers - Hello.
Rogers - You're coming by here before you go?
Akers - Yeah, why?
Rogers - Just wanted to ask you about two or three in here.

7:25 Am. - In #1.
Man - Is Dutch Akers there?
Corrington - He hasn't come down yet.

Hos.

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Hot.

7:35 Am. - Out # 1-
Rogers - Called 2914 (listed - W. a. Wilson)
Wilson - Hello-
Rogers - Do you have a boy rooming there named Cooley?
Wilson - No. Don't know him-

Hot.

7:37 Am. - Out # 1-
Rogers - Called 3232-W. (his no.) Advised his wife he would be out for breakfast.

7:50 Am. - In # 1-
Rasberry - Have one of the boys come up and get me-
Carrington - All right-

Hot.

#1+H
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8:46 AM In #183 GRW
Call for Akers - Not in.

8:47 AM In #446 GRW
Girl called Garnett Moore. Moore
asked her to drive down to station
and pick him up. Girl told him
that she would do that.

8:49 AM In #183: GRW
Corrington = Chief's Office
Meyers = Is Chief Rasberry there?
Rasberry = Hello.
Meyers = Chief, this is Meyers at
Camp Garraby. Have you
a Basil Simms there?
Rasberry = Yes.
Meyers = I want you to question him
about a clock that was missing
at our house night after he
left. I don't know but I think he took it
Rasberry = all right. I'll see what I can do.

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9:35 AM In #446 — Glen

Covington = City Jail

Jannie McLaughlin = Is Rasberry there?

Rasberry = Hello -

J. McLaughlin = This is Jannie. Are you ready to send up those two patients?

Rasberry = They are out with the gang. I'll send them up after lunch

J. McLaughlin = All right.

9:43 AM Out #446 — Glen

Brock called #4060 v Little Rock -

State License Bureau -

Man = Hello -

Brock = This is Police Dept at Hot Springs. He is the holder of 1937 license #55831?

Man = The 1937 license numbers haven't been issued that high.

Brock = OK - Thanks -

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9⁴⁶ Am In #446 — Glen
Monroe Young = City Jail
Man = Monroe, can you come down by here sometime this morning?
Young - OK. I'll be down after awhile.

10²⁰ Am In #173 — Glen
Call for Akers = Not In -

10⁴² Am In #173 — Glen
Walter Ebel called Little Rock 8944
Collect.
Man = Hello -
Ebel = This is Ebel. What's the dope?
Man = Walter, we want to get a complete story of the Dixon case with all the subsequent developments in the Police Department. You can get that in tonight's mail, can't you?
Ebel = Yes, I'll get it out tonight.

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10:50 AM In #183 GRun
Tucker = City Jail
Woman = Do you want Jack McCarthy for anything?
Tucker = I don't know.
Woman = Well, if you want him he is out at 503 Woodlawn if you want him.
Tucker = All right. Ill look up and see if we want him.

11:15 AM In #183 GRun
Tucker = City Jail
Man = Is Walter Ebel there?
Tucker = No, He's gone.

11:27 AM In #183 GRun
Call for Monroe Young - Not In -

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11:31 AM Out #173 GRm
Watkins = 1773 (Residence of Joe Hakelin)
Hakelin = Hello -
Watkins = Chief, I've got those two boys down here.
Hakelin = Well get Cecil (Brock) to go down there and see if he can get some prints off that car. If he can we may be able to put them on the spot. That will settle the thing in a hurry.
Watkins = Ok.

GRm

11:35 Out #173
man = 818
man = Hello -
man = Is John there?
man = No.
man = Ok.

GRm

11:44 am In #446
Call for Akers - Not In -

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11:57 AM In #446 — Glen

Fowler = City Jail

Woman = Is Saratoga Russell in jail?

Fowler = No, he made bond this morning.

Woman = All right.

12:12 PM In #143 — Glen

Fowler = Chief's office

Woman = Is Jack Hood there?

Fowler = He's in jail.

Woman = May I talk with him?

Fowler = No. Prisoners can't use the phone.

Woman = Well - will you deliver a message to him.

Fowler = Yes.

Woman = Tell him the lawyer will be down there in a few minutes

Fowler = All right.

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17[15] In #446 GRun
Call for Fowler - Gone to lunch.

17[37] In #446 GRun
Tucker - City Jail
Man - Have you any body in
jail by the name of York?
Tucker - No - nobody by that name.
Man - OK.

17[51] In #173 GRun
Call for Akers - Not In.

18[07] In #173 GRun
Watkins - Chief's Office
Mrs Duke - This is Mrs Duke. Is
Howard down there?
Watkins - Yes. He's here.
Mrs Duke - Tell what are you doing
with him.
Watkins - We are waiting for Mr.
Akers to come back from

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Little Rock.

Mrs. Duke = Well, what time will that be?

Watkins = About 3:00 PM.

Mrs Duke = Well, I think I'd better come down.

Watkins = I don't think that will be necessary. You won't be able to see him.

Mrs Duke = You haven't got him locked up?

Watkins = Yes. main.

Mrs Duke = Oh - that's terrible.

Watkins = Well, there's no need to worry. You call later after Mr. Akers comes back

Mrs Duke = All rig Lt.

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Officer Reporting = 503 Jonestown.

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1:37 PM In #183 Glue

Tucker = Chief's Office

Noonan = What is Mose Fagan's fine =

Tucker = The Judge gave him 30 days on the gang.

Noonan = Ok

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3:06 P.m. — In #2.
Iman — Is Mr. Akers there?
Tucker — No. He's out of town today-

3:12 P.m. — Out #1.
Officer — Called "Information". Inquired the number of the prosecuting attorney-
Opr. — Number is 1037 (Emory & Ridgeway)

HM

3:14 P.m. — Out #1-
Officer — Called 1037 - Inquired information as to making an arrest in the county by city Officer -
Emory — Would be better to have a deputy sheriff along, or the Constable if within the Hot Springs Township -

HM

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Has.

3:20 P.M. — Out # 2.
Monroe Young — Called 1031 —
asked for Emmy Wilson.
Wilson — Hello.
Young — How about that business?
Wilson — I don't have any money. Tell
that fellow that I don't, and
that he'll have to get it
somehow.
Has.
Young — All right.

3:25 P.M. — In # 1.
Yocum — Reported at 22 Jonestown.

3:50 P.M. — Out # 2.
H. L. Jones — Called Long Distance to # 303 —
Forest City, Ark.
Has.
Man — Hello.
Jones — Inquired the ignition key number
on an auto. Advised that police
could not release it until morning.
Man — Number is 70217. 18

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Hat.

4:00 P.m. — Ont # 1.
Tucker - called 3574 (Klein restaurant).
Ordered seventeen dinners.

4:01 P.m. — In # 2.
Man - Reported an accident of auto in front of Ledwidge Auto Shop.

4:20 P.m. — In # 2. For Akers - Hdq.
Akers - Hello -
Girl - Dutch, this is Majorie Fatheree. Have been reading about the trouble. Hope it will come out all right -
Akers - Everything will be ok.
Miss Fatheree - Do you have "Saratoga" in jail?
Dutch — Yes. I'll tell you about it when I see you -
Miss Fatheree — Wish he could get out. We need him to do our "dirty work."
Dutch — He's got to stay in for a while -

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4:25 P.m. — Ont #2.
Akers — Called 2410 (Eastman Hotel)
Asked for Mr Hebert, the house man
Hebert — Hello -
Akers — Requested that Hebert bring a boy, Bill Johnson, to the jail where he could be questioned - Johnson supposed to work in the kitchen ? Coffee Shop -
Hebert — I don't know him but will try to locate him -

Hdr.

4:35 P.m. — On #2 - For Akers -
Akers — Hello -
Mrs Duke — How is Harold - Can I come to see him ?
Akers — Yes you can come see him We've got to keep him in though - It'd be better for him - may straighten him out.

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4:45 P.M. — In #2. For Akers.
Akers — Hello-
Hebert — Requested further information and description from aker of the boy, Roy Johnson, reportedly employed at Eastman Hotel kitchen.

HH.

4:46 P.M. — Out #1.
Officer — called 1723 — Advised Wakelin that he had cleared up the radio theft by arrest of the Duke boy and another boy.
Wakelin — Good. Is Akers there?
Officer — He's talking on other phone-
Wakelin — Tell him to call me.

5:05 P.M. — In #1.
Woman — Is Walter Ebel there?
Tucker — No he's not-

HH.

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5²⁰ PM Out #173 Glen

Akers = 1773 (JOE WAKELIN'S RESIDENCE)

Wakelin = Hello.

Akers = Chief, Sir got those boys and the radio down here.

Wakelin = Yes. Watkins told me.

Akers = I think Ill talk to the Judge and see if we can't put this boy on some kind of probation Maybe that will help keep him from stealing. By the way, you've got a letter here from San Francisco

Wakelin = Well when some of the boys come out this way have them bring it by.

Akers = All right.

5⁴⁰ PM Out #173 Glen

Akers called his home and told the maid that he would be right out for dinner.

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5:46 PM In #446 — Glen
Call for Akers. Gone to supper.

6:05 PM In #143 — Glen
Call for Monroe Young - Not In.

6:17 PM In #446 — Glen
Call for Watkins = Not In.

6:40 PM Out #446 — Glen
Fowler = 367 (Marquette Hotel)
Clerk - Marquette
Fowler = Ring Jessie's room please.
Jessie = Hello.
Fowler = Jessie, this is Mr. Fowler
at the City Jail. Your brother,
Gilbert, is in jail and asked
me to call you and ask you
if you could make bond for him
if you could get any money.
Jessie = Well, I haven't got any money,
Tell him I can't help him.
Fowler = All right.

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6:57 Pm In #183 — Glen
Fowler - Chief's Office
Woman - Can you tell me what John Young's home telephone number is?
Fowler - Yes - it is 515.
Woman - Thanks.

7:14 Pm In #446 — Glen
Officer reporting = 3337 Jonestown.

7:40 Pm Out #183 — Glen
Akers = 15V
Man = National Park Service
Akers - Is Tommy there?
Man = No, he's out right now.
Akers = Have him call Akers at the City Jail.
Man = OK.

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7:57 Pm Out #183

Akers = 157

Man = National Park Service

Akers = Have you any idea where I could reach Mr. Wilson?

Man = No - he left here in his car about an hour ago.

Akers = OK - Thanks -

GLee

8:10 Pm In #173

Man called and reported a drunk at 202 Jackson St.

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Has.

8:20 P.M. — In #2. For Rasberry.
Rasberry — Hello.
Man — This is Homer. (Then requested information as to funeral arrangements of a mutual Masonic lodge brother. Also requested that Rasberry throw him some of the business. (of the city jail.)

Has.

8:25 P.M. — Ont #2.
Woman (col) — Called 3675. Spoke to "Ben" and advised him that the Officers got her.
"Ben" — I'll be down to jail.

8:28 P.M. — Ont #2.
Akers — Called 152.
Man — Natl Park Service.
akers — Is Tommy back yet?
Man — Not yet.

Has.

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8:35 P.m. — Dr # 1.
Mrs Tilley — Advised Tucker she would be unable to appear as witness against the intruder at her home due to her illness.

9:15 P.m. — Dr # 2.
Man — Reported drunk woman with child at Black Cat Bar. H.M.

9:20 P.m. — Dr # 2. for G. Moore.
Herbert Brenner (funeral director) — Reported to G. Moore an ambulance call at corner of Fourth and Brenner St.
G. Moore — All right.

9:25 P.m. — Dr # 1.
Johnnie (negroe) — Inquired where the police car had gone.
Corrington — Fourth and Brenner. H.M.

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9:28 P.M. – On # 2.
Rasberry – Reported residence at # 512 Pullman St. entered by burglar.

9:32 P.M. – On # 2
Woman – Reported suspicious man standing by cash register at Parker's Cafe, near Market St. Garage – Hsr.

9:35 P.M. – On # 1
Officers – Reported at 3337 Jonestown –

10:00 P.M. – On # 1.
Officers – Kelly & Murray at 116.

10:15 P.M. – Out # 1.
Corrington – Called 1124 (Fire Dept.) No one answered – Hsr.

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Hon - [redacted]

0:16 P.M. — In #2.
man — Inquired location of fire.

1:25 P.M. — Out #1.
bel — Called Western Union for boy at rear of city jail.

0:30 P.M. — In #1.
fficer — Reported at 3337. Hon

0:35 P.M. — In #2.
man — (Mr. Benedict, at Market St. Garage) Reported theft of Plymouth Coupe to Officer Abbott.

0:50 P.M. — In #2.
oman — gave the license number on stolen Plymouth coupe as [redacted] 47-171.

Hon.

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Nos.

11:00 P.M. — Dr # 1.
Officers — Kelly + Murray at 777-
(Black Cat Taxi Co.)

11:03 P.M. — Dr # 2.
George (deputy Sheriff) — secured description of stolen Plymouth coupe from Officer Rogers -

Has.

11:35 P.M. — Dr # 2.
Man — Is Akers there?
Covington — No, he's not.

11:45 P.M. — Dr # 1.
Rogers — Anything doing, sgt.?
Covington — Nothing doing.
Rogers — Will be at 3337 with the boys.

11:55 P.M. — Dr # 1.
Officers — Kelly + Murray at 116.

Has

#2
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TAP ON TELEPHONE #648
LISTED TO MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY HALL, HOT SPRINGS,
PLANT AT 207 LAUREL A/C

8:28 AM In — Klm

Judge Lepenwood - Hello
Woman - Is the Mayor in?
Judge Lepenwood - No, He is in Little Rock today.
Woman - Thank you!

8:45 AM In — Klm

Shorty called Judge Lepenwood and asked about going hunting. Lepenwood said he would be unable to go today but would call him within a day, or two.

9:00 AM In — Klm

Girl called and asked for Hazel Marsh. Judge Lepenwood told her Miss Marsh was in Little Rock.

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GRw
2nd Out (Residence of Earl Hitt)
Mayor = 7734
Woman = Hello
Mayor = Is Earl there?
Woman = No, he just left. You might reach him at his office.
Mayor = This is Les. He just got back here is nothing to that thing up there. I'm glad now that it happened. I talked to the committee and they said that they were interested only in seeing the books to determine if any of the officials received money from these places.
Woman - Well, I know Earl will be glad to hear that. You try to reach him at the office.
Mayor = All right.

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Glen

2 or 3 on Out

Mayor: 680

Jerry Nitt = Hello.

Mayor = Is Earl there?

Jerry Nitt = No. I haven't seen him.

Mayor = This is Les. I thought you were going to Little Rock.

Jerry Nitt = I'm planning to go but haven't been able to get away.

Mayor = Well, there is no need of you going over. I was over there all morning and there isn't anything to that. I talked to the members of the committee after all the others left and they said they were only interested in looking over the books to see if any officials had received any money from the places mentioned in the Resolution and there ain't nothing in the books. I'm glad it all happened over then.

Jerry Nitt = Well, that's fine. I won't go

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Mayor - No. you better stay with
Earl and keep him off of
that stuff (whiskey).
Jerry Witt = All right.

Glen

2⁰⁵ PM Out
Mayor = 613 (Sheriff's office)
Roy Erney = Hello -
Mayor = Roy have you seen Earle
up around there?
Roy Erney = No. I haven't seen him today -
Mayor = All right.

Glen

2¹⁵ PM Out
Mayor = 216 No Answer.

Glen

2²⁴ PM Out
Mayor = 477 (Judge Witt's office in Courthouse)
Earl Witt = Hello -
Mayor = Earl, I just got back. Sir
got some good news - Are you
going to be there awhile?
Earl Witt = Yes!
Mayor = All right. I'll be over in a few minutes.

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Glen

2:25 PM Out

Mayor = 743 (Judge Legerwood)

Legerwood = Hello -

Mayor = I just located Earl - He's over at the Court House. Jim going over there now and I think you and Sonny (Davies) better come over -

Legerwood - Of Course - will be over -

#3.

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Hdq.

3:00 P.M. — In #3.
Hazel — Mayor's Office—
Man — Is Sedgewood there?
Hazel — No. Who's calling?
Man — (hung up).

Hdq.

3:05 P.M. — In #3.
Man — Is Judge Sedgewood there?
Hazel — No. Is this Arthur?
Arthur — Yes. Wanted to see him. I'm in his office now but no one is here. I suppose he'll be in soon.
Hazel —

Hdq.

3:12 P.M. — Out #3.
Hazel — Called 1037 (Emory & Ridgeway, Attys) Inquired from Curtis Ridgeway how to spell the words "duces tecum".

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Hax

3.30 P.m. — In #3.
Hazel - Hello, Mayor's office -
Erb Wheatley - Is "he" (Mayor) there?
Hazel - Who's calling?
Wheatley - This is Erb Wheatley.
Hazel - He's not here now, but I think he will be back -
Wheatley - Ask him to call me at number 3.
(3 may be an unlisted phone at Miller's.)

Hax

4:10 P.m. — In #3.
Woman - Is the Mayor there now?
Hazel - No, not now. Who's calling?
Woman - If he comes in, have him call Dr. Stough, at 2140.
Hazel - all right.

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4:15 P.M. — Out #3.
Hazel — Called 477 (Judge Earl Witt)
Witt — Hello-
Hazel — Is Leo there?
Witt — Yes-
McLaughlin — Hello.
Hazel — Erb (Wheatley) says for you to call him at #3-
McLaughlin — all right- Hax.

4:40 P.M. — Out #3.
Hazel — Called 477 (Judge Witt).
Witt — Hello.
Hazel — Earl, is Leo still there?
Witt — No, he just left-
Hax.

4:55 P.M. — Out #3.
McLaughlin — Called 2140 (office - Dr. O.B. Stough)
Dr. Stough — Hello
McLaughlin — Did you want me? (cont.)

Hos.

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(cont.)
Dr. Stough - Yes, Leo. I'm interested in helping Joe Scott out of the trouble he's in - I want your advice about who to get for his lawyer. I expect to pay the attorney's fee - Joe Scott has always been a friend of mine and helped me on some occasions -

McLaughlin - Well, he's in a pretty bad fix right now - People are pretty much stired up over this - lot of them blame what's happening in the legislature on that Dickson case - Bad publicity for the town and the merchants don't like it - Its going to be pretty hard on him and all of them -

Dr. Stough - Would you or Richard (cont)

H.W.

(cont.)

Ryan, consider taking his case?

McLaughlin — No, I wouldn't, and I'm sure Ryan wouldn't either. I heard him discuss the matter the other day. Another reason why he wouldn't is because I filed those boys, and a lot of people think Dick and I are law partners together. We're not partners, but try most of our cases together. In fact last year we handled more business together than any other two lawyers in Hot Springs. Dick wouldn't take the case on that account.

Dr. Stough — Who would you suggest for me to get to represent him?

McLaughlin — I'd suggest Judge Cotham. He'd be as good as you could get.

Dr. Stough — Thanks, Leo. I wanted

Hon -

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you opinion who to get, just like you might ask me for a medical opinion. Personally, I don't believe that Joe Scott had anything at all to do with that case -

H ot S prings Ark.
January 24,1957.

M emorandum to Inspector E.J. C onnelley. BREKID.

There are attached the logs for January 21,1957 on the ta ps being maintained on telephones 125,446 and 648 at Hot Springs Ark.

It appears from the telephone call made by Mayor McLaughlin at 9. 55A.M. to 2115 that this telephone is the unlisted telephone at the residence of William S. Jacobs. The subsequent telephone call made by Jacobs to McLaughlin at 9.54A.M. reflects their close association, it being noted that Jacobs is reported as practically controlling gambling at Hot S prings.

Your attention is directed to the telepone call over #648 at 10. 15A.M., wherein C arroll Hollingsworth reports to McL aughlin from L ittle R ock the status of the present legislative inquiry of the city a dministration at Hot S prings. From conversations previously overheard it appears that McLaughlin is the political "Boss" in Hot Springs and vicinity and controls and directs the official acts of RepresentativesJames Campbell& Carroll Hollingsworth and State Senator Wheatley.

Note that C hief of Detectives H erbert "Dutch" Akers is confined to his bed with an attakk of "F l u".

Respectfully submitted.

D. P. Sullivan.
D. P. Sullivan
Special Agent.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ROUTE TO: FILE

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

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12:45 A.M. — Dr #2.
Woman — Requested an officer to come to 2514 Central Ave. for burglar.
Rogers — What's out by the Oaklawn track, isn't it?
Woman — Yes.
Rogers — You'd better call the Sheriff's office — #613.

1:00 A.M. — Dr #2.
Man (drunk) — Requested Rogers to listen to the music.
Rogers — Where are you? Ho-
Man — (Hung up)

1:01 A.M — Dr #1.
Officers — Reported at 116 (Millie's)
Rogers — Is the Uptown bar open?
Officer — Not that I know of.

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Hes

1:03 AM. - Out #1
Officer - Called 3606 (Firestone) and requested an Officer.
Abbott - Hello.
Officer - advised Abbott to check all the beer joints on Park Ave., including the "White House" to see if any of them were still open.

Hes.

1:30 AM - Out #2.
Clerk - Send two Officers to the Eastman Hotel.

1:31 AM - Out #1.
Covington - Called 3606 (Firestone) and requested to speak to Rogers
Clerk (Kimball) - They left 10 minutes ago.

Hes

1:32 AM - Out #1.
Covington - Called 116 (Millers) but hung up

H.O.S

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1:32 Am. - Out #1.
Corrington - Called 291 (Jim & George Cafe) Asked if Garnett Moore there.
Clerk - Haven't seen him -

1:33 Am. - Out #1.
Corrington - Called 5-45 (Merchants Cafe) Asked for Garnett Moore -
Moore - Hello.
Corrington - Instructed Moore to proceed to Eastman Hotel with another officer.

H.O.S

2:10 Am. - In #1.
Officer - G. Moore & Bradley at 291.
Corrington - What's trouble at Eastman?
Officer - Just a drunk. They sent him home -

3:00 Am - In #1.
Man - Asked for "Tex" a fireman
Corrington - (3) Call Fire Dept. - # 1124.

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3:05 Am. – In #1.
Officers – Moore + Bradley at 126.

4:00 Am. – In #1.
Officers – Moore + Bradley at 126.

5:02 Am. – In #1.
Officers – Moore + Bradley at 126.
H.H.

5:56 Am – In #1.
Officers – Reported in and inquired if anything was doing –

Corrington – No

6:00 Am. – Out #1.
Corrington – Called 1038 and advised Mrs. McJunkins of the time.
H.H.

6:01 Am. – Out #1.
Corrington – Called 3574 (Plain Restaurant) Ordered breakfasts for prisoners

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7:25 Am - Out #1.
Rogers - Called 3232-W. (his res.) Spoke to Mrs Rogers about breakfast. Requested that she come get him

7:55 Am - Out #2. H.A.
Man - Called 1000
Harris - Hello.
Man - This is Sandy. Did anyone call me, Harris?
Harris - No. He didn't call back.
Sandy - OK. I'll be over in a few minutes

H.A.

8:00 Am. - In #2.
Opr. - Perryville is calling Chief of Police.
Covington - He hasn't come yet.
Opr. - Is Mr. Akers there?
Covington - He's at home - call 666.

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H&A

8:02 A.M. — In # 1.
Rasberry — Requested that someone come after him —

8:03 A.M. — Out # 1.
Covington — called 3232-W. Asked for Rogers
Mrs Rogers — He's on the way down.

H&A

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8:25 All In #446 — Glen
Call for Chief Rasberry = Not In.

8:33 All In #173 — Glen
Call for Akers = Not In -

8:57 All Out #446 — Glen
Geo. Young = 184
Jackson = Clerk's office
Geo. Young = Add Henry Moore on the docket for disturbing the peace and Assault. He was arrested by me.

Jackson = OK -

8:58 All In #446 — Glen
Mrs. Doring called Monroe Young and asked him what the officers were doing out at her place this morning Monroe Young told her that they were looking for Shelly Hughes.

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9:07 AM Out #173 — FLee

Prisoner = 3327

Man = Hawe Hotel

Prisoner = Let me speak to Houston.

Houston = Hello.

Prisoner = I wish you'd come down to the City Jail and get me out. They got me for drinking.

Houston = How much is it?

Prisoner = I think it will be $10.

Houston = O.K.

9:08 AM In #173 — GLee
Call for Watkins = In Court.

9:23 AM In #446 — GLee
Call for Watkins = In Court.

9:35 AM Out #173 — JLee
Tucker called 1151, Thompson Hotel and asked if a Mr. Dodson were registered — Tucker was told that no such person was registered. ©

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9 48 Am In #173 GLee
Call for Akers = Not In

9 50 Am Out #446 GLee
man called 3574 and ordered
6 dinners for jail.

10 01 Am In #173 GLee
Call for Watkins = Not In

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J.L.Jr.

10:09 A.M. Incoming on #446

Thomas: Dr Jung Nathan there?

Nathan: Hello-

Thomas: That fellow lives in Room #6 at 130 Chappel Street -

Nathan: All right, thanks.

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10 34 A.M. Huntzinger on #123 D.L.M.
Abers called Long Distance for the Sheriff
at Bergenfield, Conn.
Abers: Is the Sheriff or any of his deputies
there?
Inman: No. they're looking for those boys who
escaped jail this morning.
Abers: Tell the Sheriff I have those two
women for him.
Inman: All right, I'll do that.

10:34 A.M Inman on #446 D.L.M.
Inman: Is Hatch there?
Dowler: He's busy on the other phone.
Inman: Have him call #2105 when he gets thru.

10:36 A.M. Huntzinger on #123 D.L.M.
#613
Rosberg: Sheriff's Office.
Conroy: Louis Humble will be in at one
Rosberg: o clock on the Rock Island. Meet him
when he gets off the train.
Conroy: O.K.

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A.M. Morning on #446 DLM

This is Marvin — have some one get
a charge against Louis Hibble — we
have no warrant on any thing on
him. We're not going to push him
without a warrant.
Morning file and affidavit, and
warrant out to you.

DLM

10 47 A.M Morning on #153

Ledgewood: Watch them?

Albers: Hello.

Ledgewood: That Hughes' boy has been
hanging around Ettie place the
last couple of days
Yeah. I know. I found out that
he's staying at Mrs. Gordon's
place. I told the boys to go by the
house at daybreak this morning. +
pull him out & them. I just got
to +, so don't know whether th

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Ledgerwood: He's wanting those checks on Bobo
Heft now -
Cabeen: I'll get him.

10:47 A.M. Wantgoing on # 446 J.L.D.
Cabeen called # 2105 and talked with Joe.
about the latter's health — nothing important.

11:17 A.M. Wantgoing on # 123 J.L.D.
Heffner Powder called # 273 (Lina's Beauty
Shop) + made a luncheon date with
whomever answered the phone.

11:15 A.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.D.
Inez: Is Hattie there?
Sgt.: No, she's just gone home.

11:25 A.M. Incoming on # 123 J.L.D.
Mrs. K. Watkins complained to Fowler that
some prowlers had broken into two of her
tenants' cars which were parked in the rear
of her place, + stole some clothing therefrom.

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11:44 A.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.M.
Mrs called for Swede Nathania - not in.

11:54 A.M. Incoming on # 123 J.L.M.
Mrs called for Abra - not in.

11:57 A.M. Outgoing on # 123 J.L.M.
Capt Nathania called "Information" and asked for the phone number of the Mr Howard Hughes. at 130 Uniggel St. Operator advised they have no phone listed to them.

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1:20 In #446 — G Lee
Call for Dutch - Not in - Gone
Home sick -

1:47 In #173 — G Lee
Call for Rasberry - Gone to dinner

1:50 In #173 — G Lee
Call for Akers - At home sick -

1:58 In #446 — G Lee
Call for Akers - At home sick.

1:10 In #446 — G Lee
Officer Reported - In Jamestown.

1:45 In #173 — G Lee
Call for Rasberry - Not In -

1:58 Out #173 — G Lee
Rasberry called Marion Anderson and asked if they had caught Louis Hinkle - Anderson said they had not located him.

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G Lee

7:01 PM Out #123
Man = 1531 W
Man = Hello -
Man = Did Ed. go to Little Rock?
Man = Yes -

G Lee

7:05 PM In #123
Call for Marion Anderson = Not here.

7:10 Out #446
Watkins = 666 (Akers Home)
Catherine Akers = Hello -
Watkins = Catherine is there anything you want us to do -
Catherine Akers = Yes - (gave him a list of groceries and asked Watkins to have someone bring them out.

G Lee

7:19 In #123
Call for Bradley - Not In - Works at night

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721 Pm Out #183 Glen
Brock called Mrs. Brock at 1404
Domestic conversation..

723 Pm Out #183 Glen
Brock = 271 (Guinn Massey)
Massey = Hello -
Brock = Mr. Massey, this is Brock.
How about a deal to clean
up that Malvern job?
Massey = Well, Dutch is taking care
of it, If it doesn't work
but I'll call you.
Brock = Ok. Thanks.

735 In #446 Glen
Call for Akers At Home Sick -

741 In #183 Glen
Call for Watkins - Not In -

747 In #183 Glen
Call for Akers At home sick -

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357 In #123
Call for Jack Puckett - Not In -

GRun

357 In #123
Call for Watkins - Not in -
Bird asked that Watkins be told
to come to 110 Una Stand see
Ruby.

GRun

340 In # 446
Officer reported - 503 Jamestown.

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3:47 P.M. Q morning on #123 J.L.M.

Roy Young: Is Hutch there?

Young: No. he's sick -

Roy Young: Did the Sheriff of Perry County ever come over for those two moonshiners?

Young: I don't know -

3:48 P.M. Q morning on #123 J.L.M.

Karl Muse of the Muse Laundry called in about a restricted parking zone for in front of his place of business.

3:51 P.M - Q morning on #123 J.L.M.

Woman: Is Celesta, a colored girl, in jail

Young: Nobody by that name.

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4:08 P.m. — In #1.
Woman — Is Walter Ebel there?
Officer — No.

4:17 P.m. — In #1.
Clerk — Requested Officer to check the Western Union call buzzer.

#2

4:20 P.m. — In #2.
Woman — Requested Officer to come to 729 Elkhart Street.
Officer — All right.

4:25 P.m. — In #2.
Man — Is "Swede" Watkins there?
Tucker — No.

4:28 P.m. — In #1.
Bob Moore — Inquired who was the Officer who stopped at his house.
Corrington — I don't know. Probably just (20) stopped by to see you.

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H.O.

4:30 Pm. — Dr #1.
Man — asked for Jack Puckett.
Puckett — Hello.
Orville — Have you heard from Louis Hinkle? He keeps calling us long distance collect.
Puckett — Ed's gone over after him now.

4:32 Pm. — Dr #2.
Man — asked for "Swede" Watkins.
Tucker — He's out.

H.O.

4:35 Pm. — Dr #2.
Man — Is "Red" Hatfield there?
Tucker — Call 1531 W. No, here he comes
Hatfield — Hello.
Man — They can't find Louis (Hinkle). Send me some money for his bus fare if they locate him.
Hatfield — Ok.

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Hot

4:50 P.m. — In #2.
Mrs Sam White - Complained of auto having been parked in front of her home for three hours. Wanted it removed.
Office - informed her there was no law to prohibit parking -

Hot

4:56 P.m. - Out #2:
Zucker - Called 41. asked for Joe Ferguson (col).
Woman (col) He is not here.

5:00 P.m. — In #2.
Mrs White - again complained of car parked in front of her home. gave the Hot Springs City license number as being 2812.

Hot.

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5:05 P.M. — out #2.
officer — called 184 (city clerk). Inquired owner of auto bearing city license #2812.
Clerk — owned by E.J. Smith - 205 Belding Av.

5:10 P.M. — In #2.
Mrs. White — Inquired whether officers were going to do anything about moving the car. Said she "was born in Hot Springs and knew all about it".

5:15 P.M. — Out #2.
Man — Asked for "Pat" after calling #425 (Evans Reader Motor Co.)
Clerk — He's not in now.
Man — I'll call again.

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5 35 In #446 — G Lee
Officer reported - 3337 Jonestown

5 56 In #183 — G Lee
Mrs. Brock called for Brock - Not In -

6 09 In #183 — G Lee
Officer reported = 503 Jonestown

6 30 In #173 — G Lee
Woman called and asked that
Police be sent to 424 E. Grand..
Man beating a girl.

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7:05 P.M. Dispatcher on #123 J.L.M.
Thomas called in for Chief Rosberg — at supper.

7:11 P.M. Dispatcher on #441 J.L.M.
Officer reporting: #3433 Jamestown.

7:14 P.M. Dispatcher on #123 J.L.M.
Mathews: #66
Mrs. Akers: Hello —
Mathews: How is Hunter feeling?
Mrs. Akers: Not so well —
Mathews: Ask him if he needs anything —
Mrs. Akers: (Pause) Not a thing.

7:19 P.M. Dispatcher on #446 J.L.M.
Man reported that a tramp stole an alarm clock at Brodley's Variety Store and that he was then down the street trying to sell it.

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7:32 P.M. Dorothy on #441 D.L.M.
Bert named Cleo called Capt. Mathews and pointed upon him to take her to the Paramount Theatre - he said he couldn't; that he was too busy.

7:34 P.M. Dorothy on #123 D.L.M.
Mrs. Barton at 417 Spring Sts. complained to Chief Rosberry about tramps coming to her door begging for food - Rosberry said he would be up to see her.

7:53 P.M. Dorothy on #123 D.L.M.
Mrs reported two drunks at 321 Benton Street - police said they would be over.

8:21 P.M. Dorothy on #446 D.L.M.
Howard Young's wife called M.Y. + asked him what time he would be at home. Young said it would be a little after midnight.

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8:30 Pm. – Out #1.
Officer – Called 2680-J.
Opr. – Number change to 3430 – She'll ring it.
Dr. Hukill – Hello.
Officer – Who was that fellow you gave a morphine subscription to? He stole a clock at the drug store.
Dr. Hukill – Informed that man's name is Peters – address unknown.

8:45 Pm – In #1.
Officer – Reported at 788.

8:50 Pm – In #2.
Woman – Is Mr. Akers there?
Tucker – He's at home, sick.

9:10 Pm. – Out #1
Rogers – Called (Central garage) 100 – left message for Fitzwater to call him at the jail.

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9:12 P.M. — Dr #1.
Woman — Is "Dutch" there?
Tucker — He's sick.

9:25 P.M — Dr #1
Officer — Reported at 503 Jonestown —

9:45 P.M. — Dr #2:
Man — Reported a woman at bus station with children and no place to sleep.
Rogers — Send her over. Can sleep in detention room.

10:15 P.M. — Dr #1
Officers — Abbott & Davis at 118.

10:15 P.M — Dr #1.
Officer — Reported at 3337 - Jonestown -

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10:32 P.m. - In #1.
White - Were you looking for me last night?
Rogers - No, we weren't.

10:38 P.m - Out #1.
Covington - Called Western Union for time.

10:45 P.M. - In #1.
Abbott - Requested that Rogers take his wife home from movie.

11:00 P.m. - In #2.
Woman - Requested Police come to 212 3rd Street for drunks.

11:05 P.m. - In #1.
Officers - Davis + Abbott at 116.

11:20 P.m. - In #1.
[illegible] - Moore + Bradley at 3606.

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11:55 P.M. — In # 1.
Officer — Reported at 788- Jonestown.

11:56 P.M. — In # 1.
Abbott — Reported seeing Essex coupe on Quachita Street which possibly was car which Rasberry interested in locating.

Hpo.

TAPOM TELEPHONE #148
(Mayor's OFFICE)
HOT SPRINGS. ARK.
Plant at 207 Laurel St.

#3
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Glen

8:33 In #3

Miss Marsh = Mayor's Office
Man = Is Judge Legerwood there?
Miss Marsh = No - he hasn't been in.
Man = Ask him to call Horner at #406

Glen

8:50 In

Miss Marsh = Mayor's Office
Tiffany = Is Judge Legerwood There?
Legerwood = Hello -
Tiffany = Judge, this is Tiffany at the Majestic Hotel. Last night my cook Henry Moore was put in jail. If you can do anything for him I'll appreciate it!
Legerwood = What was he charged with
Tiffany = I don't know -
Legerwood = Well, I'll see what I can do -

9:14 AM Out — Glen

Miss Marsh = 1174 — Fire Dept.

Man = Fire Dept.

Miss Marsh = Send Jackup to the Mayor's office.

Man = OK -

9:45 In — Glen

Call for Fannie McLaughlin - Caller was told to try 471.

9:51 Out — Glen

Miss Marsh = 2115 - Busy

9:53 Out — Glen

Mayor = 2115

Woman = Hello -

Mayor = Ella, this is Leo. Where is Mr. Jacobs?

Woman = He's up stairs.

Mayor = Well, ask him to call me when he comes down.

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9:54 In ..... Gehan

Jacobs called Mayor .....

Mayor = Hello .....

Jacobs = Did you call? .....

Mayor = Yes. I'm going over there to be before the Commission (Racing Commission) at 4 PM.

Jacobs = Well. That piece in the paper isn't the same as the one I saw. The morning paper didn't carry anything.

Mayor = Well. this one isn't so bad. I'll see you before I leave.

Jacobs = I'm leaving for Belvedere now.

#3

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9:56 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Major called Long Distance for Ed Jarvis
at Little Rock - L.D. -
Mr. Jarvis not in for an hour -

10:08 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Major: #3700
Woman: Sentinel-Record -
Major: Is Mr. Palmer in town?
Woman: No, he left for Texarkana yesterday.

10:09 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Major called Long Distance for E. E. Palmer
at Texarkana, Ark.
Operator advised he is at Marion Hotel in
Little Rock - Major requested she try and
get him there.

10:42 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.
L.D. Operator advised that Mr. Palmer was
registered at Marion Hotel, but was not
in. Major told her (operator) to keep trying.

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10:13 A.M. Montgomery — J.L.M.

Miss Marsh: #1124 (City Dmc Hospl.)

Mayor: Hello -

Miss Marsh: Tell Elmer to come up here.

10:15 A.M. Downing — J.L.M.

Long Distance call for Mayor from Carrol Hollingsworth at Little Rock, Ark.

Hollingsworth: Just wanted to tell you that the Committee hasn't got any thing yet. They examined one witness, but he didn't give them any thing However, there's something I want to see you about - are you coming over today?

Mayor: I have to appear before the Racing Commission at four o'clock, I'll see you over at the House at 1:30 P.M

Hollingsworth: O.K. I'll watch for you.

Mayor: Was the Committee in session this morning?

Hollingsworth: No. I saw Jones last night; and saw him again twice this morning

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Mayor: Looks like those preachers kind of cooled down.

Hollingsworth: Yes - I'll see you then later.

10:22 A.M. J.L.M.

Earl Witt: When are they going to put me in the penitentiary?

Mayor: Any day now (laughs)

Earl Witt: I've been sick - is there anything else you think I ought to do?

Mayor: No - Scott Wood kind of weeded the issue, didn't he?

Earl Witt: Yeah. I meant to have him give me a hand in this Hickson case - I didn't intend this to be a political discussion. That portion about the Sheriff's boys being messengers for you was uncalled for.

Mayor: Yeah - I also had quite a run in with Walter Ebel about Cecil still doing some work for the Police Dept I told him it was a G.D. lie, and

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Mayor: Rosbury also told him that-

Earl Hall: I noticed where Cecil denied it. A lot of people will believe Cecil whatever he says.

Mayor: I was talking to that fellow in Little Rock, & he said that the Committee is beginning to realize that the whole thing is just a political joke - that Scott Wood didn't have the interest of the town at heart when he started this.

Earl Hall: Well, you know Scott Wood has never been known to do anything that is best for town - he's just a trouble-maker.

Mayor: Everything seems to be in good shape now.

Earl Hall: Yeah, and I feel a lot better.

Mayor: Well, I'll call you if there's anything new.

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10:26 A.M. Incoming L.D.
Long Distance call from Ed Davis at Little
Rock, Ark.

Davis: I talked with Mr. Hilliard, and he said this meeting is going to be just a get-together, to get the boys acquainted with each other - that we'll probably have another meeting in about 10 days at which time we'll discuss the problems that confront us in the coming season. Hilliard feels that we won't be in a position to discuss anything at this meeting.

Morgan: Mr. Teller wants me to take a message to him. It won't take over five minutes for what I have to say to them.

Davis: That'll be all right - you come right up.

10:32 A.M. Outgoing L.D.
Morgan called # 1124 and asked Elmer to come to his office.

#3

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11:23 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.

Mayor: #307 (Clerk of the Circuit Court)

Jones: Hello-

Mayor: Look in your index and see if there was a case filed by a Mrs. H. D. Ladell- He wants to know if his wife filed suit for a divorce - if not he wants to file suit -

Jones: I'll have to look it up - will call you back.

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11:27 A.M. Incoming — J.L.M.

Jones: I didn't find any record of that—

Major: All right.

Jones: Marvin (Anderson) took a pretty good statement over there, didn't he?

Major: Yeah—

Jones: He got the banks to fix up Lonnie Howard's statement too.

Major: Yeah - I know.

Jones: It looks pretty good over there, doesn't it?

Major: Yeah, it won't amount to anything.

11:30 A.M. Outgoing — J.L.M.

Major called #1124 (City Drive Hospl.) + talked Elmer to bring a Commercial Appeal paper for Lonnie.

11:31 A.M. Outgoing — J.L.M.

Major: #743

Harris: Hello.

Major: Is Vance there?

Harris: He just left. (10)

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11:35 A.M. Incoming D.L.M.
Imogene sister called and asked Leo whether he would be home for lunch - he said he would.

11:36 A.M. Incoming D.L.M.
Long Distance call from Grover Owens at Little Rock, Ark.
Mayor: Hello -
Owens: A man came here from Jacks Bartlet who is in the lumber hauling business - he's a good friend of mine He said that you have his boy, Fred Bartlet in jail over there for something - he also hauls lumber. I'd like to get him out, will you see whether he's incarcerated.
Mayor: All right, I'll check it up.
Owens: How's the investigation coming along.
Mayor: There ain't anything to it. I wish there had some public meetings on it then so we can know what those guys are whispering. (?)

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11:38 A.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.

Mayor: #446

Dowler: City jail.

Mayor: See if you have a fellow named Bart-
lett in jail.

Dowler: No sir, we haven't.

Mayor: See if he was there in the last day
or two.

Dowler: No, no record of him.

Mayor: He's in the teaching business - he
might have been picked up on an
investigation that case.

Dowler: Nobody here by that name.

11:40 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.

John: Any thing new -

Mayor: Not a thing, John. I'm going to
Little Rock to attend the Racing Com-
mission meeting this afternoon.

John: Oh, all right - I'll drop up to see
you tomorrow morning.

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11:42 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.

Roy Conway: Is Marion there?

Roy Morgan: He left about five minutes ago. Roy.

11:43 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.

Miss Marsh called #184 (City Clerk's Office) and made a luncheon date with Violet.

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1:45 PM In ——— Exhibit ———
Miss Marsh = Mayor's office ———
Woman = Is the Mayor in? ———
Miss Marsh = No - he won't be in
this afternoon ———
Woman = Thank you ———

2:04 PM In ——— Exhibit ———
Long Distance called and reported
Mr. Palmer at Little Rock ready
to talk on Mayors call. Miss
Marsh accepted the call -
Miss Marsh = Hello - Mr Palmer?
Palmer = Yes -
Miss Marsh = This is Mr. McLaughlin's
secretary. The Mayor put
in a call for you this
morning but he left
for Little Rock about
noon. He will probably
call you while he's there.
Palmer = All right. Thanks -

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2:50 PM In G Rue
Judge Cotham called for Mayor.
Miss Marsh informed the Judge
that the Mayor was out of town
Judge Cotham said he would
call again in the morning.

2:16 PM In G Rue
Call for Mayor = Not In -

2:55 PM In G Rue
Girl called Miss Marsh and
asked her to come to Room 301
Eastman Hotel when she
finished work at 4:30. Miss
Marsh said she would.

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DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. # 1232 et al.;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Conversations of interest overheard on telephone taps at Hot Springs for period of January 14 to 21, inclusive, set forth.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated January 4, 1937.

DETAILS:

The telephone taps on numbers 123 (Police Department), 446 (Chief of Police) and 648 (Mayor's Office) continued on a twenty-four hour basis during the period covered by this report and apparently without the knowledge of the subscribers.

It would appear from the conversations hereinafter quoted that Day Captain of Police Jerry Watkins, a new appointee to the Police Department, has many outside contacts some of which are questionable.

JANUARY 14, 1937

The following conversation apparently originated with former Day Captain of Police, Robert L. Moore:

11:06 A.M. Incoming on #648 JLM

Bob Moore: Is Leo in, Hazel?
Miss Marsh: Yes -
Mayor: Hello

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Bob Moore: This is Bob Moore - how do you want us to vote on that bond issue?

Mayor: Well, I'm going to vote for it.

The origin of the following conversation between Chief of Police Weldon Rasberry and one Nickels is unknown. It is possible that Nickels mentioned in the conversation is Fred Nickels of the Chicago Club (a bookie) and the recommendations are with reference to the operation of the business:

7:37 P.M. Incoming on # 125 JLM

Nickels: Is Chief Rasberry there?
Rasberry: Hello -
Nickels: This is Nickels -
Rasberry: Did you get a letter this evening?
Nickels: Yes, I'm just opening it -
Rasberry: Read it.
Nickels: (pause) Well, well!
Rasberry: That doesn't hurt your feelings, does it -
Nickels: No -
Rasberry: Think it over and let's get together, and make a recommendation to him.
Nickels: All right - I'll see you tomorrow.

JANUARY 15, 1937

The following conversations apparently relate to the same subject matter. Conversations were heard on January 16th indicating that one James Dilliard, a patient of Dr. Fletcher, was arrested by the Police and charged with issuing a worthless check for $225.00. Dilliard, in a conversation with a friend, stated the check was issued for a gambling debt incurred at the Keystone Bar and that they gamble in the rear of this establishment. "Ma" Proctor, mentioned in the conversation is Madam of a house of prostitution:

1:40 P.M. Incoming on # 446 GRM

Man, thought probably to be Jack Fry, owner of Keystone Bar.

Akers: Hello
Man: Dutch, are you busy?
Akers: I am right now.
Man: I have a warrant for a fellow and I've got him located but I want to talk to you first.
Akers: Can't I send a man up?
Man: No, I want to talk to you first. I think it may mean some money to you.
Akers: Where are you?
Man: Up at the place.
Akers: All right, I'll see you.

2:18 P.M. Incoming on # 123 GRM

Evans: Chief's Office.
Akers: Let me talk to Swede -
Watkins: Hello -
Akers: Bring somebody with you and come up to room 215 at the Howe Hotel -
Watkins: All right.

4:25 P.M. Outgoing on # 448 JLM

Akers: # 98 (Keystone Bar)
Jack Frye: Hello -
Akers: Did you call me, Jack?
Jack Frye: Yes, - did you find that like I told you?
Akers: Yes, he's down here dead drunk.
Jack Frye: Was anybody with him?
Akers: Yeah, some pimp working for Mr Procter.
Jack Frye: Have you got him?
Akers: Not yet. How much does this fellow owe you?
Jack Frye: $825.00.
Akers: Well, I'll get it for you as soon as he sobers up.
Jack Frye: All right, Dutch, thanks.

The following conversation between Jack McJunkin, a city fireman and chauffeur to Mayor McLaughlin, and the Hatterie Hotel, a house of prostitution, and subsequent calls indicate that McJunkin is keeping company with a prostitute named Jerry who works at the Hatterie Hotel.

11:08 P.M. Outgoing on # 125 H.A.S.

Jack McJunkins: Called 3421 (Hatterie Hotel)
Girl: Hello -
McJunkins: Is Grace (Goldstein) there?
Grace: Hello
McJunkins: Hello - what're you doing?
Grace: Anybody I can - who's this, Jack?
McJunkins: Yeah -
Grace: Somebody just told me that the Rangers raided the Southern Club about ten minutes ago - caught them wide open and in action.
McJunkins: Yeah, I know - It didn't make any difference about them being in action, though. That's not what they were doing.
Grace: No? What is it?
McJunkins: Come down here and I'll tell you all about it.
Grace: It'll be 15 or 20 minutes yet -
McJunkins: All right - Bring somebody with you -
Grace: OK -

JANUARY 16, 1937

The following conversations relate to the arrest of James Dilliard, mentioned in the logs for January 15:

2:21 P.M. Outgoing on # 446 JLM

Akers:	# 3420 (W. D. Swaim, attorney)
Swaim:	Hello -
Akers:	Are you busy?
Swaim:	No -
Akers:	Can you come down to the Jail and talk with a gentleman in here for a minute?
Swaim:	I'll be right over -

4:04 P.M. Incoming on # 123. JLM

Tucker:	Chief's Office -
Dr. Fletcher:	Mr. Tucker - this is Dr. Fletcher - have you got a boy over there named James Dilliard (phonetic)?
Tucker:	Yes, he's here -
Dr. Fletcher:	What's he charged with?
Tucker:	Issuing worthless checks - Somebody swore out a warrant for his arrest for this charge.
Dr. Fletcher:	Who swore out the warrant?
Tucker:	(pause) Jack Fry at 204 Central Ave.
Dr. Fletcher:	Must be a gambling debt -
Tucker:	Well, I don't know anything about that.
Dr. Fletcher:	Mr. Tucker, this fellow is a patient of mine, and his father is a very dear friend of mine. Naturally I'm interested in the boy. I wonder if I can talk with him.
Tucker:	Sure - just a minute.
James Dilliard:	Hello -
Dr. Fletcher:	Well, what happened to you?
James Dilliard:	Got drunk and made a fool of myself.
Dr. Fletcher:	What about this check?
James Dilliard:	I cancelled payment on it, after I wrote it.
Dr. Fletcher:	How much was it?
James Dilliard:	$225.00.
Dr. Fletcher:	Was it a gambling debt?
James Dilliard:	Yes -
Dr. Fletcher:	Does Jack have gambling back there?
James Dilliard:	Yes.
Dr. Fletcher:	I didn't know that -
James Dilliard:	Can you come down today and go my bond?
Dr. Fletcher:	Well, here's the thing Jim - how do I know you won't go off and get drunk again, and not show up in Court Monday.

James Dilliard: Needn't worry about that.
Dr. Fletcher: Is Dick Swaim your atty.?
James Dilliard: Yes, I just retained him.
Dr. Fletcher: He called me up a while ago, and said that he would be over here; that he had been talking with the Judge, and he will let you sign your own bond if I assure him that you will be in Court Monday.
James Dilliard: Don't worry about that -
Dr. Fletcher: You'll have to appear on that charge.
James Dilliard: I know it, and I'll be there.
Dr. Fletcher: All right Jim, I'll see what I can do for you.

JANUARY 17, 1937

The following conversation between Night Captain Ben Rogers of the Police Department and Lillian Pearrow, madam of a house of prostitution, indicates the attitude of the police toward vice:

5:25 A.M. Incoming on # 446 HAS

Rogers: Hello -
Lillian: Rogers, this is Lillian (Pearrow) Are you the Night Captain now?
Rogers: Yes -
Lillian: Why can't any girls but Grace's girls get in the Kingsway? (Eastman Hotel). Mine couldn't get in tonight and I heard several others couldn't.
Rogers: I hadn't heard anything about it -
Lillian: Well it just started tonight that way - you know that Brock is the "dick" there now, and if Grace (Goldstein) is paying off I want to know about it so I'll know what to do about it -
Rogers: I don't know -
Lillian: Well, you know she can afford to pay off - my god- when any of her girls get drunk she fines them twenty dollars everytime. Find out for me, will you, whether she is or not - you can do it - and let me know - you know, we all have to stick together to make a living in this - every girl but Grace's was stopped there tonight.
Rogers: All right Lillian - I'll see what I can do and let you know -

The following conversations relates to an arrest of a young man for issuing a check for $225.00 when he had insufficient funds or stopped payment on the same:

10:47 A.M. Incoming on # 446 JLM

Jack Fry: Is Dutch there?

Akers: Hello -

Jack Fry: I saw that party last night - what happened to him?

Akers: Dr. Brown signed his bond for his appearance in court Monday.

Jack Fry: Hell, I didn't want to go to Court with him on this - couldn't you get him to pay the money out of court.

Akers: No, I couldn't do a thing with him - he's going to contend it was a gambling debt.

Jack Fry: Has he got an attorney?

Akers: I don't know.

Jack Fry: Well, Dick Swaim called me just a while ago and said that he was representing the boy.

Akers: I won't be here tomorrow, but why don't you get a hold of Verne before court and explain this to him. If you don't want to do that, ask him to continue the case until you can round up your witnesses, and in the meantime I'll talk to him.

Jack Fry: Well, I can do that.

Akers: Can't you get some witnesses who will testify that they saw you give him the money outright. You can say that you didn't know what he was going to do with the money; that he walked to the back of the place, and couldn't see what he was doing back there.

Jack Fry: I can get three or four witnesses all right that can say they saw me give him the money.

Akers: Well, you contact Verne early tomorrow morning, and either have your witnesses there for court, or ask him to continue it for a couple of days, and I'll talk to him then.

Jack Fry: O.K. Dutch -

Note: Jack Fry is the owner of the Keystone Bar, a gambling place in town.

1:31 P.M. Incoming on # 125 JLM

Dick Swaim: Is Akers there?

Akers: Hello -

Dick Swaim: This is Dick - are you going to be in town tomorrow morning?

Akers: No, I'll have to be in Little Rock.

Dick Swaim: I wondered if you could get someone to whisper in Ledgerwood's ear tomorrow morning for him to tell Jack to give this fellow his check back. If he doesn't, he threatens to go before the

Committee at Little Rock, and spill it over there. He will be satisfied, if Jack just gives him his check back.

Akers: Couldn't you do anything with him?
Dick Swaim: No, he's got a couple of smart doctors behind him. Can you get somebody to whisper to the Judge to tell Jack that -
Akers: All right, Dick.

The Watkins mentioned in the following conversation is Day Captain Jerry Watkins. The identity of Potts is unknown:

5:10 P.M. Incoming on # 446 GRM

Tucker: City Jail
Potts: Is Watkins there?
Watkins: Hello -
Potts: Jerry, this is Potts. Come up to the Southern Grill, I've got something I want to talk over with you.
Watkins: All right, I'll be up in a little bit.

The following two conversations appear to relate to the arrest of a local gambler, "Saratoga" Russell:

9:30 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 HAS

Akers: Called 1696 (Chief Rasberry residence)
Rasberry: Hello -
Akers: Did you stop at the Southern Club?
Rasberry: Yes - He wasn't there -
Akers: How bad was she hurt?
Rasberry: She was beat up pretty bad -
Akers: I've got him on " holdover" now, but I'll put him on the docket in morning -

9:40 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 HAS

Rogers: Called 341 (Citizens); Spoke to Lee Hall and advised him that "Saratoga" was in jail on assault charges placed by Akers - Requests that Hall appear as witness.
Hall: I'll talk to Ben (Harrison) about it.

11:35 P.M. Incoming on # 123 HAS

Scudder: (reporter) Do you have John in jail?
Officer: Yes - Dutch put him in this afternoon - He'll be charged with assault tomorrow.

The Ben Harrison mentioned in the second conversation is proprietor of the Citizens Club (bookie).

JANUARY 18, 1937

The following conversation indicates that former Chief of Police Joe Wakelin and former Lieut. Cecil Brock are still active in the Police Department even though their services have been dispensed with:

11:31 A.M. Outgoing on # 183 GHM

Watkins:	1723 (Residence of Joe Wakelin)
Wakelin:	Hello -
Watkins:	Chief, I've got those two boys down here.
Wakelin:	Well get Cecil (Brock) to go down there and see if he can get some prints off that car. If he can we may be able to put them on the spot. That will settle the thing in a hurry.
Watkins:	O.K.

The following conversation pertains to the legislation investigation and arrest of "Saratoga" Russell, mentioned in the logs for January 17th:

4:30 P.M. Incoming on # 446 HAS

Akers:	Hello -
Girl:	Dutch, this Majorie Fatheree. Have been reading about the trouble - Hope it will come out all right -
Akers:	Everything will be O.K.-
Miss Fatheree:	Do you have "Saratoga" in jail?
Dutch:	Yes - I'll tell you about it when I see you -
Miss Fatheree:	Wish he could get out - we need him to do our "dirty work" -
Dutch:	He's got to stay in for a while -

The identity of Marjorie Fatheree is unknown at this time.

Erb Wheatley, mentioned in the following conversation, is connected with Millers Cigar Store, a bookie:

3:30 P.M. Incoming on # 648 HAS

Hazel:	Hell, Mayor's Office -
Erb Wheatley:	Is "he" (Mayor) there?
Hazel:	Who's calling?
Wheatley:	This is Erb Wheatley.
Hazel:	He's not here now, but I think he will be back -
Wheatley:	Ask him to call me at number 3. (#3 may be an unlisted phone at Miller's).

The following comments made by Mayor McLaughlin appear of interest:

4:55 P.M. Outgoing on # 648 HAS

McLaughlin: Called 2140 (office - Dr. D. B. Stough)
Dr. Stough: Hello
McLaughlin: Did you want me?
Dr. Stough: Yes, Leo - I'm interested in helping Joe Scott out of the trouble he's in - I want your advice about who to get for his lawyer. I expect to pay the attorney's fee - Joe Scott has always been a friend of mine and helped me on some occasions -
McLaughlin: Well, he's in a pretty bad fix right now - People are pretty much stirred up over this - Lot of them blame what's happening in the Legislature on that Dickson case - Bad publicity for the town and the merchants don't like it - It's going to be pretty hard on him and all of them -
Dr. Stough: Would you or Richard Ryan consider taking his case?
McLaughlin: No, I wouldn't, and I'm sure Ryan wouldn't either. I heard him discuss the matter the other day - Another reason why he wouldn't is because I fired those boys, and a lot of people think Dick and I are Law partners together - We're not partners, but try most of our cases together - In fact last year we handled more business together than any other two lawyers in Hot Springs - Dick wouldn't take the case on that account.
Dr. Stough: Who would you suggest for me to get to represent him?
McLaughlin: I'd suggest Judge Cotham. He'd be as good as you could get.
Dr. Stough: Thanks, Leo. I wanted your opinion who to get, just like you might ask me for a medical opinion. Personally, I don't believe that Joe Scott had anything at all to do with that case -

JANUARY 19, 1937

2:45 A.M. Incoming on # 123 HAS

Officers: Abbott and Davis reported at The Chicago Club (#217)

The Chicago Club is a bookie with private card games in the rear.

8:32 A.M. Incoming on # 446 GRM

Carrington: City Jail

Emmett Jackson: Mr. Corrington, you have some warrants over there for Olin Johnson. That thing has been settled so just release the warrants.

Corrington: All right, Mr. Jackson.

6:35 A.M. Outgoing on # 123 HAS

Abbott: Called 1553 (Jett Bros. Grocery).
Elmer Hall: Hello -
Abbott: Do you want me to try to serve that warrant on Wilson?
Hall: Wait until I give him a chance to pay that check this morning - I'll let you know.

7:15 A.M. Incoming on # 123 HAS

Elmer Hall: Requested Corrington not to serve warrant on Wilson until he notified him -

These conversations indicates that the Police Department is a collecting agency.

4:32 P.M. Incoming on # 446 JLM

Emory: Is Watkins there?
Watkins: Hello -
Emory: This is Houston Emory - did you make the arrest of those folks at Marie's?
Watkins: Yes - Dutch and I were together.
Emory: Come up to my office and give me a statement of what you found there -
Watkins: All right, I'll be right over.

4:36 P.M. Outgoing on # 446 JLM

Akers: # 1037 (Emory - Ridgeway)
Emory: Hello.
Akers: Did you call me?
Emory: Yes - were you in that Stafford - Sassie arrest?
Akers: Yes - Jerry Watkins and I were together -
Emory: Did you find them in bed or rooming together?
Akers: No, nothing like that -
Emory: If you fellows want to make a couple of dollars apiece, you come to my office and make that statement, and we'll let him go then.
Akers: O.K. I'll be right over.

Houston Emory is the former Prosecuting Attorney but now in private practice. The Stafford - Sassie arrest apparently, relates to Mrs. Sassie of Iowa, mentioned in the reference report.

6:12 P.M. Incoming on # 446 JLM

Sid: Say Dutch, this is Sid - drop up to the Levi Drug Store. I'll put you in line to making some money.
Akers: I can't leave now Sid - I'm all alone
Sid: O.K. I'll wait for you. Don't tell anybody now.

The identity of Sid is unknown at this time.

7:11 P.M. Outgoing on # 125 GRM

Akers: 682
Man: White Front.
Akers: Is Matt there? (Matt Picki)
Matt: Hello -
Akers: Did you call me?
Matt: Yes, I saw that fellow. - O K - I think I'd better get a receipt.
Akers: All right.

7:15 P.M. Incoming on # 446 GRM

Akers: Hello -
Man: This is the man that Matt just talked to you about.
Akers: I don't know what you're talking about.
Man: Just a minute -
Matt Picki: This is Matt - it's O K.
Akers: O K Matt -
Man: I wonder if I could see you?
Akers: No - you'd better talk to Matt.
Man: Well, my partner is already doing business with you.
Akers: Well I don't know anything about any partner's partner. What ever you want you'd better talk with Matt.
Man: O K.

Matt Picki is proprietor of the White Front Cigar Store which is alleged to be the contact point and "hang out" of con men. Dick Galatos was alleged to own an interest in this establishment. It would also appear that Akers is doing business through Matt Picki.

11:00 P.M. Outgoing on # 125 HAS

Man: Called 3085 W (Lillian Bahre)
Lillian: Hello.
Man: What're you doing?
Lillian: Just sitting by the stove keeping warm.
Man: Can't you do anything better to keep warm?
Lillian: Maybe -
Man: Are you busy? who's there?

Lillian: I'm not busy - the girls are right now -
Man: Is Wynona there now?
Lillian: No - she hasn't even written me since she left.
Man: Well, guess I'l have to come around and "cut" you - It's been a good while, hasn't it -
Lillian: O K. Come on over -
Man: If I can.

Lillian Bahre operates a house of prostitution in Hot Springs.

JANUARY 20, 1937

The following conversation is between Jack McJunkins, City fireman and chauffeur to Mayor McLaughlin, and Grace Goldstein, madam of the Hatterie Hotel, a house of prostitution. The identity of Jerry is unknown.

12:30 A.M. Outgoing on # 125, NAS

Jack McJunkins: Called 3421 (Hatterie Hotel)
Grace: (Goldstein: Hello
Jack: Is Jerry there, Grace?
Grace: Yeah - I'll send the maid for her - How'd you come out in Little Rock, Jack?
Jack: It looks pretty good now - still worried some, though -
Grace: Well (pause) Jerry is busy right now. Do you want me to take the message?
Jack: How long will she be busy?
Grace: Not long - I guess about fifteen or twenty minutes- Want her to come down?
Jack: Yeah - If she's not down in half an hour, I'll know she can't come -
Grace: Oh, she'll be there by that time.
Jack: Tell her to bring me some cigarettes - I'm out -
Grace: O K, honey -

The following conversation indicates "fixing" of a traffic violation by Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers:

9:46 A.M. Incoming on # 125 GRM

Corrington: Chief's Office
J.R. Fordyce: Is Mr. Akers there?
Akers: Hello -
J.R. Fordyce: Mr. Akers, this is J. R. Fordyce. My wife got a ticket yesterday for parking in a restricted area. We can't get in to town this morning. I wonder if I can arrange to take care of it later.

Akers: That's all right Mr. Fordyce I'll take care of it for you. You won't need to come down.

J.R. Fordyce: Thank you very much.

The following conversation is one among many made by one Doc Davis who's identity is unknown at this time. A Dr. Davis is listed as a Dentist in Hot Springs but the conversations indicate that he is not the one calling Akers and talking to him on several occasions in front of the Post Office:

11:52 A.M. Incoming on # 125 GRM

Dr. Davis: Called for Akers -
Akers: Hello -
Dr. Davis: Dutch - I can't do anything for that fellow. He is N. G.
Akers: O.K. Doctor, He is out now. He got out this morning.
Dr. Davis: O.K.

The following conversation apparently originates with a local gambler and makes an interesting comment on the arrest of "Saratoga" Russell, mentioned in the logs of January 17 and 18.

2:35 P.M. Incoming on # 446 JLM

Man: Is Dutch there -
Akers: Hello -
Man: Was there anything to that I told you about last night -
Akers: Yeah - I think it'll work out all right -
Man: Say listen - you guys aren't going to hold that Saratoga in jail there, are you?
Akers: Yeah -
Man: Christ, that guy is murder -
Akers: Well, we'll see -

The following conversation indicates a "fixing" of a traffic violation by Mayor McLaughlin:

10:20 A.M. Incoming on # 648 JLM

John Clements: Verne (Ledgewood) fined one of my boys $5.00 this morning for double parking - I wish you would take care of that.
Mayor: All right, I'll attend to it, but I wish you would watch that, as there is a lot of beef about it.

JANUARY 21, 1937

Calls from the Police Department indicated that Miller's Cigar Store,

(bookie and gambling establishment) was open at 1:30 A.M. Previous conversations indicated that small beer taverns were ordered to close at 11:00 P.M. and others were closed permanently.

The following two calls are between Mayor Leo McLaughlin and W. S. Jacobs, reputed to be the head of all gambling in Hot Springs:

9:53 A.M. Outgoing on # 648 GRM

Mayor:	2115
Woman:	Hello -
Mayor:	Ella, this is Leo - Where is Mr. Jacobs?
Woman:	He's upstairs.
Mayor:	Well, ask him to call me when he comes down.

9:54 A.M. Incoming on # 648 GRM

Jacobs:	Called Mayor -
Mayor:	Hello -
Jacobs:	Did you call?
Mayor:	Yes, I'm going over there to be before the Commission (Racing Commission) at 4 P.M.
Jacobs:	Well - That piece in the paper isn't the same as the one I saw. The morning paper didn't carry anything.
Mayor:	Well, this one isn't so bad. I'll see you before I leave -
Jacobs:	I'm leaving for Belvedere now.

The following conversation is between Mayor McLaughlin and Ed Farris, Secretary of the Racing Commission. Mr. Cella, mentioned in the conversation, is Mr. Charles Cella of St. Louis, Missouri, owner of Oaklawn Park racing track.

10:26 A.M. Incoming on # 648 JLM

Long Distance call from Ed Farris at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Farris:	I talked with Mr. Hilliard, and he said this meeting is going to be just a get-together, to get the boys acquainted with each other - that we'll probably have another meeting in about ten days at which time we'll discuss the problems that confront us in the coming season. Hilliard feels that we won't be in a position to discuss anything at this meeting.
Mayor:	Mr. Cella wants me to take a message to him - it won't take over five minutes for what I have to say to them.
Farris:	That'll be all right - you come right up.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC LITTLE ROCK

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January 31, 1937

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Time: 11:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Telephone Taps -
Hot Springs, Arkansas

At this time Mr. Suran received a call from Special Agent in Charge Little of the Little Rock Field Division regarding the telephone taps at Hot Springs. Mr. Little stated that they had been unable to get cable information due to flood conditions, and that further difficulty was being encountered in locating a suitable place to establish headquarters for the tap which, it was contemplated, would be placed on the home telephone of Mayor Leo McLaughlin, as the neighborhood is thickly populated with colored people and it would be rather risky to locate there.

He stated, however, that in connection with the telephone tap which is to be established on the telephone of W. F. Jacobs who operates the Belvedere Club and other gambling concessions at Hot Springs, it appears that this tap can be successfully placed; that there are two possibilities for places from which this tap can be maintained, one is located in an apartment at 205 Peter Street, and the other at 205½ Peter Street, for which the rental would be $50 per month. Mr. Little stated that he had previously received authority to place this telephone tap, and now wanted authority to pay the $50 per month rental which Mr. Suran authorized. Mr. Little stated that he did not have a Special Agent to cover the tap when placed, and that he had been previously furnished information by me that a man probably would be sent there from the Boston or Chicago Field Divisions to assist in this matter, and the telephone tap would not be actually placed until someone was available to cover it. Mr. Suran told Mr. Little that by all means the tap should not be placed and then left unattended. Mr. Suran stated to Mr. Little that he would be further advised concerning the possibility of securing the assignment of another Special Agent.

Mr. Little further advised that incidental to the case in question the State Revenue Officers had raided the Belvedere Club and several other joints in Hot Springs making no arrests, but seizing all the equipment and destroying it. Mr. Little believes this to be a political slap against the political organization in Hot Springs as Hot Springs did not support the Governor in the recent election, and there is political friction between the

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cities of Little Rock and Hot Springs.

Mr. Little stated that he would suggest that the extortion case regarding Marvin Fallis be considered in connection with the J. C. Davis kidnaping case as there might be some connection between the extortionist and the kidnaper of Dr. Davis. He advised that all notes involved in the Marvin Fallis case had been forwarded to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

E. A. Tamm

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 1, 1937

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In a recent conversation with United States Attorney Emerich B. Freed of Cleveland, he requested that he be furnished the complete criminal record of Joe Roscoe.

A search of the files of this office discloses that no such record is at present available. However, Roscoe was fingerprinted by the Miami Field Division when he was apprehended there recently.

It is therefore respectfully requested that copies of the criminal record of Joe Roscoe be furnished to this office and to the other offices receiving copies of this communication, and also an extra copy for the United States Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1252, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.	KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Emma Porterfield and son, William, reside at 7045 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit, Michigan, Apartment 102. Frank Porterfield, deceased, formerly operated hotel at West Vernor and Dix Highways, now the Stockyard Hotel. Arrangements made with Mrs. Helen MacDonald, caretaker at 7045 W. Vernor and Andrew Martin, proprietor of grocery store at 7045 W. Vernor to notify Detroit Division if they again observe a man they believe to be Benson/Groves.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated December 24, 1936.

Letter to all Field Divisions from Cleveland Field Division dated November 20, 1936.

DETAILS: The 1936 Detroit City Directory reveals that MRS. EMMA PORTERFIELD and her son, WILLIAM PORTERFIELD, reside at 7045 W. Vernor Highway, Apartment 102, Detroit, Michigan, and Agent ascertained from the mail boxes at that address that they still reside there.

MRS. HELEN MAC DONALD, caretaker, Pauline Apartments, 7045 W. Vernor Highway, stated that Mrs. Porterfield had resided in

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Herold L. Remecke Special Agent In Charge

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Apartment 102 at this address for the past four years; that Emma Porterfield was about 76 years of age and was kind of queer; that she was always "butting into the affairs of other people," but was a very good tenant, paid her rent regularly, and that she considered Mrs. Porterfield respectable and honest.

Mrs. MacDonald stated Mrs. Porterfield's son, Frank Porterfield, deceased, had operated what is now the Stockyard Hotel for ten or fifteen years, the name of the hotel formerly being the Porterfield, and before that the Garvey Hotel. She stated that after the death of Frank Porterfield, his estate was settled and the hotel disposed of. She stated Frank Porterfield's wife's whereabouts is unknown; that Mrs. Emma Porterfield has been living with her son, William, whose wife is in a sanatorium, and that the Porterfields came to Detroit from West Virginia, but originally came from the State of Pennsylvania.

Upon being shown the photograph of BENSON GROVES, Mrs. MacDonald identified it as identical with some man she had seen before but could not recall where. She was sure it had not been in the apartment house or anyone contacting the Porterfields, but felt that it was someone she had observed in the grocery store which is located in the corner of the apartment building. Arrangements were made with Mrs. MacDonald to be on the look-out for this individual, and to advise the Detroit Division office if she saw him again, which she volunteered to do. Mrs. MacDonald also agreed to observe the individuals contacting the Porterfields and to notify the Detroit Division office immediately if Benson Groves is observed going in or out of that apartment.

ANDREW MARTIN, proprietor of the grocery store situated in the basement on the northwest corner of the apartment building at 7045 W. Vernor Highway was contacted. He also identified the photograph of Benson Groves as someone he had seen before but could not recall the place or the man's name, but he felt that it was someone who had been in his store on a number of occasions. Arrangements were made with Martin to endeavor to obtain the name and address of this individual, if he saw this person again, and to furnish this information to the Detroit Field Division.

As reference report reflects that the Porterfields are the type of individuals who might harbor Groves, and as Mrs. MacDonald stated Mrs. Porterfield was a little queer, it was thought inadvisable to contact the Porterfields at the present time.

The Stockyard Hotel is situated at W. Vernor Highway and Dix Highway and is an old hotel, catering to the working class of people. A beer garden is also operated in connection with the hotel, and dancing is permitted in the beer garden. No one resembling Benson Groves was observed around the place at the time of Agent's visit.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION at Detroit, Michigan, will maintain contact with Mrs. Helen MacDonald and Andrew Martin, 7045 W. Vernor Highway, for information as to the identity and address of the individual they believe to be Benson Groves. If this does not produce results, will contact Mrs. Emma Porterfield and her son, William, for any information they may have as to the whereabouts of Benson Groves, and in the event Groves is located will take appropriate action.

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BREKID SPECIAL ASSISTANTS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL CARR AND James J. WATERS TOOK STATEMENT FROM T. R. KNIGHT AND ATTORNEY BART RILEY CONCERNING TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR OFFER. PLEASE FORWARD COPY THESE STATEMENTS MIAMI IMMEDIATELY IF AVAILABLE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

In accordance with the request of Mr. Charles E. Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, of Mr. R. C. Suran of this Bureau, an investigation is being conducted to determine the authenticity of the statement made by T. R. Knight to the effect that the indictments pending against Henry "Duke" Randall and Joseph H. Adams at Miami, Florida, would be dismissed upon the payment of $10,000.00. You will recall that the indictments in this case resulted from investigation indicating that Randall and Adams harbored Alvin Karpis.

The Miami, Florida, Field Division, conducting this investigation, has advised that Special Assistants to the Attorney General Charles E. Carr and James J. Waters obtained statements from T. R. Knight and Bart A. Riley, attorney, concerning this phase of the investigation. It is requested that copies of these statements be furnished this Bureau as promptly as possible for reference with regard to the contemplated investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Bantzman .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Coffey .....
Mr. Dowsey .....
Mr. Egan .....
Mr. Foxworth .....
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Mr. Joseph .....

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
February 1, 1937.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are copies of newspaper clippings from the following newspapers in regard to current activities at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in connection with the investigation by the legislative committee now in session, for the attention of the Bureau:

Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock, Arkansas, for January 30 and 31, 1937.

Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas, (3) for January 31, 1937.

Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for January 30, and 31 (2), 1937.

New Era, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for January 29, and 30 (2), 1937.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT,
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,
1-30, 1937.

Spa Operators Seek to Save Equipment

To Be Given Opportunity to Salvage "Non-Gambling" Devices.

Louis Tarlowski, Little Rock attorney, retained by Hot Springs gambling house operators in an attempt to prevent burning of the equipment seized last night in the Revenue Department's raid on the establishments, appeared at an informal hearing today before Griffin Smith, chief justice of the Supreme Court, and obtained permission for the operators to come to Little Rock this afternoon and "pick out" the furnishings they claim is not gambling paraphernalia.

The time set for the burning is 7 o'clock tonight.

The place is Fair park, behind the stadium erected for the address of President Roosevelt during his visit here last June.

Tarlowski informed Chief Justice Smith that he had been called by telephone from Hot Springs and had been requested to intercede in behalf of the club operators. Hugh Wharton, former assistant attorney general, now attorney for the State Revenue Department, appeared for the state. He agreed to a request that Tarlowski be permitted to telephone the Hot Springs clients and inform them that they might come to Little Rock during the afternoon and view the seized furnishings at the Terminal warehouse. Those articles termed "not gambling equipment" by the club operators will be held until Monday by the state, but that equipment that is patently gambling devices will be burned tonight, Mr. Wharton said.

Destruction of the furnishings will be under direction of officers of the State Revenue Department.

By HARLAN HOBBS.
(Democrat Staff Correspondent.)

Hot Springs—Hot baths were without competition today as the primary attraction of this world-famous health resort as state revenue agents in sweeping raids stripped luxurious night clubs and sumptuous betting rooms of all gambling equipment.

Swooping down on eight of the best-known gambling establishments in the Spa, Commissioner Dave L. Ford and 17 officers seized roulette wheels, dice tables, chuckaluck games and other paraphernalia valued at $15,000. The raiding party was acting under supreme court orders.

Confiscated equipment was loaded under supervision of officers into two large moving vans and sent immediately to the capitol in Little Rock. Commissioner Ford told the owners their property would be burned unless they found a way through court action to block his efforts within 24 hours.

Coming as a complete surprise to the club owners and to the people of Hot Springs, few spectators were present at the beginning of the raids. Officers who had quietly entered each of the six places, had presented their court orders to the managers and had begun to close the various games before patrons realized what was happening. In each instance there was a hurried exodus of startled patrons.

News Spreads Quickly.

But word of the raids spread like wildfire. With the mid-winter season just starting, the sudden cessation of gambling activities was a matter of interest to hundreds of visitors who joined local residents in jamming the streets and sidewalks in front of the raided establishments.

Reports flew thick and fast throughout the resort city. One rumor had it that officers were shooting and smashing Belvedere to bits, but the only weapon that was in evidence throughout the quiet and well-ordered raid was the court order signed by Chief Justice Griffin Smith.

An interested onlooker to the entire proceedings was Rep. Lee Nichols, Booneville Baptist minister and secretary of the Hot Springs investigating committee. He visited all of the raided places. "I'm here just in the role of an observer," he smiled. And that was his only comment.

"They're ruining Hot Springs," growled W. S. Jacobs, owner of the swanky Club Belvedere and Southern Club, two of the places raided. As he spoke Hot Springs police confined their efforts to keeping thoroughfares open as curious crowds moved from place to place with the officers.

"Every resort city in the country has its gambling," Mr. Jacobs said. "If they don't, they lose patronage. We've been open about it and everyone knows it. This is more like a hi-jacking than a legal procedure, but it's all right. There seems to be no appeal. My payroll is $575,000 annually. This will throw 1,100 persons out of work."

Patronage Biggest Loss.

Equipment seized at the Southern Club alone was estimated at $4,000, but lost patronage was considered the biggest loss by the owners.

Moving into the city shortly after nightfall the work of the officers had been completed before 9 and the big vans were en route, under guard, to the capitol. After the officers and trucks had gone . . . as suddenly and quietly as they had entered . . . Hot Springs took on an appearance that has not been duplicated for years.

An observer, sauntering through the once-bustling gambling halls and rooms, was faced with an unusual picture of inactive confusion. Owners, bookies, gamblers, cashiers and erstwhile patrons talked, standing or sitting in small groups, in the center of bare gambling rooms.

"Hot Springs will be wide open again in two weeks . . . Carl and his Rangers are sore at us . . . Surely they don't think all these people come to Hot Springs just to take baths . . . What's the big idea, who do they think they are in Little Rock." . . . These are examples of the comments that flew back and forth after the officers had gone.

There were smiles of approval on many faces in the crowds on the street. "There were medicinal waters here long before the gamblers came," one spectator remarked, "and it is foolish to suppose that this will injure Hot Springs in any way."

Chief Justice Griffin Smith, who issued the raiding warrants at Little Rock, said: "I'm not giving out any statement about it at all. I couldn't say offhand who asked for the warrants."

Instructed to seize only the equipment and no money, the raiders had some difficulty taking slot machines. They finally got owners to come to the clubs and empty them of coins.

Few Patrons About.

Only half a dozen patrons were at Belvedere when the officers appeared. Manager Otis McGraw told them "these things will happen and there are no hard feelings on my part." The six other places visited included the Ohio Club and Miller's place.

A Little Rock attorney declining use of his name reported a telephone request to "do something" to prevent the gambling equipment from going up in the bonfire.

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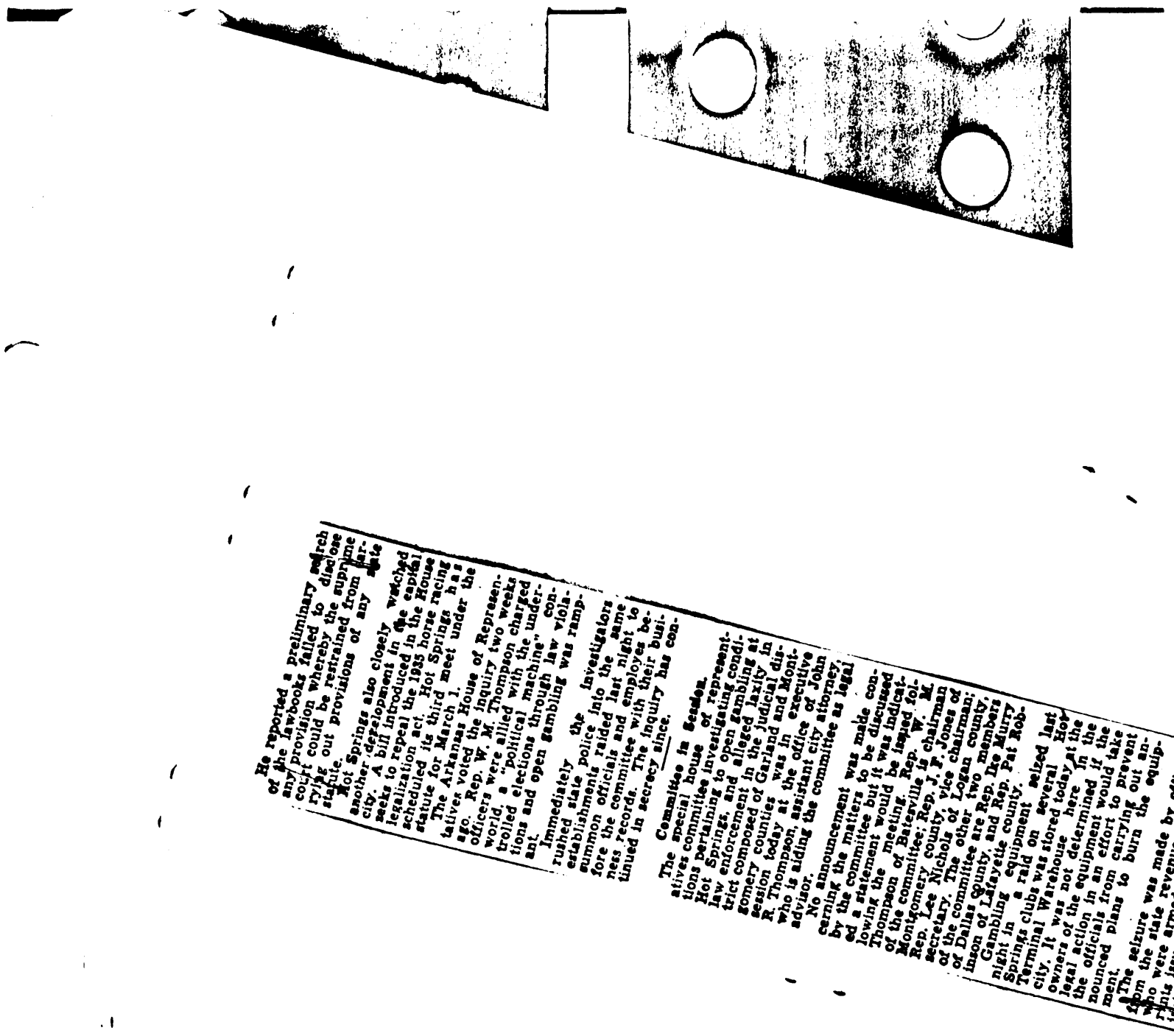

He reported a preliminary search of the lawbooks failed to disclose any provision whereby the supreme court could be restrained from enforcing out provisions of any statute.

Hot Springs also closely watched another development in the capital city. A bill introduced in the House seeks to repeal the 1933 horse racing legalization act. Hot Springs has scheduled its third meet under the statute for March 1.

The Arkansas House of Representatives voted the inquiry two weeks ago. Rep. W. M. Thompson charged officers were allied with the world's "political machine" controlled elections through law violations and open gambling was rampant.

Immediately the investigators established police into the same summon officials raided last night to fore the committee with their business records. The inquiry has continued in secrecy since.

Committee in Session

The special house of representatives committee investigating conditions pertaining to open gambling at Hot Springs, and alleged laxity in law enforcement in the judicial district composed of Garland and Montgomery counties, was in session today at Thompson assistant city attorney who is aiding the committee as legal advisor.

No announcement was made concerning the matters to be discussed by the committee but it was indicated a statement would be issued following the meeting. Rep. W. M. Thompson of Batesville is chairman of the committee; Rep. J. F. Jones of Montgomery county, vice chairman; Rep. Lee Nichols of Logan county, secretary. The other two members of the committee are Rep. De Murr Dalton of Lafayette county, and Rep. Pat Robinson of Lafayette county.

Gambling clubs were seized last night in a raid on several Hot Springs clubs and equipment stored today at the Terminal Warehouse here in the city. It was not determined if the owners of the equipment would take legal action in an effort to prevent the officials from carrying out announced plans to burn the equipment.

The seizure was made by officers from the state revenue department who were armed with seizure writs issued by Griffin Smith, chief justice of the Arkansas Supreme court.

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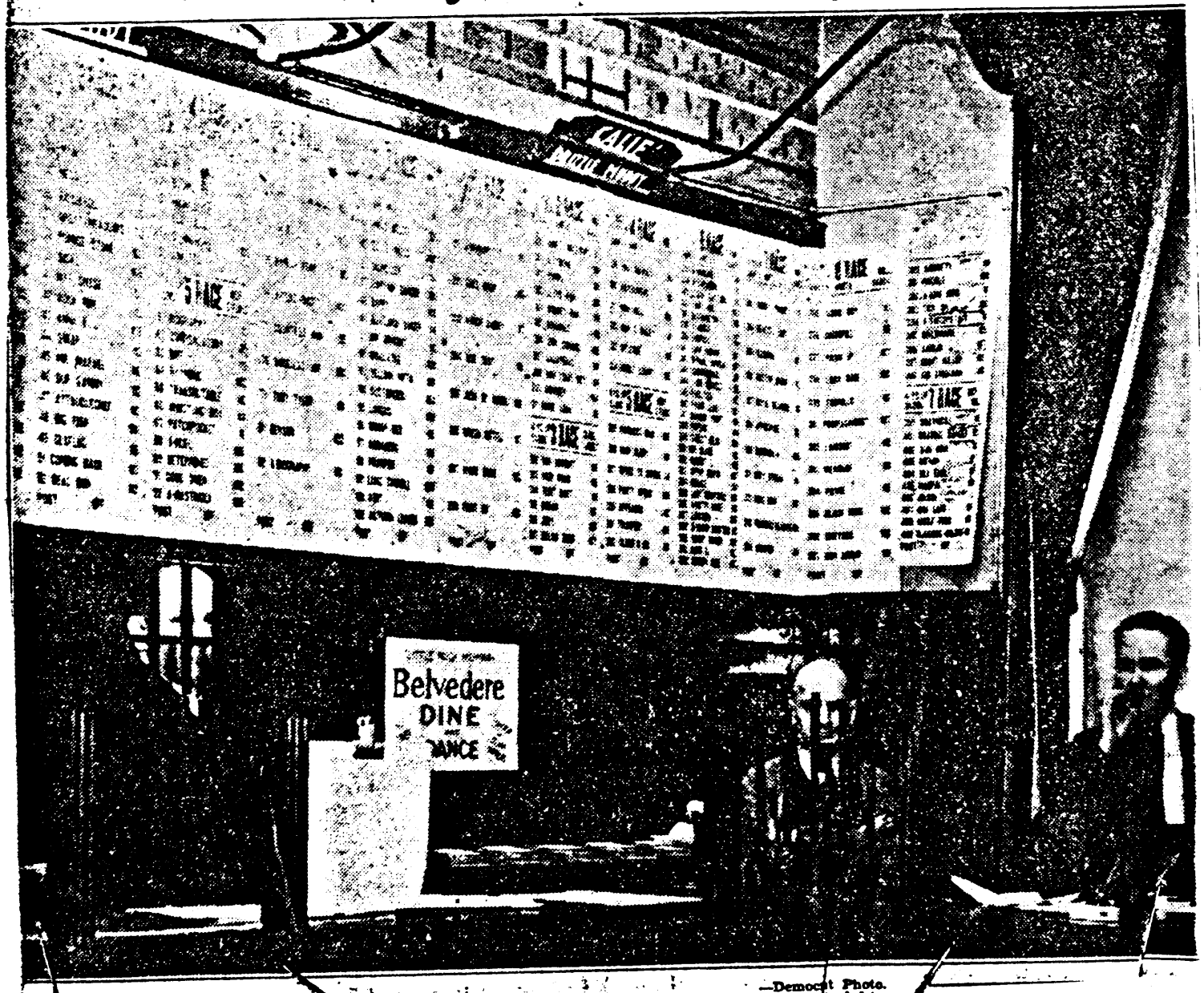
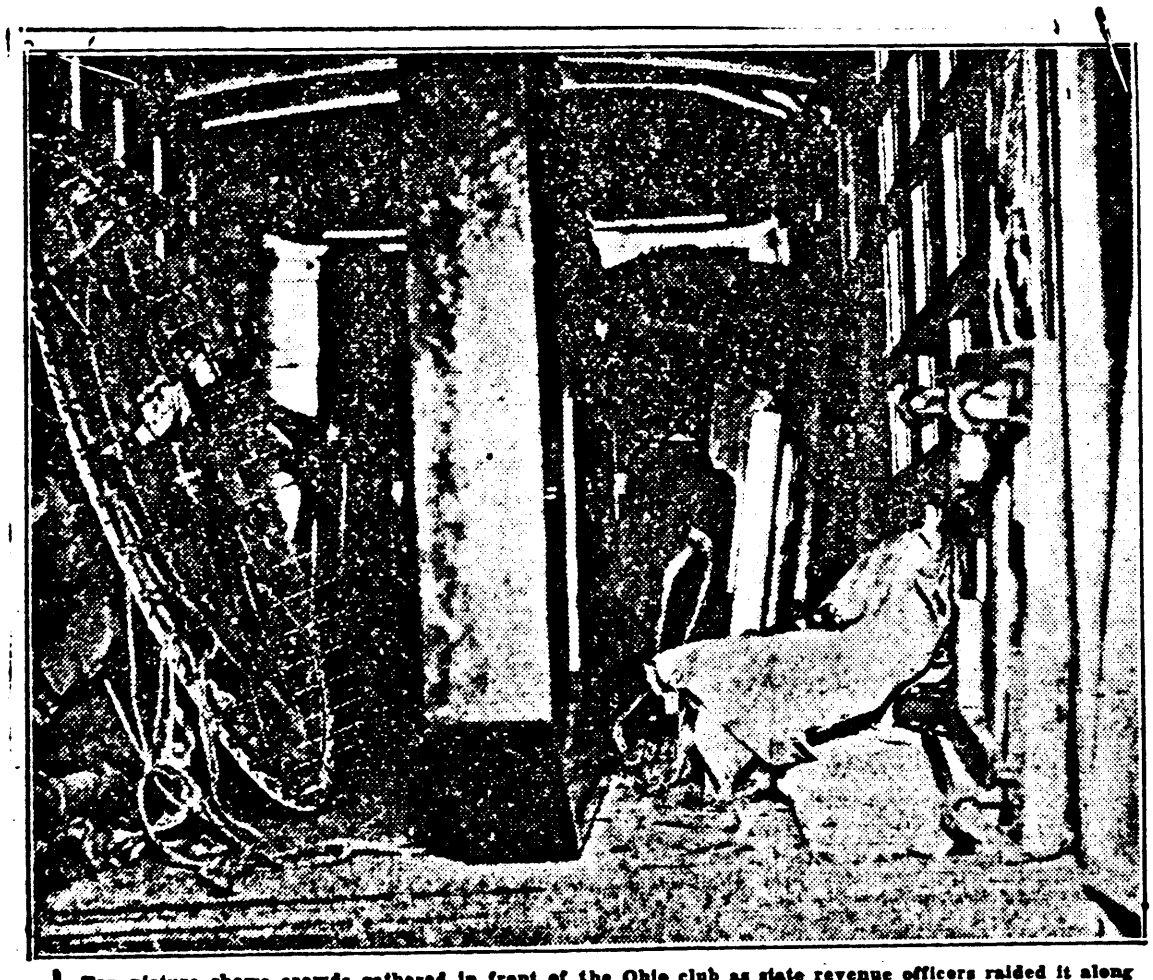


—Democrat Photo.

This scene was snapped by the Democrat photographer last night as the officers from the State Revenue Department entered the Southern Club at Hot Springs in their surprise raid on the dope's "hot spots" to seize gambling equipment. The "tellers" behind their windows had not moved when the picture was made. Above their heads is the list of horses and odds at the various tracks over the country. A card advertising Club Belvedere near Hot Springs may be seen in the photograph. W. S. Jacobs, owner of the Belvedere, also operates the Southern Club.

Spa Hot Spots Stripped in Raids



Top picture shows crowds gathered in front of the Ohio club as state revenue officers raided it along with seven other Hot Springs houses Friday night. The raids came as a surprise, but the news spread quickly and crowds of interested spectators gathered before officers completed their task of removing gambling paraphernalia, some of which is shown in the lower photo, piled in a large moving van to be brought to Little Rock.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT,
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,
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$15,000 Pyre Built of Spa Gaming Tables

Confiscated Paraphernalia Burned by State Revenue Agents.

Big Crowd Present

Roulette Wheels, Chips, Dice, Aided by Oil, Feed Flames.

Three van loads of gambling paraphernalia from Hot Springs clubs were burned at Fair Park in Little Rock last night as a majo thrust by state authorities in a determined drive to purify the resort city which is famous throughout the nation for its hot springs and baths.

The value of the property destroyed was valued at $15,000 with some of the estimates ranging higher.

Agents of the state revenue department poured kerosene on the roulette wheels, dice tables, horse racing machines and various other devices and touched them off. They were seized Friday night when the revenue department agents visited the alleged gambling resorts armed with search and seizure warrants issued by Chief Justice Griffin Smith of the Arkansas supreme court.

The highly polished wood was slow to catch on fire and for a time the felt covering such as is used on pool tables was the only thing burning. After several minutes the fire gained headway and burned with the fury of a good-sized house fire.

100 Witness Blaze.

More than 100 people braved the rain and waded in mud to witness the destruction of the equipment. About a score of automobiles parked in the park soon after 7 p. m., which was the hour announced for the bonfire but it was more than an hour before the three trucks of the Terminal Warehouse Company arrived with the equipment and it required nearly an hour to unload the stuff.

The list of spectators included Rep. W. M. Thompson of Batesville, chairman of the special committee appointed by the House of Representatives to conduct an investigation into the gambling situation in Hot Springs and to seek to determine if there is an alliance between gamblers and law enforcement officers. One other member of the House committee was seen at the park last night.

Owners of the equipment destroyed last night did not seek redress in court yesterday in an effort to prevent the burning of the property seized by the revenue agents.

Louis Tarlowski, local attorney, indicated last night that he has some definite recommendations to make to his clients pertaining to the developments of the past 36 hours.

Future Action Uncertain.

"I have not had an opportunity to consult with my clients since the events of today," Mr. Tarlowski said last night. "I do not know what future action, if any, they propose to take. I have some definite recommendations which will be made to them at an early conference, but no useful purpose would be served by divulging them at the present time."

All five of the members of the investigating committee signed a statement issued yesterday afternoon following a conference with John R. Thompson, assistant city attorney, at his office in the Wallace building.

"We have spent a busy week preparing a line of testimony that we expect to use in the course of our investigation, and we are now ready to resume the taking of testimony," the committee announced.

It had not been announced previously that the committee has taken any testimony other than to question briefly several of the operators of alleged gambling clubs two weeks ago when the operators were subpoenaed to appear in Little Rock and deliver certain records.

It has been disclosed from sources which are considered reliable that considerable time has been devoted during the past two weeks to conferences with persons who may be able to give the committee valuable information.

Many of the persons listed as probable witnesses have been interviewed and some of them are likely to be called when the committee begins the taking of sworn testimony.

Early Report Promised.

A report from the committee at an early date was promised. "We have decided that it is best at the present time that we continue our investigations in private," the investigators stated. "If at the proper time it seems fair and just to the committee and to all parties concerned that we hold some public hearings, the public will certainly be notified in advance and will be permitted to attend. We started out in the beginning to make this investigation with the committee and we do not feel yet that it is to the best interest of all that we try this case in the newspapers."

The public acts of the committee to date have indicated that the investigation has centered on the activities within clubs at Hot Springs, but a source close to the committee indicated that progress has been made in an entirely different direction.

The resolution which was adopted by the House members authorizing the investigation mentioned laxity in law enforcement in the resort city and in the Eighteenth judicial district, which includes Garland and Montgomery counties.

Earl Witt of Hot Springs is judge of the circuit court in the Eighteenth district. Houston Emory completed his third term as prosecuting attorney for the district a few days before the investigation was authorized and has been succeeded by Gibson Witt Jr. Both Judge Witt and Mr. Emory were included in the list of witnesses subpoenaed soon after the committee began its work, but it has not been disclosed if they will be required to appear again.

Spa Conducts Own Raid.

Hot Springs—Any gambling paraphernalia in Hot Springs today was apparently stored in back rooms and not in operation.

In a sudden series of raids yesterday afternoon county officers, under the orders of Circuit Judge Earl Witt and Sheriff Marion Anderson, visited every suspected establishment in the corporate city limits and confiscated all devices found.

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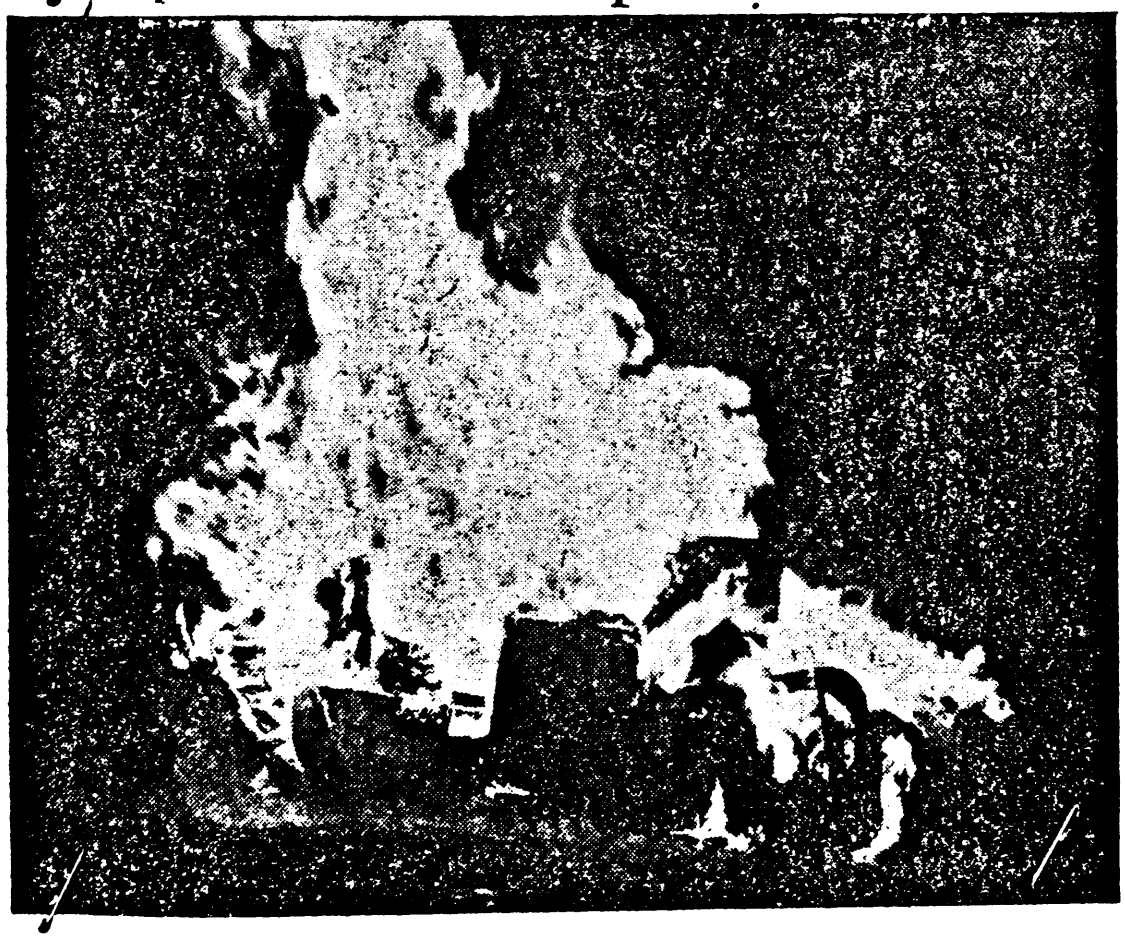
Bar, Ordered Closed, Found Open by Police

Hot Springs—The courthouse bar, closed last week on a court order, was raided Saturday night by Acting Chief of Police Weldon Rasberry, who said he found the place "wide open." The operator, "Doc" Ketchum, was arrested on a charge of contempt of court.

Muncipal Judge V. S. Ledgerwood ordered the establishment closed after officers described it as a "sore spot" and identified it as "the scene of a recent slaying."

Ketchum, Rasberry said, claimed he had received permission to open, but the officer ordered him to appear in court Monday.

Devices Go Up in Smoke



—Democrat Photos.

Here goes $15,000 worth of gambling paraphernalia. Up in smoke went the equipment last night in Fair park. It was seized Friday night by State Revenue officers at Hot Springs in a surprise raid and was brought to Little Rock and placed in storage at the Terminal warehouse, from where it was taken last night to be burned.

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COSTLY GAMING OUTFITS BURNED IN BIG BONFIRE

Crowd on Hand In Spite of Delay.

Hot Springs' gambling house equipment, seized in a raid by officers of the state Revenue Department Friday night, went up in smoke at Fair park shortly before 9 last night. The equipment had an estimated value of from $25,000 to $50,000.

A crowd of several hundred witnessed the bonfire. Several thousand more had left the park because the trucks conveying the paraphernalia were delayed several hours.

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Shortly before 7 p. m., the time scheduled for the bonfire, hundreds of automobiles began parking in long lines on the streets adjoining the old race track. As the hour passed and no trucks appeared, many began questioning Lieutenant Kerr and patrolmen sent to the park to handle traffic. Many believed that a belated court order or the rain had caused a postponement. Hundreds left the scene, but as the trucks appeared at 8:30, the streets again became lined with cars.

Spectators closed in on the workers and it was necessary for the police to establish lines. One man, said to have been slightly intoxicated, refused to back up until Kerr escorted him away.

Negro Workers Get "Kick."

The Negro workers appeared to get a great "kick" out of the fact that they could handle costly furniture without caution. They grinned as they tossed roulette wheels (original cost $800) on top of the heap of slot machines, wheels of fortune and mahogany dice tables.

Revenue officers armed with sledge-hammers demolished slot machines, race horse machines and other metal articles that would not burn. When they were through there was no chance that any part of the devices ever could be used for gaming again.

It required almost a half-hour to unload the three trucks. Then the revenue officers poured 30 gallons of kerosene on the heap.

Trucks and automobiles were moved back to places of safety and spectators also were driven back. Then matches applied in various sections of the heap soon kindled a flame that in less than five minutes transferred the heap into a roaring inferno. Photographers snapped pictures as the flames mounted and the "show" was over. Most of the crowd left long before the fire died down, but officers remained several hours to be certain that the court's order had been carried out.

Prosecuting Attorney Fred Donham of Pulaski county, and City Attorney Ed I. McKinley were reported present, merely as spectators. Someone asked if the Rev. Lee Nichols, Logan county representative who has been active in the clean-up of Hot Springs was present, suggesting that he apply the first match, but a friend supplied the information that the minister was at Booneville for the week-end.

Amis Guthridge In Charge.

Amis Guthridge, secretary to State Revenue Commissioner Dave L. Ford, was in charge of the burning. More than a dozen other officers from the department assisted him.

Souvenir hunters were present in large numbers, but the watchful officers kept them at bay. Once a box of poker chips fell to the ground. These were snatched up quickly.

The reflection of the blaze could be seen against the low-hanging clouds for many blocks away.

Report Indicates Public Hearings May Be Held.

Public hearings by the House committee named to investigate alleged connivance between officials and gamblers of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, which includes Garland and Montgomery counties, were indicated in a statement issued yesterday. Interrogation of witnesses in executive sessions thus far has been in executive sessions.

The committee's statement follows:

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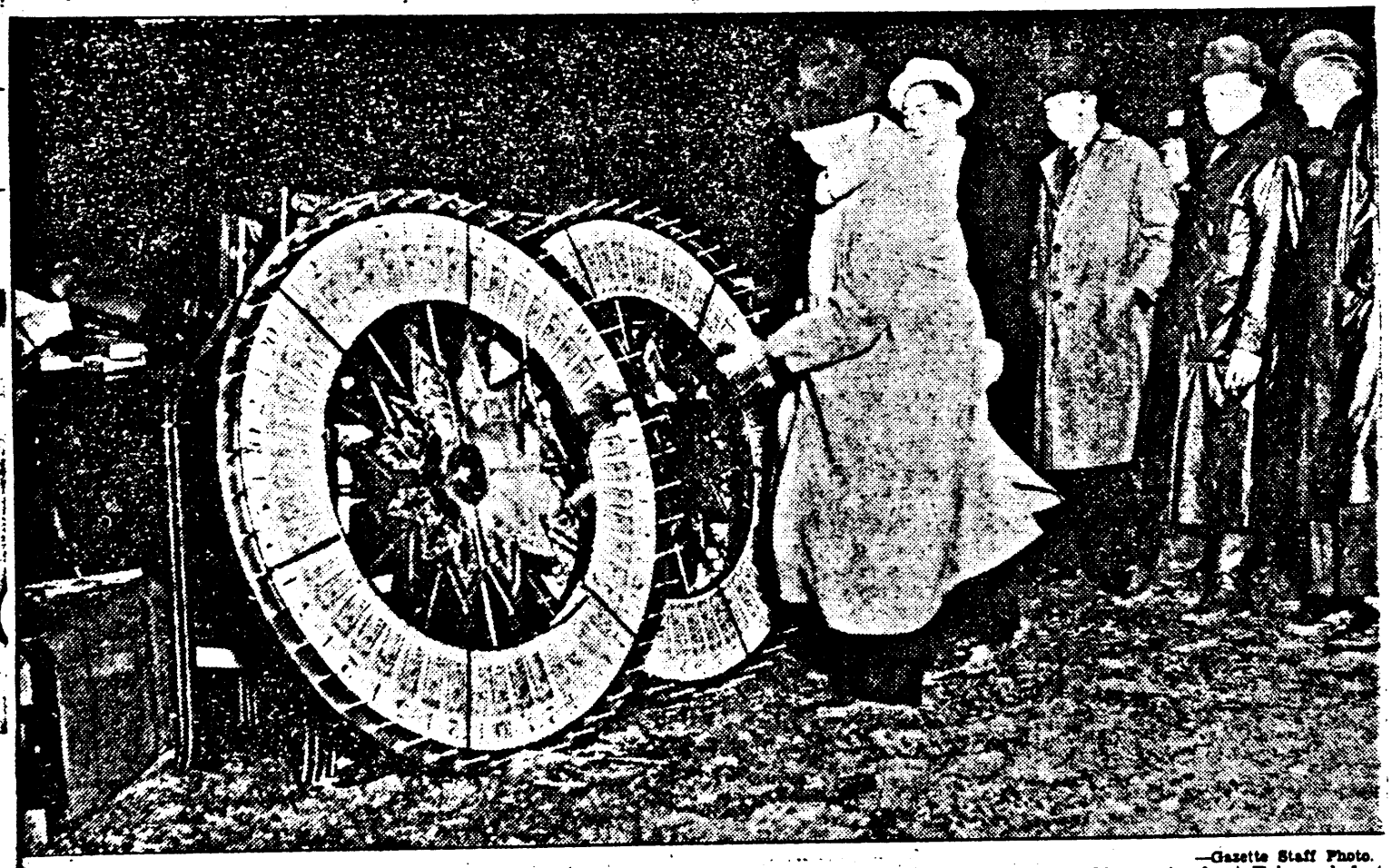
"We appreciate the co-operation which we have received from the different departments of the state, and they have been of invaluable service to us in assembling the testimony that would have cost the committee considerable expense through private investigators alone.

"The committee has decided that it is best at the present time, that we continue our investigations in private, and if at the proper time it seems fair and just to the committee and to all parties concerned, that we hold some public hearings, the public will certainly be notified of it in advance and will be permitted to attend. We started out in the beginning to make this investigation within the committee and we do not feel yet that it is the best interest of all that we try this case in the newspapers."

The committee is composed of Thompson of Independence, chairman; Nichols of Logan, secretary; Robinson of Lafayette, Jones of Montgomery and Murry of Dallas.

BOB BUSTS THE BANK



—Gazette Staff Photo.

As Negroes carried the expensive gambling equipment seized in Hot Springs Friday night to a spot on the old race track at Fair park last night, state revenue officers busied themselves with a sledge-hammer, smashing all wheels that would not burn. In the picture, made while the heap was small, Bob Faust is shown shattering a wheel with the hammer. On the extreme left is Amis Gutheridge, secretary to Dave L. Fogg, state revenue commissioner. He supervised the work. Next to him is Revenue Officer John Atkins, and two other officers. All took turns in swinging the hammer.

SOME BONFIRE!

—Gazette Staff Photo.

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Hot Springs Closed Tight As A Clam

By WILLIAM A. WILSON.
(Staff Correspondent of the Gazette.)

Hot Springs, Jan. 30.—The so-called sporting populace of this renowned resort simply fiddled tonight while its gambling paraphernalia burned in Fair Park at Little Rock.

The old town was closed as tight as a clam. There wasn't a trace of the wide-open gambling that has characterized Hot Springs for many years.

Your correspondent visited tonight every one of the eight places raided last night by state Revenue Department officers, and not one was in operation. All were dark. The few stragglers who apparently were regular hangers-on looked glum. They seemed lost. It just wasn't the same place.

The only lively places observed were the Arlington and Eastman hotels and the Club Belvedere where president's balls were in progress.

But at Belvedere the famous casino was closed. That's where the gambling stuff was seized by officers last night. And the casino takes up about half the space in the swanky night club, just a few miles from Hot Springs, on the Little Rock highway.

Quite in contrast to the situation last night. You couldn't find more than three or four persons together on the streets here tonight. Even in the clubs where gambling has been carried on for years, the managers and clerks were complaining of poor business.

When the Revenue Department squad of 17 men, headed by Dave L. Ford, state revenue commissioner, swooped down on a half-dozen of the leading gambling places here last night, there were customers galore.

Effect On City Uncertain.

Just what the result on this shutdown will mean, nobody seems to know definitely. Some are of the opinion that Hot Springs will attract more people from all over the country who may be benefited by the baths. Others take the opposite view, declaring that a resort town such as this should be wide open to attract visitors.

Be that as it may, your correspondent walked from one end of Central avenue, the city's main drag, to the other tonight, and didn't see an officer, nor any necessity for one. Last night, you couldn't turn around without bumping into a cop of some sort of other.

Just what will become of the several hundred persons employed at the establishments raided last night is not known. W. S. Jacobs, operator of Club Belvedere and the Southern Club, both of which were raided, says that he had more than 1,100 persons on his payroll. Others employed by similiar businesses may increase the total to 1,500. Whether they will obtain employment elsewhere cannot be told. But, having operated so long without molestation by officers, it was contended by some that the bosses undoubtedly would take care of the situation.

For instance, Belvedere was opened 17 years ago, Mr. Jacobs told your correspondent last night, and it has been in operation since. And who can remember when there wasn't a Kentucky Club and an Ohio Club, and a White Front cigar store and other places where gambling was not carried on openly?

County Officers Get the Habit.

Garland county officers conducted a raid of their own today, and were reported to have raided every place in town passed up by the state officers last night. They picked up a truck load of stuff and burned it on the courthouse grounds. It created no little excitement but not like that of last night. Some of the stuff seized today was taken in raids on Negro establishments.

Hot Springs hotels were reported to have suffered the loss of considerable patronage as a result of the seizure of the gambling paraphernalia. Since the season is just opening, it was said that the hotel managers were despondent.

However, the legislature will adjourn March 11 and then things may be different, some reasoned. But until that time it appears to be a safe bet that there will be no wide open gambling in Hot Springs.

Committee Inspires Raids.

Last night's raid on the gambling places was blamed on many persons here on Governor Bailey. Because Hot Springs and Garland county gave Ed F. McDonald, Mr. Bailey's leading opponent, an overwhelming majority, some persons here have believed that the governor was retaliating.

However, your correspondent, who at present is employing his talents in reporting the proceedings of the House of Representatives and the doings of the House committee designated to investigate Hot Springs' conditions, happens to know that the governor had little if anything to do with the search and seizure warrants issued by Griffin Smith, chief justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, which directed the revenue commissioner and his officers to seize all the gambling paraphernalia found at the eight places named in the warrants.

It appears that the committee authorized by the House to investigate alleged unlawful conditions in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, comprised of Garland and Montgomery counties, has received charges that there has been connivance between the gamblers and county and city officials, and the members are trying to learn if these charges are true.

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HOT SPRINGS AND THE STATE.

Without in any way condoning gambling, which is a human evil on both moral and economic grounds, it may be said that the gambling itself at Hot Springs does not affect the state so much as political conditions there.

The raid made on Hot Springs gambling establishments by state Revenue Department officers appears to have been a further development of the legislative investigation into the Hot Springs situation. The investigation movement was strengthened and vitalized by the cruel injuries suffered by a prisoner while he was in the hands of the Hot Springs police.

Political conditions determine government. Political conditions in Hot Springs and Garland county might determine the government of the state, as for example in a closely contested race for governor where machine controlled votes or poll tax receipts might decide the result.

We don't believe the people of Arkansas want recurrent turmoil at Hot Springs. We feel sure that the citizens of this state would welcome the stabilizing of conditions at Hot Springs on a basis that would make the ballot free and unimpeachable and satisfy civic considerations.

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GAMING DEVICES TAKEN TO LITTLE ROCK FOR BONFIRE

CHIEF JUSTICE SMITH NON-COMMITAL ON SPA RAIDS.

NICHOLS IS PRESENT

Secretary of Probe Committee Says He Is Merely "Spectator"— State Officers Strip Eight Places of Gambling Paraphernalia.

Palatial Belvedere club and seven downtown bookmaking and gambling establishments were stripped of gaming paraphernalia last night by state revenue department raiders acting under warrants issued by Chief Justice Griffin Smith of the Arkansas supreme court.

The magistrate did not divulge who had requested the warrants, but the Little Rock bureau of The Associated Press said it had learned from authoritative sources that seizure of the gambling equipment resulted from findings of the legislative committee authorized to investigate alleged lax law enforcement in Hot Springs.

EFFORT MAY BE MADE TO STOP DESTRUCTION

Little Rock, Jan. 29—(AP)—A prominent Little Rock attorney who declined to be quoted said late tonight he had received a telephone request from Hot Springs to "do something" to halt the scheduled bonfire of gambling devices seized in raids at the resort city.

He said he hurried to his office, consulted law books and found himself faced with a peculiar situation. The warrants for seizure of the equipment were issued by Chief Justice Griffin Smith of the supreme court.

The attorney said a preliminary search failed to disclose any provision whereby the supreme court could be restrained from carrying out provisions of any state statute.

He said he was hopeful that some way out might be found tomorrow. Otherwise, a bonfire will dispose of an estimated $15,000 in devices.

The Rev. Lee Nichols, representative from Logan county and secretary of the probe committee, appeared here shortly after the raids started. He visited each of the raided places, said he was "just in the role of an observer," and declined additional comment. Other members of the committee, contacted in Little Rock, were non-committal.

"I'm not giving out any statement at all," Chief Justice Smith was quoted as saying in Little Rock. "I can't say offhand who asked for the warrants. They were issued today."

Revenue Commissioner Dave L. Ford and 17 officers swooped down on the city at dusk, loading roulette wheers, dice stables, chuck-aluck games and other equipment into moving vans without resistance.

Ford said the paraphernalia would be trucked to the statehouse at Little Rock and burned after 24 hours unless the owners take the matter into court. Club operators announced no immediate plans for such action.

Only two weeks ago state Rangers paid a surprise visit to the clubs and establishments to summon officials and employes before the legislative committe.

The Arkansas house approved the inquiry after hearing Rep. W. M. Thompson charge officers were allied with the underworld, that a "political machine" controlled elections through law violations, and open gambling was rampant.

The writs said information had been given that certain gambling devices were kept at Hot Springs contrary to the state statutes, ordering a search for the equipment and its burning within 24 hours after service of the orders.

The raiders moved on the show spots of Hot Springs in four squads. Only a half dozen patrons were at Belvedere club when Manager Otis McGraw said "these things will happen and there are no hard feelings on my part.

News of the raids swept over the city like wildfire. The downtown side walks were soon milling with curious pedestrians and crowds gathered in front of the bookmaking and gambling establishments. Central avenue became jammed with automobile traffic. There were several minor collisions when drivers' attention was diverted in their eagerness to follow the movements of the state officers.

Several hundred sightseers gathered in front of the uptown Southern club during the raid there. Other places visited included the Kentucky Club, the Ohio Club, Millsaps, Miller's, the Blue Ribbon Club and the Citizens Club.

When the state officers entered a place the sidewalks and streets in that vicinity became congested. City police tried to open lanes for pedestrians and took to the streets to direct traffic. Both tasks were almost impossible.

At places where gambling activities were limited to bookmaking, the agents merely scooped up entry sheets and form books. At establishments where other forms of gambling were conducted, the paraphernalia was carried out by the negro crew of a large moving van. The agents brought two vans from Little Rock, one being loaded up at Belvedere and the other picking up confiscated equipment at the downtown places.

At the outset, the revenue men told the club operators they had no arrest warrants.

"You can use your own judgment about opening up tomorrow," one of the agents wise-cracked to the proprietor of a downtown establishment as the raiding party completed its mission.

At least two places where handbooks are operated were not molested by the officers.

"We feel neglected," said one of the proprietors.

The raiders were accompanied by staff writers and photographers of the Little Rock newspapers, and press association correspondents. Flashlights blazed as photographers snapped pictures of the raids and the crowds gathered in front of she places.

When the officers entered a place, the front doors were closed and no one was admitted until they had completed their work.

W. S. Jacobs, operator of Belvedere and Southern club, charged the officers had no jurisdiction, claiming those who entered Belvedere carried commissions issued by former revenue commissioner Earl R. Wiseman.

Amos Guthridge, who headed the Belvedere raiding squad, denied this, showing Jacobs a commission issued January 18 by Commissioner Ford.

"This is more like a hijacking than a legal procedure," asserted Jacobs, "but it's all right. There seems to be no appeal."

He charged that the officers refused to allow him to use a telephone at Belvedere to call his attorney.

Commissioner Ford estimated equipment seized at the eight places raided "worth several thousand dollars." Jimmy Phillips, who said he was an employe of Southern club, reported the establishment purchased new equipment recently at a cost of $4,000. Jacobs declined to estimate cost of the Belvedere or Southern club paraphernalia.

"Our greatest loss is in patronage," he declared. "There are reports in downtown Hot Springs that the raiding officers shot up and burned Belvedere. We had 125 advance reservations for dinner and none of those who reserved tables have appeared."

One member of the raiding party estimated the value of seized equipment at $15,000.

Jacobs said the raids will throw 1,100 out of work. This number is employed at Belvedere, Southern Club, his dairy and keeping up the grounds of the places, he reported. The night club proprietor said his annual payroll is $575,000.

The raids came just as Hot Springs was starting its winter season.

There was a strong undercurrent of the resentment among the onlookers. The general opinion seemed to be that state officials were going a bit too far in interfering with Hot Springs' affairs and that the events of recent weeks had destroyed the resort's prospects for a good winter season.

There were wild rumors that the state rangers were wrecking the places with axes. These reports proved groundless. The entire ranger force is on duty in the eastern Arkansas flood area and the raids were carried out entirely by revenue agents. The officers made no efforts to damage property and were cordial in their treatment of the proprietors and employes.

PRINCIPALS IN GAMING RAIDS

DAVE L. FORD

JUSTICE GRIFFIN SMITH

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SPA'S GAMBLING EQUIPMENT FED TO BIG BONFIRE

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON APPLIES TORCH TO GAMING DEVICES

SMALL CROWD PRESENT

Legislative Investigating Committee Indicates Public Hearing May Be Held in Hot Springs Probe.—Indicates Early Report.

Little Rock, Jan. 30—(AP)—State revenue officers burned in a public bonfire $15,000 worth of gambling paraphernalia confiscated last night in raids on night spots at Hot Springs.

A crowd of several hundred watched John R. Thompson, attorney for a house of representatives committee investigating charges of corruption at the resort city, apply the torch to a mound of roulette wheels, slot machines, dice tables, blackjack tables and other equipment.

The bonfire was held at Fair park, within a hundred yards of where President Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed thousands on his visit to Arkansas last June. Three large vans brought the equipment to the scene from a bonded warehouse in downtown Little Rock.

The seizure was made on warrants issued by Chief Justice Griffin Smith of the supreme court under a 100-year-old statute.

Revenue Commissioner Dave L. Ford said no representatives of the Hot Springs clubs appeared to protest the destruction of any of the articles. Louis Tarlowski, attorney for W. S. Jacobs, operator of several establishments, told Ford earlier he had been advised that some of the equipment seized could not be classified as gambling paraphernalia.

Ford agreed to hold until Monday any articles which the owners contended were not used for gambling, his ultimate decision to be guided by advance of the revenue department attorney, J. Hugh Wharton.

A few hours earlier, the house of representatives committee investigating charges of official corruption at Hot Springs, issued a statement indicating it might hold public hearings before concluding the inquiry.

"We expect to make a report at an early date," the committee.

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The revenue department raiders moved from club to club under authority of writs issued by Chief Justice Griffin Smith, meeting no resistance. The statute under which the warrants were issued, passed by the first Arkansas legislature in 1837, reads:

"It is hereby made and declared to be the duty and required of the judges of the supreme court, the judges of circuit and of the justices of the peace, on information given or on their own knowledge, or where they have reasonable grounds to suspect, that they issue their warrant to some peace officer, directing in such warrant a search for such gaming tables hereinbefore mentioned or referred to, and directing that, on finding any such, they should be publicly burned by the officer executing the warrant."

Louis Tarlowski, Little Rock attorney representing W. S. Jacobs, owner of several of the raided establishments, urged in vain that Revenue Commissioner Ford postpone destruction of the equipment until Monday.

Tarlowski said that "there's no argument about the authority for the issuance of these search and seizure warrants used by the revenue officers."

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Garland Officers Not Outdone, They Have Raids, Bonfires, Too

On Orders From Judge Witt, County "Cops" Find an Idle Moving Van to Haul Contraband and Stage Own Private Raids.—Gambling Equipment Burned

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GAMBLING HOUSES RAIDED

REVENUE AGENTS ORDERED TO SPA BY HIGH COURT

Six Establishments, Including Belvedere and Southern Club, Already Raided and Three More to Be Taken in Sweep.—All Gambling Paraphernalia and Devices Confiscated.—To Be Taken to Little Rock and Burned Unless Court Proceedings Taken by Owners.

State revenue officers, headed by Commissioner Dave L. Ford, started raiding Hot Springs night clubs and other establishments tonight, confiscating gambling paraphernalia under warrants issued by Chief Justice Griffin Smith, of the supreme court.

Establishments raided:
Club Belvedere.
Southern Club.
Ohio Club.
Kentucky Club.
Milsaps Cigar Store.
Miller's Cigar Store.

Commissioner Ford indicated he intended to move down Central avenue and raid three other establishments. Ford and eighteen of his men swooped down on Belvedere at 6 p. m. The other places were raided in order.

The revenue men were confiscating roulette wheels, dice tables, chuckaluck games and other equipment. They were being placed in two moving vans.

Commissioner Ford said his orders were to deposit the equipment at the state house tonight. Unless the owners take the matter into court, Ford said it would be burned tomorrow afternoon.

A crowd of several hundred gathered in front of the Southern Club during the raid there and later moved down the avenue with the raiders.

The officers met no resistance at any of the places visited.

Only a half dozen patrons were at Belvedere. Otis McGraw, manager, told the raiders "These things will happen and there are no hard feelings on my part."

The officers divided up in raiding squads of four or five men each. Amos Guthridge headed the force at Belvedere, Frank Witte at Southern Club, Bob Faust at Ohio Club and John Atkins at Miller's place.

Justice Smith's order read:

"Whereas, information has been given to the undersigned as justice of the Supreme Court of the state of Arkansas that there is at (name of place) in Garland county, Arkansas, certain gambling devices there kept contrary to the statutes; you therefore are commanded to make search there for such gambling devices and if the same be found there that you forthwith proceed publicly to burn the same according to law unless the operators of said gaming devices assert legal rights in an to said property within 24 hours from service of this writ."

The warrants were addressed to any sheriff, constable, coroner, state ranger or state revenue officer of Arkansas.

Only two weeks ago state rangers invaded the night clubs and other establishments to serve a score of summons on officials and employes in connection with a legislative investigation into alleged lawlessness at the health resort city.

The equipment placed in the vans was estimated as being worth thousands. Jimmy Phillips, at the Southern club, said new equipment was recently purchased for his establishment at a cost of $4,000.

Commissioner Ford said he had orders to arrest no one.

He said he understood the order was given by Chief Justice Smith upon the request of the house committee investigating alleged lawless conditions in Hot Springs.

Only Ford's men in the revenue department participated in the raids. Local officers were not notified until they had calls from businessmen requesting them to come down and clear the streets.

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RACE REPEAL TO BE SOUGHT BY NEW BILL

Hot Springs Items 1/30/37

Measure Introduced to Repeal Act of 1935 Body

Little Rock, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Rep. John K. Butt of Carroll county introduced in the house yesterday a bill to repeal the 1935 horse racing legalization act.

Two meets have been held at Hot Springs since the liberal 1935 legislature voted for racing. The same assembly legalized liquor sales. A bill seeking repeal of this law also is pending.

The racing repeal measure was tossed into the house hopper with numerous other bills near the close of yesterday's session. Two brief paragraphs made up the text of the bill which merely specified repeal of the act legalizing pari-mutuel betting on horse racing in Arkansas.

The measure was referred to committee without discussion.

The Arkansas legislature stood in week-end adjournment today despite a warning from House Speaker Bransford that such recesses in previous sessions cost some members their favorite bill when work piled up.

The lower branch adjourned late yesterday until 10 a.m. Monday after earlier in the day voting down a resolution by Coffelt of Saline calling for such action. The Senate quit during the morning.

Enactment of the Bailey Civil Service system for state employes topped legislative action for the week. The Senate passed the Northcutt two per cent sales tax bill while the House voted a measure to take the judiciary out of politics.

Other features of the week included Senate passage of a $20 old age pension proposal and the House temperance committee's approval of the Vesey bill to repeal the 1935 law legalizing horse racing is sought in a bill by Butt of Carroll.

House bills introduced reached 270 yesterday with only a comparative few passed in the first three weeks of the 60-day session. The senate has received 173 measures. Settlement of differences during the past week on the general appropriation measure for judicial and executive departments paved the way for early action on other budget matters. The Senate lost its fight to increase the appropriation bill allotments for attorney-general, lieutenant governor and secretary of state.

The House yesterday passed the administration's bill setting up a new Welfare department. The Senate begins work on the measure next Monday. Gov. Bailey has asked its approval before Feb. 7. when the present Welfare act expires.

The measure provides that the governor shall appoint the seven members of the new commission and the Welfare commissioner. Reports are that Miss Gussie Haynie, Pulaski county domestic relations officer and a former assistant attorney general, may replace C. H. Andrews as commissioner.

The lower branch also approved a bill to authorize payment of truck licenses quarterly in January, April, July and October. Senate bills adopted were: By Livingston to amend the co-operative marketing act, by Marlin to make kidnaping punishable by sentence of three to 99 years and by Barney to authorize clerk of supreme court and deputies to administer oaths and take acknowledgements of instruments.

Senate bills defeated: Switzer, to grant probate courts concurrent jurisdiction with circuit and chancery courts in the matter of removal of disabilities of minors; Northcutt, to simplify acknowledgements.

The upper branch gave its approval to a House bill by Darnell to make unlawful the sale of livestock after appearance of the animal has been altered. Featherstone, Murfreesboro, won adoption of his plan to divide the annual three-mill road tax collected on property within cities and towns.

Senator Coleman, Lepanto, introduced a bill to provide a sinking fund for payment of outstanding county warrants. Fifteen per cent of all funds reaching the county treasurers, except school and federal funds, would be impounded in the sinking funds.

Governor Bailey yesterday signed a bill reorganizing the Game and Fish Commission, appointing G. B. Oliver, Corning and Little Rock attorney, to chairmanship of the new board.

NEW ERA,
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS,
1-30, 1937.

Gaming Equipment Taken Here In Raids By Revenue Agents Will Burn Tonight

Hot Springs New Era 1/31/37

MORE GAMING PLACES HERE RAIDED TODAY

County Officers Visit Malvern Avenue Establishments

Tim Cain's establishment on Malvern avenue, alleged Negro gambling house, was raided about 1:30 o'clock today in a surprise move by members of the Garland county sheriff's office. The officers entered the place without warning, loaded gambling paraphernalia on a truck and transported it to the county court house grounds where it was stacked and set afire.

Deputy Sheriff Roy Ermey, supervising the burning, declined to disclose on whose authority the raid was made. Circuit Judge Earl Witt could not be reached at press time, and although Sheriff Marion Anderson could not be reached, it was assumed he was leading the raid.

That other establishments were to be raided was considered certain. Just before press time it was learned another group of county officers had departed to pay a visit to other gambling houses in the city.

The equpiment taken from the Cain place included "crap" tables, chuckaluck games, poker chips, tables and chairs. All the paraphernalia was tossed into one pile and burned. Immediately a crowd gathered around the bonfire. Some attempted to salvage poker chips or playing cards, but were discouraged by officers.

Little Rock, Jan. 30. — (AP) — Revenue Commissioner Dave L. Ford announced today state revenue department officers will burn approximately $15,000 worth of gambling equipment stripped from Hot Springs night clubs at 7 p. m. tonight at Fair Park.

The revenue agents seized the paraphernalia in a surprise raid on the swanky gambling establishments last night.

By agreement, no equipment will be burned which is not definitely established as gambling equipment, he said.

Louis Tarlowski, attorney, for W. S. Jacobs, operator of the palatial Club Belvedere and Southern Club, said he would telephone Jacobs to ascertain whether he desires to contest any of the confiscated parphernalia.

All equipment not burned will be held until Monday in a Little Rock warehouse.

The special house committee investigating alleged lawlessness in the judicial district composed of Garland and Montgomery counties was in executive session today at the office of John R. Thompson, assistant city attorney, who is serving the committee as legal advisor. The committee made no announcement regarding its deliberations.

"There is no argument that roulette wheels, dice tables and similar equipment are not gambling equipment," Tarlowski said. "but I am informed from Hot Springs this morning that some things taken do not fall in this classification.

"I shall call my clients and advise them they can come over here to point these out if they want to. I don't know whether they'll care to come or not.

"There's no argument about the authority for the issuance of the writs under which these search and seizure warrants were seized. The statute is plain."

The statute under which the raids were carried out was enacted in 1837 by the first legislature to serve after Arkansas' admission to statehood. The law reads:

"It is hereby made and declared to be the duty and required of the judges of the supreme court, the judges of circuit courts and of the justices of the peace, on information given or on their own knowledge, or where they have reasonable grounds to suspect, that they issue their warrant to some peace officer, directing in such warrant a search for such gaming tables hereinbefore mentioned or referred to, and directing that, on finding any such, they should be publicly burned by the officer executing the warrant."

Ford said that if the owners of the equipment appeared and contended certain articles were not gambling equipment, he would hold them in a bonded warehouse until Monday, leaving the question for Revenue Commission Attorney J. Hugh Wharton and attorneys for the Hot Springs interests "to thrash out in court or in conference."

Sudden raids by state revenue agents, stripping sumptuous night clubs of extensive gambling equipment, dampened gay life in this world famous health resort today.

Commissioner Dave L. Ford and officers under Supreme court orders, seived roulette wheels, dice tables, chuckaluck games and other paraphernalia valued at $15,000 last night.

Two moving vans carted the devices off to the statehouse at Little Rock. Ford said the equipment would be burned within 24 hours unless the owners found a way to block him through court action.

Invasion of the city's show spots, authoritative sources disclosed, resulted from finding of a legislative committee now investigating alleged "lawlessness" here.

Chief Justice Griffin Smith who issued the raiding warrants at Little Rock, said: "I'm not giving out any statement about it at all. I could not say offhand who asked for the warrants."

Rep. Lee Nichols, Booneville Baptist minister and secretary of the Hot Springs investigating committee, appeared here shortly after the raids started. He visited raided places in what he described as "just in the role of an observer," declining additional comment.

The Arkansas House of Representatives voted the inquiry two weeks ago. Rep. W. M. Thompson charged officers were allied with the underworld, a "political machine" controlled elections through law violations and open gambling was rampant.

Immediately the investigators rushed state police into the same establishments raided last night to summon officials and employes before the committee with their business records. The inquiry has continued in secrecy since.

Hundreds of sightseers jammed traffic on Central avenue as the raiders took custody of the gaming devices without resistance.

City police centered their efforts on keeping thoroughfares open as the crowds moved from place to place with the officers. Newspaper boys did a thriving business with extras telling of the invasion.

"They're ruining Hot Springs," declared W. S. Jacobs, proprietor of Club Belvedere and Southern Club, two of the eight places raided.

"Every resort city in the country has its gambling," he asserted. "If they don't, they lose patronage. We've been open about it and everyone knows it.

"This is more like a hijacking than a legal procedure, but it's all right. There seems to be no appeal. My payroll is $575,000 annually. This will throw 1,100 persons out of work."

Jacobs said his greatest loss last night was in patronage, reported 125 advance reservations for dinner "and none of those who reserved tables appeared because of reports in downtown Hot Springs that the raiding officers shot up and burned Belvedere."

He declined to estimate cost of equipment seized at his two clubs. Jimmy Phillips, of the Southern Club, reported $4,000 in new devices were recently installed there.

The raiders in four squads swooped down on the larger clubs simultaneously. Officers reported the manager at one place grabbed a money sack and fled, being overtaken when half way down a fire escape.

Instructed to seize only the equipment and no money, the raiders had some difficulty taking slot machines. They finally got owners to come to the clubs and empty them of coins.

Only half a dozen patrons were at Belvedere when the officers appeared. Manager Otis GcGraw told them "these things will happen and there are no hard feelings on my part." The other places visited included the Ohio club, Miller's place, Kentucky club, Blue Ribbon and itizens Club.

A Little Rock attorney declining use of his name reported a telephone request to "do something" to prevent the gambling equipment from going up in the bonfire.

He reported a preliminary search of law books failed to disclose any provision whereby the Supreme court could be restrained from carrying out provisions of any state statute.

The writs said information had been given that certain gambling devices were kept at Hot Springs contrary to the state statutes, ordering a search for the equipment and its burning within 24 hours after service of the orders.

The raiders moved on the show spots of Hot Springs in four squads. Only a half dozen patrons were at Belvedere club when Manager Otis McGraw said "these things will happen and there are no hard feelings on my part.

News of the raids swept over the city like wildfire. The downtown side walks were soon milling with curious pedestrians and crowds gathered in front of the bookmaking and gambling establishments. Central avenue became jammed with automobile traffic. There were several minor collisions when drivers' attention was diverted in their eagerness to follow the movements of the state officers.

At places where gambling activities were limited to bookmaking, the agents merely scooped up entry sheets and form books. At establishments where other forms of gambling were conducted, the paraphernalia was carried out by the negro crew of a large moving van. The agents brought two vans from Little Rock, one being loaded up at Belvedere and the other picking up confiscated equipment at the downtown places.

At the outset, the revenue men told the club operators they had no arrest warrants.

"You can use your own judgment about opening up tomorrow," one of the agents wise-cracked to the proprietor of a downtown establishment as the raiding party completed its mission.

At least two places where handbooks are operated were not molested by the officers.

"We feel neglected," said one of the proprietors.

The raiders were accompanied by staff writers and photographers of the Little Rock newspapers, and press association correspondents. Flashlights blazed as photographers snapped pictures of the raids and the crowds gathered in front of the places.

When the officers entered a place, the front doors were closed and no one was admitted until they had completed their work.

There was a strong undercurrent of the resentment among the onlookers. The general opinion seemed to be that state officials were going a bit too far in interfering with Hot Springs' affairs and that the events of recent weeks had destroyed the resort's prospects for a good winter season.

There were wild rumors that the state rangers were wrecking the places with axes. These reports proved groundless. The entire ranger force is on duty in the eastern Arkansas flood area and the raids were carried out entirely by revenue agents. The officers made no efforts to damage property and were cordial in their treatment of the proprietors and employes.

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 3, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Los Angeles Field Division dated December 10, 1936, regarding .380 caliber automatic pistol, Number 106616, which pistol was allegedly sold in Niles, Ohio, by Mr. Herbert Frome.

This is to advise that Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin ascertained from Chief of Police Charles Nichalas of Niles, Ohio, that the party referred to as "Louie" is Louie Muche, who was employed by the Niles, Ohio Police Department from 1921 to the spring of 1927, at which time he was discharged for violation of departmental rules.

Chief Nichalas stated that Louie Muche was engaged in bootlegging up until about one month ago in the City of Niles, Ohio, but that shortly after his arrest about one month ago by the State Prohibition Agents, Louie Muche left Niles, Ohio and is at present in Cambridge, Ohio. It was ascertained from Sergeant of Detectives J. A. Jones, that Louie Muche is operating a beer parlor in the close proximity of the pottery factory in Cambridge, Ohio, and in all probability he will be known to the Police Department in that city.

You are respectfully requested to cause appropriate inquiry to be made of Louie Muche in connection with the suggestions set forth in above reference letter.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Baughman .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Coffey .....
Mr. Dowley .....
Mr. Egan .....
Mr. Foxworth .....
Mr. Glavin .....
Mr. Harbo .....
Mr. Joseph .....
Mr. Lester .....
Mr. Nichols .....
Mr. Quinn .....
Mr. Schilder .....
Mr. Tamm .....
Mr. Tracy .....
Miss Gandy .....

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 30, 1937, instructing me to interview the local officers at West Plains, Missouri, for the purpose of ascertaining what action they desire to take in connection with prosecuting Alvin Karpis on the charge of murder.

Please be advised that it is my intention to proceed to West Plains, Missouri, for this purpose at the earliest possible date. It is noted that at the present time it is impossible for me to proceed to that point in view of the kidnaping of Dr. J. C. B. Davis at Willow Springs, Missouri. It is noted that at the present time a number of Agents are conducting investigation in the immediate vicinity of West Plains, Missouri. However, as soon as that matter is cleared up I shall proceed to West Plains at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
February 4, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Superintendent John J. Ryan of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, called at this office today. He is a friend of Special Agent in Charge Herold H. Reinecke.

During the course of the conversation, Mr. Ryan advised that after an article was published in the American Magazine which contained two letters--one from Alvin Karpis to Dolores Delaney, and the other from Dolores Delaney to Alvin Karpis--he received a telephone call from Mr. Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, who wanted to know how the letters got out of the penitentiary. Mr. Ryan was not familiar with the magazine article and said he would look it up and call back. He did this and told Mr. Bates when he called him that these two letters had been furnished to the Bureau of Investigation office at Detroit. Mr. Ryan stated, however, that he had not been forbidden to furnish us with this information but that they did not like it very well.

I thought you might want this information.

Respectfully,

J. S. Egan
Inspector

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cc-Detroit

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

February 3, 1937.

Time - 3:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SAC Little of the Little Rock telephoned me in connection with the harboring investigation which is being conducted in Hot Springs, and wanted to request authority to rent an apartment down there at $50.00 per month from which to maintain one of the new telephone taps which is being installed.

I granted this authority.

Mr. Little referred to Mr. Connelley's letter to him of January 27, 1937, a copy of which was sent to the Bureau, in which Mr. Connelley names about ten preferences for future telephone taps in connection with this investigation, numbers six and seven of which are supposed to be houses of prostitution. Mr. Little said that he learns from Sullivan at Hot Springs that the information concerning these two places was obtained by Mr. Connelley by means of an informant, and there is no information contained in the files of the Little Rock office about them. He said that if there is any information in the files of the Bureau on these two places, he would like to be furnished it so that consideration can be given to the possibilities.

I told him that this information, if any, would be furnished to him by letter in due course.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH.

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1300 Liberty Trust Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

February 4, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge.
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 14, 1936, and to the report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 7-7-36 and to the inquiry in your routing slip dated 12-14-36.

Special Agent E. M. Hirsh interviewed former Special Agent A. Schroeder who has advised that at the time Thelma Holst was interviewed at the Philadelphia Field Division he had no background in the instant matter; that he was unable to do very much of the questioning and that most of his actions were limited to being present only while the questioning took place. Mr. Schroeder also stated, however, that it was his recollection that Thelma Holst, when interviewed, stated she did not know the subjects mentioned on page two of the report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon under their real names; that she learned these later and subsequent to the time she had been associated with them; further, that she denied having any knowledge as to their real identity.

Former Special Agent A. Schroeder is unable to recall whether or not photographs were exhibited to Thelma Holst but believes they were and is unable to state what photographs were identified by her.

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Special Agent N. Chaffetz advised that he did not participate in the entire questioning of Thelma Holst; that, however, he was a witness to that part of the interrogation wherein

Thelma Holst made statements concerning Mildred Kuhlman and her activities in Chicago, Illinois; that he was familiar with Mildred Kuhlman's activities in Chicago and accordingly was present for the purpose of determining whether or not Thelma Holst was furnishing the truth regarding Mildred Kuhlman.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to Mr. J. L. Fallon who is presently in attendance at the F.B.I. National Police Academy, who is being requested to furnish information as was requested in your letter of September 14, 1936.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

RET:AVM
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cc - Bureau
J. L. Fallon - National Police Academy - Washington, D.C.

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

February 16, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Re: BRENTD

Dear Sir:

With reference to the harboring investigation in connection with the above entitled matter, it is thought advisable to reinterview Clara Gibson at Chicago, Illinois. Particular emphasis should be stressed as to her knowledge of any conversations overheard by her, or any other intimate details that she can recall relative to the association of the Barker-Karpis gang with the Angus brothers and George Timiney and others in Toledo, Ohio.

In this connection, it is thought advisable that she be thoroughly interviewed, as from the interviews had with Clara Gibson in the past, no detailed information has been extracted from her with reference to this particular harboring situation.

It is respectfully requested that if possible Special Agent V. E. Criss be assigned to this interview, due to his intimate knowledge of the situation existing at Toledo, Ohio.

This interview should be expedited as it is anticipated that the information obtained from Clara Gibson will be necessary to present to the United States Attorney in the near future.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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10:25 A.M.

February 5, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

Mr. James Waters, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, telephoned me and stated he had learned that Special agent Madala was in Washington. He stated he was calling at the request of Special Assistant to the Attorney General Carr and desired to talk with Agent Madala concerning his interviews with Lyndon Barnette and Delores Delaney, at which time they furnished information concerning Joe Adams who is under indictment at Miami, Florida, for harboring Alvin Karpis.

I stated I would endeavor to make arrangements for Agent Madala to get in touch with Mr. Carr on February 6, 1937. Mr. Waters stated the conference between Mr. Carr and Mr. Madala would only be of short duration.

Respectfully,

R. C. Suran.

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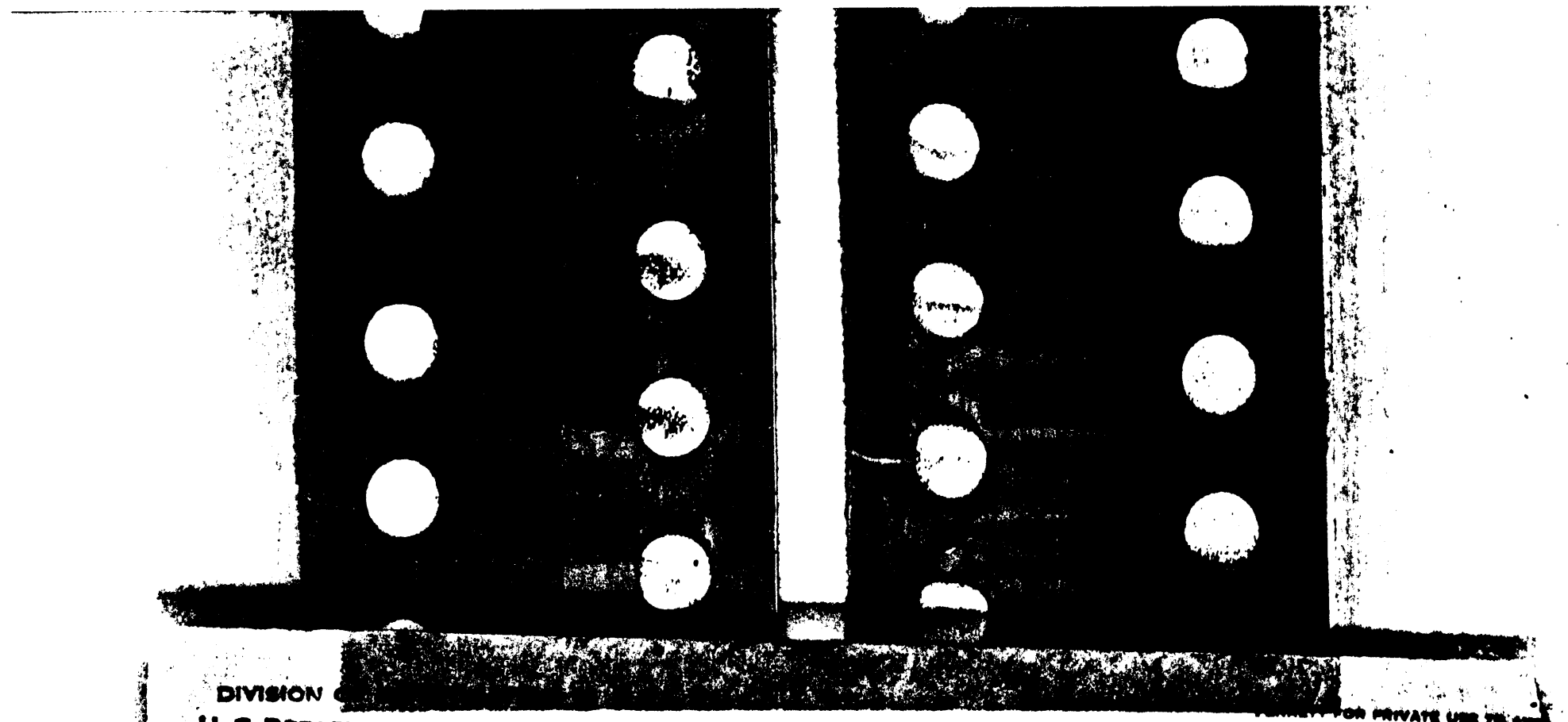

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OBSCENE

5 photographs of the body of John Dickson, Deceased.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BRYKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 4, 1937, in connection with the above entitled matter.

In accordance with your request, there are attached hereto photographic reproductions of the body of John Dickson.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure No. 1060805.

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DIVISION
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 4, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated January 4, 1937, in the above styled matter and especially to pages 24 - 36 of this report which pertains to the death of John Dickson, a prisoner in the City Jail and whose death subsequently resulted in the indictment of seven officers of the Hot Springs Police Department on charges of second degree murder. This indictment is based upon alleged third degree methods used by the Hot Springs Police Department and resulting in the death of Dickson.

For the information of the Bureau and for inclusion in the Bureau's file in this case, I am enclosing herewith three photographs of the body of John Dickson which shows the condition of this man and the marks on his body at the time of his death. These photographs, being three in number, were obtained by Special Agent B. L. Damron of this Division from Jim Poulos of the Lee Hotel, Hot Springs, a confidential informant, and are being enclosed in a sealed envelope marked obscene.

It is requested that the Bureau provide the Little Rock Division with two photographic reproductions of these pictures for inclusion in its file.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 4, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a circular or handbill entitled "Does Crime & Sin Pay?" and upon which appears the photographic likeness of Rev. T. G. "Curley" Evans.

It will be noted from recent reports submitted by the Little Rock Division in this case and covering the results of telephone taps in operation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, that "Curley" Evans is now a detective assigned to the Hot Springs Police Department and is identical with the person described or mentioned in the enclosed circular or handbill as being Rev. T. G. "Curley" Evans.

This circular or handbill was obtained by Special Agent B. L. Damron of this Division from Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers of the Hot Springs Police Department and is being forwarded to the Bureau for inclusion in the Bureau file in this case.

It is requested that a photostatic or photographic copy or reproduction of this circular or handbill be provided the Little Rock Division for inclusion in its file.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE
Special Agent in Charge

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Obtained By - Special Agent B.H. Damron
From Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers.

Does Crime & Sin Pay?

LAW BREAKERS AND SINNERS HAVE A FALSE IDEA THAT IT DOES. THE BIBLE EASILY PROVES THE OPPOSITE. COME AND HEAR BOTH SIDES FORCEFULLY AND GRAPHICALLY PRESENTED BY THE

REV. T. G. "CURLEY" EVANS
(Undenominational)

He knows from experience both sides of life. He has been a hunted criminal. Hear him picture a life of crime and sin. Then came a great and most wonderful change. You will thrill as he gives you the picture of a remarkable conversion. Officers who once sought him now grasp his hand in sincere congratulation and praise for the great work he is doing.

COME RICH—COME POOR—COME ONE, COME ALL

He has a real message for you. It comes from the heart. He hits sin straight from the shoulder. Having lived both kinds of life, Rev. T. G. "Curley" Evans knows SIN DOES NOT PAY. He has the power and ability to convince you. He brings a most inspiring and helpful message. From the snares of Satan he has emerged and brings you a story of redemption, packed with human interest and hope for those in despair. His message is inspiring and soul-stirring.

COME AND BRING THE FAMILY AND HEAR THIS WONDERFUL, UNUSUAL, FORCEFUL AND SOUL-STIRRING SPEAKER TONIGHT AT:—

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February 16, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BRYKID.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 4, 1937, together with a circular entitled "Does Crime & Sin Pay?", on which appears the photographic likeness of Reverend T. G. "Curley" Evans.

In accordance with your request, there are attached hereto two photostatic copies of this circular.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure No. 963588.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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February 4, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: BREKID

A resume of the information of pertinent interest to this investigation, obtained from telephonic taps from December 31, 1936, up to and including January 14, 1937, is contained in the report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated January 21, 1937.

E. A. Tamm
Supervisor.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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February 4, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. A. B. Murphy, attorney, Washington, D. C. called at my office and stated that he had received a letter from one Sherman Manning, requesting that he represent Manning in his endeavor to collect the reward which had been offered for the apprehension of Alvin Karpis. Mr. Murphy wanted to secure the exact language used in offering this reward and I furnished him with a copy of the reward circular. He stated that he did not know whether he would represent Manning or not and was rather hesitant about furnishing any information. Mr. Suran informs me that Manning furnished no information helpful in the apprehension of Karpis. In fact, a review of the file does not disclose that Sherman Manning's name was mentioned in any connection in the Karpis case.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth

Well he will receive no reward. J. E. H.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FILE

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 8, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: BRENNAN

Dear Sir:

Recent investigation in the Cleveland Field Division disclosed that several years ago, and prior to the time Benson Groves went to Toledo, Ohio, he was very well known and had many associates in and around East Liverpool and Canton, Ohio.

This investigation disclosed that Benson Groves was very closely connected with one Phil Brennan and one Hap Webster who, prior to and during Prohibition, operated a saloon in the city of East Liverpool, Ohio. During the period that Brennan and Webster ran the above mentioned saloon, Benson Groves and Turk Brennan frequented this saloon.

Investigation in East Liverpool, Ohio, disclosed that about three years ago Turk Brennan was allegedly in Detroit, Michigan, but no definite address could be obtained for this individual in that city. However, Chief of Police Hugh McDermott of East Liverpool, Ohio, stated that in all probability Turk Brennan would be well known to the Detroit, Michigan Police Department and could probably be located through them.

In an interview with Phil Brennan, brother of Turk Brennan, no information could be extracted from him with reference to the present location of Turk Brennan, but in this interview Phil Brennan intimated that should Benson Groves go into the State of Michigan, he would go either to Detroit, or would contact Hap Webster who is at present running a gambling establishment in Flint, Michigan.

From numerous interviews had in East Liverpool, Ohio, the following is a brief composite description of Turk Brennan: Age, about 60 years; height, about 5'9" or 5'10"; weight, about 160 pounds; hair, gray; complexion, red; peculiarities, heavy drinker.

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In the interview had with Chief of Police Hugh McDermott, East Liverpool, Ohio, he stated that several years ago Turk Brennan was suspected of being implicated in a murder in Terre Haute, Indiana, and that he, Chief of Police McDermott, is under the impression that during this period either Turk Brennan was arrested in Terre Haute, Indiana, or the Terre Haute Police Department obtained photographs of Brennan from the East Liverpool Police Department. Chief McDermott further stated that the above mentioned murder was in connection with a search being made for two individuals by the name of Chapman and Anderson, and that to the best of his recollection some man "tipped off" the Police in Terre Haute as to the location of Chapman, whereupon Anderson and a man known as the "Wolf" subsequently murdered both this man and his wife.

The Indianapolis Field Division is requested to contact the Police Department at Terre Haute, Indiana and secure any available photographs of Turk Brennan which would assist in his location and surveillance for obtaining any possible information with reference to the whereabouts of Benson Groves. Photographs should be forwarded to the Detroit and Cleveland Field Divisions.

In an interview had with Ed Crowley, brother of Jumbo Crowley, at Wooster, Ohio, Crowley informed Agents A. P. Kitchin and L. F. Malone that he had not seen Benson Groves for the past four or five years, but that several years ago he and his brother Jumbo Crowley operated a saloon and gambling establishment in Canton, Ohio, and that during this period an ex-prize fighter by the name of Harry Turner was bar tender at this saloon. According to Ed Crowley, prior to the time that Harry Turner worked as bar tender for him and Jumbo Crowley, Jumbo Crowley was the manager of Harry Turner during the time he was a professional pugilist. Ed Crowley stated that in all probability if Benson Groves went to the State of Michigan he would contact Harry Turner, who at present operates a saloon in Flint, Michigan, located directly across the street from the Fisher Body Works. Crowley stated that if an Agent should contact Harry Turner, he should tell Turner that he was referred to him by Ed Crowley, and that Harry Turner would in all probability exert every effort to co-operate with the Agent in the location of Benson Groves.

The Detroit Field Division is respectfully requested to expedite investigation at Flint, Michigan, as it is thought at this time that Benson Groves may probably be in touch with Hap Webster, and due to the fact that Harry Turner can possibly be made an informant in this case it is thought advisable to immediately

conduct investigation in that city. It is also respectfully requested that investigation be conducted in Detroit, Michigan in an effort to locate Turk Brennan, as it is highly probable that Benson Groves may at this time be in touch with Brennan in Detroit.

Both the Indianapolis and Detroit Field Divisions are requested to give the above matters expeditious and preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 4, 1937

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the telephone taps being maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the above case, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan dated February 3, 1937, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, from which it will be noted that the taps on the telephones of the Police Department and the Mayor's office were disconnected at 6:45 P. M. on February 3, 1937. It is anticipated that these taps will be reinstated sometime on February 5, 1937, or soon thereafter as deemed advisable, at which time the Bureau will be immediately notified.

It is quite apparent that the individuals referred to by Akers as having a tap on the telephone line of the Police Department are members of the legislative investigating committee.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE
Special Agent in Charge

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cc E. J. Connelley
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Memorandum to Special Agent in Charge, John B. Little

BREKID.

At.3.56P.M. the following conversation was overheard over Telephone #123, listed to the Hot Springs Police Department, by the writer. The call was incoming and the party calling is believed to be Former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin who spoke with Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Detectives.

Wakelin; That fellow is named Level. I got that letter back. He got 3 & 2 suspended sentence.I think we could get him. I would suggest, go to Mt. Ida and lay out on the road. He hit a restaurant at the point of a gun.
Akers. He did. Maybe it would be a good idea. I'll see them to see how far they will go. How are you feeling?
Wakelin; Not so good.
Akers; Can you get around?
Wakelin; I can in a car a little bit.
Akers; Things are still upset. They are still trying to get L eo(McLaughlin).
Wakelin; Who told you?
Akers; I was up to Little Rock and they told me. They are willing to put Jake(W.S.Jacobs) back in business, but they want to put someone else in charge of the (pause) money. They are shooting at Leo through Earl Witt. I have been doing a little work for them and I told Leo(McLaughlin) but he says we ought to sit tight.

Another man quit us yesterday and went with Level, that B--------. It sure ruined(phonetic) the department. Yes, but Williams did most of it. (There were a few faint clicks on the line at this point and Akers stopped short) They have got taps on this damn thing. I can hear someone on this line. (As Wakelin started to say something) Wait a minute.(About a half minute's pause)I can hear them every once in a while. There is a tap on G__ D_____ Thing.As I was saying I did'nt get a thing off that car. I'll stop and see you and talk to you. (Hung up).

The writer did not hear anything over the tap of a suspicious nature but Akers suspicions were for some reason aroused and after he apparently was satisfied that there was a tap on the telephone he almost immediately terminated the conversation and hung up. Under the belief that Akers would personally or through the Telephone Company have the lines of the Police Department checked, to ascertain definitely whether they were tapped, it was believed advisable to temporarily disconnect the taps on telephones 123,646 and 646, especially since the tap on the residence telephone of W.S.Jacobs will probably be installed tomorrow and the discovery of any telephone tap at this time would probably nullify the present set-up in that little or no information of a confidential nature would be obtained through a telephone tap hereafter. The taps were disconnected by Special Agent J.M. Jones at 6.45P.M. Thereafter as you ordered he returned to Little Rock

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The main telephone junction box where the taps were located and the area about the Police Department was kept under surveillance from the time of the above conversation until the taps were disconnected. No telephone men were seen in the vicinity. This surveillance will be maintained tomorrow and in case, there is no unusual activity in the vicnity of that junction box where the taps were located they will again be connected on the morning of February 5,1937.

Respectfully submitted

D.P. Sullivan

D.P. Sullivan
S pecial Agent.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO. L.A. FILE NO. 7-42

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE TIMINEY; 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:

Postmaster TOM NESTER advised MILTON LETT of Mojave, California unknown to him. A thirty-day mail cover has been placed on mail of PEGGY MIZE who has been residing at Mojave, California for the past two months with her husband, who Postmaster NESTER advised does not resemble MILTON LETT.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. R. Welles, Oklahoma City, 12-31-36.

DETAILS AT MOJAVE, CALIFORNIA:

The writer contacted Postmaster TOM NESTER of Mojave, who advised that PEGGY MIZE has been residing in that town for about two months; that she receives her mail care of General Delivery. He further advised that MR. MIZE calls for the mail occasionally. The writer displayed a photograph of MILTON LETT to Postmaster NESTER and he advised that MR. MIZE did not fit the description of LETT.

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The writer requested that a thirty-day mail cover be placed on all mail received by PEGGY MIZE and MR. MIZE.

The writer contacted Deputy Sheriff DON BRINK of Kern County, and with whom the writer has been acquainted for sometime, and questioned him regarding PEGGY MIZE. MR. BRINK stated he was not acquainted with PEGGY MIZE or MR. MIZE, but that he would endeavor to ascertain where they were residing.

The writer again contacted Postmaster NESTER who advised that he had spoken to MR. MIZE since last seeing Agent, and MR. MIZE had advised him he was employed on a mining project near Mojave, and that at the present time he was living in Capello's Court on I Street.

The writer again contacted Deputy Sheriff DON BRINK and requested him to conduct discreet inquiry in the neighborhood to ascertain whether MR. MIZE and MILTON LETT were identical. The writer left a photograph of MILTON LETT with Deputy Sheriff BRINK to assist him in this inquiry. Deputy Sheriff BRINK was instructed to keep this matter strictly confidential.

In view of the fact that MR. MIZE and PEGGY MIZE were out of town for the day, the writer was unable to observe them.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, at Mojave, California, will report the results of the mail cover and again contact Postmaster TOM NESTER for any further information on instant case.

Will also contact Deputy Sheriff DON BRINK of Mojave for further information on instant case.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION will attempt to obtain further information concerning PEGGY MIZE, to assist the Los Angeles Field Division in conducting its investigation.

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February 6, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1232, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

On February 2, 1937, Mr. Willis E. Donley, an attorney of Menomonie, Wisconsin, called at the Bureau and furnished information that he was interested in the case of one Robert Newburn, who had been convicted of robbing the Kraft State Bank at Menomonie, Wisconsin on April 20, 1931.

Mr. Donley stated that in endeavoring to interview various individuals to establish the innocence of Newburn he had learned that Paula Harmon is presently residing in apartment #3, 2467 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

This information is being furnished to you in the event it becomes necessary to interview Paula Harmon in the near future.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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903 Pacific Commerce Building
437 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California

February 5, 1937

Mr. Thomas Hester
Postmaster
Mojave, California

BREKID

Dear Sir:

Re: L. A. File 7-42

This will confirm the oral request of Special Agent E. G. O'Brien of the Los Angeles division of this Bureau for a thirty-day mail cover on all mail received by PEGGY MIZE and MR. MIZE.

In furnishing tracings to this office, kindly refer to L. A. File 7-42.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. [illegible]32, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM.

CHARACTER OF CASE
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Sally Jackson now receiving mail care of General Delivery, Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Helen Vasany. Investigation at Toledo, Ohio disclosed that Joe Roscoe was in Miami, Florida, which led to his apprehension in that city; also that Benson Groves was supposed to be on the Brennan farm neer Canton, Ohio, but investigation in Stark, Wayne, Tuscarawas, Columbiana and Jefferson Counties produced negative results in this regard. Turk Brennan allegedly in Detroit, Michigan three years ago, and Jack Woods allegedly a bar tender in Elm Grove, West Virginia, both former colleagues of Groves. Phil Brennan, East Liverpool, Ohio, and Ed Crowley, Wooster, Ohio, state they have not seen Groves for several years. Information received that Campbell or Karpis was held prisoner by Captain George Timiney and others in the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, shortly prior to Campbell's apprehension, but was released on payment of $35,000.00. However, this rumor has not as yet been substantiated.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, January 8, 1937.

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DETAILS: At CLEVELAND , OHIO.

It is to be recalled, as set out in the letter from the Cleveland Field Division to the Bureau, dated January 13, 1937, that Sally Jackson and her sister Florence Jasany manifested a reluctant attitude to testify in conformity with those facts set out in the signed statements which had previously been secured from them. These two girls again called at the office of the Cleveland Field Division on January 14, 1937, at which time they were interviewed by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn, and still continued to assume a reluctant attitude with reference to testifying, although they were not as recalcitrant as they were at their first interview. It is believed that in the event they are desired as witnesses they will testify upon the issuance of a subpoena.

Sally Jackson advised that she has definitely left her husband, and that she is receiving her mail in care of General Delivery, Cleveland, Ohio, under the name Helen Jasany, and further, that under that name she is taking a beauty culture course at the Cleveland Academy of Beauty Culture, Cleveland, Ohio, expecting this course to cover a period of about nine months, so that in the event her location is desired she can no doubt be located through this school.

At TOLEDO, OHIO.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein, on January 18, 1937, at Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Frances Selander, 254 Marion Street, Toledo, was contacted and interviewed with reference to the present whereabouts of Joe Roscoe. Miss Selander stated that about a few days prior to Christmas, 1936, she discontinued her employment at the home of Joe Roscoe, 3601 River Road, Toledo, Ohio. She stated that since the latter part of November, 1936, Joe Roscoe was in a very worried state of mind, and his actions did not appear to be the same as always; that during the month of December, 1936, Ganey Roscoe, wife of Joe Roscoe, began drinking to excess and became quite abusive; that a few days before Christmas, Mrs. Ganey Roscoe asked Miss Selander to sit with her in the living room of her home while Joe Roscoe was discussing business in the kitchen. Miss Selander stated that because her dishes were not yet washed, and as she wished

to get home early, she declined to sit with Mrs. Roscoe, at which she became very angry and abusive with her language. Because of these actions by Mrs. Roscoe, Miss Selander left the employ of the Roscoes.

In further discussing the instant matter, Frances Selander advised that it was between Christmas and New Year's Day that Joe Roscoe left for Florida, without his wife Ganey Roscoe. She stated that she had worked at the home of the Roscoes for the past two and one-half years, and this was the first time Joe Roscoe left for Florida without his wife. She stated that to her best knowledge Joe Roscoe departed from Toledo, Ohio, in his Buick Coupe, which bears Ohio license plates 3537-F, 1936; that at the time he left, Roscoe appeared very much worried; that as she left the home of Roscoe prior to his departure she was informed of Joe Roscoe's departure from Toledo, Ohio by the relatives of Ganey Roscoe. She advised that to her best recollection, Joe Roscoe proceeded to Miami Beach, Florida, and believes he is located on Pennsylvania Street or Avenue, and the house bears four numbers; that she does not remember the exact numbers.

Lulu Selander, mother of Frances, advised that she is a relief cook at the 42nd Street Cafe, each Monday night, and that while there she will endeavor to ascertain the exact location of Joe Roscoe. Periodical contacts are being maintained with Lulu Selander, Frances Selander, and Ethel Julert, a waitress employed at the 42nd Street Cafe, with a view to obtaining the exact location of Joe Roscoe at Miami Beach, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted at Toledo, Ohio by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein on January 19, 1937.

Frances Selander, 254 Marion Street, and Harry Manson, 1476 Gould Road, Toledo, Ohio, were interviewed and they furnished the following description of Joe Roscoe:

Name	-	Joseph Roscoe
Aliases	-	"Joe"
Age	-	46 years (August, 1891, born in Italy)
Height	-	5'8"
Weight	-	190 lbs.
Build	-	Heavy - slightly humpbacked
Complexion	-	dark
Hair	-	black and wavy
Eyes	-	blue
Mustache	-	none
Condition of teeth	-	fair
Scars	-	none
Peculiarities	-	smokes cigar continuously, in corner of mouth
Eyeglasses	-	none

Residence - 3204 River Road, Toledo, Ohio
Occupation - gambler
Marital status - married (wife-Ganey Broadway)
Race - white
Nationality - Italian
Citizenship - unknown
Relatives - mother - name unknown - resides in Italy
cousins- " " " " Cleveland, Ohio.
Dress - wears dark clothes - usually wears dark felt hat.

Miss Selander further advised that Joe Roscoe was called "Uncle Frank" by his wife Ganey Roscoe; that Ganey Roscoe and her mother Tillie Broadway neither read nor write English.

Detective Harry Manson, when interviewed, stated that on January 18, 1937, during the evening, his partner, Detective Carl Hartung, told a Toledo Blade news reporter that Joe Roscoe had left town; that he understands Roscoe left for Florida. Detective Manson further stated that Detective Hartung was very friendly with Roscoe, and on many occasions visited Middle Island. The best he could gather from the conversation between Detective Hartung and the Toledo Blade reporter was to the effect that Roscoe is believed to be stopping at a resort which is located across the river from the town of Everglades; that there is a point located at Everglades from which one may "holler" for a boat to take them across, and that this particular Island upon which the resort is situated is within calling distance from shore. Detective Manson also overheard that Roscoe does all his winter fishing at this point. Manson further related that he knows of his own knowledge that Joe Roscoe has an interest in the Triangle Gun Club at Miami Beach, Florida; that there was a possibility of Joe Roscoe visiting the headquarters of this organization located at Miami Beach, Florida. Manson also stated that Roscoe is closely connected with Gus Snyder, the "Slot Machine King", who operates in Columbus, Ohio, and is known to reside there.

Ethel Julert, 218 Marion Street, Toledo, Ohio, a waitress at the 42nd Street Cafe, was interviewed at her home, and she advised that Joe Roscoe had left town suddenly, and she was not aware of this fact until recently. She stated that about one week ago, Joe Roscoe shipped to Jack Broadway, 831 Broadway, a crate of Florida oranges, and prior to this shipment, a box of fish was also shipped to the 42nd Street Cafe, and that both of these shipments had come from Joe Roscoe. Agents requested that Miss Julert endeavor to obtain the return address of Joe Roscoe as might be noted on the shipping crates. The time of this interview with Miss Julert was 6 P.M., and arrangements were made with her whereby she would endeavor to obtain the return address of Joe Roscoe.

At 8:30 P.M., Miss Julert called the Commodore Perry Hotel and advised Agents that upon examination of the crate which contained the oranges, all she noted was Miami Beach, Florida, and there appeared to be no other addresses. However, she did observe a label on the crate which indicated the name and address of the fruit company which shipped the oranges. Agents requested that she obtain the name and address of this company, and she promised to make an effort to obtain this information on January 20, 1937, at which time she would have ample excuse to enter the cellar of the 42nd Street Cafe, and obtain the name and address of the shipper of the crate. Miss Julert was also requested to observe all mail and packages coming from Joe Roscoe, and the names and telephone numbers of the hotels at which Agents are staying were furnished to Miss Julert so that any information concerning the present whereabouts of Joe Roscoe might be available to Agents immediately upon its discovery by Miss Julert.

The following investigation was conducted at Toledo, Ohio on January 20, 1937 by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein.

On January 19, 1937, former Chief of Police and Chief of Detectives Louis Haas of Toledo Police Department, telephonically contacted Special Agent W. P. Ellwood, requesting that Agents of this Bureau contact him with reference to information he possessed concerning the present whereabouts of Benson Groves. Agent Ellwood conveyed this information to reporting Agents.

On January 20, 1937, Agents contacted former Chief of Police Louis Haas at his home, 532 Jervis Street, Toledo, Ohio, where he furnished the following information. Mr. Haas stated that since his recent interview with Agents W. P. Ellwood and D. P. Sullivan, he had conducted discreet inquiry at the 42nd Street Cafe, 831 Broadway, in an effort to obtain information in connection with the whereabouts of Benson Groves. Mr. Haas further stated that his inquiries were unproductive; that he contacted Detective Art Langendorf of the Toledo Police Department and requested him to endeavor to obtain information relative to the present whereabouts of Benson Groves; that two days subsequent to his request Detective Langendorf came to Mr. Haas's home and advised him that he had spoken to Ganey Roscoe a few days before, and she informed him that Benson Groves was staying at the Brenan Farm, located on the outskirts of Canton, Ohio. During this conversation with Mr. Haas, he stated that Detective Langendorf also told him that Joe Roscoe was at the present time in Florida, probably Miami, and that he, Roscoe, was endeavoring to secure a passport to Italy, where he was planning to visit his mother.

The foregoing information was furnished immediately by telephone to Special Agent E. J. Wynn at the Cleveland Field Division.

Ethel Julert, 218 Marion Street, Toledo, Ohio, a waitress at the 42nd Street Cafe, 831 Broadway, Toledo, was re-interviewed by Agents and she furnished the following. She stated that upon examining the crate in which the oranges were shipped from Florida by Joe Roscoe, she noted the following return address: Johnson Fruit Corporation, Shippers of Florida Citrus Fruit, Miami; and that in all probability Roscoe may have ordered the oranges from the aforementioned company.

In further discussing the instant matter, she stated that when the Toledo Newspapers carried items reflecting that Joe Roscoe was wanted, someone at the Cafe went to the cellar of the 42nd Street Cafe and destroyed the label which was pasted on the box, and that this label no doubt bore the return address of Joe Roscoe. Miss Julert further stated she had heard today that Dick Broadway was leaving on Saturday, January 23, 1937, for the open road; that the Broadways are all Gypsies; and that Dick's wife is alleged to be a fortune teller by trade. She stated that Jack Broadway, father of Ganey Roscoe, is planning to retire within the next few weeks, and from all indications it appears that the 42nd Street Cafe may be closed or turned over to new owners. She stated that the difficulty Joe Roscoe is in at the present time has been discussed openly at the 42nd Street Cafe. Miss Julert stated that no pertinent information was heard during these discussions other than the remark made by the Broadways, that "Joe was going to get into trouble for doing a friend a favor".

The following investigation was conducted at Toledo, Ohio by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein on January 23 and 25, 1937.

Louis Haas, former Chief of Police, 532 Jervis Street, Toledo, Ohio, was re-contacted on January 23, 1937, in connection with any further information he may have obtained concerning the possible whereabouts of Benson Groves. Mr. Haas stated that he had re-contacted his informant, who advised him that Benson Groves could be located at "Turk" Brennen's brother's farm, which was located on the outskirts of Canton, Ohio. Agents informed Mr. Haas that investigation to date failed to disclose the location or identity of the Brennan farm. He then stated, that to his best recollection his informant definitely told him that Groves could be located at the same house where he was last arrested, the location of which may be obtained from his criminal record. The place where Benson Groves was apprehended a few years ago was located in the vicinity of Canton, Ohio, so stated Mr. Haas's informant. This information was telephonically conveyed to Special Agent E. J. Wynn on January 23, 1937.

Detective Harry Manson, Toledo Police Department, was contacted at his home, 1476 Gould Road, Toledo, Ohio, and he stated that he was advised by one of his informants that a telegram was sent from Miami Florida, through the Postal Telegraph, to someone at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, on January 13, 1937. This information was furnished to Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland at Cleveland, Ohio, by telephone.

Agents were instructed to endeavor to ascertain the name of the person receiving this telegram, and its contents, if possible. Mr. Manson, when re-contacted, stated definitely that the telegram he made reference to was sent on January 13, 1937.

On January 25, 1937, Agents contacted J. W. Murphy, Manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, located at 235 Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Murphy conducted a thorough search of his records for January 13, 1937, but failed to locate any telegram received from Miami, Florida for any individual at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo. Agents thereupon re-contacted Detective Harry Manson and he was advised that after a careful search made by the Postal Telegraph Company authorities they failed to locate any telegram coming from Miami, Florida, to the Algeo Hotel. Detective Manson thereupon advised Agents in strict confidence that the instant telegram was dated the 13th of January and was addressed to Detective Art Langendorf. Agents again contacted Mr. Murphy, Manager at the Postal Telegraph, and upon conducting a second search under the name given, the following record was disclosed. The original telegram is being quoted herewith:

"2:54 P.M., Miami, Florida - 13-1233

"Art Langdendorf
Algeo Hotel
Toledo, Ohio

Ship fifty lb fish to the Elks Club to H. Zahrly.

Roscoe."

For the information of the record, it will be well to note that Mr. Zahrly, who is President of the Elks Club, Toledo, is a very close friend of Joe Roscoe, as will be noted in the files of this case and from previous interviews conducted with Mr. Zahrly by Agents of this Bureau in connection with the Harboring cases at Toledo, Ohio.

The information developed by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein with reference to the reported location of Joe Roscoe in Miami, or Miami Beach, Florida, was communicated to the Bureau, as covered in separate correspondence in this case, and also to the Miami Field Division, which resulted in the apprehension of Joseph Roscoe at Miami, Beach, Florida.

The information with reference to Benson Groves being on a farm known as the "Brennan" farm near Canton, Ohio, was covered by investigation performed by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn from January 21 to 23, 1937, inclusive.

In an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of a farm known as the Brennan farm in the vicinity of Canton, Ohio, Special Agent A. P. Kitchin, at the County Court House, Canton, Ohio, checked the records of the Auditor, Surveyor, Map Department, and interviewed Sheriff Joe Nist, Prosecuting Attorney A. C. L. Barthlemey, W. T. Grether, Superintendent of the Bureau of Identification, Detective Sam Bennett and Detective Tom Lloyd of the Canton, Ohio Police Department, as well as checking the records in the office of the County Agricultural Agent. No information was developed as to the location of any farm known as the Brennan farm in Stark County, Ohio.

In a further effort to locate any such farm, Mr. W. G. Saxton of the First National Bank and Mr. Clark Metzger, an abstracter of forty-three years experience in Stark County, Ohio, were interviewed; the city directory for Canton, Ohio and the rural directory for the immediate vicinity were examined; marriage records checked, Probate Court dockets reviewed, all without producing any results as to the location of a Brennan farm in that vicinity or, as a matter of fact, the presence of any Brennan family.

On January 22, 1937, Special Agent E. J. Wynn contacted Mr. W. H. Sheets, Superintendent of Mails, Canton, Ohio, who caused a thorough search to be made of all rural delivery records of the Canton Post Office. This resulted in finding the names of Glenn Brannan and Albert Brennan as receiving mail on Rural Route # 4, but inquiry made by Mr. Sheets at that time failed to result in learning the exact location of these parties on the rural route.

On January 25, 1937, Special A. P. Kitchin again contacted Mr. Sheets, and he advised that he had checked the records further, and had also talked with all mail carriers on rural routes out of Canton, Ohio, but had been unable to obtain any information with reference to a farm known as the Brennan farm, or the location of any persons by the name of Brennan living in the rural vicinity of Canton, Ohio. He further advised, with reference to Glenn Brannan, that the records disclosed that this party had not resided on Route # 4 since 1929, and that upon leaving this route he left no forwarding address. It was the opinion of Mr. Sheets that Glenn Brannan only resided on Route # 4 for a very short period and was not personally known to the carrier of whom he inquired. With reference to Albert Brennan, he stated that he could find no record whatsoever of this individual being on Route # 4 at the present time, and that Albert Brennan was not personally known to the carrier of Route # 4. No forwarding address was found for this individual.

It is to be recalled that Edward Brennan, an underworld character of Akron and Canton, Ohio, has been previously mentioned in this investigation as an associate of Joe Rich of Canton, Ohio.

Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn interviewed Mrs. Irene A. Brenn, 1517 - 17th Street, N.E., Canton, Ohio, who advised that she was married to Edward O. Brenn, the latter being generally known as Eddie Brennan, the underworld character referred to. She stated that she is presently divorced from him, and that the last she heard of him he resided some place in Akron, Ohio. She was contacted inasmuch as it was thought that Edward Brennan was the correct name of this individual, and that perhaps he might have owned a farm known as the Brennan farm.

Mrs. Brenn also stated, with reference to the associates of her former husband, that she knew he associated at one time with Eddie Seamon and Jake Gilmore, and also with Joe Rich, all of whom had at one time resided in Canton, Ohio. She stated that about two years ago Eddie Brennan was arrested on a farm near North Canton, Ohio, owned and operated by Frank L. Hinkle. She stated that this is the only farm, to her knowledge, which her former husband frequented, but that this farm was never known as the Brennan farm. With reference to the present location of Eddie Brennan, she stated that she had recently been informed indirectly that Eddie Brennan was deceased, having been murdered in Akron, Ohio, and that at the time she was also informed that he was staying with a Negro known as "Lucky", a character well known to the Akron Police. Mrs. Brenn stated that her former husband's family resides at 680 Sherman Street in the City of Akron, Ohio, and that he has a sister known as Estre Brenn who is employed at the Stroupe Realty on North Howard Street, in Akron, Ohio.

The records of the Canton, Ohio Police Department were examined by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, and it was ascertained that the last arrest of Benson Groves was made by former Police Officer Ed Swope. This was the arrest in connection with the robbery of the Steubenville, Ohio Post Office, in which Benson Groves was sentenced to serve a term of five years in the Penitentiary. The records indicate that the arrest was made on the outskirts of Canton, Ohio, and Lieutenant Grether stated it was his recollection that the arrest was made on a farm which was at that time occupied by George Green, who was a well known character in Canton, Ohio, and who is presently reported to be residing in Toledo, Ohio, allegedly employed as a bar tender, his exact location in that city, however, being unknown.

Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn interviewed former Police Officer Ed Swope, who presently resides on a rural route out of Canton, Ohio. He stated that he, together with the Post Office Inspector, arrested Benson Groves on a farm about three miles from Canton, Ohio, which was at that time occupied by George Green; that George Green had since moved to Toledo, Ohio, exact address unknown; and that he understood that the farm was deserted at the present time, calling attention to the fact that George Green did not own the farm, but had occupied it as a tenant.

Mr. Swope advised that he was acquainted with Benson Groves, having, in years gone by, met him and observed him in Canton, Ohio. He stated that an old "Soup" man by the name of "Turk" Brennan was an associate of Benson Groves in years past in Canton, Ohio, and that Turk Brennan has a brother by the name of Phil Brennan who is a "Bookie" at East Liverpool, Ohio, and it was his understanding that Phil Brennan possibly had a farm in the vicinity of East Liverpool, Ohio. He further stated that he knew of no other Brennan family in the vicinity of Canton, Ohio, and expressed the opinion that Agents' information with reference to a Brennan farm no doubt related to the Phil Brennan of East Liverpool, Ohio. Further investigation with reference to this angle appears subsequently in this report.

On January 20, 1937, information was telephonically received from Sergeant Ulmer of Massillon Barracks of the State Highway Patrol, by Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, to the effect that the Chief of Police at Dover, Ohio had received information from some woman residing in or near Dover, that a party greatly resembling Benson Groves had been to her house on that date.

At DOVER, OHIO.

On January 21, 1937, Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn contacted Chief of Police Frank H. Javens of Dover, Ohio, who advised that Mrs. Myrtle Harrison of 401 East Iron Street, Dover, Ohio, the wife of the general sales manager of a local steel mill, had observed the photograph of Benson Groves in a Cleveland, Ohio, newspaper and had reported to him that a man strongly resembling the photograph had appeared at her home under the guise of a tramp begging for money.

Accompanied by Chief of Police Javens, Agents interviewed Mrs. Myrtle Harrison at her residence, and she advised that at about noon on January 20, 1937, a man called at her home begging for food and money; that he appeared to be a man of somewhat past middle age, about 5'6" in height, with noticeable brown eyes and poor teeth. She especially noted that he had one snaggle tooth on the left side. She advised he wore a long dark overcoat, blue denim overalls, and on the whole did not appear to look like a regular hobo. Upon leaving her house he walked down the street in the direction of New Philadelphia, Ohio. She stated that later in the day she observed a picture of Benson Groves in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and because of the striking similarity between the photograph and the man who had called at her house, she immediately notified the Chief of Police. She had no further information to offer, and while she would not make a positive identification, she did state that there was a strong resemblance.

Chief of Police Javens stated that upon receipt of the information from Mrs. Harrison he had immediately instructed all officers of his Police Department to be on the lookout for the individual, and that they had searched several hobo "hangouts" but had not been able to locate the described person.

At NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO.

Chief of Police Javens accompanied Agents to New Philadelphia, where Chief of Police E. H. Gintz was contacted and furnished with a photograph of Benson Groves. He advised that he had received no complaints with reference to a person such as the one described by Mrs. Harrison, and that no such person had applied to the jail for sleeping quarters.

Located near New Philadelphia is the Tuscarawas County Infirmary which has facilities available for itinerants and is generally known to most hoboes who travel in that particular section of the country. Mr. F. M. Wills, Superintendent, and his wife, were contacted, and advised that no such person as the one described by Mrs. Harrison had applied to the Infirmary for refuge. Mr. Wills was furnished with a photograph of Benson Groves, which he examined very carefully and also exhibited to various employees of the Infirmary. At the time investigation was made at the Infirmary, there were several "bums" quartered there, and they were viewed by Agents, but none of them answered the description of Benson Groves or the man described by Mrs. Harrison.

At MASSILLON, OHIO.

In a further effort to locate a Brennan farm in the vicinity of Canton, Ohio, Mr. Fred Justus, Postmaster of Massillon, Ohio, which town is located approximately ten miles from Canton, Ohio, was contacted, and advised that he knew of no Brennan family living in the rural vicinity of Massillon, Ohio, nor did Post Office rural records indicate any such family living in that community.

As set out earlier in this report under investigation conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein at Toledo, Ohio, information was received that the Brennan farm referred to by their informants at Toledo, Ohio, was that of the brother of Turk Brennan, or was the farm on which Benson Groves was arrested at Canton, Ohio in the past.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents Lee F. Malone and A. P. Kitchin.

At CANTON, OHIO.

On January 25, 1937, the above Special Agents again contacted Mr. A. C. L. Barthlemey, Prosecutor for Stark County, at which time

Mr. Barthlemey informed that he had made inquiries among his older friends in the County, and that he had been unable to obtain any information whatsoever relative to any farm known as the Brennan farm. Mr. Barthlemey stated that Bill Kimmel, a local character in Canton, Ohio, now owns a farm located about eight or nine miles North of Canton on Highway No. 43 beyond Cairo, Ohio, and that Kimmel is known to have harbored criminals years ago. Mr. Barthlemey stated that this would be the only farm of which he has any knowledge that could be the farm in question.

Mr. Ira A. Manderbaugh, Chief of Police, City of Canton, Ohio, was contacted by Agents, at which time he informed that the property on which Benson Groves was arrested, as previously referred to, was at one time rented by George Green from Harry E. Fife, a local real estate dealer, with offices at 108 Third Street, S.E. Chief Manderbaugh telephonically ascertained from Mr. Fife, under the pretext of [redacted] that the above mentioned farm is presently occupied by a young couple. b7E

Chief of Police Manderbaugh also at this time stated to Agents that at one time Jumbo Crowley ran a gambling house in Canton, Ohio with his brother Ed Crowley, and that for a number of years prior to Jumbo Crowley's death in 1935, the places operated by the Crowley brothers were "hangouts" for various types of criminals. Chief Manderbaugh stated that Tal Sullivan, a brother-in-law of Jumbo Crowley, at present operates the place formerly operated by Jumbo Crowley, located near the corner of Third and Cherry Streets in the City of Canton, Ohio; and that Ed Crowley at present resides in and operates a place located near Wooster, Ohio.

Chief Manderbaugh stated that he had never heard of anyone by the name of Brennan owning any property in or around Canton, Ohio, with the exception of Eddie Brennan, whose correct name is Edward O. Brenn, who owned what is now known as the Dew Drop Inn, which is now located at 325 Cherry Street, and is operated by Danny Jones. Chief Manderbaugh stated that he has often heard of Benson Groves and probably knows the man personally, but that he had never heard of Groves being in the company of any of the younger crowd such as Eddie Brennan, Danny Jones and the local "hoodlums" in Canton, Ohio.

Agents interviewed Harry E. Fife at 108 Third Street, S.E., at which time he informed Agents that up until about three years ago he rented a small chicken farm to George Green, and that this farm is located about 2½ miles southwest of the City of Canton, and is at present occupied by a young couple who have recently married. He searched his records

but could not find the name of this couple who at present occupy the farm. Accompanied by his nephew, Ed Fife, Agents proceeded to the above mentioned farm where, under the pretext of purchasing same, made a thorough examination of all buildings located on this farm. Nothing was found that would indicate that Benson Groves had any connection whatsoever with this place.

It was recalled by Special Agent Malone that several months ago while conducting an investigation in Tuscarawas County he had occasion to interview Deputy Sheriff Martin Meyer; that he recalled Martin Meyer's relating an incident that occurred in this County several years ago relative to the arrest of Tip O'Neil and some other individual whose name he does not recall. It should be noted here that Tip O'Neil is at present residing in Cleveland, Ohio and has been interviewed relative to the harboring angle of this case, and that he is a known friend and associate of Benson Groves.

At NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO.

Due to the facts related above, Agents proceeded to New Philadelphia, Ohio, where Martin Meyer, Deputy Sheriff, and Wayne Host, Sheriff, were interviewed. Deputy Meyer stated that he has known Benson Groves under the name of "Soup" Groves for several years, and that he has known Groves to associate with "old timers" in Tuscarawas County. He stated that he had not seen this individual for at least twenty years.

With reference to the arrest of Tip O'Neil, Deputy Meyer stated that some time around 1923 he arrested Tip O'Neil and Joe Burch in Dennison, Ohio, and that both were returned to Cleveland, Ohio by the Cleveland Police Department. He stated that he was of the opinion that Joe Burch is now deceased, having been killed in Chicago. He also stated that Soup Groves was known to associate with "Dada" Mahood, but that he recalled having heard several years ago that Mahood was killed somewhere near Toledo, Ohio when an automobile in which Mahood was riding was blown to pieces by nitroglycerin being transported in the automobile. He also stated that Groves was arrested by Captain Swope of the Canton, Ohio Police Department several years ago on a chicken farm either in Stark County or Harrison County.

Deputy Meyer stated, after being informed of the incident above related relative to the individual appearing at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Harrison in Dover, Ohio, that it was his opinion that Benson Groves would not come to Tuscarawas County as he was too well known, but that in view of the above facts he would immediately conduct a thorough investigation in the surrounding counties to ascertain from his contacts whether or not Groves had been seen in the vicinity recently.

During this interview Sheriff Host stated that a man by the name of Leggett, who owns a farm on Highway No. 39, about seven miles northwest of New Philadelphia, had been to him about ten days prior to this interview and stated that someone was occupying the above farm without his permission. Sheriff Host stated that he made an investigation shortly thereafter and ascertained that someone was evidently occupying the abandoned premises of Mr. Leggett as he found bed clothing and evidences that a fire had been built in the grate of this home.

Accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Martin Meyer and Sheriff Wayne Host, Agents proceeded to the above mentioned farm in anticipation of raiding same, but upon arrival at this place it was ascertained that Russel Strohyer and his wife were occupying the premises, having rented same from Mr. Leggett about five days prior to this occasion. Strohyer stated that upon his arrival at the farm he had found evidences of same having been occupied, due to some old bed clothing and cigarette stubs on the floor of the front room. Strohyer was thoroughly questioned, but could furnish no further information with reference to the identity of the unknown parties who had occupied this place. Sheriff Host stated that he would make an investigation with reference to the other abandoned houses located in this community, in an effort to ascertain who the unknown parties were, and would notify the Cleveland Field Division.

At NORTH CANTON, OHIO.

On January 28, 1937, in view of the information furnished by Mrs. Irene A. Brenn relative to the Hinkle farm, Agents contacted Mr. E. L. Warstler, Superintendent of the North Canton Branch of the Post Office. Mr. Warstler stated that Frank L. Hinkle, who resides about one-half mile from North Canton on Rural Route No. 7, had occupied his premises for the past two or three years. He stated that he recalled the incident when Eddie Brennan was arrested on this farm, and that since that time he has not known of any individuals residing at the Hinkle place other than Frank Hinkle and his immediate family. Mr. Warstler discreetly interviewed H. H. Berden, carrier for the above mentioned rural route, and ascertained from Mr. Berden that the large dwelling on the Hinkle premises was not at present being occupied, but that Hinkle and his family were residing in the smaller house. He stated that according to Berden, Berden has occasion to go to this house almost daily with deliveries of mail, and that he has not observed anyone other than the Hinkle family residing at this place.

Inquiry was also made of Mr. Warstler as to anyone by the name of Groves, Grayson or Greyson receiving mail through his office, to which he stated that he had no record of same, but that he would maintain a watch on all mail and would notify the Cleveland Field Division in the event any such mail made its appearance.

At HARTVILLE, OHIO.

In view of the information furnished by County Prosecutor Barthlemey relative to Bill Kimmel, Agents proceeded to Hartville, Ohio, where Postmaster H. B. Merkle was interviewed. He stated that William B. Kimmel resided with his family on Route No. 1, and that he recalled no mail being received in care of this family for any individual other than the immediate family.

J. R. Hochstetler, carrier for Rural Route No. 1, stated that he had been carrying mail on this route ever since Kimmel had been residing at his present place of residence. He stated that he had noticed an old man residing at this farm, but that this old man had been living there for the past four or five years. He was shown a photograph of Benson Groves, at which time he stated that it in no way resembled the party to whom he referred. Mr. Hochstetler referred Agents to Mr. R. A. Booth who resides directly across the road from the Kimmel farm.

Mr. R. A. Booth stated that he had occasion to observe most of the activity on the Kimmel farm, and that he has not seen any strangers on this farm within the past seven or eight months. He was shown the photograph of Benson Groves, and stated that he had not seen any individual in the community who resembled same. Mr. Booth also related that the old man living with William B. Kimmel was the father of Kimmel and had resided with him for the past four or five years.

It was not thought advisable at this time to openly interview William B. Kimmel.

At ALLIANCE, OHIO.

Postmaster C. L. Greenameyer at Alliance, Ohio, informed Agents that his records did not disclose anyone by the name of Brennan residing in the rural vicinity of Alliance. He also stated that he had been a resident of this community all of his life, and that he did not recall any property in the vicinity of Alliance being known as the Brennan farm. He caused a search to be made of the General Delivery records, and no record whatsoever was obtained relative to anyone by the name of Groves, Grayson, or Greyson receiving mail at this office.

At MASSILLON, OHIO.

In the absence of Fred Justus, Postmaster at Alliance, Ohio, Mr. Charles A. Camp, Assistant Postmaster, was interviewed. He stated that inquiry had been made by Mr. Justus of the rural carriers out of this Post Office with reference to the Brennan farm, but that these inquiries resulted negatively. Mr. Camp stated that the Post Office records reflect that Mrs. Minnie M. Brennan was receiving mail at 311 Fifth Street, S.W., in the City of Massillon, Ohio, and that this is the only Brennan of record in this Post Office.

Mrs. Minnie M. Brennan, 311 Fifth Street, S.W., was interviewed by Agents in an effort to ascertain something with reference to the Brennan family and any other Brennans who might be located in Stark County. Mrs. Brennan related that she knew very little with reference to her husband's family, but that she was positive that he had no brothers, or any other relatives in the County by the name of Brennan, with the exception of an old maid sister who at present resides with her. She also inquired of the above mentioned sister with reference to any place known as the Brennan farm, but neither lady could recall any such property in Stark County.

Bob Smith, Acting Chief of Police, Massillon, Ohio, stated that he had never heard of any property known as the Brennan farm in the vicinity of Massillon. He telephonically contacted George Notman, Municipal Court Bailiff, who is about seventy years of age and for a period of about fifty years was engaged in real estate in the City of Massillon. Mr. Notman had no information whatsoever relative to any Brennans in the County. Mr. Smith also contacted the Chairman of the Stark County Milk Producers' Association, with negative results.

At WOOSTER, OHIO.

Agents proceeded to Wooster, Ohio, where Chief of Police Yost and Sheriff Edward Mills were interviewed. Both of these individuals were furnished the photograph of Benson Groves, and they stated that they would cause an investigation to be made in Wayne County in an effort to see whether or not there is any such farm as the Brennan farm in Wayne County, and whether or not Benson Groves is known in that vicinity.

Chief of Police Yost stated that Ed Crowley, brother of Jumbo Crowley, was presently residing about four miles East of town on Highway No. 30, and that since Crowley has been known to Chief Yost he has been operating a respectable restaurant and has the reputation of serving the best food in the vicinity of Wooster. According to both Chief Yost and Sheriff Mills, Ed Crowley has a good reputation for the past two or three years, and apparently is operating a very respectable place. Sheriff Mills stated that there were two or three spots in the County which he would have a Deputy in plain clothes contact on the following Saturday night, and that he would advise the Cleveland Field Division in the event any information whatsoever was obtained.

Agents proceeded to the place operated by Ed Crowley, where the premises were observed, and there was no evidence that anyone resembling Groves was residing at this place.

At EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO.

In view of the information previously given in this report

with reference to the fact that Groves was allegedly on a farm owned by the brother of Turk Brennan, Agents proceeded to East Liverpool, Ohio, where the following investigation was conducted.

Postmaster Ralph Benedum was interviewed. Mr. Benedum stated that for two terms, up until about two years ago, he was Mayor of the City of East Liverpool, Ohio; and that he knows Phil Brennan and has known him ever since Brennan came to East Liverpool about thirty-five years ago. Mr. Benedum stated that Brennan is very closely connected to the present Administration, and that any contact with the Sheriff's Office or Police Department in East Liverpool would immediately be relayed to Phil Brennan. Mr. Benedum stated that Brennan has been a local gambler, operating a bar room prior to and during Prohibition in East Liverpool, later opening a gambling house; that in 1926 when he, Benedum took office as Mayor of East Liverpool he forced Brennan to leave East Liverpool, and that to the best of his recollection Brennan then went to Flint, Michigan where he operated a gambling hall until the present Administration came into office.

Mr. Benedum stated that he knew of no one on the present Police force who could be trusted to obtain information relative to Phil Brennan without such inquiry becoming known to Brennan himself. He did state, however, that George P. Curran, formerly on the East Liverpool Police force, and at present employed as a Special Investigator for the Prosecuting Attorney of Columbiana County, was thoroughly trustworthy and could probably assist Agents in obtaining some information with reference to Phil Brennan and his possible contacts.

Mr. Benedum was also asked whether he knew of any farm in the County owned by either Phil Brennan or his brother Turk Brennan, whereupon Benedum stated that he knew of no property owned by either Phil Brennan or Turk Brennan other than a home in which Phil Brennan now resides at 430 West Fifth Street in the City of East Liverpool. Mr. Benedum stated that he only knew Turk Brennan by reputation, and that to his knowledge he has never seen this individual. Mr. Benedum also caused a search to be made of the rural routes operating out of East Liverpool, but could obtain no information whatsoever relative to any persons by the name of Brennan residing out of the City of East Liverpool. He also stated that no one by the name of Groves, Grayson, or Greyson was receiving mail through his Office.

At NEW CUMBERLAND, WEST VIRGINIA.

Due to the fact that Brennan is so closely connected with the present Administration in East Liverpool, it was thought advisable to ascertain from some other outside source as to what contact could be made with any law endorcement official in East Liverpool which might be productive, whereupon Agents proceeded to New Cumberland, West Virginia,

which is located about eight miles down the Ohio River from Chester, West Virginia, which town is located immediately across the river from East Liverpool, Ohio.

At New Cumberland, Trooper Scott of the West Virginia State Police, who covers Chester, West Virginia, was interviewed with reference to anyone personally known to him on the Police or Sheriff's force at East Liverpool. Trooper Scott stated to Agents that although he has had occasion to go to East Liverpool on investigations, he has never contacted anyone on the Police force due to the rumored reputation of the individuals employed in that Department. Trooper Scott stated that he knew of no one who could assist Agents in East Liverpool who would keep confidential any inquiries made by Agents. Trooper Scott was furnished a photograph of Benson Groves, and upon viewing same stated that the photograph was very familiar and that it was his opinion that he has seen this individual somewhere around New Cumberland, West Virginia. He stated that he would conduct an immediate investigation and advise the Pittsburgh Field Division in the event he obtained any information relative to the whereabouts of Benson Groves.

At LISBON, OHIO.

George P. Curran, Special Investigator for the County Prosecutor, stated that he had known Phil Brennan for a number of years, and that he knew him to be a personal friend of Chief of Police McDermott in East Liverpool. When shown a photograph of Benson Groves, Investigator Curran stated that he had heard recently that "Soup" Groves had been in East Liverpool about three weeks prior to Christmas, 1936, but that this information came from an unrecalled source and that he had not paid very much attention to the information at the time. He stated that he would endeavor to obtain some information relative to Benson Groves and would inform Agents if he were contacted at a later date. During the time of this interview Investigator Curran was engaged in testifying in a murder case which was being tried in this city, and therefore no extended interview could be had at this time. He did state, however, that Phil Brennan, together with several parties from Wellsville, Ohio, had rented a place on Highway No. 7, about one-half mile South of Wellsville, where a crowd from both Wellsville and East Liverpool congregated for gambling activities. He stated that he would obtain more information relative to this and would inform Agents on their next contact.

On January 29, 1937, Investigator Curran was again contacted, at which time he stated that he had made some investigation with reference to Soup Groves, and ascertained that Groves was very well known in the City of East Liverpool; that he had talked with several people who frequent Phil Brennan's "bookie joint" located above Heimie's Cigar Store on the corner of Sixth and Washington Streets, but that no information

could be obtained that would confirm the rumor that Groves had been in East Liverpool three weeks prior to Christmas, 1936. He stated that he had several contacts that frequent Phil Brennan's gambling "joint", and that he would probably obtain information in the event Groves made his appearance at this place. Curran also stated that he had ascertained that the place operated by Phil Brennan South of Wellsville, Ohio, was at present closed, and that he had made inquiries in the neighborhood and had ascertained that no one was staying at this place at this time.

Curran stated that he had also made inquiries as to the whereabouts of Turk Brennan, but that so many different stories had been told to him with reference to Turk Brennan that he could not come to any conclusion. He advised that it was reported that Turk Brennan was deceased, and also that he was last known to be in Detroit, Michigan, address not known. Curran stated that several years ago Phil Brennan and "Hap" Webster operated a saloon in Diamond Alley in East Liverpool, and that during that time Benson Groves frequented this saloon. He stated that he had ascertained that Hap Webster is at present operating a gambling house in or near Flint, Michigan, and that he is of the opinion that should Groves go to Flint, Michigan, he would contact Webster.

With the assistance of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Louie Topin, the records of the Auditor's Office, and the deed records in the office of the Probate Court were examined, but no property could be found listed to Phil Brennan. The home located in East Liverpool, Ohio, is in the name of Alice Brennan, wife of Phil Brennan. Mr. Topin telephonically ascertained from the Clerk of the Court in Jefferson County, Steubenville, Ohio, that no property was listed in that county for either Phil Brennan or Turk Brennan.

At WELLSVILLE, OHIO.

It should be recalled that during and shortly after the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd at Wellsville, Ohio, some difficulty was had with reference to the co-operation of the local Police in Wellsville, Ohio, and since that incident the Police in that town have been very antagonistic toward the Bureau. Due to this fact it was not thought advisable to make any open interviews with anyone connected in any capacity with the present City Administration at Wellsville, Ohio.

Agents ascertained the premises known as the Annex to the Non-Partisan Club, which is located about three-quarters of a mile south of Wellsville on Highway No. 7, near Yellow Creek. It was observed that the lower portion of this two story dwelling was unoccupied, but the second story windows contained curtains and it appeared from the outside that the upper story was either being used intermittently, or that someone was occupying this portion of the house. However, subsequent investigation

disclosed that this place had not been used for a period of two or three months, and that no one was presently residing on these premises.

Mrs. Dale Kessell, Postmistress at Wellsville, Ohio, was discreetly interviewed, and the reason for Agents' presence in the community was not openly disclosed to her until she had committed herself with reference to the past Postmaster and present Administration in the City of Wellsville. Mrs. Kessel advised Agents that former Postmaster Earl Ewing and several other gamblers in the City of Wellsville had been frequenting the above mentioned place, but that for the past several months it has been rumored that this gambling establishment had been closed. She advised against any open interview with Earl Ewing or any other individual closely connected with the City Administration in the City of Wellsville.

Mrs. Kessell searched the rural records of the Wellsville Post Office, with negative results as to any Brennans located in the rural vicinity of Wellsville. She also stated that no one by the name of Groves, Grayson or Greyson was receiving mail through her Post Office, with the following exceptions, but that she would maintain a watch and would notify the Cleveland Field Division if any information was received. She stated that she had received mail at this Office for one Troxel Groves, and presently had a letter directed to Troxel Groves, General Delivery, from Dr. D. J. V. Rice of Wellsville, Ohio. She also stated that she had received mail for T. D. Groves and also one D. J. Groves, Box 122, Route No. 1.

Dr. D. J. V. Rice was interviewed at his office, at which time he stated that Troxel Groves was one of his patients, and also that Troxel Groves was a man of about thirty or thirty-five years of age; was recently married; and had at one time been employed by the Dunlop Tire & Rubber Corporation, 412 East Fifth Street, East Liverpool, Ohio. He also stated that T. D. Groves and Troxel Groves are identical. Due to the age of this individual, no further investigation was conducted in this regard.

Mrs. G. H. Crawford, who operates the Hillcrest Greenhouse located next door to the residence of D. J. Groves on Route No. 1, was interviewed by Agent Lee F. Malone. She stated that D. J. Groves was an elderly man and resided at the above address with his wife, and that they had lived there for about two or three years. She was shown a photograph of Benson Groves and she stated that it in no way resembled D. J. Groves. She also stated that she had seen no strangers at the D. J. Groves's residence, and that no one was presently residing with them.

At EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO.

After a telephonic discussion of the investigation thus far with Special Agent E. J. Wynn at the Cleveland Field Division, it was thought advisable to openly interview Phil Brennan.

On January 30, 1937, Phil Brennan was interviewed at his "bookie" place located on the third floor at the corner of Sixth and Washington Streets, East Liverpool, Ohio. Brennan was questioned at length with reference to his knowledge of the whereabouts of Benson Groves, but it was apparent at the outset of the interview that Brennan would not divulge any information which would assist in locating Benson Groves. In fact Phil Brennan frankly admitted that even if he knew the present whereabouts of Benson Groves he would not divulge same to Agents. He stated, however, that he would not tell Agents a lie with reference to Benson Groves, but that he had not seen Groves within the past ten or twelve years. He stated that even if he had seen him he probably would not divulge any details with reference to the fact, but that he could truthfully say that he had not seen Groves in the above period of time. Brennan stated that for the past thirty-five years he has been operating some form of illicit business in the City of East Liverpool, and that due to the fact that he operates a "square joint" he has done so with the sanction of the present Chief of Police whom he has known for the past thirty-five or thirty-six years. Brennan stated that prior to Prohibition he and Hap Webster, who is at present in Flint, Michigan, operated a bar room, and that during that period of time Benson Groves was a regular customer. Phil Brennan stated that of all the people in East Liverpool who know Benson Groves, he, Brennan, probably knows him better than anyone in the community. He also stated that Benson Groves is known to numerous people in East Liverpool and, as he expressed it, "every dog in town knows Soup Groves".

With reference to his brother Turk Brennan, Phil Brennan refused to disclose any information, but stated that he had received information that Turk was deceased, although he could offer no information that would tend to confirm this assumption. He stated that he recalled when Turk Brennan was a fugitive because of a Post Office job in Kentucky which was perpetrated by him and a man by the name of Webb, that Turk Brennan was subsequently arrested, but that he, Phil Brennan, managed to get the case dismissed. When questioned as to where the case was tried or where Turk Brennan was arrested, he refused to divulge any information in this regard.

Brennan frankly admitted that should Benson Groves return to East Liverpool, which he stated was not likely due to the fact that he was too well known, he would probably come to Phil Brennan immediately. Brennan then stated that should he obtain any information with reference to Groves, he would not divulge it to any Police Authorities, but would advise Groves not to contact him further, as he did not desire to become involved in any of his troubles. Brennan was then specifically advised that there was a

Federal warrant outstanding for the arrest of Benson Groves, and that should he assist or harbor Groves in any way he would be open to subsequent prosecution. Upon being advised of this fact, Phil Brennan stated that he did not wish to become involved with the "Law" in any way as he was an old man and did not desire his business closed; that upon reconsidering, if Benson Groves made his appearance in East Liverpool, or in the event he obtained any information relative to his whereabouts, he would see that the proper authorities were advised, although he would never agree to notify the Bureau, but intimated that he would advise Chief of Police McDermott. Brennan was interviewed at length, but no further information of value could be extracted from him.

Chief of Police Hugh McDermott was interviewed by Agents at his office in the City Hall. He stated to Agents that other than Phil Brennan, he, McDermott, probably knows Benson Groves better than any other individual in that community. He stated that he has not seen Benson Groves within the past ten or twelve years, but that at one time he knew Groves to be a regular frequenter of the bar room operated by Phil Brennan and Hap Webster. Chief of Police McDermott informed Agents that at the time Brennan and Webster were operating the above mentioned bar room, Jack Woods, a pal of Benson Groves, was bar tender for Brennan and Webster. He also stated that a man by the name of "Stoney" Stone; one "Blackie", last name unknown; Turk Brennan; and Benson Groves were operating together, and that all of this crowd together with Jack Woods frequently discussed their future jobs and past accomplishments at the bar operated by Phil Brennan and Hap Webster. Chief McDermott stated that Stone is now dead, and that he does not have any information that would identify this "Blackie". He stated that Jack Woods is alive, that he had heard a short time prior to this interview that Woods was somewhere in West Virginia, exact place unknown. He stated that he had heard two or three years ago that Turk Brennan was in Detroit, Michigan, but that he knew of no address for Brennan in Detroit and knew of no way to assist Agents in locating Turk Brennan in that city.

With reference to Turk Brennan, he stated that several years ago during an investigation to locate two Post Office robbers by the names of Chapman and Anderson who had killed a man and woman in Terre Haute, Indiana, Turk Brennan was arrested in Terre Haute, Indiana, and that photographs of Brennan would probably be on file at the Terre Haute Police Department. He stated in connection with the above incident that the murdered man had "tipped off" the officers on Chapman, whereupon Anderson and a man known as the "Wolf" had gone to the home of the informant and murdered both him and his wife. He stated Turk Brennan was either arrested on this occasion by the Terre Haute Police, or that the Terre Haute Police obtained photographs of Turk Brennan from East Liverpool, having suspected him of being implicated in the above murder. A lead is being set out for the Indianapolis Field Division to conduct an investigation at the Police Department at Terre Haute in an effort to obtain a photograph of Turk Brennan.

Chief McDermott stated that Benson Groves was born and reared in Benwood, West Virginia, which is directly across the river from Bellaire, Ohio where both he, McDermott, and Phil Brennan were born. He stated that an uncle of Benson Groves was at one time Chief of Police of Benwood and then served two terms as Sheriff in the County in which Benwood is located. He also stated that a majority of the relatives and early associates of Benson Groves in that community are supposedly reputable citizens. He also stated that a railroad detective who is employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, by the name of O'Neil, is familiar with Benson Groves and the rest of the gang that operated with Groves in that vicinity, and could probably assist Agents in obtaining some information relative to Groves's present whereabouts. Chief McDermott also stated that the "Casino Kid", whose correct name is Francis Gordon, knows all of the old crowd that associated with Benson Groves, and that he had heard rumors that Groves had been seen in the presence of the "Casino Kid" within recent months. He stated, however, that this rumor was unfounded and that he did not believe it to be authentic.

Chief McDermott sent word to the "Casino Kid", who appeared at the Police Department and was engaged, by Chief McDermott, in general conversation in the presence of Agents for a period of approximately two hours. It should be stated at this point that Francis Gordon, who is known as the "Casino Kid", is a narcotic addict, and at the time of this interview was apparently under the influence of narcotics. During the conversation very little information was gathered, with the possible exception of the fact that Jack Woods is at present employed as a bar tender in Elm Grove, West Virginia, a suburb of Wheeling, West Virginia. It was also gathered from Gordon that Turk Brennan is deceased, and that he is probably in Detroit, Michigan. However, no further information was obtained in this regard.

Gordon stated that he had not seen Benson Groves since the failure of the Bank of Benwood in Benwood, West Virginia, when two of its officers were sentenced to long terms in the penitentiary. He stated that he could not place this date exactly, but that the officers who had been given the above terms had served these terms and had since been released. He stated that it must have been ten or twelve years ago that he saw or heard directly from Benson Groves. According to Gordon and Chief of Police McDermott, Benson Groves is apparently much older than is designated on the records at the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, where it is stated that he was born in 1880. Both McDermott and Gordon were of the opinion that Groves is approaching seventy years of age. Both McDermott and Gordon viewed the photograph of Benson Groves in the possession of this Bureau, and stated that it is a good likeness of Groves

but that he probably looks older now than when the above mentioned photograph was taken. Gordon also informed Agents that Groves wears glasses, and usually kept a neat appearance. It was the opinion of Francis Gordon that Benson Groves would never return to East Liverpool due to the fact that he is too well known in that vicinity.

Chief of Police McDermott informed Agents that he would keep a watch over the activities of the "Casino Kid", as he is of the opinion that should Groves return to East Liverpool he would probably obtain the services of the "Casino Kid" to maintain contact with either Brennan or some of his former associates, and that if he obtained any information he would immediately notify the Cleveland Field Division. Chief McDermott also stated that he would again engage Phil Brennan in conversation with reference to Benson Groves, and endeavor to impress upon Brennan the seriousness of this situation relative to the apprehension of Groves. He stated that he was of the opinion that should Brennan be in possession of any pertinent information, he, McDermott, could ascertain same. Chief McDermott also stated to Agents that he has known Phil Brennan long enough to know that Brennan would not lie to any Officer, but that if he possessed information he probably would refuse to give any answers to questions asked of him relative to same.

At WOOSTER, OHIO.

Agents again observed the place operated by Ed Crowley, and engaged in general conversation, William W. Leonard, an employee of Ed Crowley. Due to the fact that no information was obtained in this conversation, Agents' identity was disclosed to Leonard, whereupon he was openly interviewed with reference to any contact which had been made by strangers with Ed Crowley within the past few months. Leonard informed Agents that he had been employed by Crowley since September 4, 1936, and that since his employment he had not seen anyone contact Ed Crowley at this place, with the exception of one individual who was known to him as a "Mr. Meyers" from Canton, Ohio. He was shown the photograph of Benson Groves, whereupon he stated that he had never seen any individual at this place who resembled this photograph. He stated that he would bear the likeness in mind, and should anyone make his appearance at this place, who resembled in any way the photograph of Benson Groves, he would immediately contact the proper officials.

Ed Crowley was interviewed by Agents, at which time he stated that he had known Benson Groves for twenty or twenty-five years, but that he had not seen Groves for the past four or five years. He stated that the day before this interview Sheriff Mills had questioned him relative to Benson Groves, and therefore he immediately knew the reason for Agents' interview with him.

He informed Agents that for thirty-five or forty years he and his brother Jim Crowley, better known as "Jumbo" Crowley, had

operated a gambling house in Canton, Ohio, and also a roadhouse near Wooster, Ohio, which he presently operates. He stated that for a period of several years Benson Groves frequented their places, particularly the one in Canton, Ohio, but that due to the fact that a majority of the old associates of Benson Groves were deceased, he had not seen Benson Groves in several years. He did state that he heard that Benson Groves was working in Toledo, Ohio as a doorman at some gambling "joint", but that this is the last information he has had relative to Benson Groves. Crowley stated that the last of the associates of Benson Groves whom he had seen was Tip O'Neil, who came to Wooster to see him shortly after the death of Jumbo Crowley, which was in October of 1935.

Crowley was interviewed at length and he could offer no suggestions as to the location of Benson Groves, except that he mentioned Pat Riffle, a private detective in Canton, Ohio, who, he stated, knows Benson Groves personally and could probably be of assistance in his location. He also stated that during the time he and his brother Jumbo Crowley were running a bar room in Canton, Harry Turner, an ex-pugilist, was bar tender. He stated that Harry Turner is at present operating a bar in Flint, Michigan, located directly across from the Fisher Body Works. He stated that in the event Groves went to Flint, Michigan, he would probably contact Turner, as he is well known to Turner. According to Ed Crowley, if Agents contact Harry Turner and inform Turner that they were referred to him by Ed Crowley, he will probably exert every effort to be of some assistance to Agents in the apprehension of Benson Groves.

During the above interview with Ed Crowley it was apparent that Crowley did not wish to directly cause the apprehension of Groves, but he stated indirectly that he knew Groves would be arrested sooner or later and stated it was his opinion that he would never be arrested in the State of Ohio or around his home in Benwood, West Virginia, but that he would probably be found in Florida, Cuba or California, and would probably be located in some cheap "flop" house. Crowley inquired of Agents as to any reward outstanding on Benson Groves, and was advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation did not offer any reward for this individual. The name and address of Special Agent in Charge of the Cleveland Field Division, and the telephone number, were left with Ed Crowley, who promised that if he obtained any information with reference to Groves he would immediately communicate same to this office. Crowley stated that he is at present operating a respectable restaurant, and that he does not wish to become involved in any other trouble, as he is approaching sixty years of age and desires to maintain his present good reputation in the vicinity of Wooster. He stated that he would gladly co-operate with this Bureau, not only in this matter, but in any other matter in which he could be of assistance.

At MANSFIELD, OHIO.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. A. Ducommun at Mansfield, Ohio.

While conducting investigation in connection with other official matters, Agent Ducommun contacted Merle D. Unkle, Chief of Police of Mansfield, Ohio, who furnished the following information to the Bureau. Inasmuch as this memorandum submitted by Agent Ducommun was written in longhand, and not yet incorporated in previous reports in connection with the instant case, the facts in detail contained therein are being set forth herewith, and for reason that will be noted by subsequent investigation conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A Dickstein at Toledo, Ohio.

Chief of Police Merle D. Unkle, Mansfield, Ohio, advised that recently while hunting in Toledo, Ohio, he met Ray Berning, a labor leader of Toledo; that in the conversation had, Berning told him that Harry Campbell was held prisoner at the Algeo Hotel, corner St. Clair and Jefferson Streets, Toledo, Ohio, for three weeks by Detective George Timiney, Chief Allen, and several others of the Toledo Police Department, until he, Campbell, raised $35,000.00 for his release. Of this $35,000.00 Timiney, Allen and the others all received a cut. The time Campbell was held at the Algeo Hotel was just prior to the time that he was apprehended in Toledo in May, 1936.

Unkle further stated that Berning is a Communist and is involved in Black Legion activities, and is worried that he may get into trouble because of his Black Legion activities.

Unkle further stated that Berning was well known in Toledo; that he had a brother on the Toledo Police force who is a good fellow. Unkle stated that if his former partner, Harry Manson, were contacted at the County Prosecutor's Office at Toledo, Ohio, he could point out Berning.

Unkle requested that if Berning is picked up and questioned by Bureau Agents, extreme care be used so that no inference is made that the information came from him about Berning. Unkle further advised that Berning spoke as though he knew of this matter from his own knowledge; that he, Unkle, had known Berning a number of years in Toledo and believed him reliable.

Unkle further stated that Berning had told him that he knew that Bureau Agents were in Toledo conducting an investigation concerning these matters. A description of Berning as received from Chief of Police Unkle, is as follows:

Name	-	Ray Berning
Age	-	40 years
Height	-	5'10"
Weight	-	165 lbs.

Hair - bald - brown around temples
Glasses - wears glasses
Relatives - has brother in Toledo Police Department
Occupation - Labor Leader

At TOLEDO, OHIO.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein at Toledo, Ohio.

In connection with the information furnished by Chief of Police Merle D. Unkle of Mansfield, Ohio, to Special Agent Ducommun, - in which Chief Unkle related that Captain George Timiney, Chief Allen and numerous other Police Officers of the Toledo Police Department had held Harry Campbell prisoner at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, Ohio until he, Campbell, had raised $35,000.00 for his release, and that this amount was divided among Timiney, Allen and other members of the Toledo Police Department; that all this information was furnished by Ray Berning of Toledo to Chief Unkle; that Chief Unkle suggested that Detective Harry Manson of the Toledo Police Department be contacted with reference to the background of Berning and as to his present whereabouts - Agents contacted Detective Harry Manson at his home, 1476 Gould Road, Toledo, Ohio, and he furnished the following information concerning Ray Berning:

Manson stated that Ray Berning had lived in Toledo all his life; that he is a member of the American Legion, having fought over seas in the late World War; that Berning is an honest man and will no doubt do all in his power to assist the Government; that Berning is presently a leader of a local organization known as the "Legion of Action", which was formed for the purpose of combating Communism and Fascism in the State of Ohio; that the "Legion of Action" has recently been incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio. Manson stated that upon learning of the application for the incorporation of the "Legion of Action" in the State of Ohio, he and his partner Detective Hartung were assigned to investigate the purpose of this organization; that their investigation disclosed that the purpose of the organization was to combat Communism and Fascism; and that it was the intention of this organization to introduce an Act in the Ohio State Legislature to eliminate the Communist Party from placing any names of their candidates on the election ballots.

Manson stated that to his knowledge Berning has never been connected with any part of the Communist Party, nor has he ever taken any active part in labor union activities; that Berning is well known and has a brother who is a Sergeant in the Toledo,Ohio Police Department; that Berning is at the present time associated with W. S. Thurstin, a practicing attorney, 921 Nicholas Building, Toledo, Ohio; that, however, Berning is not an attorney, but is associated with Mr. Thurstin with

reference to the "Legion of Action". Manson stated that Berning might easily be located at Thurstin's office, and he believes Berning, if contacted, will furnish information freely and will gladly render any co-operation to the Government.

Agents, after numerous attempts, located Ray Berning at 921 Nicholas Building, Toledo, Ohio, and he was interviewed there in the presence of his associate in the "Legion of Action", W. S. Thurstin. During the course of the interview the following information was obtained from them.

Berning stated that in September, 1936 he was advised by Cliff Scheuer, Merchants Finance Company, West Toledo, Ohio, that prior to Harry Campbell's apprehension in Toledo, Ohio, Captain George Timiney, with former Chief of Police Ray Allen, and a number of other Detectives of the Toledo Police Department, had held Alvin Karpis a prisoner at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, until such time as Karpis raised $35,000.00 to obtain his release from them; that when this money was paid, it was divided among Captain Timiney, Chief Allen and a number of other Detectives of the Toledo Police Department; that this information was only hearsay, Berning having heard this from Cliff Scheuer. Mr. Berning stated that he did not want Scheuer to know where Agents obtained this information, and suggested that when Agents interview Scheuer, they ask him about the $35,000.00 which was deposited in the banks of West Toledo, Ohio under several names, and which was, in time, to revert back to the present Toledo, Ohio Safety Director, John M. Edy.

Although Berning did not state so directly, it will be noted from the above that he implied it was his information that the $35,000.00 received by Chief Allen, Timiney and others, was deposited in West Toledo Banks, under several names, and is, after a certain time, to be paid in some indirect manner to the present City Safety Director, John M. Edy. It will be noted that although Agent Ducommun's memorandum stated that Chief of Police Merle Unkle, Mansfield, Ohio, told him he had received information from Berning that Campbell had been held for the $35,000.00 payment, Berning, upon interview, stated that it was Karpis, not Campbell, who was held prisoner at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo. Berning was discreetly questioned whether it was Campbell, but he, Berning, distinctly stated that it was Alvin Karpis.

Berning and Thurstin were asked if they had any direct evidence with reference to payoffs made to any City Officials at Toledo, Ohio, to which Bering answered that he did not.

Thurstin advised that an individual named Bert White, a former State of Ohio Liquor Inspector, located on the second floor of the Ohio Bank Building, Toledo, Ohio, has a great personal dislike for Captain

George Timiney; that White may be able to furnish information with reference to the activities of Captain George Timiney which he might have learned while in the position of Alcoholic Inspector for the State of Ohio.

Thurstin further advised that George Kapp, Jr., who was Safety Director at Toledo, Ohio for the first three months under Mayor Klotz's administration, was instructed by Mr. Price, who succeeded him as Safety Director, to contact Jimmy Hayes, the gambler, and obtain $1500.00 from him; that Kapp advised him that he had collected the $1500.00 from Jimmy Hayes, which he first took to Mayor Klotz, who took a few hundred dollars from the $1500.00 and instructed Kapp to turn over the balance to the new Safety Director, Price; that the $1500.00 was to furnish protection to Jimmy Hayes's gambling houses during the months of January, February and March, 1934. Thurstin stated that Mr. Kapp told him that he, Kapp, had collected this money personally from Hayes and had delivered the money personally to former Mayor Klotz and then to former Safety Director Price; that Kapp had expressed his desire to bring this and possibly other acts to the attention of the public, even if he had to appear before a Grand Jury to do so. Mr. Thurstin stated that he did not object to having his name mentioned to Mr. Kapp or bert White in connection with this investigation.

Subsequent to Agents' interview with Mr. Thurstin and Mr. Berning, they furnished Agents with a copy of the application for membership in the Legion of Action, on the back of whichare set forth the principles of the Legion of Action and the purposes of the organization for which it was founded. This application is being retained in the files of this case at the Cleveland Field Division.

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[redacted] will be interviewed in the very near future for any information in their possession concerning the payment of money to certain City Officials and to Captain George Timiney and others, as reflected in the interview with W. S. Thurstin and Ray Berning of Toledo, Ohio.

Due to the expeditious nature of the investigations necessary in the Indianapolis and Detroit Field Divisions, the requests for such investigations in these territories are being made by letter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

Will conduct an extensive investigation along lines set out in letters from the Cleveland Field Division dated November 20, 1936 and January 6, 1937.

At WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA, will endeavor to locate Special Officer O'Neil of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and solicit his co-operation in the location of Benson Groves, as according to investigation at East Liverpool, Ohio, this man evidently knows Groves personally and will have knowledge of his associates.

At ELM GROVE, WEST VIRGINIA, will endeavor to locate John "Jack" Woods, who is allegedly working as bar tender in this city. It should be recalled that Jack Woods is a past colleague and associate of Benson Groves and will probably have valuable information relative to his present whereabouts. If investigation in Elm Grove discloses that Benson Groves is not in direct touch at present with Jack Woods, he should be openly interviewed and his co-operation solicited.

At MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, will again contact Deputy Sheriff Mahood and ascertain from him whether or not he is related to "Dada" Mahood, mentioned in the body of this report as having been a former colleague of Benson Groves. If Dada Mahood is known to Deputy Sheriff Mahood, the authenticity of the report that Dada Mahood is now deceased should be ascertained from him. If this report is unfounded, information should be obtained from him that would assist in the location of Dada Mahood.

The CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

At TOLEDO, OHIO, will continue contact with informants in that city, looking toward the location and apprehension of Benson Groves.

Will interview "Boilermaker" Webb for whatever information he might have with reference to the present location and whereabouts of Benson Groves.

Will continue investigation with reference to the alleged detention of either Campbell or Karpis in the Algeo Hotel, and his subsequent release on payment of $35,000.00 to George Timiney and others.

At CANTON, OHIO, will interview the following people with reference to their knowledge of any contacts or the present whereabouts of Benson Groves:

William B. Kimmel, who resides about eight miles North of Canton, beyond Cairo, Ohio, his residence being on Route No. 1, Hartville, Ohio.

Danny Jones, who at present operates the Dew Drop Inn, 325 Cherry Street.

Private Detective Pat Riffle.

Tal Sullivan, brother-in-law of Jumbo Crowley, who at present operates a saloon near the Dew Drop Inn, formerly owned by Jumbo Crowley, deceased.

During the above interviews it should be borne in mind that Benson Groves is allegedly very well known to the above people, with the possible exception of William B. Kimmel; and due to the fact that the Post Office Department has issued circulars designating that Benson Groves is at present wanted in connection with the Garrettsville Mail Train Robbery in November, 1935, these people should be openly Interviewed and advised that a Federal warrant is outstanding for the apprehension of Groves.

At EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO.

Will keep in touch with Chief of Police Hugh McDermott for such information as he might obtain from Phil Brennan with reference to the present whereabouts of Benson Groves. It should also be borne in mind that Chief McDermott stated that he would cause surveillance to be on the activities of Francis Gordon, alias the "Casino Kid".

At LISBON, OHIO.

Will keep in touch with County Detective George P. Curran for such information as he may be able to develop with reference to the whereabouts of Benson Groves.

At NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO.

Will keep in touch with Deputy Sheriff Martin Meyer and Sheriff Wayne Host for such information as they might have been able to develop with reference to the whereabouts of Benson Groves.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio. L.R. FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Little Rock, Arkansas	2/3/37	1/7-21/37	B. L. DAMRON cpw

TITLE: GEORGE TIMINEY;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. No. 1232, ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE:
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On Jan. 14, 1937 a resolution was adopted by Representatives, State of Arkansas, initiating an investigation of lawless conditions in the 18th Judicial Circuit, which includes Hot Springs, and said investigation now in progress. Conversations overheard through taps and related herein, disclosing efforts by Mayor McLaughlin to block introduction of resolution and tip-off as to raid by State Rangers. Subsequent conversations indicate legislative investigation may be farce.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Ark., dated Jan. 4, 1937.

DETAILS: AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

By virtue of the telephone taps being maintained by Special Agents J. L. Madala, H. A. Snow, and G. R. McSwain at Hot Springs, Arkansas, it was discovered that Mayor McLaughlin of Hot Springs made strenuous efforts to block the introduction of a resolution in the House of Representatives, which resolution called for an investigation of lawless conditions in Hot Springs.

The taps also revealed a "tip-off" of a raid by Arkansas State Rangers and State Revenue Agents with resulting activity by Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers in notifying the gamblers and other interested parties.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: John B. Pope SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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The following information appears in the logs submitted on the telephone taps, supplemented by information obtained by this agent:

Re: LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATION OF HOT SPRINGS:

Subsequent to the death of John Dickson, a prisoner in the City Jail, a move was started to cause a legislative inquiry as to conditions in Hot Springs. It appears that this move was started by Scott Wood, Attorney at Law and former Judge who is violently opposed to the present administration in Hot Springs, and Joseph Denby, who was defeated for the office of Judge of the Circuit Court in Montgomery County, which adjoins Garland County. From the logs, hereinafter set forth, it would appear that the proposed bill for such an inquiry related certain facts concerning the death of John Dickson, but the same were deleted at a subsequent date. It will also be noted from the logs, that strenuous efforts were made by Mayor McLaughlin and others to stop the introduction of this bill in the Legislature, but without results, and on January 14, 1937 State Representative W. M. Thompson of Independence County, introduced the resolution and the same was passed by a vote of 72 to 21. On the same date Speaker of the House John Bransford named as the investigating committee, Representative W. M. Thompson (Chairman), Fred Jones of Montgomery County (Vice-Chairman), Lee Nichols, of Logan County, Robinson of LaFayette County, and Murray of Dallas County. The resolution, in addition to authorizing the investigative committee, also authorized the appointment of an attorney for the Committee and authorized an investigation of the 18th judicial circuit, which includes Garland and Montgomery Counties. Mr. John R. Thompson, an attorney of Little Rock, was subsequently appointed attorney for the committee. No effort has been made to obtain a copy of this resolution, but the local press reported that the same contained the following allegations:

1. That it was common knowledge that open gambling houses were conducted in Hot Springs.
2. That slot machines were operated near the public schools and frequented almost exclusively by school children.
3. That public officials are owners or part owners of some of the gambling devices.
4. That public officials receive pay for part-time services in gambling houses.
5. That the 18th Judicial District circuit judge interfered with investigation of alleged shortages by Montgomery county officials.
6. That the primary election laws were violated in 1936, in the selection of poll officials.
7. That Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin of Hot Springs threatened city and county officials and employes of gambling houses that if they did not vote "the entire machine ticket" they could not work in the city of Hot Springs.
8. That the "political machine of Garland county" printed 10,000 marked ballots and that election clerks handed these ballots to voters in the August primary.
9. That the "political machine" purchased 4,000 tax receipts and distributed them to transients and other illegal voters.
10. That Gibson Witt, Jr., and Curtis Ridgeway "made a deal" by which Ridgeway agreed to withdraw from the race for prosecuting attorney against Witt if the latter would appoint him deputy prosecutor if elected.
11. That the circuit judge of the 18th district took an active part in the campaign in behalf of candidates endorsed by the "political machine".

12. That a nationwide scandal grew out of the murder of a prisoner in the city jail of Hot Springs.

13. That there is gross discrimination in the treatment of prisoners leading the general public to believe that certain notorious criminals can obtain protection under public officials at Hot Springs.

14. That it is alleged that certain murders committed by certain said protected criminals have never been investigated.

15. That local authorities sought to prevent the extradition of Charles "Lucky" Luciano from Hot Springs.

16. That the murderers of two enrollees of a C.C.C. camp in said judicial district have been protected by officers charged with the duty of apprehending and prosecuting them.

As to allegation No. 1, it appears that the administration at Hot Springs do not deny this and take the position that gambling has been open and public for the last twenty years and during the administration of Judge Wood.

Allegation No. 4 appears to refer to the employment of police officers as guards in the Southern Club and Club Belvedere.

Allegation No. 12 appears to relate to the death of John Dickson.

Allegation No. 14 apparently refers to a homicide in Hot Springs, wherein a man was killed by George McLaughlin, brother of the Mayor, and others.

Allegation No. 15 refers to the extradition of Charles Luciano from Hot Springs, Arkansas to New York City, N. Y., to answer charges of operating houses of ill fame, and are mentioned in Little Rock Division file entitled Charles "Lucky" Luciano; Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution".

Allegation No. 16 apparently refers to Montgomery County, as there are no C.C.C. camps located in Garland County.

The following conversations appear from the logs submitted from Hot Springs, and disclose the strenuous effort made to block the introduction of this resolution or to fix the same:

JANUARY 7, 1937.

9:49 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor:	2115 (W. S. Jacobs)
Jacobs:	Hello.
Mayor:	How do you feel?
Jacobs:	Aw - pretty good.
Mayor:	I just had been talking with Jim Campbell - did you read this morning's paper where they intend to introduce a resolution providing for a committee to investigate down here?
Jacobs:	Yeah, I read it.

Mayor: Now here' what I thought - Jim Campbell is unusually close to the Speaker, and is the kind of fellow that can get around. We can send Jim up there ahead of time, and he can go around to his friends and talk with them about this thing. Now, he claims it will cost about $50.00 to move there with his family, and stay there for three or four days until the Assembly opens. While he's there he can devote his entire time in contacting his friends. What do you think?

Jacobs: I think it will be a good investment.

Mayor: Yeah, I thinkso too. I'll try and get him to go over there this afternoon - I feel that the sooner he gets there, the better it will be for us.

Jacobs: Yeah, that's right.

Mayor: I'll call him over, and we can talk this thing over - can you get away?

Jacobs: Well, I was working on some income tax, but I can let Roscoe take care of that till three o'clock.

Mayor: All right, I'll see you then.

(W. S. Jacobs is reported to control all gambling and race result wires in Hot Springs, and one of the "bosses" of the administration in Hot Springs.)

NOTE: The individual, Jim Campbell, mentioned above, is undoubtedly James R. Campbell, State Representative of Garland County, Arkansas.

Telephone No. 2115 is unpublished. It was ascertained on January 14, 1937 through the placing of a fictitious call to that number, that the same is assigned to W. S. Jacobs.

11:12 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: 646 (C. T. Cotham, Attorney)
Man: Hello.
Mayor: Is Mr. Campbell there?
Campbell: Hello.
Mayor: Can you be here in the next few minutes? I want to take care of that thing we were talking about.
Campbell: All right, I'll be right over.

(The Campbell referred to is probably James R. Campbell, State Representative of Garland County, Arkansas.)

JANUARY 8, 1937.

11:21 A.M. Incoming on No. 648 JLM

Grady Manning of Little Rock called long distance for Mayor McLaughlin:

Grady Manning: Leo, you asked me the other day about this fellow Nichols (Rev. Lee Nichols of Logan County, Arkansas), and I said he was a reasonable fellow. Well, I'll retract that statement. He's got a resolution drawn up about six or seven pages long that he wants to introduce before the House next week. The Speaker let me read it this morning, and the things it recites are awful. I can't believe them. I wish that you and I and Jim Campbell can get together on this and discuss how we can handle this situation.

McLaughlin: That thing was written here in Hot Springs. I got wind of it a couple of days ago. Joe Denby, who lost the Circuit Court Judgeship in Montgomery County, this fellow Nichols, and Scott Wood collaberated on it.

Manning: It would leave an awful bad taste, if this thing ever got out. It mentions a lot of names and cites many allegations of corruption that I don't believe are true. If the newspapers get a hold of it, they'll blast the hell out of us down there, even if the damn thing doesn't reach the House.

McLaughlin: Can't we discourage the thing in some way?

Manning: That's what I want you down here for. We can talk to Bransford all right - he's our friend.

McLaughlin: Can't we get the head man down here to drop it? (probably referring to Attorney Scott Wood)

Manning: Well, that's what I want to discuss with you - how to proceed on it. I would suggest that you, Jim Campbell, and I get together and talk with John (Bransford) about this. Better come over this afternoon or tomorrow.

McLaughlin: Will you be able to have Jim and John there?

Manning: Yeah. John is here all the time, and Jim said he'll stay until tomorrow.

McLaughlin: All right Grady, I'll try and be over there around three or four this afternoon.

Manning: That's fine. I'll round up John and Campbell, and we'll be all set when you get here.

(Grady Manning, mentioned in the last conversation, is President of the Southwest Hotel Chain, and maintains an office in the Marion Hotel at Little Rock. Mrs. McLaughlin also resides at this hotel. The Nichols referred to is apparently State Representative Nichols.) (Bransford, referred to, is Speaker of the House John Bransford).

JANUARY 9, 1937.

10:08 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648. GRM

Mayor: 2115
Man: Hello

Mayor: How do you feel today?
Man: I feel all right today.
Mayor: Are you coming down town soon?
Man: Yes.
Mayor: When you get ready to leave call me. I want you to drive up by the side. I have something I want to talk over with you.
Man: All right. I'll call you.

10:46 A.M. Incoming on No. 648 GRM

Miss Marsh: Mayor's Office.
Man: Let me speak to Leo.
Mayor: Hello.
Man: I'm leaving now.
Mayor: Well, drive up by the side of the building and blow.
Man: All right.

(The above two calls apparently were between the Mayor and W. S. Jacobs).

11:44 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 GRM

Mayor: Called Grady Manning at Little Rock.
Manning: Hello.
Mayor: Grady - this is Leo. I had a talk with that fellow and everything was very satisfactory. He said that only we two would know about it.
Manning: I think you did a fine bit of work and I'm glad you came over yesterday.
Mayor: Well, Joe and Raymond said they would get in touch with me this A.M.

(The identity of "that fellow" is unknown unless it was W. S. Jacobs. The Joe referred to appears from subsequent conversations to be Joe Schneider, Referee in Bankruptcy with offices in the Federal Building at Little Rock, and Raymond is Raymond Rebsamen, who has the Ford Agency and an insurance office in Little Rock, and is reported to be a power with the present State administration.)

JANUARY 11, 1937

9:02 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 GRM

Mayor called Joe Schneider at Little Rock:
Schneider: Hello.
Mayor: Joe, this is Leo. Have you heard anything?
Schneider: Well, I talked with Carl yesterday about that. I don't think he has a personal interest but he says he doesn't want me to go poking around.

Mayor: How about lining up your contacts to work on it?

Schneider: All right, but he said that those things will have to be reckoned with sooner or later. He also said those indictments should have charged murder if it was murder, but I told him that that was just the view of an old prosecutor.

Mayor: Well, Guy told me if this fellow wasn't personally interested that everything would be all right.

Schneider: Carl told me he didn't order it. I talked to him for about 30 minutes. If you have any other contacts send them over to talk with him because I think that best.

Mayor: Well, all right, and if you get anything more just let me know.

9:06 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648. GRM

Mayor: Called Grady Manning at Little Rock.

Manning: Hello.

Mayor: Grady, this is Leo.

Manning: Well, I talked to quite a few people and I think everything is pretty well fixed.

Mayor: I talked to Joe. He had talked to Carl and now that leaves this man Williams free to go to him. Nichols hasn't been contacted yet, either.

Manning: Well, Bailey isn't in favor of it at all.

Mayor: How is the brother?

Manning: I'm not sure. I'll call Guy now and have a talk with him.

Mayor: Well, O.K.

(The Carl referred to the the two foregoing conversations appears to be Carl Bailey, the present Governor. The identity of Guy is not disclosed by the logs, but one Guy Williams was Assistant Attorney General under Carl Bailey.)

JANUARY 12, 1937.

9:14 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 GRM

Mayor: Called Grady Manning at Little Rock.

Manning: Hello.

Mayor: This is Leo. What's going on over there? Is it raining?

Manning: Yes it is.

Mayor: Who ordered that?

Manning: I don't know. We have a big crowd but the weather will be bad for the parade. Everything went off O.K. I saw Guy yesterday and Nichols was there. He said it wouldn't be brought up for several days and he assured me he would see me before then.

Mayor: What about this fellow Hollingsworth?

Manning: He isn't in the way I don't believe. Scott Wood is over here mingling around with everyone. I don't mean he's trying to do anything but he's here with and about everybody. I'll keep in touch with you and let you know if I see the red flag coming up.

Mayor: All right.

(NOTE: Nichols apparently is State Representative Nichols of the Investigating Committee. Hollingsworth is Carroll Hollingsworth, former State Representative for Bradley County and Parliamentarian for the House.)

10:54 A.M. Incoming on No. 648. GRM

Mayor: Hello.
Earl: This is Earl at the Court House. Have you heard anything?
Mayor: Well, I talked to Grady and he says everything looks all right. Our man Hollingsworth reported and it looks like we've got a pretty strong front.
Earl: Well, that's fine.

(Earl at the Court House is apparently Earl Witt, Circuit Judge.)

JANUARY 13, 1957.

10:18 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 GRM

Mayor: Called Carrol Hollingsworth at Little Rock.
Hollingsworth: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo. What's the dope?
Hollingsworth: Things are in better shape than they've been for some time. When are you coming up?
Mayor: I've got to be up there Friday.
Hollingsworth: Well, I want to talk over several diplomatic points with you.
Mayor: All right.

2:08 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: Called long distance for Joe Schneider at Little Rock.
Mayor: I got word that things are not so encoureging over there-- heard that the fellow has assembled two or three more, and that they'll introduce that resolution tomorrow morning.
Schneider: Yeah. I understand they had a talk with Carl this morning. I haven't heard yet what was said. They tried to put it in this morning, and Bransford said he didn't want it.
Mayor: What do they think about it over there?
Schneider: Looks like you're between two forces, and they're pulling against each other. I got an idea what someone is trying to do and so have you.
Mayor: Yeah, I know. What do you think we better do?
Schneider: You might come over here this afternoon, or I can talk with Guy and see what he's got to say.
Mayor: Yeah, you do that, and see what his reaction will be.
Schneider: All right, I'll get right after him.
Mayor: I'll call you back in a half hour and see what he had to say.

2:14 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor:	745
Ledgerwood:	Hello.
Mayor:	Is Sunny there?
Ledgerwood:	Yes.
Mayor:	How does he feel.
Ledgerwood:	All right, I guess.
Mayor:	I wish you and Sunny would come over here. I want to talk to you both. I'm expecting a call from Joe Schneider and some other people.
Ledgerwood:	Here, Sunny wants to talk to you.
Sunny Davies:	Say Leo, is this important?
Mayor:	Yes, it's pretty damn serious. You and Verne jump in a car and come right over. You can drive around to the side and I'll let you in the side door.
Sunny Davies:	All right, we'll be over.

(This call appears to be between Mayor McLaughlin and Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood. The person referred to as Sunny is Sunny Davies, City Attorney.)

2:44 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor:	Called long distance for Carrol Hollingsworth, care of the Chief Clerk's office in the State House of Representatives. Operator said she would call Mayor when connection is put through.

2:56 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor:	Called long distance to Little Rock, No. 6658, and asked to speak with Joe Schneider:
Mayor:	Joe, this is Leo.
Schneider:	I've been trying to get a hold of that party, but I haven't been able to reach him yet. I have a party out checking on him now. I can call you back as soon as I contact him.
Mayor:	All right Joe - call No. 648.

3:00 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor:	Called long distance to Grady Manning at the Marion Hotel In Little Rock
Mayor:	Sunny (Davies) and Verne (Ledgerwood) are here talking about this thing. I called Joe a while ago to contact Guy to get his reaction on that thing we were talking about. He hasn't as yet been able to get a hold of him.
Manning:	All depends on the attitude of the boss about this.
Mayor:	You mean Carl?
Manning:	Yes.
Mayor:	Well, that has a lot to do with it, I admit.

Manning: The information I get down here doesn't sound very good to me. They held a conference in Carl's office this morning, and from what little I could gather indirectly, it seems that he encouraged it along. That's just hearsay now - I didn't get it direct.

Mayor: Have they adjourned down there yet?

Manning: Yes.

Mayor: Have you talked with John (Bransford) since they came in?

Manning: Yes, and he doesn't feel any too good about it. But we can depend upon him all right to do all he can to kill it.

Mayor: This thing may even get so far-reaching that it will have something to do with the men that John appoints to make the investigation down here.

Manning: I don't hardly believe it will go that far.

Mayor: Well, it may or may not.

Manning: Say, Leo, in all due respects to Jim Campbell, I don't think that he has done all he could about this thing. He had that fellow up in his room the other day, and I don't think he worked on him like he should have. He's got the wrong slant on this thing - has the idea that he's going to argue on it on the floor to keep it from being passed. Hell, we can't afford to have that thing even introduced.

Mayor: I don't know what got into Jim.

Manning: Well, I'm going to get around and see what I can do and pick up. If I hear of anything new I'll call you.

Mayor: I'll be in Little Rock Friday - will see you then.

3:20 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: Called Jack Holt long distance in the Attorney General's office at Little Rock.

Mayor: Say Jack, do you know a fellow up there named Nichols, from Logan County?

Holt: Yeah - you mean Lee Nichols?

Mayor: I don't know his first name, but he's from Logan County.

Holt: Is he a preacher?

Mayor: Yeah - that's the one.

Holt: Yes, I know him by sight.

Mayor: Well, he's armed with a resolution that was written down here by Scott Wood, asking for five fellows to be appointed by the Speaker to investigate the judicial circuit down here. The whole damn thing is silly, and I understand that they now have a fellow named Thompson from Independence County with them. Do you know him?

Holt: Yes.

Mayor: What sort of a fellow is he?

Holt: A preacher from down there.

Mayor: Can you give us any advice on this?

Holt: You know who this is coming from, don't you?

Mayor: I think so - Scott Wood wrote the thing.

Holt: No, I mean higher than that.

Mayor: Well, our information is that he was non-committal on it, they had a conference with him this morning, but he didn't encourage it, nor did he pour any cold water over it. (Probably talking about Carl Bailey, the Governor)

Holt: You know Nichols has seen him before about this, and he was then in favor of it.

Mayor: Is there anything you can do?

Holt: Well, I'm not particularly close to those fellows, but I have some friends over here with whom I can talk and spread the word around.

Mayor: John Bransford doesn't want it introduced either - he thinks the whole thing is absurd.

Holt: Well, it is absurd and silly.

Mayor: You know, they tried to introduce it before the House this morning, but John wouldn't take it. I understand now that they're going to try again tomorrow. They got a couple more backers today.

Holt: Well, I'm not close enough to those fellows to talk them out of something, but I'll talk to some of my friends here, and get them to pour cold water on it.

Mayor: You'll have to work fast between now and tomorrow morning.

Holt: All right. I'll see what I can do.

(The Jack Holt mentioned in this call is the present Attorney General of Arkansas, and succeeded Carl Bailey, who was elected Governor. The phrase "higher than that" apparently refers to Governor Bailey.)

3:25 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: Called long distance for Ed McHaney, Jr., at Little Rock. The first part of their conversation pertained to the Mayor's divorce suit - nothing of importance to this issue.

Mayor: Are you fellows going to be in session tomorrow?

McHaney: Yes.

Mayor: Do you know this fellow Nichols, and about the resolution he expects to introduce providing for an appropriation of $7500 to investigate the judicial circuit down here?

McHaney: Yes, I heard all about it today.

Mayor: What's the talk about it up there?

McHaney: Well, it looks like it's on a fence - you talk with three fellows and they say they are for it - then you talk with two or three more and they say it's silly. A lot depends on what the boss thinks about it.

Mayor: I heard today that he really has no personal interest in it and that he's neither encouraging it or pouring cold water over it.

McHaney: You know, the first information had it that Carl was going to sponsor a bill to provide authority for the State Troopers to step into a town or county where the local police did not function according to the law.

Mayor: Yeah, I know.

McHaney: I doubt if the thing will ever go through. In the first place they'll blink their eyes when they hear the amount of the appropriation asked for - $7500.

Mayor: Do you think you can do anything about it between now and tomorrow morning?

McHaney: Well, I don't know if we can kill it, but we can juggle it around a bit.

Mayor: That'll be all right, because that will give us more time to get around.

McHaney: Let me tell you what you can do? Tell your two boys down there not to run wild like they did last year. A lot of them resented it, and naturally were against everything they did and said.

Mayor: Jim (Campbell) is not going to do that this year. I know what he did last year.

McHaney: (Returned to matter of Mayor's divorce suit)

Mayor: Well Ed, I'll try and be up to see you Friday.

(Ed McHaney, Jr. is the son of a Judge of the Supreme Court of Arkansas.)

9:08 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 HAS

McLaughlin: Called 1335 (Miss Hazel Marsh)

Hazel: Hello.

McLaughlin: Well, did you have a nice dinner?

Hazel: Yes, but I was worried about you. Started to call you up, but I knew you'd be busy calling people.

McLaughlin: I'm glad you're worried because it shows you're interested. I was out to mother's and just stopped by the office before going over to make that talk. Going to send Jerry back up there tomorrow, because he may be able to do some good.

Hazel: Yes, he may.

McLaughlin: I've been talking to people all over the State. Got a lot of forces lined up.

Hazel: That's good.

McLaughlin: Got some things working in Little Rock, too.

Hazel: Did you talk to Carroll?

McLaughlin: Yes, he's doing what he can for me. Well, I'll call you later. Was just going to stop by the Fire Department and meet Ebel (Reporter) there.

Hazel: All right. I hope everything comes out all right. I was worried about you.

(Hazel Marsh is Secretary to Mayor McLaughlin. The identity of Jerry is unknown unless it is Jerry Watkins, Day Captain of Police.)

NOTE: Conversation apparently refers to activity of McLaughlin to block the introduction of a bill in the House of Representatives aimed to cause an investigation of public affairs and officials in Hot Springs.

9:25 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 GRM

2115 (W. S. Jacobs)

Mayor: Hello.
Man: This is Leo. We're not in very good shape up there. They dug up another preacher who changed the looks of things.
Mayor: We thought we had it all fixed.
Man: Yes, I heard about that.
Mayor: They are going to try to put it over this morning, and of course our crowd is going to try to put it off.
Man: Well, there was some kind of meeting last night. Watt went to it. I think it was over in Brad's office.
Mayor: Well, I've got another man in mind over in Eastern Arkansas. If this thing passes today, I'm going to phone him to meet me in Little Rock in the morning. Are you coming down this way?
Man: I'll be down that way sometime today. I'll call you.
Mayor: All right.

("Another preacher" apparently refers to Representative Thompson. Watt apparently refers to Sam Watt, who is reputed to be a part owner of the Southern Grill and Club Belvedere. The person named "Brad" apparently refers to Brad Smith, former Sheriff, and said to be opposed to the administration.)

9:34 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648. GRM

Mayor: Called State Representative Burkle at the Capitol in Little Rock.
Burkle: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo McLaughlin. How are you this morning?
Burkle: Fine, thank you.
Mayor: Some of those preachers are trying to jump on us down here.
Burkle: Yes, I know about that.
Mayor: Well, it is all a political thing. They are all sore because Judge Witt and some others were responsible for Denby's defeat up in Montgomery County. Denby joined Scott Wood, and of course Scott Wood has his eye on that Attorney's job because it pays $7500.
Burkle: Well, they showed me some pictures and I think that is bad.
Mayor: We indicted those fellows and they're going to be convicted, too. You know they had that stuff in the first resolution and when the grand jury acted they had to take it out. We did all any other county would or could have done.
Burkle: Well, they are circulating those pictures around here. (Pictures of John Dickson's body showing mistreatment.)
Mayor: Well, do what you can for us.
Burkle: All right Leo, we sure will.

10:05 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor called Long Distance for Representative Toney at the House of Representatives at Little Rock, Ark.

Toney: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo McLaughlin. Did that preacher introduce that resolution this morning?
Toney: No. They are going to put it in this afternoon.
Mayor: How does it look?
Toney: They're going to pass it all right - there's no way of stopping it now. I told Jim Campbell last night that it can't be stopped. They gave it to this fellow Thompson from Independence County, and I understand he is going to introduce it.
Mayor: Well, this preacher, Nichols, wrote the thing.
Toney: I know, but he won't have anything to do with it.
Mayor: Is there any way we can stop it?
Toney: No, you can't stop that thing now with a double-barreled shot gun. It'll go through all right. This fellow Thompson has all sorts of law books and evidence on his desk, and the popularity of the thing indicates it will be passed.
Mayor: Well, if it goes through, I wish you would call, so I can talk to you and see what else can be done.
Toney: I wish you had called me several days sooner - I might have done you some good, but I'm afraid it's too late now.

(Mr. W. K. Toney is State Representative from Jefferson County.)

10:17 A.M. Incoming on No. 648 JLM

Miss Marah: Mayor's Office.
W. S. Jacobs: Is he in?
McLaughlin: Hello.
W. S. Jacobs: I'm down at the Grill - are you coming down that way?
McLaughlin: Yes. Drive by here and blow your horn.

10:25 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: 745.
Ledgerwood: Hello.
Mayor: I was talking with Kemp - they apparently haven't done any work on this thing. He said they are going to pass it. I indicated to him that we would like to have the thing deferred for a while, and then have a talk with him about managing this proposition. Of course I couldn't tell him just what I wanted to say over the phone. But he said they're going to push it through all right. He said that another preacher named Thompson is going to introduce it, and that he is plenty smart and shrewd, and knows how to do it.

Ledgerwood: Well, I guess that's that.

Mayor: Here's what I think their reaction will be here - it is going to solidify us. The people down here don't want the town torn up by any legislature. I don't think it will hurt our position. Let those fellows get this out of their system. Maybe they'll let us alone after that. If we continue to thwart their efforts now, they'll be down on our necks with everything. I don't right now see any ray of sunshine on this thing, and there's nothing more that can be done.

Ledgerwood: Well, there's nobody that can say we didn't try.

Mayor: No, there isn't. I called everybody I thought could do us some good.

(Kemp apparently refers to Representative W. K. Toney.)

10:53 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: 743

Ledgerwood: Hello.

Mayor: Have a different thought about this. All the wise guys over there now know about this. If we were successful in getting this resolution blocked, we would have 25 more of them thrown in our laps. You see what I mean?

Ledgerwood: Yeah - if anybody over there wanted to be fixed on a thing like this, we would be doing it for the rest of our lives.

Mayor: That's exactly what the situation would be. Let them get their investigating committee down here and attempt to find what they can - maybe they will let us alone then.

Ledgerwood: Well, Leo, if that thing is passed we will have to get to the Chair-

Mayor: (interrupts) Never mind that.

Ledgerwood: I think you're right on your thought. If this don't happen now, they'll be draining us until we get out.

Mayor: Kemp was telling me that they were showing pictures of John Dickson' body around there. I told him, "Hell, those fellows responsible for that were indicted - that is as much, if not more, than any other county would do.

Ledgerwood: Well, call me if you hear anything more.

11:54 A.M. Incoming on No. 648. JLM

Bob Dean: Is Leo there?

Mayor: Hello.

Bob Dean: This is Bob - just listen to this. It's coming over the Associated Press wires. (Reads lengthy news dispatch of the resolution introduced in the State House of Representatives by Representative W. M. Thompson.)

Mayor: Yeah, I knew about that resolution a week ago. Scott Wood wrote it.

Bob Dean: Have you any statement to make?

Mayor: No, not at this time. For your own information Bob, this thing was the work of Scott Wood, this preacher - Nichols, and Joe Denby, who was defeated for County Judge in Montgomery County. He blames the Witts for his defeat, and he thereafter got Wood and Nichols to write this thing up. Wood has been in Little Rock for the past two days. They at first had the John Dickson matter in the resolution and after those fellows were indicted they took it out.

Bob Dean: Remained non-committal throughout this conversation). Then you haven't any statement to give us.

Mayor: No Bob, not at this time.

Bob Dean: Well, if anything more comes in, I'll let you know.

(Bob Dean is connected with a local newspeper in Hot Springs.)

12:05 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: 743

Sunny Davies: Hello.

Mayor: They introduced that thing this morning, and Jim promptly made a motion to postpone consideration of it until Tuesday. Jones of Montgomery County backed him up. They're still wrangling over it. (Mayor then told Sunny Davies what he told Bob Dean as to who was responsible for the resolution in question).
Bob asked me whether I cared to make a statement. You know, sometimes statements are effective in the right direction when they go in with the same issue of the story.

Davies: Yeah, and sometimes you might want to retract it later. Best thing to do is not to say anything.

Mayor: Maybe you're right.

Davies: The thing that should concern us right now , is the personnel who will make this investigation.

Mayor: Yeah.

Davies: Oh, they'll find gambling down here all right - we can't conceal that. But then they'll also find that gambling has been going on here for the past 20 years - long before we came in.

Mayor: Yeah. Wood probably didn't have anything to say about that.

Davies: Well Leo, the personnel of that committee is the determining factor - let them come down here.

Mayor: Well, then you wouldn't make a statement, if you were me?

Davies: No, it will be best to just keep quiet.

12:13 P.M. Incoming on No. 648 JLM

Carrol Hollingsworth called Long Distance from Little Rock for Mayor McLaughlin:

Hollingsworth: Well, they brought out that resolution this morning. Thompson from Independence County introduced it. Immediately thereafter Jim made a motion to defer action on it until Tuesday. They took a vote, and we lost 48 - 46.

Mayor: 48 to 46, huh?

Hollingsworth: Yes, Jim done well - if we had two more days, we would have done it. That 48 to 46 vote is pretty near indicative of what they're going to do.

Mayor: Who were with Campbell in the argument?

Hollingsworth: Fred Jones, Floyd Tackett, and two or three others.

Mayor: Did anybody argue with Jim on it?

Hollingsworth: Yes.

Mayor: I wonder if you can get anybody on the other side in our favor.

Hollingsworth: I hardly think so - they adjourned till two o'clock when they will vote on the adoption of the thing.

Mayor: Did you see John?

Hollingsworth: Yes.

Mayor: What did he have to say?

Hollingsworth: Not much - they'll probably appoint Thompson the Chairman of the committee, and have two from each side and a neutral man. The resolution didn't ask for any appropriation, but I heard confidentially this morning that the money will come out of the Governor's Emergency Fund.

Mayor: Is that right?

Hollingsworth: I also heard that they're going to appoint an attorney from Little Rock to represent the committee.

Mayor: Why don't you try for it?

Hollingsworth: Don't want it - might try to be their sergeant-of-arms though. (laughs) I'll then known what's going on.

Mayor: That wouldn't be so bad.

Hollingsworth: Well, I'll try and get around and see what I can pick up. I'll keep you advised.

1:58 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: 743.

Ledgerwood: Hello.

Mayor: Talked with Cal - they defeated Jim's motion by a 46-48 vote. Of course, that doesn't mean anything. A lot of those fellows who voted against deferring it, might not be in favor of its adoption.

Ledgerwood: How did Jim do?

Mayor: All right, from what I heard. He asked them if it were not true that gambling was going on all over the State, and then said that he could go on any street in Little Rock and find a hand book operating - then asked why they're not investigating Little Rock.

Ledgerwood: Jim is pretty good on the floor.

Mayor: They took the request for an appropriation to make this investigation out of the bill, and understand that if it goes through, it will come out of the Governor's Deficiency Fund.

Ledgerwood: Well, you call me.

2:20 P.M. Incoming on No. 648. JLM

Bob Dean: They refused to defer action by a vote of 46-48. They're recessed till two o'clock. I've been trying to get a hold of Judge Witt, but he's in Little Rock. Do you want to say anything?

Mayor: No, not at this time. I wish you wouldn't print anything about your asking me for a statement.

Bob Dean: No. I won't.

Mayor: Here's the way I figured this thing out. It may be a good thing for them to come down here and get this out of their system. It was bound to happen sooner or later. Scott Wood wrote the resolution. I read it a week ago today. They at first had the Dickson case in there, but when we indicted those fellows, they deleted that portion of it.

Bob Dean: Will you have anything to say later.

Mayor: No, I don't think so.

3:20 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: Called Carrol Hollingsworth in care of the Chief Clerk's office, House of Representatives at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mayor:4 What happened over there?

Hollingsworth: They passed it a little while ago by a vote of 21 - 72.

Mayor: That's what I thought would happen. Did John appoint a committee yet?

Hollingsworth: No. I talked with him and he said he would give each side two, and appoint the other one, and he will be OK.

Mayor: That's fine.

Hollingsworth: I'll go back now and see what I can do and pick up.

3:25 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: 745

Legerwood: Hello.

Mayor: Well, they passed it over there - 72 to 21.

Ledgerwood: I thought they would. Did you make any connections about the appointments.

Mayor: I'm working on that now. Well, it will be a good thing to get it out of their system. Stop one today, and get one tomorrow. They would try until they got one over.

Ledgerwood: Yeah, I guess your're right. The only thing to do now is to work on that committee.

Mayor: Yeah - well, I'll call you.

3:30 P.M. Incoming on No. 648 JLM

Bob Dean: They adopted that resolution - 72 to 21.

Mayor: Yeah, I heard about it. Anything come in as to who is on the committee?

Bob Dean: No, not yet.
Mayor: Just between you and me, the next thing you'll see will be an anti-racing bill in there. They have an anti-liquor bill in there now.
Bob Dean: Still don't want to make a statement?
Mayor: No.

4:06 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Charles Goslee: Guess you saw about that resolution.
Mayor: Yes.
Charles Goslee: What's the best thing to do. We've got to comment on it.
Mayor: I wish you would in the form of an editorial. I'll tell you how this all came about - Scott Wood wrote it (interrupted)
Charles Goslee: Better come over, and let's talk this thing over.

(Charles Goslee is connected with the Hot Springs Sentinel-Record newspaper, and was on the county grand jury that indicted the police officers. Subsequent to this call an editorial appeared in Goslee's newspaper favorable to the city administration.)

The logs for the police 'phones on this date revealed that Sheriff Marion Anderson was in Little Rock on January 14, 1937.

JANUARY 15, 1937.

10:28 A.M. Incoming on No. 648 JLM

Miss Marsh: Mayor's Office.
W. S. Jacobs: Is he in?
Miss Marsh: No - who is this?
W. S. Jacobs: Jacobs.
Miss Marsh: No, he's gone to Little Rock.
W. S. Jacobs: He's left already, huh?
Miss Marsh: Yes.

11:30 A.M. Incoming on No. 648 JLM

Erb Wheatley: Is the Mayor in?
Miss Marsh: No, he'll be in tomorrow.
Wheatley: This is Erb Wheatley - what do you think of that proposition over at Little Rock?
Miss Marsh: I don't think it will amount to anything.
Erb Wheatley: I guess that's where he is.
Miss Marsh: Yes.

5:01 P.M. Incoming on No. 648 JANUARY 16, 1937.

JLM

Mrs. Leo P. McLaughlin, the Mayor's estranged wife, called the Mayor from Little Rock, Arkansas. She talked with him for approximately 30 minutes, and the following are the important statements made by her. Agent was unable to note the entire conversation, due to Mrs. McLaughlin's rapidity of speech:

Mrs. McLaughlin: Why didn't you write me like you said you would?

Mayor: Because I'm not concerned about you.

Mrs. McLaughlin: I'm not trying to get back with you, but I'm worried. They're going to do things to you. Everybody wants to see you out of office. They despise you, hateyou, and want to do you dirt. Your town is flooded with Government men, and they're flooded up here too. They want you out of there.

Mayor: They can't do anything to me, because I won't make any mistakes.

Mrs. McLaughlin: You're going to do just what they want you to do. You're going to do it! You've already started it. They're using me as a target to get you. I know so much, and can help you, if you only will let me. They said you made a statement to this boy's father that he couldn't see him (probably referring to the Dickson matter). I don't believe it, and I told them it isn't true. They're blaming you from Washington, and I know you're innocent, and I want to help you.

Leo: Your folks caused me hell, and I wouldn't go back there for all the money in the world. If it hadn't been for them we'd still be together. I was an innocent lamb when I married you, but now I'm going to fight.

Mrs. McLaughlin: I know Leo, that they're making me a target to get you, but they're not going to get a damn thing out of me, and I'm not talking. I understand that they're going to summons me too. They got the U. S. General down here, and they're trying to get you.

Leo: I won't do anything that will have them get after me.

Mrs. McLaughlin: I know you won't Leo, you're too smart for that. Whatever you do - don't bribe the Legislative committee - they're just waiting for that.

Leo: I'm not going to do it - they won't get a penny out of me.

Mrs. McLaughlin: I know you won't, Leo. Just as soon as you offer one cent as a bribe, you're sunk. Don't try to fight me Leo, because I got more power than you have over here.

Tell your sister, Stella McLaughlin, to stop talking about me having affairs with George Cherry - they're not true, and you know they're not. I haven't had an affair since I left you. I don't give a damn about your money - I have my looks, and they will go a long way. And Leo, when you need me, I'll be there. How I've suffered for you - they're trying to impeach you down there. I've had men here from Washington putting me through the third degree. I've suffered terribly, but I... them anything. I love...

Mrs. McLaughlin: (cont'd) I know we can't be happy together again, but my love for you will never die. We'd still be happy together, if it were'nt for your G.D. family. I knew about this six months ago, and if you had listened to me, nothing would have happened to you. They're going to get you Leo, and I want to help you, if you only will let me. (starts crying)

Leo: Well, they're not going to get me, because I'm not going to make any mistakes.

Mrs. McLaughlin: Oh, Leo, you always was so sure of yourself. I love you, but I wouldn't come back to you for a million dollars. You better talk to me. I got so much to tell you. But I'm not talking to anybody else.

I don't see the Brandenberg's any more - they are awful talkers. They are trying to ruin you. But I'm not going to let them do it.

Are you going to be at the Legislature Monday?

Leo: Yes, I'll have to be there.

Mrs. McLaughlin: For God's sake don't bribe any of the Legislators.

Leo: No, I won't. I won't give them a cent.

Mrs. McLaughlin: How about someone else doing it?

Leo: There won't be anybody doing it.

Mrs. McLaughlin: I heard Mr. Jacobs is going to give them money.

Leo: No, he isn't giving anything out.

Mrs. McLaughlin: Don't do it Leo, for that's just what the U. S. General is waiting for. They'll put you in jail for doing it.

Leo: Well, they ought to put everybody in jail that would do a thing like that.

Mrs. McLaughlin: Then you won't come to see me? I'm still at the Marion Hotel.

Leo: No, you better not call any more.

(It will be noted that Mrs. McLaughlin referred to Government men in Little Rock and Hot Springs. As far as is known to the Little Rock Division no Government agent of any Department has contacted Mrs. McLaughlin. It will be noted that Mrs. McLaughlin resides at the Marion Hotel and that Mr. Grady Manning maintains an office in this hotel.)

JANUARY 18, 1937

8:00 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 GRM

Mayor: 2234 (Residence of Earl Witt)

Woman: Hello.

Mayor: Is Earl there?

Woman: No, he just left. You might reach him at his office.

Mayor: This is Leo. We just got back. There is nothing to that thing up there. I'm glad now that it happened. I talked to the committee and they said that they were interested only in seeing the books to determine if any of the officials received money from these places.

Woman: Well, I know Earl will be glad to hear that. You try to reach him at the office.

Mayor: All right.

(Apparently this conversation was with Mrs. Witt.)

2:02 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 GRM

Mayor: 680
Jerry Witt: Hello.
Mayor: Is Earl there?
Jerry Witt: No, I haven't seen him.
Mayor: This is Leo. I thought you were going to Little Rock.
Jerry Witt: I'm planning to go, but haven't been able to get away.
Mayor: Well, there is no need of you going over. I was over there all morning and there isn't anything to that. I talked to the members of the committee after all the others left and they said they were only interested in looking over the books to see if any officials had received any money from the places mentioned in the resolution and there ain't nothing in the books. I'm glad it all happened.
Jerry Witt: Well, that's fine. I won't go over then.
Mayor: No, you better stay with Earl and keep him off of that stuff. (Whiskey).
Jerry Witt: All right.

(Jerry Witt is believed to be the brother of Circuit Judge Earl Witt.)

2:25 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 GRM

Mayor: 743 (Judge Ledgerwood)
Ledgerwood: Hello.
Mayor: I just located Earl - he's over at the Court House. I'm going over there now and I think you and Sunny (Davies) better come over.
Ledgerwood: Of course, we'll be over.

(Judge Ledgerwood is the Municipal Judge. Sunny Davies is the City Attorney.)

11:10 A.M. Incoming on No. 648 JLM

Long Distance call for anyone from Jim Campbell at Little Rock.

Campbell: Hazel is Leo around there?
Miss Marsh: No, he just stepped out for a minute.
Campbell: Tell him not to pay too much attention to what I told Richard Ryan to tell him. That information about that investigation may be incorrect.
Miss Marsh: All right, I'll tell him.

(Jim Campbell is the State Representative for Garland County)

11:25 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: Called Operater No. 4 and told her he was ready to talk with Ed Farris at Little Rock.

Mayor: This is Leo - what do you know?

Farris: Not much. I'm at home, sick in bed.

Mayor: Did you read the Gazette this morning where they intend to introduce that bill?

Farris: Yes.

Mayor: That bill will keep a lot of people from betting this season.

Farris: Yes, I know. Somebody in the House is overly-ambitious, but we'll take care of it when it comes into the Senate.

Mayor: I thought it might have been an administrative measure.

Farris: No, nothing like that.

Mayor: Well, I just thought it was.

Farris: The commission meets at my house Thursday at 4:00 o'clock - would like to have you present there, if you can make it.

Mayor: I expect I better be there, don't you think?

Farris: I think it would be best.

Mayor: I noticed where there is a little strife among the committee.

Farris: Yeah - they're jealous of each other - one thinks the other is getting too much publicity; that will help you fellows down there.

Mayor: Yeah - they've asked for all the gamblers' records, and now they're doing all they can to find a "bear" in them.

Farris: What they have in mind Leo, is this - they're trying to impeach the Judge down there. We'll also take care of that in the Senate.

Mayor: If you feel good tomorrow, come on over here and we'll talk this thing over.

Farris: I better not while I got this cold.

Mayor: All right, I'll call you tomorrow at about eight.

NOTE: Ed Farris is Secretary of the State Racing Commission appointed by Governor Bailey.

11:52 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: Called James R. Capbell at the House of Representatives at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Campbell: Hello.

Mayor: Been impeached yet?

Campbell: No, not yet.

Mayor: What's going on over there?

Campbell: Not a thing - everything looks good for us.

Mayor: What was that message you said you sent to me through Ryan - I forgot it.

Campbell: About Houston Emory.

Campbell: I thought I would tell you that there isn't anything to it before you go ahead and start something on it, and I passed it on to Dick Ryan for you. I misunderstood the first.

Mayor: 4 I believe this is going to be a wholesome thing. I think the committee is beginning to realize that this ballyhoo is just a political fight.

Campbell: I think so too. I talked with Bransford this morning, and he indicated that the committee is going to dump this investigation into the Attorney General's lap.

Mayor: That'll be fine.

Campbell: Murray is going to be with us on it.

Mayor: I think that Murray is a good, honest fellow, and will give us a square deal on it.

Campbell: Yeah - he's all right. I'll keep in touch with Bransford, and keep you advised.

Mayor: If they turn that over to the Attorney General's office it will be an honest and square way of handling it. Jack Holt will be fair in it.

Campbell: Yeah - Jack's all right.

Mayor: I'll be over there Thursday and will see you then.

3:30 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 GRM

Mayor: 743 (Judge Ledgerwood's office)

Sunny Davies: Hello.

Mayor: I've got some good news from over there. It looks like the high spots are passed.

Sunny Davies: That's good.

Mayor: And I found out where Earl (Witt) is getting his advice. Hartley Wooton has been talking too much about resigning to save his face. Wooton is also feeding him the bottle. (Whiskey)

Sunny Davies: Is that so?

Mayor: I don't know why Earl (Witt) has so much faith in him. He doesn't know that Wooton runs up and down to Scott Wood all day.

Sunny Davies: Well, time is a great healer anyway. The preachers over at Searcy are trying now to get an investigation over there. They claim that there is a lot of gambling and drinking going on - and maybe some diddeling!

Mayor: I didn't see that. Earl has written some kind of letter or paper on the Dickson case.

Sunny Davies: Well, damn, he ought not to be writing anything.

Mayor: He asked me to come over and read it. When I see it I'll suggest that I call you to get your opinion.

Sunny Davies: OK. Call me, I'll be here.

3:40 P.M. Incoming on No. 648 HAS

McLaughlin: Hello.

Douglass Hotchkiss: Leo, some son of a bitch has been making all the stores around town and selling pictures of the Dickson boy after he was beat up. That won't help anything on top of what the legislature is doing and high water too.

McLaughlin: I hadn't heard anything about it, Douglass. Do you know who's doing it?

Hotchkiss: No, but maybe you can stop him by arresting him for peddling without a license.

McLaughlin: All right, sure - I'll tell the boys. I heard that a fellow named Lovell, out in Jonestown, had a bunch of them and took them to Little Rock with Dave Harrison and Scott Wood. They passed them around the Legislature.

Hotchkiss: How's that going?

McLaughlin: All right - they're about washed up. The committee told me that if they couldn't find anything in the records that they are through. They won't.

Hotchkiss: Well, of course there's nothing to find.

McLaughlin: No. I'll see about this other.

Hotchkiss: Well, I just thought that you would like to know. By the way, I sent notices to the Chicago Tribune and Kansas City Star, pointing out that the roads were still open to Hot Springs and that high water hadn't interfered with reaching here.

McLaughlin: That's good.

(Douglas Hotchkiss is the former Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.)

4:00 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 HAS;

McLaughlin: Called 680 (Witt & Witt, Attorneys)

Witt: (Senior) Hello.

McLaughlin: I heard from Little Rock and things are looking in good shape up there now.

Witt, Sr: That's fine. Gibson (Witt) went up there today and hasn't gotten back yet.

McLaughlin: I've heard that Earl (Witt) has been getting advice from Wooton (Attorney) lately. He thinks Wooton is his good friend, but Wooton and Scott Wood really are friends. I just wanted to let you know.

Witt, Sr: Thanks.

(Witt, Sr. appears to be the father of Circuit Judge Earl Witt.)

JANUARY 20, 1937

On January 19, 1937 a news release appeared in the Hot Springs papers quoting Circuit Judge Earl Witt as offering to disqualify himself in the trial of the police officers indicted for murder and suggesting certain activities. This article appeared to be directed toward Attorney Scott Wood, who, on the following day, answered this release through the newspapers. The following conversations were overheard concerning this activity:

7:37 P.M. Incoming on No. 123 GRM

Akers: Chief's Office.
Mayor: This is Leo - Is the Chief there?
Akers: He just stepped out.
Mayor: Find him and have him call me.
Akers: All right - just a minute, Ebel wants to talk to you.
Walter Ebel: Hello Leo. Did you see that answer prepared by Scott Wood?
Mayor: Yes, I saw it. You wrote it for him didn't you?
Walter Ebel: What? Oh - yes.

7:38 P.M. Incoming on No. 123 GRM

Mayor: Called and asked to speak with Walter Ebel.
Ebel: Hello.
Mayor: Say - that thing in there about that fellow (Brock) still doing the fingerprint work is just a damn liar and I want you to put it just like that in your paper. I know you've been over there pretty close th that fellow.
Ebel: You know I didn't have anything to do with that and anyone who says so is a damn liar. Where are you?
Mayor: It doesn't make any difference where I am. (hung up)

(Walter Ebel is the Hot Springs representative of the Arkansas Gazette newspaper of Little Rock. It will be noted that Ebel is quite close to the administration.)

7:40 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123 GRM

Rasberry: 600
Mayor: Hello.
Rasberry: This is Rasberry.
Mayor: Say - call the newspaper and talk to Bob Dean and give him a statement to the effect that none of those fellows who have been named in the indictments have done any work for the police department.
Rasberry: All right.

9:47 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 GRM

Mayor: Placed call for Hollingsworth at State House, Little Rock.
Hollingsworth: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo. Say on this bill to exchange judges - don't draw any fire on that and also be sure to see Jim Campbell and tell him about that.
Hollingsworth: All right Leo, I'll tell him.

10:07 A.M. Incoming on No. 648 JLM

Representative Jim Campbell called the Mayor from Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mayor: I was talking to Ernest (Maner) did he tell you what I told him about that Circuit Judge Bill?

Campbell: Yes.
Mayor: Don't have anything to do with it - pro or con.
Campbell: I don't think they'll pass it anyway.
Mayor: Yes, I know - but don't have any part in it.
Campbell: All right.
Mayor: Did you read the Gazette this morning?
Campbell: Yeah, did you all confer on it before he wrote it?
Mayor: Yes.
Campbell: I don't think it'll hurt anything.
Mayor: Did you talk with any members of the committee lately?
Campbell: Yeah.
Mayor: Are they going to be fair about this thing down here?
Campbell: Yes, three of them will.
Mayor: What's the atmosphere over there?
Campbell: I don't think they'll get 25 votes to impeach him.
Mayor: No, I think the committee is beginning to peeter out.
Campbell: When are you coming over. I would like to see you.
Mayor: I'll have to be there tomorrow to attend a meeting of the Racing Commission at four o'clock. I'll try to see you then.

11:18 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: 47 (Jackson's Drug Store)
Man: Hello.
Mayor: Is Roy there?
Roy: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo - send three of those things over here - better leave it at the box office in the Auditorium, and I'll pick it up there.
Roy: All right - how's everything?
Mayor: Looks pretty good. I guess that committee has about peetered out in their investigation. I talked with some of them last Saturday, and told me that they weren't concerned about the Primary election, or the Dickson case, or about getting me out of office; that they only were interested in checking through the records of these gambling houses to see of they were paying off to me. (Laughs)
Roy: Well, I didn't figure it would amount to much anyway.
Mayor: It's just the work of some overly enthusiastic representative in the House.
Roy: Yeah, I guess so.
Mayor: As Doug Hatchkiss said last night, between Scott Wood, the Legislative Committee, the rain, and these floods, we're in for a bad season in Hot Springs.

Roy: Yeah, you'd be surprised of the number of people that left here on account of this bad publicity.

Mayor: Well, I hope things will stay quiet now.

(Roy Jackson appears to be a relative of Emmet Jackson, City Clerk.)

11:40 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 JLM

Mayor: Called Long Distance for Senator Walter Wheatley at Little Rock, Arkansas:

Mayor: How's everything going up there?
Wheatley: Just fine, Leo. We're considering the Appropriation Bill now.
Mayor: How 's our matter over there.
Wheatley: All right - the Senate seems to think it is a political joke.
Mayor: You're voting with the Administration all right, aren't you?
Wheatley: Yes.
Mayor: You vote along with what they want.
Wheatley: Yes, I've been going along right with them.
Mayor: I've sent you 50 copies of the Hot Springs newspapers that contains that editorial about the proposed investigation down here. Take a copy and give one to each senator, and do with the others as you wish. I also sent Maner some copies to distribute among the House members.
Wheatley: All right Leo, I'll do that. Any time I can do anything for you fellows down there, let me know.

It will be noted that Walter Wheatley was given his seat in the Senate even though his qualifications were questioned on account of a conviction for a felony. It will also be noted, from previous logs, that Mayor McLaughlin and State Attorney General Jack Holt discussed the contest of this election.

11:51 A.M. Incoming on No. 648 JLM

George Neal called the Mayor long distance from Little Rock:

George: Hello Leo, how are you?
Mayor: Just fine.
George: Do you know who this is?
Mayor: No.
George: This is George Neal.
Mayor: Oh yeah - how are you?
George: All right - is everything OK.
Mayor: Yeah - they're looking for a "bear" and they ain't going to find one.
George: I would like to see you on a matter.
Mayor: I'll be in Little Rock tomorrow - where can I reach you?
George: I don't know - where will you be?
Mayor: I'll be at Ed Farris' house at 4 o'clock - call me there.
George: All right - I'll do that.

George W. Neal is listed in the last city directory as Commissioner of State Lands.

JANUARY 21, 1937.

10:15 A.M. Incoming on No. 648 JLM

Long Distance call for Mayor from Carrol Hollingsworth at Little Rock, Arkansas:

Hollingsworths: Just wanted to tell you that the committee hasn't got anything yet. They examined one witness, but he didn't give them anything. However, there's something I want to see you about. Are you coming over today?

Mayor: I have to appear before the Racing Commission at four o'clock. I'll see you over at the House at 1:30 P.M.

Hollingsworth: O.K. I'll watch for you.

Mayor: Was the committee in session this morning?

Hollingsworth: No. I saw Jones last night, and saw him again twice this morning.

Mayor: Looks like those preachers kind of cooled down.

Hollingsworth: Yes - I'll see you later.

10:22 A.M. Incoming on No. 648 JLM

Earl Witt: When are they going to put us in the penitentiary?

Mayor: Any day now. (Laughs)

Earl Witt: I've been sick - is there anything else you think I ought to do?

Mayor: No. Scott Wood kind of evaded the issue didn't he?

Earl Witt: Yeah; I meant to have him give me a hand in this Dickson case - I didn't intend this to be a political discussion. That portion about the Sheriff's boys being messengers for you was uncalled for.

Mayor: Yeah. I also had quite a run-in with Walter Ebel about Cecil still doing some work for the Police Department. I told him it was a G.D. lie, and Rasberry also told him that.

Earl Witt: I noticed where Cecil denied it. A lot of people will believe Cecil, whatever he says.

Mayor: I was talking to that fellow in Little Rock, and he said that the committee is beginning to realize that the whole thing is just a political joke - that Scott Wood didn't have the interest of the town at heart when he started this.

Earl Witt: Well, you know Scott Wood has never been known to do anything that is best for the town - he's just a trouble-maker.

Mayor: Everything seems to be in good shape now.

Earl Witt: Yeah, and I feel a lot better.

Mayor: Well, I'll call you if there's anything new.

The Cecil referred to in this conversation is Cecil Brock, former Lieutenant of the Police and in charge of the Identification Bureau. Mr. Wood accused the city authorities of allowing Brock to continue working in the Identification Bureau.

11:27 A.M. Incoming on No. 648

JLM

Jones: I didn't find any record of that -
Mayor: All right.
Jones: Marion (Anderson) took a pretty good statement over there, didn't he?
Mayor: Yeah.
Jones: He got the bank to fix up Lonnie Duval's statement, too.
Mayor: Yeah - I know.
Jones: It looks pretty good over there, doesn't it?
Mayor: Yeah - it won't amount to anything.

Jones is Circuit Clerk. Marion Anderson is the present Sheriff of Garland County. The identity of Lonnie Duval is unknown.

In connection with the activities of Joe Schneider, Referee in Bankruptcy, at Little Rock, it will be noted from previous conversations that Mr. Schneider and U. S. District Judge John E. Martineau were invited to attend Mayor McLaughlin's New Years Eve party, and that Mr. Schneider apparently attended. It will also be noted from other conversations that gambling was being opened in the Eastman Hotel on January 15, 1937 and that Grady Manning and the "Little Rock crowd" was backing this venture. It is possible that Mr. Schneider is interested in this venture.

RAID BY STATE RANGERS IN HOT SPRINGS ON JANUARY 15, 1937

Soon after the formation of the Investigating Committee of the Legislature, hereinbefore mentioned, it appears that someone ordered the Arkansas State Rangers to serve subpoenas on officials and others in Hot Springs and at that time take pictures of the gambling establishments in operation. Local newspapers in Little Rock quoted certain members of the Investigating Committee as stating they did not know of this activity until they read the same in the newspapers. As will be disclosed from the conversations herein after set forth, and appearing in the log State Rangers and agents of the State Revenue Department visited several gambling establishments in Hot Springs, took pictures of the gambling rooms and served subpoenas on persons operating these gambling establishments, and municipal and county officials. The subpoenas were reported to require also the production of income tax records, bank accounts, payroll records, "hot" checks, etc., and were made returnable the following morning. Newspapers reported the attendance of the following witnesses in answer to these subpoenas, and whose testimony was transcribed:

Houston Emory, former Prosecuting Attorney
Earl Witt, Circuit Judge
Marion Anderson, Sheriff of Garland County
Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives.
Matt Picchi

Roscoe Johnson, of the Southern Grill
Norwood Phillips, of the Chicago Cigar Store
Ben Harrison of the Citizens Cigar Store
Gordon Henderson, of the Blue Ribbon Cigar Store
Lewis Larson, of the Blue Ribbon Cigar Store
Bill Miller, of Miller's Cigar Store
Otis McGraw, of the Club Belvedere
Ed Spear, of the Tango Club
Tink Young, of the Ohio Cigar Store
Leo P. McLaughlin, Mayor

From the conversations hereinafter enumerated, it will be noted that Walter Ebel, Hot Springs representative of the Arkansas Gazette newspaper, received a tip from his paper that this raid was to be conducted. Ebel then notified Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, who after verifying the same, immediately left the Police Department and notified W. S. Jacobs and probably others. (Although a "tip-off" was had on this raid this agent was advised by R. W. Davis, State Revenue Agent at Hot Springs, that gambling was in progress at the Club Belvedere, Southern Grill and Miller's Cigar Store when the officers arrived. These three establishments are the most elaborate in Hot Springs, and have expensive paraphenalia.

Subsequent to this visit by the State Rangers and the service of subpoenas and on the following morning immediately prior to their appearance in Little Rock a meeting was held at the Mayor's office. Calls made from the Mayor's telephone reveal that the following persons attended this meeting:

Chief of Police Weldon Rasberry
Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers
Former Night Captain Robert L. Moore
George McLaughlin (brother of Mayor and a city employee)
Mayor McLaughlin
Richard M. Ryan (Attorney)
W. S. Jacobs
Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood

Other persons may have attended and made no telephone calls.

The following conversations appear in the logs for January 15, 1937:

6:52 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123 GRM

Walter Ebel called the Gazette at Little Rock:

Blansford: Hello.
Ebel: Hello - this is Ebel. Do you want a box score on these two basket ball games?
Blansford: No. Just give us about three paragraphs.
Ebel: Is Bill coming over?
Blansford: He's going to cover the raid over there.
Ebel: What raid?
Blansford: Now, maybe I've spoken out of turn.

Ebel: Say, give me the lowdown on that.
Blansford: Well, they're going to clean up over there tonight.
Ebel: Who's going to do it?
Blansford: The Rangers.
Ebel: Who ordered it? Did Bailey (Governor) order it?
Blansford: I don't know. Keep that to yourself because I don't know whether it's supposed to be given out.
Ebel: All right, thanks.

6:55 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123 GRM

Akers: 600 (Mayor's home)
Woman: Hello.
Akers: Is Leo there?
Woman: Who's calling?
Akers: This is Hervert Akers.
Woman: Mr. Akers, he isn't in. Is there any message?
Akers: No, just tell him that I called.

6:56 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123 GRM

Akers: 2115 (W. S. Jacobs)
(No answer)

(A call at 7:04 P.M. for Akers was answered by an officer who stated Akers was out. He remained away from the Police Station apparently until 8:00 P.M.)

8:00 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123 GRM

Akers placed call for A. G. Albright of the State Rangers at 3-1110, Little Rock. Operator reported that Albright was not in and could not be reached.

8:02 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123 GRM

Akers: Called 494 (Western Union), and asked for Skeeter.
Skeeter: Hello.
Akers: What do you know?
Skeeter: Nothing.
Akers: Have you had any unusual requests?
Skeeter: Did you see Walter Ebel?
Akers: Yes, what's the story?
Skeeter: Well, this fellow Wilson (Gazette reporter) wired and his wire indicated that they would be over late because they wanted me to remain open to take care of the story. Looks like they may snoop around.
Akers: Yeah.
Skeeter: Keep this under your hat, Dutch.
Akers: All right, if you get anything, let me know.

8:05 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123 GRM

Akers: 2115 (W. S. Jacobs - unlisted)
Man: Hello.
Akers: Dutch.
Man OK
Akers: I just verified that with Western Union so it's authentic. Does he want me to contact him?
Man: Yes. He's gone home. I'm leaving now and I'll be at the Southern.
Akers: All right.

(The log indicates that immediately after this call Chief Akers again left the Police Station.)

8:17 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123 JLM

Akers: 666
Mrs. Akers: Hello.
Akers: How are you feeling?
Mrs. Akers: Oh, Not so good.
Akers: You're going to miss the fun tonight.
Mrs. Akers: What is it?
Akers: They're going to raid everything tonight.
Mrs. Akers: I'm glad I'm in - both places?
Akers: No, everything?
Mrs. Akers: Who?
Akers: Boys from Little Rock.
Mrs. Akers: State Rangers?
Akers: Yes, but they're not going to close tonight.
Mrs. Akers: They're not?
Akers: No. Don't call anybody - they all know it.
Mrs. Akers: I won't.
Akers: I'll be home late tonight.
Mrs. Akers: All right, darling.

8:25 P.M. Incoming on No. 123. JLM

Wakelin: Is Dutch there?
Akers: Yeah.
Wakelin: Have you heard anything?
Akers: Who is this?
Wakelin: Wakelin.
Akers: Oh, you mean on Jeff? He's at Rodessa, Texas. They'll get him tonight.
Wakelin: No - you said that other party was over there today.
Akers; Who?
Wakelin: Leo.
Akers: Oh. They're fixing to raid everything tonight.
Wakelin: Who?

Akers: The State Rangers.
Wakelin: For Christ sakes.
Akers: Been talking to him (Jacobs) - he's going to stay open. He doesn't know what to do - he's running around like his head's cut off.
Wakelin: Yeah.
Akers: They'll be here late tonight. I'm going to stay here and if anything happens, I'll call you.
Wakelin: All right.

(The Jeff mentioned in this conversation apparently is Farmer Jefferson, who is wanted at Hot Springs for the armed robbery of the Citizens Cigar Store (bookie).

8:37 P.M. Outgoing JLM

Akers: 2791(Southern Club)
Man: Hello.
Akers: Is officer Moore there?
Bob Moore: Hello.
Akers: Are you the night chief?
Bob Moore: What's Gray Albright's home telephone number.
Akers: Why - what's on your mind?
Bob Moore: Oh, I just wanted to talk to him.
Akers: He's not at home.
Bob Moore: What's his number?
Akers: Why - what's on your mind? Are you thinking the same as I?
Bob Moore: I don't know.
Akers: You're running a close second, Bob.
Bob Moore: Yeah. What's his number. Id did know it, but forgot it.
Akers:5 I told you he wasn't at home, I just called him.
Bob Moore: Well, I'll call him around two o'clock.
Akers: Is the old man (Jacobs) up there?
Bob Moore: Yes.
Akers: Have you been talking to him?
Bob Moore: No.
Akers: Albright won't be at home at two o'clock - you'll see him before then.
Bob Moore: Aw - all right.

(Bob Moore is the former Night Captain of Police, and now employed as a guard at the Southern Club. Gray Albright is Superintendent of the Arkansas State Rangers.)

11:25 P.M. Incoming on No. 446. HAS

Man: Asked for Dutch Akers.
Akers: Hello.
Man: Where's the "Kingfish" (Mayor?)
Akers: He's gone home a few minutes ago. They served (subpoena) him at the confectionery.

Man: Looks like you ducked everything.
Akers: Oh, I got one too. They served me, just like you did.
Man: I tried to get in touch with Jimmie Phillips while ago and couldn't.
Akers: Well, I talked to Earl (Witt) and Marion (Anderson). The "boss" wants all the boys down here at seven in the morning. Wants to talk to them before we go over there (Little Rock). You tell the boys at your place and tell the boys out at the Belvedere.
Man: OK. Did they tell you to bring all papers and checks?
Akers: Yes, even bad checks.
Man: Guess I ought to bring that one you gave me. Well, I'll tell them.
Akers: OK.

(This call apparently originated at the Southern Club.)

The following conversations appear in the log for January 16, 1937, and pertains to the meeting held at the Mayor's Office:

6:50 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 HAS

Bob Moore: Called 600 (McLaughlin's residence)
McLaughlin: Hello.
Bob Moore: Mayor, this is Bob Moore. There's a bunch of the boys down at your office now waiting for you.
McLaughlin: Well, I'll be down there after a bit.

8:01 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 HAS

Jacobs: Called long distance to Little Rock for Louis Tarlowski, attorney, who resides at the Albert Pike Hotel.
Tarlowski: Hello.
Jacobs: This is W. S. Jacobs at Hot Springs. Will you be too busy to come to the House and represent us? Mr. Ryan from here will be there too.
Tarlowski: What time?
Jacobs: About ten, I guess.
Tarlowski: OK. I'll be out there.
Jacobs: You understand - this is Jacobs talking.
Tarlowski: Yes sir, Mr. Jacobs.

(While waiting for Tarlowski, Jacobs was heard to remark, "He draws all the bills." Louis Tarlowski is listed as an attorney with offices in the Rector Building and residence at the Albert Pike Hotel.)

8:15 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 HAS

McLaughlin: Called Long Distance to Mr. Lee Nichols, House of Representatives, Little Rock, Arkansas, #4-9732.

Nichols: Hello.

McLaughlin: Mr. Nichols, my brother and I were served last night, but mother is sick and we'd rather not leave her today unless it's absolutely necessary.

Nichols: You'd better come. The reason why we took this move is that if the allegations are not true, we'll declare so publicly, but of course if they are true it will be a different proposition.

McLaughlin: Well, I'd rather not leave here today unless I have to.

Nichols: How sick is your mother?

McLaughlin: Well, I don't know exactly - will have to talk to her doctor. You know she's pretty old - around 84.

Nichols: Yes? Weren't you in Little Rock yesterday?

McLaughlin: Well, yes.

Nichols: You'd better come on up here today.

McLaughlin: All right. However, I will be later than the rest.

9:05 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648 GRM

Mayor: Called Ed McHaney (Attorney) at Little Rock

McHaney: Hello.

Mayor: Ed, this is Leo. At 10:30 I'm going to be at the House of Representatives. I want you to meet me there.

McHaney: I can't very well do that, Leo. I've got to be in Court on your case at 11:00 o'clock.

Mayor: OK, then send one of the other boys over.

McHaney: All right.

In view of the developments mentioned herein, and others, the advisability of additional taps in Hot Springs is being considered by the Bureau.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

February 3, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ROBBERY OF THE KRAFT STATE BANK,
Menomonie, Wisconsin.

On October 20, 1931, the Kraft State Bank, Menomonie, Wisconsin, was robbed by five men. During the course of the robbery, gunfire was exchanged between the robbers and armed citizens and officers, which resulted in the death of two of the robbers, Charles P. Harmon and Frank Weber, both ex-convicts. Charles P. Harmon was at the time of his death the husband of Paula Harmon, who later became the paramour of Fred Barker. During the exchange of gunfire, the son of William Kraft, the President of the bank, was slain, and another citizen was seriously wounded.

While the Bureau has conducted no investigation in an effort to definitely determine the identity of the perpetrators of this bank robbery, some investigation was conducted during the time Francis Keating, Thomas Holden and Frank Nash were fugitives, in an effort to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of these individuals and, from the information obtained, it appears Francis Keating, Thomas Holden, Frank Nash, Charles P. Harmon and Frank Weber were the individuals responsible for the crime. Robert Newbern, No. 21368 Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun, Wisconsin, was convicted of participating in this robbery and is presently serving a sentence for that offense.

During the investigation to locate Keating, Holden and Nash, Mr. William F. Kraft, President of the Kraft State Bank, was interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Coulter, and advised that Dr. D. W. Quilling, a dentist with offices at 705 Physicians and Surgeons Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was acquainted with Frank Weber,

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and that the Sunday prior to the holdup of the Kraft State Bank, Quilling and Weber had had pistol practice together. Mr. Kraft stated that Quilling is his cousin and, although they are related, he felt there might be a possibility that Quilling was the inside man in the case and furnished Keating, Weber and Harmon with information necessary to enable them to successfully rob the bank. Mr. Kraft furnished the further information that he had received a telephonic call from a reporter of the St. Paul Dispatch, whose name was not known to Mr. Kraft, and that the reporter had advised he had talked with Francis Keating, who was seated in an automobile in front of Leon Gleckman's residence in St. Paul, Minnesota, and later at the St. Paul Hotel where Keating was a bodyguard for Gleckman. Keating, it is stated, advised the newspaper reporter that he had an absolute alibi, as he was in conference with the St. Paul Police officials on the date the bank was robbed. You will recall that Leon Gleckman was a notorious underworld character in St. Paul who is now serving a sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for violation of the income tax laws.

Morton S. Hawkins, an ex-convict from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, who, on March 14, 1932, resided at the Clarendon Beach Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by Special Agents of the Chicago Field Division in an effort to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of Keating, Holden and Nash. Hawkins informed the Agents at that time that he was not acquainted with Holden and Keating but that he knew Frank Nash very well. He advised the Agents that about six weeks prior to the interview, he met an ex-convict from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, by the name of Ed Furey and that Furey advised him the robbery of the Kraft State Bank was perpetrated by Keating, Holden, Nash, Weber and Harmon and that at the time this discussion took place, Keating, Holden and Nash were wanted for the murder of an officer of the bank.

Additional information concerning the robbery was confidentially furnished to Special Agents by J. I. Harmon, an inmate of the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, and a brother of Charles P. Harmon, who was killed in the robbery, to the effect that Charles P. Harmon was not killed by officers but was double-crossed by Keating and Holden and murdered by them in the getaway.

Paula Harmon has advised Special Agents that she, with Charles Harmon, lived in St. Paul, Minnesota, six weeks prior to October, 1931. She claimed she did not know the identity of the other individuals who participated in the robbery of the Kraft State Bank, but previous to Charles P. Harmon's death, she and he were closely associated with Frank Nash, Verne Miller, Thomas Holden, Francis Keating, Jack Peifer and Harry Sawyer. This information, of course, is corroborated by other individuals.

No information has been obtained during the extensive investigation conducted by the Bureau concerning the Karpis-Barker gang, including Holden, Keating and Nash, that Robert Newbern was ever associated with these individuals. Of course, this is not conclusive.

Alvin Karpis, subsequent to his apprehension, advised Special Agent John E. Brennan that Holden and Keating had been blamed for the robbery of the Kraft State Bank as the car which was used in the robbery had been traced to them; that Keating and Holden had stolen the car at Duluth, Minnesota, and kept it in St. Paul for some time. Karpis stated that he, Fred Barker, Earl Christman, Charles Harmon and Frank Weber robbed this bank and used Keating and Holden's car. Karpis stated that Newbern, who is serving a sentence in the Wisconsin State Prison for this crime, is not guilty; that Newbern was a partner of Leonard Hankins, who is serving a life sentence in the Minnesota State Penitentiary for the robbery of the Third Northwestern State Bank in Minneapolis, a crime which Hankins did not commit, the same having been perpetrated by members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Contrary to the above information, Karpis advised Mr. Suran that he, Karpis, did not participate in the robbery of the Kraft State Bank, but that he had had many conversations with the individuals who had participated in the robbery and knew definitely that Newbern was innocent. Karpis at that time refused to name the individuals who participated but stated they were all either dead or incarcerated in penal institutions. Karpis further advised that Hankins and Newbern had no connection whatsoever with the Karpis-Barker gang and were merely petty gamblers and short-change artists.

The files contain a letter dated July 12, 1932, setting forth information secured from Mr. William Kraft, the President of the Kraft State Bank, to the effect that witnesses to the bank robbery had been to Leavenworth, Kansas, and had identified Holden and Keating as two of the bandits. So far as is known, Frank Nash was never definitely identified by witnesses as one of the perpetrators of the crime.

Under date of December 9, 1935, photostatic copies of the various reports contained in the Bureau files concerning the robbery of the Kraft State Bank were transmitted to the Milwaukee Field Division with instructions that they be reviewed, and thereafter the Special Agent in Charge was authorized to furnish the information contained therein to Mr. Aloysius W. Glavin, District Attorney, Dunn County, Menomonie, Wisconsin. The Special Agent in Charge was to advise Mr. Glavin that the information in the Bureau's possession was not complete and that it was being furnished to him only as a basis for any further investigation which he desired to conduct.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

February 8, 1937.

Honorable Emerich B. Freed,
United States Attorney,
Federal Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

There is being furnished to you herewith a carbon copy of the signed statement made by Joseph Roscoe at Miami, Florida on January 26, 1937.

This statement was secured from Joseph Roscoe, you will note, by Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn. The original signed statement is on file in this office and will be available to you at the time of the trial.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 8, 1937

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In a conversation today between the Honorable E. B. Freed, United States Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio, and Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Attorney Freed advised that United States District Judge Hahn of Toledo, Ohio recently suffered a stroke of apoplexy and is presently confined in a hospital in a very serious condition, and that it is not known when he will, if ever, be able to again take up his duties as Judge.

In connection with this matter Attorney Freed stated that all cases pending in the Toledo District would be continued until there is some definite indication as to the condition of Judge Hahn, and expressed the opinion that in the event he is not able to immediately resume his work as Judge, some difficulty and delay may be experienced in securing a Judge to sit in his stead. He stated that this situation may tend to delay the presentation of the Harboring prosecutions in this case.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland RTR

J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTI HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONA FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mr. Joseph McGarrity, Philadelphia, states Frank Williams, with aliases (correct name Lawrence DeLacey) is at present connected with the "Dublin Times" in Dublin, Ireland. McGarrity knows nothing concerning Rorke or where he could be located.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. F. McDevitt, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1937.

DETAILS: AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

On February 4, 1937, Agent located Mr. Joseph McGarrity at his place of business, 1308 Drury Street, Philadelphia. Agent interviewed Mr. McGarrity in the presence of Special Agent B. M. Hirah, of this division.

Mr. McGarrity stated that Frank Williams, alias Lawrence DeLacey or Pierce (correct name Lawrence DeLacey) is at present connected with the "Dublin Times" in Dublin, Ireland, and that he, McGarrity, recently talked with him in Ireland. McGarrity said he has no recollection of machine gun #950, but that if it was one of the machine guns turned over to him, it can be stated with assurance that it was never found in the United States after he received it, but he did not just say why

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he was so sure, and would not, but the supposition is, of course, that after the guns were turned over to him, they finally found their way to Ireland. McGarrity added that Williams could not possibly know anything whatever about machine gun #950.

As to George Gordon Rorke, McGarrity said that he does not know where he is nor how he could be found; that Rorke was not a member of their organization at any time and he cannot understand how any of the guns could have been turned over to Rorke, as he was not entitled to same.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

Re: Mattson Kidnaping Case

On February 5, 1937, Mr. D. H. Stols called at the Bureau and was interviewed by me. Mr. Stols stated that he had some information concerning the persons responsible for the kidnaping and murder of Charles Fletcher Mattson, but that he would not furnish this information to the Bureau unless he was paid the reward for the capture of Alvin Karpis, inasmuch as he had furnished the Pittsburgh Field Division with information which ultimately led to the capture of Karpis, but he had not received a reward.

The file reflects that on September 10, 1935, Stols called at the Pittsburgh Field Division and advised that Karpis and William Hunter Read frequented a Chinese restaurant located at 2816 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. He was questioned concerning the source of his information. Stolz at that time stated he was a psychic and had his own way of learning the whereabouts of criminals sought by the Bureau. He stated further to Agent Rose of the Pittsburgh Division he had worked in the past on the Lindbergh case and had worked in connection with William Wallace of the New York City Police Department.

Mr. Stols advised me that he had obtained his information concerning the Mattson case in the same manner as he had determined the location of Alvin Karpis; that he was a psychic and could obtain valuable information. I advised Mr. Stols that his information did not result in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis, and no reward would be paid to him in connection with that matter. He continued to insist that he was entitled to the reward and finally stated that if he were given a written agreement that the information furnished by his concerning the Mattson case proved to be productive, he would be paid the reward. I advised Mr. Stols that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would not enter into a written agreement with him concerning the matter, as it was against the policy of the Bureau to execute

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such agreements as suggested by him. He then stated he was afraid the Bureau would double-cross him as Anna Sage had been double-crossed. I thereupon advised Mr. Stols that he should learn the facts before questioning the integrity of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Thereafter, he stated his information concerning the Mattson case which had been obtained by him through his psychic power was that a man using the alias of Frank Storey, formerly of Portland, Oregon, and as the information comes to him through his psychic power, Storey is supposed to have served a two year term in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, on the charge of burglary. He stated this individual is one of the kidnapers of the Mattson boy and is described as follows:

Age	28 years
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Grey
Nose	Hooked, has probably been broken
Hair	Brown
Face	Thin
Clothes	Wears light suit and light cap

Stols further advised he had obtained through his psychic power that Storey has an associate whose name is Howard Stevens and who is described as follows:

Age	30 years
Height	5 feet 6 inches
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Peculiarities	Small mustache
Clothes	Wears dark clothes

Stols advised Stevens served a term in Atlanta two years ago for burglary. He advised that it is further revealed to him through his psychic power that Storey and Stevens at the time of the kidnaping were about two miles from Shelton, Washington, and were driving a Pontiac car; that the victim in this case was drowned on January 8, 1937, in a bay. The body was thereafter taken to north of Everett, Washington, stabbed, and thereafter placed where it was found.

Stols stated it appears to him these men are presently located in San Diego, California, and are living with sailors. He advised they will plan to leave in the immediate future. He stated that he feels he will be able to learn through his psychic power the exact location of these individuals when they leave San Diego and will advise the Bureau.

For your information, Stols was referred to the Bureau by Congressman Don Gingery, Twenty-third Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully,

R. C. Suran.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington Field Division, Room 4244,
Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1937.

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

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, WITH ALIASES - FUGITIVE, I. D. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds, dated at Buffalo, New York, January 13, 1937, in which an undeveloped lead is set out for the Washington Field Division to obtain a copy of the fingerprints of George G. Rorke from the War Department, in order that same may be placed in the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau with an appropriate wanted notice.

The Bureau is respectfully requested to obtain the fingerprints of George G. Rorke from the War Department, in order that same may be placed in the files of the Identification Division with an appropriate wanted notice and the Cincinnati Field Division notified in the event the whereabouts of Rorke is ascertained.

The attention of the Buffalo Field Division is respectfully called to Section three, paragraph six of the Manual of Instructions which states that the office of origin will be held responsible for the development of a lead to the Bureau, requesting that a copy of anyone's fingerprints be obtained from a designated service, in order that by the use of such fingerprints an appropriate wanted notice may be placed in the Identification Division of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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GUY HOTTEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Re: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive, T. G. #1332; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act.

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U.S. INVESTIGATION BUREAU

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 8, 1937, concerning George C. Rorke.

Please be advised that a search of the files of the War Department, Navy Department, and Marine Corps has failed to disclose any record in this case. A search of the name files of the Identification Division of the Bureau has failed to establish an identification in this case.

In the event any additional information concerning the service record of George C. Rorke is available, it is suggested that such data be furnished to the Bureau so that a further search may be conducted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

COMM-FBI
FEB 19 1937

cc-Cincinnati
Buffalo

JOSEPH B. KEENAN
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice
Washington

February 9, 1937.

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

Herewith please find memorandum which was handed to me by Assistant Attorney General Brien McMahon, and submitted to him by Mr. Charles H. Carr. I am told that this possesses all of the matters referred to in the statements made by Mr. Knight. I hope that you will look into this matter with your usual vigor.

For your information, I saw Mr. Knight, I believe, on a single occasion with Congressman Wilcox, who was not only the Congressman from his District, but whose former secretary was married to young Adams.

For your further information, I believe that Mr. Wilcox did most of the talking, and I would greatly appreciate it if you would obtain a statement from him as to what transpired during that interview, since this was the only thing that I had to do with the case.

As I recall, Mr. Parrish had suggested Mr. Barlow's assisting the United States Attorney in this case.

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Joseph B. Keenan

Joseph B. Keenan,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

We are now to go ahead vigorously on this. I want every angle immediately investigated & cleared up. 2/9/37 D. C. N.

Dis. state make a report at earliest.

February 8, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
BRIEN McMAHON

Re: United States v. Joseph H.
Adams, et al.

On January 25, 1937, motions to suppress the statements of Adams and Randall were heard and disposed of in Miami, Florida. A short time prior to the hearing of the motions (approximately three weeks) Mr. Riley, counsel for the defendants, filed a memorandum in connection with the motions. This memorandum purported to be a narrative history of the case and included within the memorandum was a statement respecting certain alleged attempts by persons to collect $10,000.00 from Mr. T.R. Knight, father-in-law of Joseph H. Adams, for the purpose of "fixing" the case. This statement was very general in its nature and gave no specific information with relation to the time, place and persons connected with the alleged attempt to collect the $10,000.00 from Mr. Knight.

Shortly thereafter the writer arrived in Miami to oppose the motions to suppress and I contacted Mr. Bart A. Riley and requested that he have Mr. Knight write up a detailed account of the alleged attempt to collect the $10,000.00. After the motions were disposed of Mr. Riley contacted the writer and stated that Mr. Knight would come to the office of the United States Attorney and there give all of the facts that he knew concerning the alleged attempt to collect the $10,000.00 from him.

After the motions were concluded on January 25, 1937, Mr. Knight, accompanied by Mr. Riley, appeared at the office of the United States Attorney and thereupon made a statement.

Because of the fact that Mr. Riley in his argument to the court upon the motion related generally that an attempt had been made to collect $10,000.00 out of Knight for the purpose of "fixing" the case and insinuated and in substance stated that the case would have never been prosecuted except

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for the fact that Knight had refused to pay the $10,000.00, I stated to Mr. Knight and Mr.Riley, in the office of the United States Attorney, that it was the desire of the Department to have all of the facts and particularly any facts that might in any way point to any official.

Mr. Knight stated that starting back at the Cortez Hotel in Miami, just after Adams was arrested, that he (Knight) was over there one night talking to Mr. John Hanson and Hanson said: "Don't be foolish and pay out any money for a lawyer. If you have to have a lawyer get some young fellow just out of school and give him a hundred dollars." Knight said he thought nothing of it at the time and thanked him because he thought, and would not say now, that it was not given with the best of intentions. Knight said that about the ninth or tenth of May he was called from his dinner table one night by a Jewish voice which said: "Are you the Mr. Knight who has the son-in-law who is in trouble with the Government?" Knight stated he was and the voice said: "Well, where can I see you tonight, its important." Knight stated that he could be seen down in the lobby in about a half hour. Knight stated that the voice on the phone said; "You probably don't know me but I have known you for fifteen years." Knight then went into the lobby and a man by the name of Joseph A. Richter in the jewelry business on East Flagler Street, next to the Olympia Theatre, in Miami, Florida, said to him: "Mr. Knight I don't know anything about this case at all, but I had a call from a very dear friend in Baltimore, a very wealthy man in Baltimore and very influential who told me to get in touch with you and tell you if you will come to Baltimore at once that they will get this case all settled for you and I am to call him back as soon as I have talked with you." Mr. Knight stated: "Call him here from my office." Richter put the call in and within approximately two minutes a Jewish voice in Baltimore came on the phone and said: "Mr. Knight, I am not a politician but I have a friend who is in a position to get this case settled for you." Knight said: "Well, if you can get it settled its evidently someone with the Department of Justice," and the voice said: "Well, we are in a position to do what we say we are."

Knight further stated that either the following day or the second day thereafter he went to Baltimore; that when he arrived at the airport to take the plane Richter was there and went along with him; that they took a plane to Washington and caught a train to Baltimore and from there went over to this Jew's place, whose name is Miller. Miller's place of

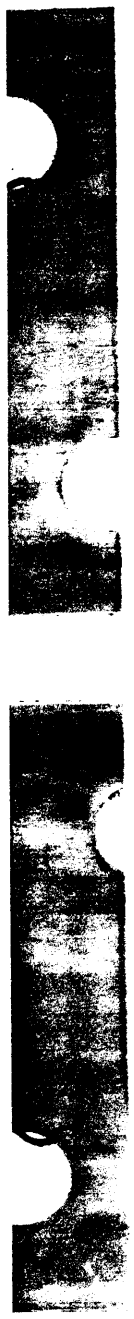
business is a pawn shop and a very cheap looking jewelry store. Knight stated that Miller is very wealthy, comes down to Miami, owns property there, has loaned a great deal of money in Miami and that Richter is his agent in that city. Knight stated that he went over to Miller's place of business and was introduced by Richter to Miller and then was introduced to his son and he said: "Now my friend thats going to handle this for you will be over here in just a little while and his name is Benny Franklin." Knight said: "Well, suppose I go to my hotel room and let Mr. Franklin come over there", to which Miller agreed. Knight then proceeded to the Lord Baltimore Hotel, registered, went to his room, cleaned up and came down about 5:30 or 6:00 o'clock to get something to eat and met Benny Franklin, accompanied by young Miller, going into the dining room. Knight was introduced to Franklin and asked to have dinner with them, which he did. Nothing was discussed at the table, but after dinner the three proceeded to Knight's room and Knight was told by Mr. Franklin that the real guy and the man in authority that would make the deal would be in Knight's room at midnight. Knight stated that he asked Franklin what kind of a deal he was talking about and Franklin said: "Its going to take some money, you didn't expect it wouldn't, did you?" Knight replied he didn't know, that he had just gotten their invitation. Franklin then said: "I don't know, the other fellow will tell you the amount, I know that the money will have to be split five ways." Young Miller then said: "Mr. Franklin don't count us in we don't want any money, what we are doing we are trying to help a friend." Knight stated that this aroused his suspicion because they were not any friends of his and he had never heard of them before. Franklin then said: "What I want to assure you is that this man is in authority and whatever he tells you is law and you can depend on it." Knight stated that Franklin told him that he(Franklin) wanted Richter to hold the stakes. Franklin then stated that the real man and the man in authority would be there at midnight.

Knight stated that promptly at midnight a gentleman rapped on the door and when he opened it a man stepped in and said his name was Sher. Knight stated that he doesn't think that was the man's real name. He asked the man how to spell the name and he said: "S-h-e-r." Sher then said: "Now you have been very foolish in this matter and thrown away a lot of money in attorney's fees and thats not our fault, you were warned not to do it in the outset." At this point Mr.Riley interrupted and asked the following question: "Now just one minute, thats the reason why you made that statement that Hanson made to you?" (Answer) "I do that without prejudice, Gentlemen. I don't know why or how but thats the facts. Mr. Hanson will tell you that his advice to me was good, friendly advice. I wouldn't say anyting to harm him in the world,

but thats what happened."

Sher continued, saying: "Not only that, you have been as dumb as hell. We have thrown every hint in the world at you except to tell you in plain English to come up to Baltimore and get in touch with Benny Franklin." Sher stated: "You would have been told that on the last trip of our man, but he never did get a chance." Sher then told Knight that there was no need to take up much time with this thing and proceeded to tell Knight, as Knight stated it: "Everything that has happened better than I can tell it. He told me of my visit to Baltimore, my talk with - He told me of my visit with Mark Wilcox and Joe Keenan's office and what took place and what was said more distinctly and more verbatim than I could ever repeat it. He told me of subsequent visits and talks in Miami with Mr. Barlow. He told me more about it than I knew." Then Sher said: "Now that gives you a background to check my position." Knight then stated: "So what? What is the rest of the story?" To which Sher replied: "Well, it will cost you $10,000.00 to get this case dismissed." Knight said: "Mr.Sher, Mr.Keenan and Mr. Barlow - Mr. Keenan didn't tell me directly it would be dismissed; he did tell me to give it time - to give it a little time and he was sure everything would work out all right. He told me and Mark Wilcox that, and he also told the Mayor of Miami, Cliff Reeder, to tell Adams' wife that she had nothing to worry about; and Barlow has told me not once but half a dozen times that this case was going to be dismissed. He (Sher) laughted and said By God, it hasn't been dismissed. But it will be dismissed; I'm telling you now how it will be dismissed, but it hasn't been dismissed up to now and I said: No, I know that. Well, I said, $10,000.00 is a lot of money. He said, Yes, I understand that, but not much when it has to be divided five ways. I said, Yes, thats true. Well, I said, Frankly, Mr. Sher, I don't know whether I could raise $10,000.00 or not. Well, he said, I didn't expect you to bring $10,000.00 up here in your grip, but, he said, thats up to you; and he beat his fist down on his chair, and he said, But I'm telling you now; I don't know what Barlow has told you, and I dontt know what Joe Keenan has told you - he referred to them all as Joe and Walter, and Hoover as Edgar Hoover, and he said, I don't care what they have told you, you can just put it down this case is not going to be dismissed unless you come through with that $10,000.00, he said, What do you think? Do you think us Government men can live on the puny salary we get? I said, I dontt know."

Knight stated that prior to this conversation with Sher, Barlow had told him that he (Barlow) was absolutely in authority and that he had recommended to officers higher up in the Departmant that the case be dismissed. Knight stated that



he and Riley learned from Barlow and Keenan that the case would be dismissed before he had this conversation with Sher. Knight stated that in this conversation with Sher he told him that Barlow appeared in earnest and asked Sher "What assurance have I got - how do I know that you haven't in some way found out that these cases are going to be dismissed?" "I have. I have been told so and I believe it. I have been told that. How do I know you haven't gotten that information and just intend to hold me up for $10,000.00?"

Mr. Riley then interrupted and asked Knight if he, Knight, had not learned from Barlow and Keenan that the case would be dismissed, to which Knight stated that he wouldn't say that Mr. Keenan ever defintely told him it would be dismissed, but Barlow had.

Continuing the conversation with Sher, Knight stated: "Mr.Sher, back of all that the Government hasn't got any case because Joe Adams and I live in the same hotel in the same apartment and I was there all the time that these damn crooks were there. I didn't know who they were. I had not the slightest idea; and I said, neither did Joe Adams. Well, he said, that don't make any difference. We have what it takes to convict. He said, Walter Barlow is the smoothest prosecutor you ever saw, and he can convince any jury in the world, and Edgar Hoover is blood-thirsty, and he is after this boy. Now, he said, that argument is, to my mind, he said, is foolish. Unless you get this thing out of the way, Walter Barlow, with all his swaying powers before the jury, and the witnesses you know we have got, and they will convict him. Well, I said, maybe so, but I know they have no case. Then I said, Assuming that your argument was true, Mr. Sher, this is all new to me, and I never dreamed of it before, I said, assuming that you are right, and that the payment of $10,000.00 we make is the only way to get my kid out of this trouble, you are a business man, and you are well-dressed, and you are smart; show me how you are going to prove to me that you are not doing what I have just talked about, that you have not gotten this information some way; and he looked up to the ceiling and said, There is six indictments against Adams, isn't there? and I said, Yes. He said, Suppose I have Walter Barlow go down there and dismiss three of those indictments voluntarily; just go before the Judge and dismiss three indictments; would that convince you that I know what I'm talking about? I said, Yes, but will you do that? He said, Walter Barlow will do what he is told to do. Well, I said, yes, that would convince me that you know what you are talking about. I still can't tell you whether I can get you the $10,000.00 or not. If you want to have that done,

go ahead, and have it done, and I'll see what I can do in the meantime, but I have got to have some proof that you have not just gotten the information like it was told to me, that the cases are going to be dismissed, and trying to use it?"

Knight stated further that very soon after that conversation Barlow came down and dismissed three indictments and immediately these parties in Baltimore called him on long distance telephone and wanted to know if he was ready to do business. Knight stated that it was the same man, Sher, who talked to him on the telephone this time. He further stated that Sher had called him two or three or four times, one of those times Mr.Riley listened in on the conversation. Sher, after asking Knight if he was ready to do business, said: WWhen the Chamber of Commerce (meaning the Grand Jury) meets now I will see that there are no new indictments to take the place of those dismissed." Knight stated that Sher gave himthe date the Grand Jury would meet and that the Grand Jury did meet on that day and there were no new indictments.

After the Grand Jury met, Sher began to call Knight and press him for the money, the $10,000.00,aand Knight stated that he told him he couldn't raise it in the first place and in the second place he hadn't up to that time committed any crime and wasn't goint to if he knew it and that he wasn't going to take any chances, and that they would take their chances and go to trial. Knight stated that he immediately went to Washington and got Mark Wilcox and went over to Walter Barlow's office and there told Barlow who these people were and where they were on that date. Knight said: "Even to this man Sher, because I had found he was in Atlantic City." Knight further stated that Mr.Wilcox told Barlow that he (Barlow)had been promising that these cases were going to be dismissed and that there hadn't been anything done about it. Knight and Wilcox then related to Barlow the circumstances surrounding the activities of Sher and his associates and Barlow said: "I told Bob under no circumstances to pay them a dime because in the first place he would be committing a crime."

Knight then stated that the following occurred: "Mark said, Now, this is a serious matter, one of the most serious I have ever come across, and he said, so far as we know you have been very fair to us, but, he said, this is a serious matter, and one with which I walked the floor all night when I found out about it, and he said, it is my intention to go over and ask a Congressional investigation of this thing. Barlow said, Well, Knight, what you want is to get this thing stopped, and stop this publicity on your family, isn't it? and I said, That's what I want, Mr. Barlow, and I haven't gotten

it. He then told Mark Wilcox and I, he said, Now, listen, he said, of course the Government don't know anything about this, the Department don't know anything about it, and had nothing to do with it, but, he said, you know the general public hasn't any too much confidence in our Government as it is, and he said, if you go and air this thing to the public, he said, a lot of people are going to think that somebody in authority was in on it. I said, Yes, sir; if you will pardon me for saying so, I will be forced to be one of the public; I can't do otherwise. I said, What other explanation, Mr. Barlow, can you offer for this man knowing every detail in a conversation that transpired between you and I, and a conversation that transpired in Keenan's office? He said, The only way I can account for it is some stenographer that had been fired out of the Department. I said, That wouldn't do, Mr. Barlow, because it would take more than one stenographer, because they relate to different times and different offices, and they know toomuch about the case to have gotten it from that source. Well, he said, I'll tell you what I'll do, he said, if you fellows will just let this matter rest as it is. I'll get this case dismissed. Thats what you want. I said, Yes, but I said, you have been telling us that for a long time, and this bird tells me just as emphatically and more so, that it is not going to be dismissed unless I pay $10,000.00. He said, Where are you going? I told him I intended to go on up to New York. So he promised Wilcox and I there again that if we would let the matter rest, he would get the case disposed of - dismissed - within two weeks. Congress was about to adjourn at that time, but we still believed it would do what he said he would do, and believed he was in aurhority, because that was the representation that had been made to us." Knight stated further that the last time Walter Barhow was in Miami he assured Knight that the cases would be dismissed.

Knight stated that Benny Franklin lived in Baltimore, that he has since heard that Franklin was in a very bad physical condition and he might be dead. Knight stated further that he was told at the hotel in Baltimore that Franklin was known all over Baltimore and that he lived in a $75,000.00 home there

Knight stated that he asked Sher if he was a member of the Bureau of Investigation as he (Knight(anticipated probably some attempt to trap him into some scheme or other, and that Sher replied that he was not in that Department but referred all the time to "we will do " and "We can do." Knight Stated that Sher referred in his conversation to his brother-in-law, saying to Knight that "You understand a few

things you are to do and a few things you are not to do. In the first place you are not to go back to Washington and say anthing to Mark Wilcox about this because there can't be any slip in this thing. If there is, it will be just too bad for you," to which Knight replied: "Don't start that kind of stuff my firend, because I have been through so much that just goes over my head. I don't care anything about that, if its threats you are making." Knight continued by saying: "I don't know if I will see Mark Wilcox or not, but this is your proposition." Knight stated further that Sher then brought up about his brother-in-law saying: "If you had a brother-in-law that had been in the Department for about twenty years, and stands very high in the Department, you wouldn't want to bungle something to cause him to lose his job, would you? I don't and I can't afford to."

Knight further stated that he told Sher on the telephone on one occasion "I might raise $5,000.00," to which Sher replied: "No, that won't do." A little later Sher called back and stated that Miller had said he didn't want anything out of it and Richter had said he didn't want anything out of it, but that they were only getting $500.00 a piecd, so he gold Knight "You can settle it for $9,000.00 but thats the least and unless you can send that and send it at once, the deal is off."

Mr.Riley produced a copy of a letter from his file, the same being dated May 10, 1935, addressed to Judge H.L.Ritter, wherein the address of H.D.Miller was given as 423 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland. A copy of the letter was given to the writer and the same further verifies the date of the telep hone conversation, to which Riley listened in, as being May 9, 1935.

Knight described Richter as being a little man, about 120 or 25 pounds, with a rather typical Jewish face and stated that his place of business was next to the Olympia Theatre and known as the Richter Jewelry Store.

Knight described young Miller as being about 24 or 5 years of age, nicely dressed young Jew, about five feet seven inches in height and weighing about 160 pounds.

Knight described Sher as being a stocky built fellow weighing around 170 pounds, height about five feet six inches, rather dark complected,full head of dark hair, eyes set wide apart, looked to be a German, very nattily dressed, and an unusual type.

Knight described Benny Franklin as being very short, heavy set Jew, very stock build, big stomach, about five feet three or four inches in height and weighing about 175 or 80 pounds, bald headed and well known, according to Knight, "all over Baltimore."

Knight stated that on May 9, 1935, a long distance telephone call from Baltimore was received by him and Mr. Riley listened in on the telephone and heard the conversation. He stated that when the call came the voice asked for Richter, Richter was in the office at the hotel and the voice inquired of Richter if Bob Knight was there, to which Richter replied, "Yes."

Knight stated that Barlow on different occasions showed him papers respecting dismissals and prospective dismissals of the cases. He stated that he remembered on e thing very distinctly - that one of Barlow's recommendations included a quotation which he had heard Riley use in the court that day, that the substance of the quotation was that it was the duty of the Government prosecutor to prosecute, that he might deal hard blows and it was his duty to do so, but he was not at liberty to deal foul blows. Knight stated that Barlow showed him a recommendation with all that in it.

Knight stated that the last conversation or contact he had with Sher was the one in which the $9,000.00 was discussed. He also stated that this was the last contact he had with any of these people.

Knight stated that he never discussed the matter with Richter but had told him before they went to Baltimore that if Richter went in an effort to assist him that he (Knight) would pay his expenses. Knight stated that he didn't know Richter was going and that Richter had said he was not going, but when he got out to the plane that morning Richter was there, bought his own ticket and got on the plane and went up.

Knight stated that the only conversation he ever had with Richter, more than just passing and speaking to him, was possibly three or four months prior to January 25, 1937, at which time he dropped into Richter's store and told

him "Now let me pay your expenses to Baltimore, I am willing to pay it," and Richter stated that he had attended to some other business there and didn't want it.

Shortly after Knight completed his statement, John Hanson was in the office of the United States Attorney to confer with the writer respecting preparation of the Adams case for trial and was at that time asked if he had made any statements to Knight that he (Knight) should not hire a lawyer or that he (Hanson) had recommended to Knight that he get a young lawyer and pay him a hundred dollars. Hanson informed the writer that he at no time made any such statement.

The writer respectfully recommends that this matter be referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order that the matter may be investigated to determine whether any offenses have been committed.

In this connection it should be pointed out that the Adams case is now set for trial on June 7, 1937, and any investigation of the matter heretofore set out should be made with consideration as to its possible effect upon the trial. In other words, it is the personal opinion of the writer that while the facts contained in Knight's statement may, or may not, be true, he and his attorney are endeavoring to drag the Government off into a fight over a side issue. This is obvious from the fact that both Riley and Knight have continued to indicate by statements and innuendo that the only reason the Adams case is being presented is because the $10,000.00 was not paid. In fact Riley substantially said so in open court. Also, Riley has clearly indicated that he expects at the time of the trial to convey the idea to the court and jury, by any method available, that an innocent man is being prosecuted merely because someone in the Department of Justice was not paid off.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ CHARLES H. CARR,
Special Attorney.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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February 6, 1937

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Suran communicated by telephone with Mr. Shanahan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, relative to the information furnished by Mr. Shanahan to Special Agent E. J. Wynn to the effect that the Department had not received a copy of the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, dated at Chicago, Illinois, December 12, 1936, in the case entitled GEORGE TIMINEY, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. Mr. Suran advised Mr. Shanahan the records of the Bureau disclosed that a copy of the aforementioned report was transmitted to Mr. McMahon on December 18, 1936. Mr. Shanahan stated that he would make a further search for this report and would advise Mr. Suran at a later date whether the same could be located in the Department files.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S.Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Re: Unknown Subjects,
Edsel Ford,Victim,
Extortion:

Dear Sir:

On 2-8-57 while discussing other matters with Harry Bennett of the Ford Motor Co., he mentioned the above case and pointed out that the victim had on Feb. 8,1954 received a letter postmarked that date in Rochester, Minn. and that Edward Bremer of St. Paul was released at Rochester,Minn. on Feb. 7th,1954.

He also stated that since Cassius McDonald had been arrested that the victim herein had not received any additional letters, in view of which he was of the opinion that the letters may have been written by McDonald in conjunction with some of the subjects of the Bremer kidnapping.

The above information is being forwarded to you for your consideration in the above entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

D.M.Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE: GEORGE TIMINEY with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - Fugitive,
I. O. #1232, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Benson Groves probably last visited Benwood, W. Va. about 10 years ago. Former associates, acquaintances and relatives deny knowledge of his present whereabouts. Fred Hepe, friend and correspondent, Bellaire, Ohio, has cottage at Roxbury, Ohio. Arrangements made for observation of possible contacts. Reed Groves, nephew, advised Wm. Samuels, Wheeling, when drunk, that Groves was at McKeefrey, W. Va. Inquiry at McKeefrey unproductive.

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REFERENCE: Letters from Cleveland Field Division 11-20-36 and 1-6-37; Report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, Pittsburgh, 12-24-36

DETAILS:

Investigation in the vicinity of Benwood, West Virginia, disclosed that BENSON GROVES was associated with a gang of safeblowers, thieves and receivers of stolen property at Benwood prior to his conviction for theft from interstate shipment on February 13, 1917, among whom were FRANK MAHOOD alias "Bay-Day"; EVERETT MAHOOD; LEONARD GOEGELEIN; JACK BURSEE; JOE OSER alias "Cheesey"; CLYDE HOLLEY; "Cap" SHIPMAN; HARRY STONE; and the Finnegan brothers. Of these individuals, only JACK BURSEE, JOE OSER and possibly HARRY STONE are now living. Groves was also closely allied with FRED NIEBERGALL, Sherrard, West Virginia; MONT BONER and ED SOUTHERN, Benwood, West Virginia; and

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FRED HEPE, Bellaire, Ohio, although these persons are said not to have been members of the gang. Of his relatives, only MRS. ANNA EVERETT and CLARK SPROUT are now residing at Benwood.

AT BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA.

CLARK SPROUT, 431 Main Street, a cousin of Groves, stated that he last saw BENSON GROVES approximately ten years ago at Benwood and has not received any communications from him since that time, or learned of any person being in contact with him. Sprout declaired that he believed that Groves is dead as he ceased to send money to him, or MRS. ANNA EVERETT, for the care of his mother's grave, as was his custom, about eight years ago. Sprout advised that in the event Groves did visit Benwood, he would most likely stay with him, Mrs. Everett or ED SOUTHERN, but Groves would not, in his opinion, come to that borough. With respect to his relatives, Sprout advised that Groves' only living relatives are Mrs. Everett, his sister, IDA B. GROVES, his step-mother, IDA GROVES and nephew, H. H. GROVES, all of whom have been previously mentioned in the file. Sprout also insisted that his associates in unlawful activities in Benwood were all now deceased and that he had no close friends in this vicinity. In conclusion, Sprout frankly stated that he would not advise any officer if he knew the whereabouts of Groves although denying such knowledge.

MRS. ANNA J. EVERETT, a sister of Groves and JOSEPH MAHOOD, the father of SAM MAHOOD, Deputy Sheriff, Moundsville, West Virginia, mentioned in the reference report, both residing at 443 Main Street, Benwood, advised that Groves was last at Benwood about eight or ten years ago, just prior to his arrest in New Jersey. Both stated that Groves did not return following his release from the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, and that they were of the opinion that he was still confined in that institution, or dead. Mrs. Everett did not appear to be concerned about the activities of her brother, or have any knowledge of his recent activities. Mahood related that following an explosion at Bucyrus, Ohio, on the date of the Dempsey-Willard fight, on July 4, 1919, in which FRANK MAHOOD was killed and LEONARD GOEGKLEIN blinded and otherwise injured, Groves ceased to live in Benwood and made his headquarters in Ohio. Mahood could not state the names of his associates in Ohio, their addresses, or the town in which Groves made his residence. Further, Mahood does not believe that his relatives or acquaintances in Benwood are aware of his present whereabouts or correspond with him. JOSEPH MAHOOD also furnished the names of Groves' friends identical to those received from other sources, hereinafter set out, and a lengthy reminiscence of Groves' activities, containing no information pertinent to the present investigation.

MONT BONER, 22 Sixth Street, Benwood, who was said to be a close friend of Groves and a person who would probably harbor him if so requested, related that Groves stayed at his home for a few days in 1923, following his discharge from the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, but has not visited or corresponded with him since that time. With respect to visits at Benwood, Groves was said to appear infrequently and reside a few days with friends, namely, himself, CLARK SPROUT, ED SOUTHERN and MRS. ANNA EVERETT, as he did not maintain a residence or a permanent room, even years ago. Boner stated that following the death of FRANK MAHOOD, Groves went to Ohio and variously lived in Canton, Cleveland, Akron, and Youngstown. Boner could not furnish the specific addresses or dates of residence in any of the above named cities, or the names of his associates in any of them. With reference to the close associates of Groves at Benwood, Boner stated that he formerly operated a saloon which Groves and his friends frequented. Of these friends, Boner could only recall, of those living, ED SOUTHERN, Benwood, and FRED HEPE, Bellaire, Ohio. With respect to Hepe, Boner stated that he was the only individual, other than his relatives, with whom Groves corresponded. Boner denied that he has been in contact with Groves since his departure from Benwood. Boner admitted that if Groves did return to Benwood he "would be glad to see him" and would furnish a place for him to live, stating that he would not make any effort to cause his apprehension. According to Boner, Groves rarely worked, his last occupation being that of a coal miner at Benwood more than twenty-five years ago.

ED SOUTHERN, 525 Main Street, Benwood, averred that he has not seen or communicated with BENSON GROVES for approximately eight years, basing his estimation of the time Groves was last in Benwood as a year or two prior to his arrest in New Jersey. Southern related that he lost contact with Groves and at this time could not recall the names of any of his former associates, believing them to be dead, or residences which Groves established after departing from Benwood. Southern stated that Groves considered Benwood "unlucky" and following the death of FRANK MAHOOD by a rival gang, or members of the same gang, as herein described, he moved to Ohio. Southern disclaimed any knowledge of his present activities or whereabouts, stating that he believed Groves to be dead and that if alive, he would not return to Benwood because of his being widely known in this vicinity. Southern discussed Groves' past actions and associates, furnishing information repetitive of that secured more fully from other sources as set forth herein.

J. H. LEWIS, Lieutenant of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Police, Wheeling, West Virginia, advised that ERNEST CHAPMAN, Captain of the Railroad Police, is presently assigned in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Mr. Lewis advised that he knew of BENSON GROVES as a former notorious criminal of Benwood, but could not furnish any information with respect to his associates, referring the writer to HARDESTY SHEPPARD, a patrolman employed by the above railroad at Benwood, as a person well acquainted with the activities of Groves and other hoodlums at Benwood.

Mr. Sheppard related that Benson was accompanied on his last known "job" at Benwood by FRANK MAHOOD alias DAY-DAY, EVERETT MAHOOD and LEONARD GOEGELEIN, all deceased, these men being the nucleus of a gang of safe blowers operating out of Benwood probably under some agreement with the then Chief of Police at Benwood, not to commit any crimes in that borough. According to Mr. Sheppard, these men had a power boat on the Ohio River and would break into box cars on the tracks by the river, load the boat and escape. However, all these men were known safe-blowers and usually followed that particular crime.

Mr. Sheppard referred the writer to JOHN LUCEY, 1527 Marshall Street, Benwood, as a person well acquainted with the residents and rumors current in Benwood. Lucey was called into the railroad office and interviewed in the presence of Hardesty. A discussion between Hardesty and Lucey disclosed that FRANK MAHOOD and LEONARD GOEGELEIN were in a garage at Bucyrus, Ohio, arranging to divide money secured in a burglary which they had concealed in the spare tire of an automobile, when some individual, whose identity is unknown to Hardesty and Lucey and presumably to the local officers, caused an explosion with nitro-glycerine used in safe blowing. Mahood was killed outright and Geogeleir was blinded and otherwise injured, dying several years ago. Following the explosion, EVERETT MAHOOD boasted that he knew who killed his brother and was going to kill them. In 1924 EVERETT MAHOOD was murdered at Benwood, presumably by the same individuals who caused the explosion. Mr. Hardesty and Mr. Lucey also set the date of the explosion as the day of the Dempsey-Willard fight, July 4, 1919.

Following the death of her husband, MRS. EVERETT MAHOOD married a Mr. Pennybaker, now deceased, and later RAYMOND SCANLAN. She is now residing at 11 Sixteenth Street, McMechen, West Virginia. Mr. Lucey feels that she is on good terms with SOUP GROVES and that Groves would visit her if he was in this community. Lucey stated that she has two children, a boy age 19, and a girl age 12. The boy goes with a sister-in-law of Lucey and Lucey advised that he could successfully secure such knowledge as the boy possessed concerning Groves together with advice as to whether he visited Mrs. Scanlan. In view of the inquiry to be conducted by Mr. Lucey, no effort was made to interview Mrs. Scanlan, as such would lead to guarded replies to Lucey's questioning.

With respect to Groves' associates, these men advised that he was friendly with WILLIE OSER, McMechen; "CHEESEY" OSER, address unknown; JACK BURSKE, McMechen; and "ALLEY" BOWMAN, residing somewhere in Ohio. Both Hardesty and Lucey stated that they did not believe Groves has been in

Benwood subsequent to his conviction in New Jersey in 1931. Further, they have not heard of any person being in contact with Groves, the current rumor being that Groves is dead or confined in some institution, including the State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Hardesty stated that LOUIS GOKEY, a former city official at Benwood is dead, and LUKE GARVEY, former Chief of Police at Benwood and a former Prohibition or Internal Revenue Agent, is now residing at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Either of these men may be the LUKE GUOVEY or GNOVEY referred to in the reference letter of November 20, 1936. In this connection, Mr. Hardesty referred Agent to JOHN GARVEY, 1708 Gessemer Street, Benwood, an Engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and a brother of LUKE GARVEY. JOHN GARVEY stated that he has not seen or heard of BENSON GROVES for more than twenty years although Groves is known to him, they being about the same age and reared together. With reference to Groves' activities, Garvey could furnish no information other than that herein set out. He stated that LUKE GARVEY may be found at the Chancellor Hotel, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

It appears from the conversation of the above stated persons that Groves is well known to all the older residents of Benwood.

AT McMECHEN, WEST VIRGINIA.

Chief of Police JOHN FILBEN stated that he does not know Groves personally but knows of his previous activities in this vicinity and that he is related to an associated with numerous persons in McMechen, a borough contiguous to Benwood. Mr. Filben furnished the address of the various individuals interviewed at McMechen and upon being requested to name an individual living in the vicinity of the residence of MRS. RAYMOND SCANLAN in whom confidence could be placed, suggested CLARK SHAFER, an employee in the office of the Hitchman Coal Company at McMechen.

Mr. Shafer, whose residence is at 24 Sixteenth Street, McMechen, advised that he is acquainted with the Scanlans but not with BENSON GROVES, although he knew him by reputation. Mr. Shafer stated that he and his wife would observe visitors at the Scanlan home and note their descriptions and license numbers of the automobiles bearing foreign plates stopping there. Mr. Shafer was furnished the address and telephone number of the Pittsburgh Field Division with the request that he immediately notify that office if a person answering the description of Groves was observed by them.

LOUIS GOEGKLEIN, 706 Grant Street, McMechen, related that he is a brother of LEONARD GOEGKLEIN, a former associate of Groves, but, following his brother's death in Bucyrus, Ohio, in 1919, Groves has not visited or communicated with him. Mr. Goegelein averred that Groves was not intimately associated with any member of his family other than Leonard and was not liked by them as they felt LEONARD GOEGKLEIN'S association with Groves was the cause of his being imprisoned and later blinded. In view of the fact that Groves is aware of this feeling, Mr. Goegelein does not believe that he will communicate with them or allow them to know his address. No information could be elicited from Mr. Geogelein concerning Groves' associates other than the Mahoods, or places where Groves has recently resided, although Goegelein did not appear reluctant to tell what he knew. It appears that the Groves, other than Benson, were respected people and for that reason, Goegelein does not think he will contact persons in Benwood, knowing that his apprehension is desired.

GEORGE GOEGKLEIN, Grant Street, McMechen, related that in his opinion, BENSON GROVES has not been in Benwood for eight or ten years and that on the occasion of his last visit, Groves stayed at the home of MONT BONER, Benwood, and frequented a saloon formerly operated by Boner in which the gang with which Groves associated made their headquarters. It is Mr. Goegelein's belief that MONT BONER is the person whom Groves would most likely visit if he returned to Benwood and that Boner may have information concerning his present whereabouts or activities. George Goegelein, who is a nephew of LEONARD GOEGKLEIN, named persons previously discussed as friends of Groves and, in addition, stated that Groves sold some stogies, part of the loot from an interstate shipment theft, reflected in the reference report of the writer, to CHEESEY OSER and JACK BURSEE. Bursee and Oser were said to have sold these, in turn, to FRED NIEBERGALL, a former butcher in Benwood and friend of Groves. Due to his receiving goods stolen by Groves and others, Mr. Goegelein believes it is probable that Groves may hide at a small farm on which Niebergall lives near Limestone and Sherrard, West Virginia. With reference to the character of this place, Mr. Goegelein stated that it is a favorite retreat of persons in this vicinity, whose names he could not definitely state, for the purpose of hunting and drinking. Goegelein believes this would be an ideal hideout. However, he has no facts or other information that the farm is in fact a hideout other than his belief that it is a remote and suitable location.

BURNS GOEGELEIN, a brother of George, residing at 719 Lincoln Street, McMechen, informed that he last saw Groves at Boner's saloon somewhat more than five years ago. He could not set the date definitely but believes it to have been prior to his conviction in New Jersey. Goegelein says that there have been numerous rumors concerning Groves, most of these being that he is dead or confined in an institution. He also stated that it was believed Groves was confined in the State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio. BURNS GOEGELEIN stated that he believed MONT BONER to be the most likely associate of Groves in Benwood, as all of the old gang of safe-blowers, with the exception of Groves, are now dead and Boner was the contact for this gang in the old days. According to Burns, MYRTLE GOEGELEIN, the widow of LEONARD GOEGELEIN, is now residing on Wheeling Island, Wheeling, West Virginia. However, she could not be located at the date of the writing of this report.

E. V. MIX, an employee of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, with offices at 1138 Market Street, Wheeling, residing at 1022 Garfield Street, McMechen, stated that he is the husband of the daughter of LEONARD GOEGELEIN. Although not personally acquainted with Groves, Mix informed that he has heard a great deal concerning him, none of which indicated that Groves has been in Benwood or the vicinity for ten or more years. Mix stated that Groves does not "mix" with the Goegeleins now and has not since the death of his father-in-law. Mix could not state if there existed the belief that Groves may have been responsible for the injury and subsequent death of Goegelein. He stated that no information had come to his wife's attention with respect to the recent activities of BENSON GROVES and he feels that Groves will not make any effort to contact or visit this family. Mr. Mix suggested CLARK SPROUT, Benwood, as the most probable contact of Groves.

WILLIAM OSER, known as WILLIE OSER, 419 Lincoln Avenue, McMechen, related that he has not been BENSON GROVES since 1912 and then at the Mayflower Club situated in the Shad Building, Benwood. Oser stated that this club was in effect a saloon operated by MONTE BONER and organized because of the nature of the liquor laws at the time. The club is no longer in existence. Among its members were MONT BONER, BENSON GROVES, LOUIS GOKEY, deceased, and ALBERT KETZEL, Sistersville, or Paden City, West Virginia, and JOE OSER alias "CHEESEY". Oser could not furnish any information of value or the address of his brother other than that he was a structural iron worker, a rivet heater, and formerly lived on River Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Oser is of the opinion that Boner would be the most likely person to have information concerning Groves.

CHARLES OSER, a son of FRED OSER, now operating a saloon on Marshall Street, McMechen, stated that he did not know Groves or have any information concerning him, as Groves left this community while he was a boy. Oser averred that he has not seen or heard of Groves for years and could not suggest anyone who may have such information. It is CHARLE OSER'S

opinion that JOE OSER, who is said to be crippled, is now peddling shoestrings in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It may be noted that CHARLES OSER is 29 years old.

BOB BURSEE, 1012 Logan Street, McMechen, stated that he has not seen Groves since 1911 and then at Boner's saloon. Following his departure from Benwood at that time Bursee advised that he heard Groves was driving a taxi in Detroit, Michigan. Bursee set the date of this as about five or ten years ago. Although Bursee had a wide knowledge of Groves' activities in and around Benwood, he could furnish no information not already secured.

EMIL BURSEE a son of BOB BURSEE, related that the last occasion on which they heard of Groves was upon his conviction in 1931 at which time a news article appeared in the Wheeling Intelligencer.

AT WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA.

It was ascertained at the Police Department that former Sheriff HOWARD H. HASTINGS of Ohio County, Wheeling, was dead and PHILIP BAUCHMAN, HARRIS JOHNSON and ALFRED CLATOR, all Wheeling, were the only surviving deputies.

PHILIP BAUCHMAN, 52 22nd Street, Wheeling, no Municipal Market Master, advised that he knew nothing concerning Groves or his activities other than his being confined in the county jail during his term as a deputy sheriff. It is noted that Bauchman is very old and almost unable to speak through disability.

HARRIS JOHNSON, 2344 Wilson Street, Wheeling, employed at the Stratford Springs Bottling Works, Woodsdale, West Virginia, informed that he was office deputy sheriff during Sheriff Hastings' term and did not engage in criminal investigations. Therefore, he could not furnish any information of value. Mr. Johnson stated that himself, Bauchman and Clator were the only deputies he knew to be now living and suggested that ALFRED CLATOR is the best informed concerning Benwood. Johnson did not recall any correspondence between the Sheriff and other officers or institutions with respect to Groves or the identities of persons making inquiries concerning BENSON GROVES.

ALFRED CLATOR, 67 16th Street, Wheeling, now employed as a watchman by the Wheeling Steel Corporation, stated that during his incumbency as a deputy, Groves, DAY-DAY MAHOOD and LEONARD GOEGELIN were arrested and charged with the theft of stogies from a box car and at the trial, Groves assumed responsibility for the crime and received a substantial

sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, Goegelein and Mahood thereafter being each sentenced to a brief period in the county jail. In this connection Clator stated that Sheriff Hastings was politically active and willing to favor those with whom he came in contact and therefore communicated with the United States Penitentiary to secure information about Groves to transmit to persons inquiring about him.

In addition to the associates previously mentioned, Clator stated that CLYDE HOLLEY and "POP" or "CAP" SHIPMAN, Benwood, now deceased, the Finnegan brothers, Bellaire, Ohio, deceased, and one HARRY STONE, whose true name is believed to be HARRY WOOLA (phonetic spelling) now confined in the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, were in the same gang as Groves. Stone is a "soup" man and was confined in the penitentiary long ago and may be dead or released. Clator also recalled that Groves ran with a "JERSEY BLACKIE" and one Kennedy but could not recall any further information pertaining to the identity of Kennedy, "JERSEY BLACKIE", HARRY STONE, or the place of conviction, except that one of these individuals was reported killed in a fight in the Ohio State Penitentiary. Clator believes that JOHN MEYERS is deceased and that the various persons set forth as deceased herein, are actually dead.

Mr. Clator stated that LUKE GARVEY, former Chief of Police, at Benwood, and later a Prohibition Agent, is friendly with Groves and his gang and would therefore not be a reliable informant. Clator also believes that MONT BONER, CLARK SPROUT, ANNA J. EVERETT and the majority of the old residents of Benwood, being friends of Groves, would be inclined to protect him and would not furnish any information to his detriment.

Clator stated that Groves departed from Benwood about ten years ago and at that time Groves advised him that he was going to Canton, Ohio, and no information has subsequently come to his attention with reference to Groves' whereabouts. Clator suggested W. E. CLAYTON, now a Justice of the Peace at Moundsville, West Virginia, as a possible source of information.

AT MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA.

SAM MAHOOD, Deputy Sheriff, and a nephew of EVERETT MAHOOD, Groves' former associate, stated that he made inquiry since he last interviewed the writer but failed to obtain any facts of value concerning BENSON GROVES. Mahood at this time suggested that MONT BONER, 22 Sixth Street, Benwood, ran a saloon which was the hangout of the gang, stating that this gang, when in Benwood, resided at his place, a large house constructed as a hotel or rooming house and frequently met there after pulling jobs. The gang, to the best of his knowledge, never pulled any crimes in Benwood, using this borough as a hiding place. Mr. Mahood suggested FRED FRAZIER, former Chief of Police at Wheeling, West Virginia, as a possible source of information.

In connection with Groves, Mahood stated that he is watching for Groves and would cause his apprehension if he appeared in Benwood. Mahood appears to be sincere in view of the close connection between his family and that of Groves. Mahood also bears the general reputation in Marshall County of trying to live down the acts and reputations of his family and is said to be trustworthy. However, ALBERT C. MEGALE and HOWARD MILLARD, Chief and Sergeant of Police, respectively, of Wheeling, place no confidence in Mahood and feel that he will not assist in Groves' apprehension, although he would not take any active steps toward concealing him.

W. E. CLAYTON, Justice of the Peace, Moundsville, advised that he was Sheriff of Marshall County, the county in which Benwood is situated, in 1916 and at the time Groves Goegelein and Mahood were arrested for theft from interstate shipment. Clayton named as associates of Groves the individuals previously mentioned, stating that he arrested "CHEESEY" OSER about twenty years ago for burglary and the theft of a car at St. Clairsville, Ohio, and while confined in the county jail, Oser escaped and has never been apprehended. Subsequently Oser became a structural iron worker until crippled in a fall. Clayton believes Oser to be now married and residing in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Clayton stated that JACK BURSEE, now residing in Benwood, was an active member of Groves' gang, and was shot at Benwood while escaping from the scene of a crime. Mr. Clayton knows Groves personally as well as all his relatives and associates and believes that he would be informed if Groves appeared in this vicinity. It is his belief that Groves has not been in Benwood for more than ten years as the place "became too hot for him".

AT BELLAIRE, OHIO.

In view of the fact that MONT BONER stated that FRED HEPE was the only individual with whom Groves corresponded, Agent interviewed MRS. FRED HEPE without disclosing his identity.

MRS. FRED HEPE, 36th Street, near the Ohio River, Bellaire, advised that her husband departed on Monday, February 1, 1937, to their cottage on the Muskingum River at Roxbury, Ohio, to determine what damage had been done by the recent flood. Mrs. Hepe described this place as being two miles below Stockport, Ohio, on the road to Beverly, Ohio, and about half way between Marietta and Zanesville, Ohio. As to physical

description, Mrs. Hepe stated that the place was of eight acres, there being a large white house on a hill and a small cottage on the banks of the river. Mrs. Hepe displayed a letter received from her husband on which the postmark thereon was Roxbury.

Mrs. Hepe exhibited no curiosity concerning the reason for the Agent's inquiries and spoke freely concerning the location of this place and explained in detail how to get to the cottage prior to being so requested by Agent.

SERGEANT JOHN BARTRAM, Bellaire Police Department, stated that Groves was known in Bellaire. Bartram stated that one CHARLIE FEELY, a one-legged man, janitor at the Ramona Night Club, Bellaire, was acquainted with the Groves and other hoodlums and could be relied upon for information. In this connection it is noted that the Ramona Club is a hoodlum's hangout, frequented by pimps and has appeared in White Slave cases in this district. Feely could not be located at the time of the Agent's visit.

AT WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA.

Upon discussing the probability of Groves being in Wheeling, West Virginia, with Chief of Police ALBERT C. MEGALE, SERGEANT HOWARD MILLARD stated that upon receipt of the Post Office Department's circular describing BENSON GROVES, he contacted one WILLIAM SAMUELS alias "GOATY", a reliable informant indebted to Millard. Samuels discussed Groves with REED GROVES, while the latter was intosicated, and was informed that Groves was in McKeefrey, West Virginia.

Accompanied by Sergeant Millard, WILLIAM SAMUELS was interviewed at his home on 4128 Water Street, Wheeling. At this time Samuels stated that he frequently employed REED GROVES to assist him in house wrecking and about a month or six weeks ago, he and REED GROVES got drunk together. On this occasion, Reed began talking about "SOUP" stating that if he would come back to Wheeling he "would be sitting on top of the world and would not have to worry about work or money". Reed also said that Groves visited relatives in Canton and upon noticing that their furniture was shabby, called a used furniture dealer, while this family was away, sold the old furniture and completely refurnished the house, as a surprise. Samuels could not recall distinctly where Groves was said to be, other than it was "some coal mining town towards New Martinsville". Upon being refreshed by Millard, Samuels agreed that the town was McKeefrey.

Accompanied by Chief Megale and Millard, the writer proceeded to McKeefrey where it was determined that the mine, the only industry in this isolated community, had been shut down since last September. MR. M. McDONALD, Postmaster, stated that there were now less than twentyfive families living on this property, all of whom were old residents and employed in adjoining communities. A photograph of Groves was exhibited to McDonald, who stated that the person therein pictured appeared familiar to him but he could not state where he had seen him. He was positive, however, that Groves is not now, and has not recently been in McKeefrey, West Virginia. A. E. SWEGARD, Mine Watchman, McKeefrey, also stated that Groves appeared familiar to him and was also positive that Groves had not recently been at McKeefrey.

Inquiry was made of IDA M. KAY, Postmaster, Captina, West Virginia, a neighboring village, who stated that she had not observed Groves there or in Cresaps, West Virginia. Mrs. Kay suggested JOHN GRAHAM as a reliable person at Cresaps. This is the nearest town to McKeefrey and, like McKeefrey, is a coal camp with one mine.

Mr. Graham stated that he had not observed any individual resembling the photograph of Groves exhibited to him, in Cresaps, and that all the persons residing at that place and their visitors are known to him.

A further inquiry was not conducted at these coal camps pending the receipt of further information from GOATY SAMUELS. Subsequently arrangements were made with Samuels to getREED GROVES intoxicated and attempt to again get him to discuss BENSON GROVES. In this connection Samuels stated that he is about to tear down an old packing house and would employ REED GROVES to assist him. He believes that at this time he can follow the above procedure without arousing suspicion. If pertinent information is secured, he will advise Millard who, in turn, will transmit it to the Pittsburgh Field Division.

It may be noted that Deputy Sheriff SAM MAHOOD was requested to furnish the names og Groves' relatives and failed to include REED and RAY GROVES, said to be nephews by GOATY SAMUELS. REED GROVES, according to Millard, resides on 5936 Jacobs Street, Wheeling. Samuels believes RAY GROVES is operating a "dinky" engine in one of the steel mills at Steubenville, Ohio.

No effort was made to interview REED GROVES, as it is thought advisable to secure all possible information through Samuels before open inquiry is made.

With respect to JOHN MEYERS, mentioned in the reference letter dated January 6, 1937, several individuals interviewed, stated he was dead. However, he is unknown to the majority of the persons of whom inquiry was made.

It may be noted that in all cases where possible entry was made into the homes of the reputed friends and relatives of Groves through different doors than the exit allowing Agent to observe the persons therein.. In some instances, due to flood conditions, access to upper floors were had, all without result.

Some interest was caused in Benwood through a "Gang-Busters" radio program about three weeks prior to February 4, 1937, in which the Chief of Police of Cleveland, Ohio, stated that BENSON GROVES was now "Public Enemy No. 1".

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION at CANTON, OHIO, will discreetly ascertain which of BENSON GROVES' relatives residing in that vicinity have new furniture, as such may indicate the person with whom Groves has been living, if the statements made by REED GROVES to GOATY SAMUELS, at Wheeling, West Virginia, are true.

THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION at COLUMBUS, OHIO, will ascertain the identity of "JERSEY BLACKIE" at the Ohio State Penitentiary. Will also learn if HARRY STONE alias HARRY WOOLA (phonetic spelling) is incarcerated therein. If either of these individuals are now confined in that institution, will question them with respect to Groves.

At STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, if it is ascertained that Groves is not in direct contact with him, will locate and interview RAY GROVES, said to be a nephew of BENSON GROVES. RAY GROVES is said to be operating a "dinky" engine for a steel company at Steubenville.

At ROXBURY, OHIO, will learn if BENSON GROVES, or his present associates are at the cottage and house of FRED HEPE situated on the Muskingum River. If FRED HEPE is presently at this place, will interview him concerning Groves' activities. It may be noted that Hepe is said to be the only person at Benwood, West Virginia, with whom Groves corresponded.

THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION at BENWOOD, W. VA., will interview JACK BURSEE, as herein set forth. Bursee lives on Main Street across from the Blue Ribbon Hall. Will secure such information as JOHN LUCKY, 1527 Marshall Street, has obtained from Young Pennybaker relative to BENSON GROVES.

At McMECHEN, W. VA., will ascertain if WILLIAM OSER has secured the address of his brother, CHEESKY JOE OSER. Will ascertain if CLARK SHAFER, 24 Sixteenth Street, McMechen, or his wife, have noted any foreign license plates or obsdrved any individuals resembling Groves visiting MRS. RAYMOND SCANLAN.

At WHEELING, W. VA., will keepin contact with ALBERT MEGALE and HOWARD MILLARD, Police Department, with reference to such information as they may have obtained from GOATY SAMUELS. Will interview GOATY SAMUELS, 4128 Water Street, Wheeling, as set forth in this report. Will locate and interview MYRTLE GOEGELEIN, the widow of LEONARD GOEGELEIN.

At WARWOOD, W. VA., will interview FRED FRAZIER, former Chief of Police, Wheeling, 1001 Warwood Avenue, concerning BENSON GROVES and his associates.

At BELLAIRE, OHIO, will contact CHARLIE FEELY, Ramona Night Club, with reference to BENSON GROVES. This may best be done about 2:00 A.M., according to Sergeant Bartram, Bellaire Police Department.

At MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA., will again discuss BENSON GROVES' relatives with Deputy Sheriff Mahood and endeavor to secure a complete list.

At PARKERSBURG, W. VA., will interview ERNEST CHAPMAN, Captain, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Police, with respect to such knowledge as he may have concerning BENSON GROVES. Will interview LUKE GARVEY, Chancellor Hotel, Parkersburg, as set forth in this report.

At SHERRARD or LIMESTONE, W. VA., will ascertain if Groves is at the farm of JOHN NIEBERGALL and if Groves is not in contact with him will interview him concerning the associates and activities of Groves.

At SISTERSVILLE or PADEN CITY, W. VA., will locate and interview ALBERT KETZEL.

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TITLE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of a MANARD FAUBLE, a stock broker, could be located at the Chicago Stock Exchange, Chicago Grain Market, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Illinois, and city and telephone directories for city of Chicago and vicinity.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Bureau dated January 16, 1937.

DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois.

The reference letter quotes an anonymous letter received by the Bureau to the effect, "If you want to find some of the money of the Carpus & Dillinger gang I suggest that you check up on activity of Manard Fauble a stockbroker in Chicago who has bought several farms in Fulton Co. O."

A check of the last Chicago directory, telephone directories of Chicago and adjoining cities, a check at the Chicago Stock Exchange, where all stock brokers, firms, and members are listed, and at the Office of the Secretary of State, where

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: D. M. Ladd asfg. SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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all stock brokerage firms, members, and stock solicitors are licensed, as well as the Chicago Grain Market, did not disclose the name of a MANARD FAUBLE.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

Will, at the county seat of Fulton County, Ohio, ascertain whether MANARD FAUBLE owns property in the said county and, if so, ascertain his address and check upon, or set out a lead to check, his activities to ascertain if he was or is connected with or acting for the Dillinger and Karpis gangs.

PENDING.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

February 9, 1937.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter, dated November 13, 1936 (7-576), transmitting to this Division the original registration cards numbers 868 and 870 of the Hotel Danmor, Atlantic City, New Jersey, reflecting the registrations on January 18, 1935 of Mrs. A. V. Graham and sister, of Macon, Georgia, and R. S. Carson and G. C. Cameron of Rock Harbor, Florida, respectively, with a request that the registration cards be returned to the Bureau several days prior to February 15, 1937, for use at the trial of Joe Adams and Henry (Duke) Randall at Miami, Florida.

In view of the recent continuance of this trial, please advise whether it will be necessary for this Division to forward to the Bureau the registration cards at this time.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Cincinnati
Chicago
Bureau

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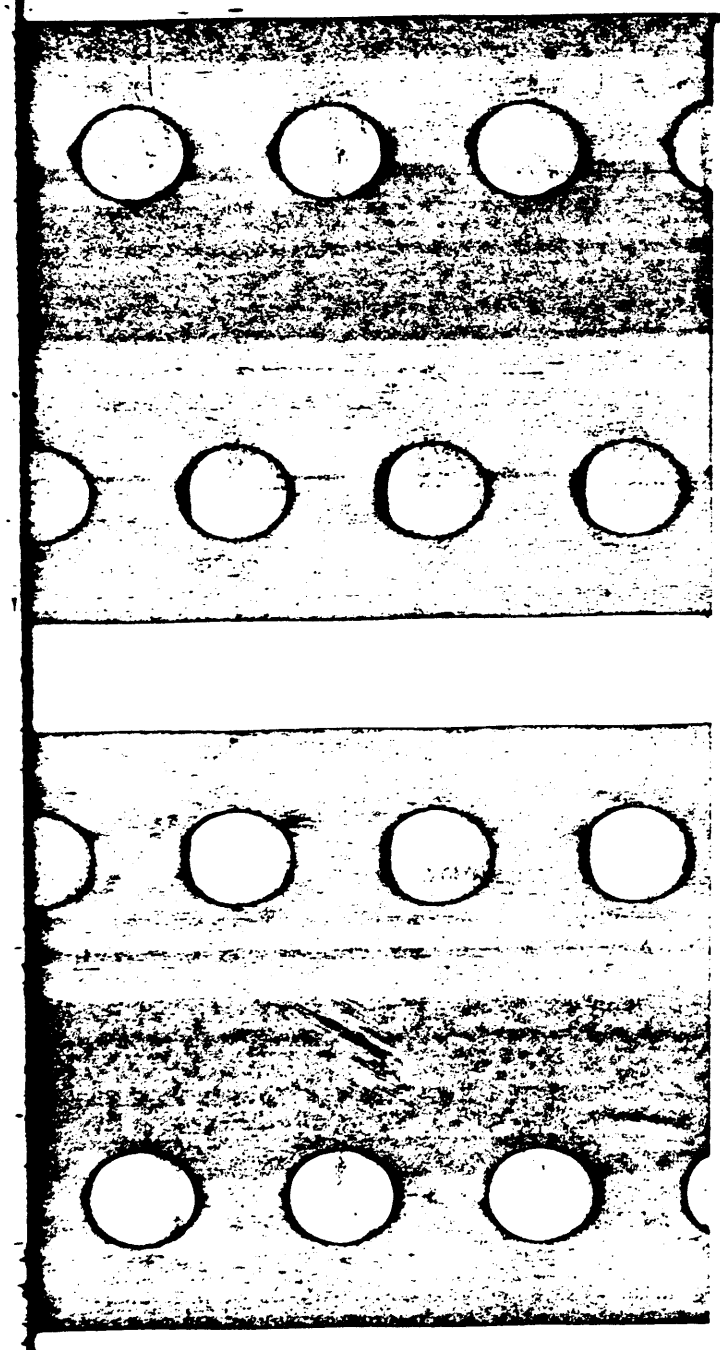

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February 15, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with
aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O.
#1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 9, 1937, in which you request information as to whether it will be necessary to forward to the Bureau registration cards 868 and 870 of the Hotel Dennor, Atlantic City, New Jersey, reflecting the registrations on January 18, 1935 of Mrs. A. V. Graham and sister of Macon, Georgia, and R. S. Carson and G. C. Cameron of Rock Harbor, Florida.

As the trial of Joe Adams and Henry (Duke) Randall has been continued until June 7, 1937, it will not be necessary for you to forward these cards to the Bureau until the latter part of May, 1937.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

751 Rust Building
Tacoma, Washington

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

January 27, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of January 20, 1937, and in connection with investigation to be covered at Hot Springs, Arkansas, the following is suggested.

It is believed that we should follow closely the results of state prosecution for murder as against the officers responsible as charged for the death of John Dickson, that is, Cooper, Moore, Brock, Buchanan, Griffin and Irwin, in order that at an early date should any of these officers receive what they believe to be an unfair deal, they will make willing informants for us. These officers should be in position to give us definite information as to graft and protection, particularly as against such persons as Mayor McLaughlin and Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, and particularly as to the latter having contact with "shake-downs" by confidence men. We should also follow closely activity of the legislative investigative committee as to results they obtain and information they may uncover as well as any indications of efforts to throttle their activity. Also efforts of collusion to suppress information should be watched closely. This investigation, of course, should be made in the same under-cover, confidential manner as previously pursued, and at the time this legislative committee is active we should be very careful as to telephone taps established to guard against their possible detection.

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As to telephone taps to be established, it is believed that we should establish telephone taps in the following order consistent with the possibilities of locating a place where a successful tap could be established.

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These should be established from time to time and efforts should not be to est.blish all of these at one time due to the possibility of detection.

1. The home telephone of William S. Jacobs
2. The home telephone of Herbert Akers
3. The home telephone of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin
4. Belvedere Club
5. Southern Club
6 and 7. The two houses of prostitution reputedly owned and operated by Leo P. McLaughlin
8. Home phone of Judge Ledgerwood
9. Home phone of "Sonny" Davis
10. Home phone of Houston Embry

In establishing these telephone taps, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan should be assigned to determine where a plant can be located as well as to taps to be established. The mechanical operation of installation and possibility of taps should be left to Agent Jones, the latter agent, of course, not being left to determine the best place these telephone taps should be located as it is believed Agent Sullivan, being familiar with all of the investigative possibilities of the case, is in better position to determine what should be done as to location of any particular plant.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
Inspector

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cc Bureau
Cleveland
Cincinnati

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

General Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

January 29, 1937.

MEMORANDUM

On January 25, 1937, a threatening letter was posted at St. Paul, Minnesota, and was received the same day by Edward George Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, to whom the letter had been addressed. This letter demanded the sum of $10,000 under threat of personal injury. The letter instructed that Mr. Bremer carry this amount on his person and that he would be contacted on the street, at which time he was to turn the money over to a person who would identify itself by presenting an envelope marked "Hello Ed." This letter was referred to the St. Paul Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Edward George Bremer was the victim of the kidnaping on January 17, 1934 at St. Paul, Minnesota, which crime was perpetrated by Alvin Karpis and his associates, all of whom are either deceased or incarcerated in penal institutions serving long-term sentences for their part in this kidnaping. At the time Mr. Bremer was kidnaped, he was held captive for twenty-one days, being held in a house at Bensenville, Illinois, and was released only upon the payment of a $200,000 ransom.

On January 28, 1937, Fred Eiden was apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at St. Paul, Minnesota, and admitted writing the threatening letter which was posted January 25, 1937. A complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 29, 1937, charging Eiden with extortion.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
P. O. Box #1525
Pittsburgh, Pa.

February 8, 1937

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is again made to Bureau letters dated December 11, 1935 and April 28, 1936 (7-576), pertaining to procuring information as to certain Thompson Sub-machine Guns from the Federal Laboratories, Inc. at Pittsburgh.

Attached hereto are additional lists dealing with dispositions of Thompson Sub-machine Guns furnished by the Federal Laboratories, Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania today.

Very truly yours,

D. DiLillo
D. DiLILLO
Special Agent in Charge

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SUPPLEMENTAL LIST SHOWING SERIAL NUMBERS OF THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS WHICH APPEAR ON ORIGINAL LIST UNDER THE HEADINGS "FILLED OR SHIPPED FROM NEW YORK OFFICE."

Abercrombie & Fitch Madison Av.&45thst. N.Y.City	8/15/21	1	2146
J.Ottman 105 West 72ndSt. N.Y.City	8/12/21	1	1717
A.Lopex Ulloa 233 Broadwy,N.Y.C.	8/13/21	2	
" " "	8/9/21	5	
Abercrombie & Fitch Madison Av.&45thSt. N.Y.C.	8/11/21	2	
H.C.Spriktsma 325 Amsterdam Ave. N.Y.C.	4/19/21	1	93
John J. Murphy 738 Breenwich St. N.Y.C.	5/18/21	1	168
Pedro Roafael Rincones Consul Gen.Of Venzuela 80 St.Sh. N.Y.C.	5/24/21	1	487
H.D.Folsom Arms Co. 341 Broadway,N.Y.C.	1/20/22	1	
Francis Bannerman & Sons 501 Broadway,N.Y.C.	1/23/22	2	1440 1450
Sorsenson & Nielsen 161 Maiden Lane, N.Y.C.	1/30/22	3	1392 1383 1416
The Oliver American Trading Co. 61 Broadway,N.Y.C.	3/21/22	2	1471 1527
A.Lopez Ulloa 233 Broadway,N.Y.C.	10/6/21	2	
John D.Williams Export Corp. 2 Rector St.,N.Y.C.	8/31/21	1	
Jose Falcon,N.Y.C.	11/14/21	1	1215
S.H.Comstock Hotel Lorraine,N.Y.C.	11/23/21	1	Not delivered
Manuel Caragol & Son Inc. 427 Water St.,N.Y.C.	12/10/21	1	1707
China & Japan Trading Co. Ltd. 110 William St.N.Y.C.	12/6/22	1	1564
" " "	5/19/22	1	1459
Cohen & Co. 103 Front St.N.Y.C.	6/9/22	3	1008 1876 2508
A.Lopez Ulloa 233 Broadway N.Y.	6/17/22	1	

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Parker C. Jones,N.Y.C.	6/19/22	2	2060 2311
Anitna Y Charola 18 Warren St.,N.Y.C.	6/26/22	1	1694
Francis Banuerman & Sons 501 Broadway,N.Y.C.	7/5/22	2	1566 2236
A.Lopez Ulloa,N.Y.C.	7/6/22	1	Consignement gun was returned
		616446	
Dr.S.T.Lee Hotel Pennsylvania,N.Y.C.	5/11/22	1	1297
Schoverling,Daly & Gales, 302 Broadway,N.Y.C.	4/4/22	3	
" " "	4/6/22	1	
H & D. Folsom Arms Co. 314 Broadway,N.Y.C.	4/16/22	1	
Col.W.T.Starr c/o Morgan,Livermore & Co. 71 Broadway,N.Y.C.	9/16/22	1	1373
Jose Falcon 12 Sprice St.N.Y.C.	9/19/22	1	2205
J.Smithers 5 Columbus Circle,Rm.110 N.Y.C.	10/10/22	2	595 1150
Sloans Military Shop 88 Chambers St.N.Y.C.	10/11/22	1	184 returned
[illegible] Bull, Apt. 1-D 603 West 139th St.N.Y.C.	12/28/22	1	1542
Capt.J.H.POrtugal,120 Broadway,N.Y.C. Delivered to: Piala Outfits Inc. 25 Wabben St.N.Y.C.	2/17/23	2	438 184
L.C.Gilispie & Sons 8 Fletcher St. N.Y.E.	4/23/23	1	539
Schoverling,Daly & Gales 302 Broadway,N.Y.C.	12/3/23	1	2530
Biddle Purchasing Co. 107 Chambers St.N.Y.C.	12/9/24	2	2403 2767
Abercrombie & Fitch Co. N.Y.C.	1/9/25	1	2441 D-596-1367
H & D Folsom Arms Co. N.Y.C.	1/22/25	4	2388 2348 3056 2762
Abercrombie & Fitch Co. N.Y.C.	1/26/25	1	2542
Sloan's Sporting Goods Co. 88 Chambers St.N.Y.C.	9/7/26	2	4732 4238 returned

Auto Trading Co 265 West 23rd St.N.Y.C.	9/7/26	12	3177 3231 4713 4105 4209 4210 4629 4762 5041 5185 5076 5222
American Armor Corp. 33 W.34th St.N.Y.C.	11/22/26	1	4553 returned
H & D Folsom Arms Co. 314 Broadway,N.Y.C. Sold to E. E. Domina N.Y.C. later	4/30/28	1	4503 016447
H & D Folsom Arms Co N.Y.C.	1/26/28	1	4726
Mr. Bragdon,State Mgr. Bronx Opera House 149 St.&3rd Ave,N.Y.C.	3/5/28	1	4715
J.L.Golef 75 Chambers St.N.Y.C.	3/25/27	1	4288
Dalkowitz Bros 245 W.51st St. N.Y.C.	6/2/27	3	2784 4235 3779
J.L.Galef,N.Y.C.	9/26/27	2	3860 4098
H & D.Folsom Arms Co. N.Y.C. Sold to Domina later	9/28/27	1	4977
E.E.Domina,N.Y.C.	11/16/27	1	4977
" " "	11/17/27	1	4503
" " "	11/18/27	1	4992
Moe Saraga 1804 Bra'Way,N.Y.C.	1/6/26	10	3532 3545 2879 3210 3767 3908 3593 3320 1768 1422
L.C.Gillespie & Sons 8 Fletcher St.N.Y.C.	8/21/25	2	2246 1586
Schmelzer Arms Co. Kansas City,Mo.	3/22/21	1	
Richards & Conover Hdw. Co. Kansas City,Mo	8/1/21	1	2107
Col.Jackson Arnold Dept.Public Safety Charleston,W.Va.	5/19/21	5	2079 2127 2196 2579 2667
C.C.Morfit,Sec,Tug River Coal Operators Ass'n. Welch, W. Va.	5/26/21	1	161
Emmons-Hawkins Hdw. Co. Huntington,W. Va.	8/25/21	3	7-5?6-1?6?9
R.L.Dinely Gen.Service Corps. 1214 Hewes Bldg. San Francisco,Calif.	10/10/21	2	
Geo. H. Nowell 826 So.Ardmore Ave. Los Angeles, Calif.	8/8/21		

Richard Dinely,Gen Serv.Corps San Francisco,Calif.	8/9/21	1	2105
Ellery Arms Co. San Francisco,Calif.	8/10/21	2	1716 2118
The Rosen-Margolies Co. 34 No.Fifth St. Philadelphia, Pa.	6/19/24	1	2284
Philadelphia Commercial Museum Philadplphia,Pa.	12/31/23	1	787
W.S.Brown 523 Wood St.Pittsburgh,Pa.	7/20/22	8	
Adj.Gen.State of Pa. Harrisburg,Pa.	10/24/21	2	1789 1791
W.S.Brown Pittsburgh,Pa.	8/14/21	4	1250
Baldwin Locomotive Works Phil. Pa. Deliver to: J.P.McNaughton 120 Broadway,N.Y.C.	11/23/21	2	1579 1588
Pa. State Police Harrisburgh,Pa.	10/24/21	10	1606 1643 2207 1252 1352 1449 2237 2247 2251 2300
Pa. State Police Harrisburgh,Pa.	10/24/21	11	202 179

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SUPPLEMENTARY LIST SHOWING PURCHASERS OF
THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS WHICH APPEAR ON ORIGINAL LIST AS "SHIPPED
TO AUTO-ORDNANCE CORPORATION, NEW YORK CITY

GUN NUMBERS	PURCHASERS	
161 *	Ohio list	
165 **	A.Lopez Ulloa,New York City	
168 *	Radford, Haiti	
176	No record	
177	C.G.Rorke, Washington, D. C.	
1427	" " "	
46	"	
50		
51		
93 *	M.E.Roya, Mexico D. F.	8/16/21
56	W.D.Morgan, England	5/2/21
66	"	
69	No record	
1060	"	
1093	"	
1096	"	
1160	"	
1193		
1262 *		
1352 *		
1449 *		
1606 *		
1643 *		
1716 *		
1717 *	Colorado Prison	3/22/21
1743	Mass. List	
1952 **	New York list	7/16/21 (See note in red)
2107 **	Texas list	
2073 **		
2105 *		
2118 *		
2146 *		
2139 **	Texas list	
2207 *		
2237 *		
2247 *		
2250 **	New York list 7/22/21 J.S.Cullinan "Shadyside"Houston,	
2521	A.Lopex Ulloa,New York City	
2664	"	
2740	No record	
2775 *		
2845 *		
2855	No record	
2941 **	New York list	
2942	No record	
3039	No record	
3067	No record	
2300 *		
3229	No record	
3515	No record	
49	See Clarke Invoice 2684	9/29/23
278	No record	
42b **	New York list	
471	No record	
472	No record	
405	No record	
464 **	New Jersey list	
487	Consul Venzuela	5/4/21
6085	Returned to Hartford	
7465	General Carachus, Venezuela	4/25/24
1566 *		
1678	Geo. Murphy, Nassau, Bahamas	
1694 *		
2236 *		
2311 *		

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1921		O. Payne, New York City
1739		W.S.Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1791		" "
1996		Returned to Hartford
1230		W.S.Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.
454		" "
1542	*	Virginia list
1456	**	
2205	*	
1573	*	
1586	*	
986	**	
2071		Virginia list
1769		No record
1436		Geo.Murphy, Nassau, Bahamas
1469	**	" " "
2136	**	New York list
1092		New York list
2180	**	Geo. Murphy, Nassau, Bahamas
968	**	New York list
1920	**	New York list
2509		New York list
1303		Geo.Murpjy,Nassau,Bahamas
2246	♦	" " "
1005	*	
1876	*	
2060	*	
2178		
2508	*	W.S.Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1941		" " "
2097		Aktie Bologet, Sweden 8/29/22
2121		" " "
2161		" " "
1366		Leim & Honstetter,Germany 5/18/23
1690		" " "
2332		" " "
3252	**	Florida list
2777		Leim & Honstetter, Germany 5/9/24
2799		" " "
2771		Col.Qunitin,Liege, Belgium 6/12/24
1768	♦	
785	**	New York list
2183	**	New York list
2478		R.E.Garrigo,N.Y.C. 1/23/24
2530	*	
2570		Geo.Murphy, Nassau, Bahamas
2651	**	New York list
2635		Geo.Murphy,Nassau, Bahamas
2982		" " "
2779		R.E.Garrigo,N.Y.C. 1/23/24
2925	**	New York list
2372	**	New York list
2492	**	New York list
2523	**	West Virginia list
2796	**	New York list
2860	**	New York list
1422	*	
2421	**	New York list
2581	**	New York list
2348	*	
2388	*	
2403	*	
2441	*	
2512	**	New York list
2762	*	
2767	*	
2865	**	New York list
3056	*	
857		Shipped to Col.H.F.Thompson,Rapid City for demonstration, left with J.Sanchez, 8/7/24
1928		Post office Dept.Washington, D.C.

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Post Office Dept.,Washington,D.C.		11/17/24
Dougal Moylan,San Francisco,Calif.		8/23/24
	16452	
Post Office Dept.Washington,D.C.		11/17/24
Max Alfaro,Lima, Peru		6/13/24
Birmingham Small Arms, England		
Birminhham Small Arms, England		

533	New York list	
2586		
2737	Padilla, Guatemala, C.A.	12/9/27
2811	Folsom Arms Co.,N.Y.C.	7/27/28
2338		
2537		
2736	No record	
2835		
2847	No record	
2927	No record	
2952	No record	
3052	No record	
3125	No record	
3230	New York list	
1928	Ohio list	
2139	New York list	
3233	New York list	
3310	New York list	
3767 *	New York list	
3210 *	New York list	
3908 *	New York list	
3593 *	J.F.Moran,New Haven, Conn.	1/11/28
3320 *	No record	
3602 **	" "	
2879 *	" "	
3532 *	F. Jonas,New York City	
3645 *	Capt.Bleasdale,Quantico,Va.	8/11/26
2187	New York list	
4503 *	New York list	
4967	New York list	
4715 *	Believed to be owned by E.E.Domina,N.Y.C	
4726 *		
4977 *		5/6/
4992 *	Advertising Lark	Inv.3186
4325	New York list	b/c
3860 *	Advertising Lark	Inv.3186
4099 *		
7166		
7955		
7480		
6797		
7573		
7171		
2505 **		
2669 **		
2679 **		
2703 **		
2604 **		
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2329		
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4604		
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4434 **		
3733 **		
3779 *		
4179		
4235 *		
2734 *		
4836		
4574 **		
4723		
4353 *		

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4209 *
3231 *
3177 *
4210 *
5222 *
5076 *
4105*
5185 *
5041 *
4285 *
4732 *
4762 *
5031 Federal Reserve Bank of New York 9/19/35
5080 Benny Spiro, Germany 7/7/26
5218 Fed.Reserve Bank of N.Y. 9/19/35
2766 " " "
5132 " " "
4964 No record

1229, 1029, 2003, 2111, 1582, 1247,831,1390,1307,1335,220,899, 2070
2143,1381,1266,1369,2554,1733,1306,1099,1102,2169,1590,1457,1817,1276,
1320,1312,1585,1448,1296,1581,1324,1304,2534,2273,2163,2216,2252,3170,
1430,2202,1946,1976,2464,2301,1557,1420,1718
Above guns sold to Dougall Moylan Co.San Francisco,Calif.3/31/22

1907,2153,2398,2321,1644,2172,1251,2575,1265,1844,2171,1343,715,687,
1935,1869,2593,2120,1085,1826,1765,1645,2027,1958,2516,2135,1399,2290,
2260,2323,2039,1162,2203,2151,1495,1909,1715,762.1940,2032,1934,1396,
2099,2269,2416,2429,1513,1355,1563,2315
Above guns sold to M.Fitzgerald,N.Y.C. 9/7/23

1774,2304,1719,228,1806,1624,1984,2186,1123,2148,1974,2104,1431,1971,
2357,1369,2223,1705,2122,307,1949,2201,2159,1915,2129,1763,2305,1610,
2280,1945,2040,1915,1979,2206,2054,1623,2021,1970,1691,813,2088,1455,
944,1977,2392,1862,1644,2153,1868,1847
Above guns sold to M. Fitzgerald,N.Y.C. 9/9/23

2363,2506,2551,2638,2876,2908,2981,3035,3111,4500,1627,2360,2150,
2562,2500,2301,2863,2920,2926,2930,676,2553,2599,2606,2624,2694,2702,
2730,2810,2901,1899,2346,2501,2576,2757,2822,2869,3029,3058,11537,2274,
2400,2567,2657,2744,2861,2892,2910,2949,2993
Above guns sold to Von Seabeck,Germany 11/19/23
1827,2219,2012,1494,2094,1551,2519,2382,1289,2633,1292,1197,1564,1625
1501,1357,1711,1589,1829,1998,1525,2258,2336,1754,1500,2322,1592,1413,
2438,1497,1310,1406,1832,1608,1619,1503,1936,1602,1408,1686,1815,1714,
1480,1732,1618,1639,1838,1683,1720,1715,1701,1001,1661,1529,1498,1551,
1725,1368,1528,1620,1412,1111,1300,1646,1221,1641,1472,1614,1993,1681,
1587,1228,1332,1172,1340,1532,1591,1609,2134,1600,1212,1584,1255,1544,
1499,2201,2287,1316,2316,1435,1725,2006,1758,1775,1162,1463,1693,1441,
1527
Above guns sold to M.Fitzgerald, N.Y.C. 8/24/23

1526,1960,345,2409,2455,2597,2611,2617,2675,2928,332,2306,2396,2543,
2536,2567,2578,2680,2704,2354
Above guns sold to Dougall Moylan Co,San Francisco,Calif. 6/4/24

2454,2486,2491,2593,2693,1670,2290,2387,2522,2890,2658,2770,2803,
2809,2849,1658,1617,1671,2565,2862,2906,2531,2650,2708,2919,2325,
2527,2966,2628,2659,2622,2794,2862,2577,2965,1942,2496,2712,3088
3078,2852,2900,2916,2924,2969,2376,2436,2517,2715,2723
Above guns sold to Von Seabeck Germany 11/19/23

4395,3986,4771,3655,4034,4276,4101,5039,4359,4747,4512,444
4432,2875,4194,4044,3022,4020,5157
Above guns sold to Paltzwitz Bros,N.Y. 8/23/24

1867,4358,5342,3396,3654,4212,5044,4176,4811,3095,
Above guns sowd to: Dalkowitz Bros, N.Y.C. 6/20/27

3961,1210,3211,3441,4003
Above guns sold to:Dalkowitz Bros.N.Y.C. 6/27/27

3081,2238,2828,2109,2462,2710,3224,2741,3006,3030,2787,3118,2952,
2748,2366
Above guns sold to R. Murphy, Philadelphia, Pa. 2/25/24

4948,4620,5265,4777, 4344,4258,5104,5095,4070,3697
Above guns sold to Mr. Thomas, N.Y.C. 6/3/27

5096,4673,4614,5194,4219
Above guns sold to E.J.Mattlitz,New Orleans,La. 11/19/27

4032,5109,5191,4137,3300,3103,5217,4618,3888,5155,3771,5111,3741,3730,
5240,3880,5043,4275,3439,4021,5003,5149,1635,5020,4722,5035,4932,5348,
3096,5125,4942,1050,2931,183,3424,4536,5127,4958,4598,3840,4193,4460,
4119,1896
Above guns sold to Dalkowitz Bros.N.Y.C. 6/18/27

5160,5246,5067,4741,4073,4960,4950,5271,4523,1637,4350,4075,5113,
2410,5049,5293,5015,4900,4851,5259,5253,4272,4345,5138,4364
Above guns sold to Dalkowitz Bros.N.Y.C. 7/2?/27

2082,1801,2151,2504,2580,2297,1782,1501,1865,1550,2277,1893,972,2676,
1105,2159,1038,1511,2513,1260,701,1388,2484,3113,1249,953,1824,2449,
1916,814,960,2341,2020,1011,1237,2245,2011,1407,2035,1991,2401,1833,
1594,1148,1283,1916,1822,2473,1736,1947,1404,368,2474,2560,2386,1319,
2443,2319,1085,2432,1261,2607,2520,2350,2620,2452,2795,2643,2600,2383,
1976,2471,2195,2684,2353,2216,2058,2423,1799,2425,1871,2833,2039,2546,
2731,885,2748,2687,2504,2440,2241,2033,2296,2540,2772,2098,2174,2644,
2435,2538
Above guns sold to M. Fitzgerald,N.Y.C. 9/7/23

* On supplementary list showing serial numbers of Thompson Submachine Guns which appear on original list under the headings "pilled or shipped from New York office."

** On original lists of sales of Thompson Submachine Guns in various states.

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April 2, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

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

Dear Sir:

For your general information the Bureau has been advised that the Federal Laboratories, Incorporated of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, sold ten Thompson sub-machine guns to Moe Saraga, 1204 Broadway, New York City. The serial numbers of these guns are as follows:

3532	3908
3145	3593
2879	3320
3210	1768
3760	1422.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
1300 Biscayne Building,
Miami, Florida,
February 10, 1937.

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

Dear Sir: RE: BREKID

Reference is made to teletype from the Bureau to this division dated January 30, 1937, in which immediate investigation was instructed regarding the statement of T. R. Knight that the indictments pending against Duke Randall and Joseph H. Adams could have been dismissed for the sum of $10,000.

You are advised that T. R. Knight was interviewed by Special Agent S. K. McKee on February 2, 1937, at which time he advised that he had made a complete written statement concerning this matter to Messrs. Carr and Waters, Special Assistants to the Attorney General at Miami, Florida, and that he did not care to make any additional statement for the reasons that he is a sick man and because he feels that any slight discrepancies between a new statement and the one he has already furnished, might be misunderstood. After this interview with Mr. Knight, the Bureau was requested telegraphically to secure a copy of the statement made by Knight to Messrs. Carr and Waters and to forward same to this division for use in this investigation.

Reference is made to telephonic conversation of February 5, 1937, between Mr. R. C. Suran of the Bureau and me in which Mr. Suran directed that no further investigation be conducted concerning this matter without prior Bureau instructions.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 5, 1937

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Time - 11:30 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: JOE ADAMS

At this time Mr. Suran called SAC Shivers in Miami with reference to the Bureau's letter and wire concerning the investigation of allegations made by Bart Riley that someone was to pay $10,000 to dismiss the indictment against Joe Adams. Mr. Suran asked Mr. Shivers what had been done in this connection to date.

Mr. Shivers said that they have contacted Knight who said that he had already made a statement to the Assistants to the Attorney General and that he did not care to make another statement for the reason that it might not be in exactly the same phraseology as the first statement he made and might, therefore, be misinterpreted. Mr. Shivers stated that this was the only investigation conducted in the matter.

Mr. Suran instructed Mr. Shivers to discontinue all investigation in connection with this $10,000 payment angle of the matter unless further instructions to the contrary are received from the Bureau.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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February 4, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREKID

During the questioning of Joe Roscoe at Miami, Florida, subsequent to his arrest on January 23, 1937, he discussed his association with the various members of the Karpis-Barker gang and other underworld characters. I thought you would be interested particularly in that part of the questioning which related to Russell "Slim" Gibson.

Roscoe stated that he met Gibson at the Casino Club in Toledo, Ohio, during the spring of 1934, through Bert and Ted Angus and Willie Harrison. He said that "Slim", in his estimation, had been the toughest member of the Karpis-Barker gang. He also stated that "Slim" borrowed money from him on several occasions and that these various loans amounted to approximately $5,000.00, which was never repaid. He referred to the borrowing of this money by "Slim" as "loans" but indicated they were, in most instances, extortions. He cited one instance where Gibson came to his house about 4:00 A. M. for the purpose of securing $500.00 and, when he told Gibson he did not have the money, Gibson said, "Get it and be at the Jovial Club at 10:00 A. M. in the morning". Roscoe said that he complied with this request. Another incident which he related concerned a call by Gibson during the fall of 1934, at which time Gibson came to the Casino Club and told Roscoe he wanted $2,500.00. Roscoe told Gibson he did not have the money and the latter departed only to return about three hours later, telling him there was no use stalling, that the mob knew he had money and that Roscoe knew about men being found in ditches around Chicago, implying that if he did not obtain the money, death would ensue. Gibson kept Roscoe in his car all night until nine o'clock the following morning, when he drove Roscoe to the Ohio Savings Bank in Toledo where Roscoe withdrew $2,500.00 from a safe-deposit box and gave it to "Slim".

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As a further indication of his opinion that Gibson had been one of the tougher members of the gang, Roscoe added that Gibson, having heard that several G-men were located in a house in Point Pleasant, Ohio, in connection with a telephone tap being maintained on the Casino Club (which information is correct, Special Agents having had a telephonic surveillance over this club), while intoxicated wanted to get four or five cases of dynamite and blow the house and Agents into the lake. Roscoe stated that the Angus brothers, Karpis and himself were present with Gibson at the time and kept him from carrying out his purpose by saying that if he went through with his plans he would only get them all in jail and might get the entire city placed under martial law.

This incident indicates clearly the absolute necessity of observing every caution in maintaining a telephonic surveillance, since it would appear obvious that the possibility of a leak is ever present and that Agents are awkwardly situated while stationed on a plant, unaware of a disclosure having been made. It would indicate the absolute necessity of Agents maintaining such surveillances being cautioned to be ever alert in order to protect their lives and to be especially observant of any unusual activity in and around the location where the plant is being maintained.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

RCS:MC

February 9, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

On February 9, 1937, Mr. Shanahan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, telephoned, stating that he had been unable to locate the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, dated December 12, 1936, in the case entitled George Kiminey, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, and requested that a copy of the report be sent to him for photostating.

This report was sent to Mr. Shanahan on February 9, 1937, and was returned to the Bureau files on the same date.

Respectfully,

R. C. Suran.
R. C. Suran.

7-576-13683

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

February 4, 1937

RCS:RD
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: GEORGE TIMINEY;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. 1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;
Obstruction of Justice; National
Firearms Act.

Subsequent to the submission of the memorandum dated January 6, 1937, addressed to you by Mr. Tamm regarding a conversation had between Mr. Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General and Mr. McIntire concerning the allegations made by Bart A. Riley that $10,000 had been offered to dismiss the indictment pending against Joe Adams for harboring Alvin Karpis, Mr. Tamm discussed the allegations with me.

In view of the statement made by Carr to Mr. McIntire that he probably would request an investigation, Mr. Tamm instructed me to communicate with Mr. Carr by telephone and ascertain whether he wanted an investigation in order that the same would receive immediate attention. I thereafter called Mr. Carr by telephone on or about January 19, 1937 and called to his attention that he advised Mr. McIntire that he probably would request an investigation concerning the allegations made by Riley. Mr. Carr stated that he was of the opinion that the investigation had already been instituted as a result of his conversation with Mr. McIntire, and I advised him that we were awaiting word from him before proceeding with the matter. Mr. Carr stated he anticipated that Riley would raise the issue at the hearings to be held on the indictments pending against "Duke" Crandall and Joe Adams at Miami, Florida on January 25, 1937, claiming that he had reported the matter to the Department of Justice and no investigation had been conducted. He stated he desired an immediate investigation.

Thereafter, under date of January 22, 1937 a letter was forwarded to the Miami Field Division instructing it to conduct the necessary investigation. 7-576-1261-1

Respectfully,

R. C. Suran
R. C. Suran

JEH:emk

February 5, 1937.

7-576-13614

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

With reference to our conversation concerning the investigation initiated by this Bureau into the allegation made by Bart A. Riley, defense counsel for Randall, that $10,000 had been offered to dismiss the indictment pending against Joe Adams for harboring Alvin Karpis, I have made inquiry into this matter and find that the records of the Bureau show that Mr. Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, in conversation with one of the Supervisors of the Bureau furnished the Supervisor a formal paper which was submitted by Mr. Bart A. Riley of the defense counsel for Randall, the paper being entitled "Memorandum of Bart A. Riley in the Case of United States vs. Joseph H. Adams and Duke Randall on the 16th Day of December, 1936". At that time, according to the Supervisor interviewed by Mr. Carr, Mr. Carr indicated that an investigation would be requested in this matter. Shortly thereafter, no official word having been received from Mr. Carr for such an investigation to be conducted, he was contacted by telephone from the Bureau and informed the Supervisor that he was of the opinion that the investigation had already been instituted as a result of his previous conversation and he was told that we were awaiting word from him before proceeding. Mr. Carr stated he desired an immediate investigation.

Upon receipt of this call the Bureau directed its Special Agent in Charge at Miami to initiate an immediate investigation. The Miami office of the Bureau advised that certain statements had been taken in this matter by Mr. Carr and that before proceeding with the investigation it was desired to have these statements available. Consequently, the Bureau under date of February 5 communicated with Mr. McMahon requesting that copies of the statements be furnished the Bureau in order that the investigation might be initiated immediately with all facts available in the possession of the Bureau.

At no time did it appear to the Bureau that any official of the Department was involved in any of the allegations made. It is to be noted that the investigation in this matter has not as yet been made, other than an interview with Mr. Knight during which he advised that a previous statement had been made by him. We have not received the statements from the Criminal Division and the Bureau did not want

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Lester
Miss Gandy

to proceed in this matter until it had available these statements or such other facts as would enable the Bureau to intelligently proceed in the matter.

It appeared to the Bureau that the allegations involved a violation of some criminal statute and not any charges against Departmental officials, which would have necessitated an administrative investigation and which would not have been undertaken if such had been the fact without specific approval from you.

I have verified the fact that it is distinctly understood in the Bureau that no investigation of any Departmental official or employee is to be undertaken until the matter has been submitted to you for proper authorization. It is also understood that in any investigation undertaken, if the facts developed therein indicate an involvement of a Departmental official or employee, before proceeding further therein the matter is promptly submitted to you for your information and authorization to proceed.

Consequently, I think there is possibly a misunderstanding on the part of the Criminal Division. It was not understood from Mr. Carr's request that the matter involved any official or employee of the Criminal Division, and not having proceeded with the investigation the first knowledge that the Bureau had of it was when you spoke to me last evening about it. Of course, if the statements requested had been made available to the Bureau and it had been noted therein that names of Departmental officials were involved, the Bureau would have immediately presented the matter to you for authorization and approval.

I do believe that all investigations of personnel within the Department should be made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the practice in the Post Office Department that investigations of any alleged irregularities of employees of that Department are made by the Post Office Inspectors, and in the Treasury Department the Special Intelligence Unit conducts all such personnel investigations. I can see no reason for each Division of the Department conducting its own investigations of its personnel. I believe such would lead to confusion and be unsatisfactory in the long run. I do feel, however, as is our rule at the present time, that no investigation of any Departmental officials or employees should be undertaken or initiated by this Bureau until it has been first submitted to The Assistant to the Attorney General for his approval.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

EJW:MK

February 6, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In accordance with the instructions received by the writer on the morning of February 3, 1937, from Mr. Foxworth, a conference was had with Messrs. Foster and Shanahan of the Criminal Division in connection with the contemplated prosecutions of persons at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio for harboring various members of the Barker-Karpis gang in the case entitled GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P[illegible]MORAN, with aliases; Fugitive, I. O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. Mr. Foster and Mr. Shanahan participated with the writer in the conference on February 3, 1937. However, because of pressure of business, Mr. Foster did not participate any further in the conference, which was terminated on the afternoon of February 6, 1937.

Mr. Shanahan, after considering the facts with reference to George Timiney, Rene Holst, Thelma Holst, Lucian C. Fleming and Colin Monroe, stated that the evidence was insufficient to consider having these persons indicted at the present time. With particular reference to Captain George Timiney of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department, he stated that the evidence at best showed that Timiney was merely in association with various members of the Barker-Karpis gang but did nothing of an active nature to aid them. He further pointed out that various members of the Hoodlum Squad of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department who visited the Casino Club with Captain George Timiney denied ever having seen Captain Timiney in association with members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

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All of the evidence in the case was considered as to the following individuals: Frank Greenwald, John F. Gorman, Theodore Angus, Bert Angus, Joseph Roscoe, Ruth Wells, Madeline Angus, Arthur Hebebrand, Anthony Amersbach, Edward and Clara McGraw, Sam Coker, Fred Hunter, Edith Barry and John Brock.

Mr. Shanahan stated that he was under the impression that this particular group of individuals could be successfully

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prosecuted for harboring, but that before any definite opinion was rendered by him, he desired to assemble in his own way the evidence as it applied to them and then proceed to either Toledo, Ohio or Cleveland, Ohio and confer with United States Attorney E. B. Freed.

Mr. Shanahan also advised that he would further consider the evidence with reference to Benson Groves, who is presently a fugitive from justice on an indictment charging him with having participated with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell and others in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery on November 7, 1935.

Mr. Shanahan further stated that he intends to give this case preferred attention, and hopes that prosecution may be instituted in the very near future.

The writer discussed in detail with Mr. Shanahan the evidence of the various witnesses to be considered in building the case, furnishing him with details as to their attitude and credibility as known to the writer, as well as pointing out to him the exact reports and pages containing their testimony.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Shanahan stated that he was satisfied that he had the facts of the case in mind, and that on Monday, February 8, 1937, he intended dictating a trial brief outlining the testimony of the witnesses, and that after it was finished he would route it to the Bureau with the suggestion it be reviewed by either Special Agent R. C. Suran or forwarded to me at Cleveland, Ohio for review.

Inasmuch as Rene Holst, Thelma Holst, Lucian Fleming and Colin Monroe are not being considered by the Department as defendants, it is the writer's belief that they should be, in the very near future, thoroughly interviewed for the purpose of obtaining from them admissions which will tend to more conclusively involve them in this case. Past investigation has tended to establish that these four individuals are undoubtedly in possession of very valuable information with reference to the activities of the potential defendants, and are themselves involved. Of particular importance is the fact that there is a strong likelihood that they may implicate Captain George Timiney sufficiently to justify

prosecution against him. Thelma Holst is presently in Philadelphia. Lucian Fleming and Rene Holst are thought to be in Cleveland, Ohio. Colin Monroe, a Canadian subject, is reported to be employed in Leamington, Ontario.

Agents thoroughly familiar with the harboring situation should, of course, handle the interrogation of these individuals.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Wynn,
Special Agent.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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TITLE
GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive - I. O. 1232;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim

CHARACTER OF CASE
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Frank Walter Grabowski, # 12921, and Lawrence Spatny, alias Spatney, # 12918, received U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, 7/23/21 from Cleveland, Ohio, under sentence of ten years and seven years respectively for violation interstate commerce law. Spatny paroled 2/26/25. Grabowski discharged by expiration of sentence 3/28/28. Photostatic copy of correspondence record of Grabowski and photographs of Grabowski and Spatny obtained and are being transmitted herewith to the Cleveland Field Division.

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Cleveland Field Division dated January 6, 1937.

DETAILS:

The records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, reflect that Frank Walter Grabowski, # 12921, was received on July 23, 1921, at that institution from the Northern District of Ohio under sentence of ten years for violation of the interstate commerce law, said sentence having been imposed in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 9, 1921. Grabowski was discharged by expiration of sentence on March 28, 1928, and was furnished transportation to Cleveland, Ohio.

Grabowski had no visitors while incarcerated in the Penitentiary. He listed Joseph Grabowski, father, 3912 East 74th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, as the person to be notified in case of emergency.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: E. E. Conroy Special Agent in Charge

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The following description of Grabowski, which was recorded in 1921, was obtained from the records of the penitentiary:

Age	25 yrs.
Height	5' 11 1/4"
Weight	154 lbs.
Eyes	Blue; variegated
Hair	Light chestnut
Complexion	Fair
Nationality	Polish
Occupation	Clerk
Religion	Catholic
Education	Common school
Fingerprint Classification	17 I 11 / 19 O

Two photographs of Grabowski were obtained and are being forwarded herewith to the Cleveland Field Division.

A photostatic copy of the voluminous correspondence record of Grabowski was obtained from the penitentiary and is also being forwarded herewith to the Cleveland Field Division.

The records of the penitentiary further reflect that Lawrence Spatny, alias Spatney, number 12918, was a co-defendant with Grabowski. Spatny was also received at the penitentiary on July 23, 1921, under a sentence of seven years' imprisonment. He was paroled on February 26, 1925, and furnished transportation to Cleveland, Ohio.

Spatny listed his father, Cyril Spatny, 3299 East 49th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, as the person to be notified in case of emergency. The records indicate that the father was a baker.

On November 17, 1921, Spatny was visited at the penitentiary by William A. Sherber of Sperber, 40 South Ashby, Atlanta, Ga.

The following description of Spatny, recorded in 1921, was obtained from the records of the penitentiary:

Age	26 yrs.
Height	5' 8½"
Weight	166 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Light chestnut
Eyes	Slate blue
Complexion	Fair
Peculiarities	Receding chin
Occupation	Clerk
Education	Common school
Religion	Presbyterian
Nationality	American; Austrian descent
Fingerprint Classification	1 00 12 / 3 O

Two photographs of Spatny were obtained from the penitentiary and are being transmitted to the Cleveland Field Division with copies of this report.

The Atlanta Division will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to Mrs. O. D. Fontain, Gordon, Ga., as requested in the letter of reference, in an attempt to locate Benson Groves.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 2889,
Miami, Florida.
January 25, 1937.

JHH:MFS

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

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY; 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.

Reference is made to teletype from the Miami Division of this date, as well as to telephone conversation between Mr. Foxworth of the Bureau and Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson.

As Mr. Foxworth was advised telephonically, Honorable Alexander Akerman, Judge of the United States District Court, at the completion of the testimony offered by the defendants relative to their original claims that the statements obtained from them were obtained illegally, and after argument had been made by Mr. Bart Riley, counsel for the defendants, as well as by Mr. Charles Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, the motion to suppress the evidence ~~was denied~~, Judge Akerman indicating that this was the improper time to bring such a motion and that objection to the evidence should be made at the time the statements were offered as evidence at the trial of this case.

It might be mentioned that at the commencement of the hearing Mr. Carr had indicated to the Court that the Government would not interpose any objection to hearing motions of this type but that the Government would not acknowledge that this was the proper time to hear such motion.

The defendants for their proof offered testimony by Duke Randall and Joseph H. Adams, which testimony was apparently in line with the brief that had been filed with the Court at the time the motion to suppress the evidence was originally filed.

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Randall testified to the effect that he had been arrested in his Hotel room and forced to accompany the Special Agents to a room

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at the Alcazar Hotel where he was held incommunicado for five days, during a portion of which time he was manacled with handcuffs and he claimed further that he was questioned a great deal of the time during a portion of which time firearms were displayed promiscuously.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Carr, Randall admitted that he had been warned that any statements which he made would be used against him; further that he had been treated courtesouly and considerately during the time he was detained by the Agents.

With respect to Joseph H. Adams, he also testified that during the several days that he was questioned by the Special Agents that he was virtually under arrest. He further claimed that the only reason he gave a statement to the Special Agents was because he claims they informed him he was not to be arrested. Adams also claims that while he had initialed the statement which he furnished to the Agents and which statement he said had been read to him before initialing all the pages and signing it, nevertheless, a few of the portions in the statement had never been read to him. Adams also stated that at the time he was first approached by Special Agents Hanson, Nichols and Jones, they virtually "took over" the El Comodoro Hotel, seizing records at their will.

Mr. T. R. Knight, subject Adams' father-in-law, also testified that he had been assured by Special Agent in Charge Hanson that Adams would not be arrested and Knight indicated that it was only after Frank Malone of the Miami Daily News had telephoned to Knight indicating that Adams had been arrested that Special Agent in Charge Hanson finally informed Mr. Knight that that was the case.

Nathaniel Heller, the Manager of the Park View Hotel in Havana, Cuba, who originally was named in the indictments in this case, also appeared as a witness for the defendants. Heller testified to the effect that he had been investigated in Havana, Cuba, by Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee; that after they had closely interrogated him and ~~approximately~~ practically called him a liar, Representatives of the Cuban Police Department took him into custody on "drummed" up charges which alleged that Heller was the leader of a narcotic ring and that he was engaged in smuggling. He pointed out that he had been detained incommunicado for five days after his arrest, and that for another five day period after that, he was detained in another prison institution as an

undesirable individual in Cuba, after which he voluntarily came to the United States to surrender to the Federal officials here.

Upon the completion of the above testimony without the Federal Government calling any witnesses, Mr. Carr moved the Court to deny the motion to suppress the evidence as no proof had been offered by the defendants to the effect that the statements obtained from them were procured illegally. Thereafter, the Court permitted Mr. Bart Riley, the Attorney for the defendants, to argue his clients' case. Mr. Riley talked for a period of one hour, during which time he first explained to the Court that several other defendants had originally been included in this indictment and that the cases against them had been dismissed. He mentioned that he had been assured by Mr. Walter Barlow, former Special Assistant to the Attorney General, on two occasions that he, Barlow, had recommended dismissal of the indictments against Adams and Randall, these recommendations being made to Mr. Barlow's superior, and that he had been led by Mr. Barlow to believe that the indictments would be dismissed shortly. He pointed out the injustice that had been done to his clients by the Government in continuing to hold the indictments over the heads of Adams and Randall without setting the case down for trial.

Mr. Riley also mentioned that a number of months ago, Mr. T. R. Knight had received a telephone call from an individual in Baltimore, Maryland; that this individual led Mr. Knight to believe that he was connected with the Department of Justice and that the individual apparently was in possession of all the facts in the case; further that this person stated that for the sum of $10,000 the indictments in this case would be dismissed by the Grand Jury sitting in May, 1936. (To the knowledge of Special Agent in Charge John H. Hanson, and to the other Agents who were present at the hearing in Miami today, this is the first intimation of such claims as this by the defendants. If the Bureau belives action should be taken in an effort to develop this data further, it should advise the Miami Field Division.) Riley mentioned during the time that he described this alleged telephone call, that he had listened in on the conversation and had it recorded in shorthand, afterwhich he reported the matter to Congressman Mark Wilcox, who was supposed to report it to Departmental Officials in Washington. It might also be stated that Riley mentioned that on several occasions he had requested Mr. Wilcox to take the matter of these indictments up with Departmental Officials.

He also pointed out that as recently as a month ago he wrote to Congressman Wilcox, demanding action by the Department in this case or that Wilcox have a Congressional investigation made of this case, and it was his understanding that Wilcox found that the matter was "cold" in Washington.

Riley at the close of his argument referred to a newspaper clipping, reporting the comment of Special Agent E. J. Chayfitz which appeared in an issue of The Investigator approximately a year ago, entitled "3rd Degree Tactics", and then in a bitter tirade condemned the Bureau and the Department for its conduct in this case. He also read to the Court an article which appeared in a recent issue of The Mercury Magazine, the article being entitled "Moscow Demonstrations at a Trial", in which reference was made to the Russian Police System as operating in an illegal manner, and Riley likened the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this case to the Russian authorities.

Riley also stated that it was his firm opinion that the Federal Bureau of Investigation officials knew for a period of ninty days period to conducting the investigation in Miami in January, 1935, that Karpis was at the El Comodoro Hotel but they had taken no action to apprehend him.

After Riley had completed his argument, Mr. Carr made a brief conservative statement to the Court, citing authorities with reference to obtaining statements allegedly under duress, and Carr pointed out that no proof had been offered to indicate that statements in this case were obtained in an illegal manner.

The Court preemptorily stated that he denied the motion to suppress the evidence, adding that this was not the proper time to hear such a motion, but that such objections should be raised when the evidence was offered at the trial. The Court indicated that it had a firm and definite opinion with regard to holding individuals without arraigning them promptly. He mentioned that in the early days of his experience as a Judge he was awakened at 1:00 AM by a defendants Attorney after Prohibitions Agents had placed the defendant in jail early in the night stating their reason therefore was that the United States

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Commissioner would not handle a hearing after 7:00 PM. The Judge mentioned that at that time he had stated that if it was necessary he would appoint two Commissioner, one to act in the day time and one to act in the night time.

In answer to Riley's request made after the Court had denied the motion, the Court did indicate that at 2:00 PM on January 26, 1937, he would listen to a motion to quash the indictments in this case and that inasmuch as Mr. Riley persisted, he might also listen to a motion to have the Court reveal to the defendants the minutes of the Grand Jury at the time the indictments were returned. The Court, however, did indicate that the latter motion would receive but little consideration.

Very truly yours,

A. L. SHIVERS,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Chicago
Cincinnati
Cleveland,
St. Paul

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: MIAMI February 18, 1957

BREKID TELEGRAPHICALLY ADVISE DETAILS PENDING INDICTMENTS AGAINST JOE ADAMS AND DUKE RANDALL. ALSO NUMBER AND DATES DISMISSED OTHER INDICTMENTS AGAINST THESE INDIVIDUALS.

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February 11, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For your information, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a statement dictated by Congressman J. Mark Wilcox and delivered by him to a Special Agent of this Bureau, pertaining to his knowledge of an alleged attempt by certain individuals to secure the sum of $10,000 from Mr. T. R. Knight of Miami, Florida, who is the father-in-law of Joe H. Adams, against whom an indictment is now pending in the Federal Courts at Miami, Florida.

It should be noted that this Bureau did not receive any authority to make an investigation in this matter until the receipt of a memorandum from the Assistant to the Attorney General, Mr. Joseph B. Keenan, under date of February 9, 1937.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 11, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with reference to machine guns sold in the state of Kansas by the Federal Laboratories, Inc.

In this connection Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons ascertained at the office of Sheriff Ralph McPhail, McPherson County, McPherson, Kansas, that that office purchased a Thompson submachine gun from the Federal Laboratories, Inc., on July 7, 1933, and it bears serial number 6651, which is the same as listed in the list supplied by the Federal Laboratories, Inc.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Oklahoma City

RE: B R E K I D

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1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

February 12, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BRESID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter under date of February 8, 1937, addressed to the Los Angeles Field Division in the above entitled case which refers to one FRANK B. THOMPSON, who is now residing at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs.

Attention is called to Bureau Laboratory Report #7-576-11924 transmitted to the Little Rock office under date of June 17, 1936, relative to Thompson Sub-machine gun which was recovered by the Little Rock office after being in the possession of Alvin Karpis and which the Laboratory found had originally borne serial #7609.

I wish to advise that the Chicago Field Division developed information to the effect that this Sub-machine gun had been sold by P. J. Von Frantzius, proprietor of a sporting goods store at 2850 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, to one Frank Thompson, Kirkland, Illinois, and that Von Frantzius also sold a number of other Sub-machine guns to Frank Thompson.

The Chicago Field Division has recently developed information which reflects that the purchaser of this gun was one FRANK V. THOMPSON, FBI #615,119 and under date of February 3, 1937, the Bureau furnished the Chicago Field Division with the criminal record and photograph of this individual. He is presently wanted for questioning regarding the sale of Thompson Sub-machine guns purchased by him from Peter Von Frantzius, and in particular Thompson Sub-machine gun #7609.

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It is believed that the Frank B. Thompson now at Hot Springs, Arkansas, may be identical with Frank V. Thompson wanted for questioning in the instant case, and the Chicago Field

Division is consequently requested to furnish the Little Rock Field Division with a copy of the photograph of Frank V. Thompson together with his description in order that it may be determined if this is the same individual.

Very truly yours,

M. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau
Chicago
Los Angeles
Cleveland
St. Paul

800 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

February 12, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: [redacted]

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from the Cleveland Field Division to the Detroit Field Division dated February 8, 1937, two copies of which were routed to the Indianapolis Field Division, and more particularly to the first two paragraphs on page two thereof.

Pursuant to the instructions therein, Special Agent Samuel Logan of the Indianapolis Field Division contacted Harry Bennett, identification officer of the Terre Haute, Indiana, police department, who advised that the records of that department do not disclose that [redacted] or others mentioned in the reference letter had ever been arrested in Terre Haute. Mr. Bennett further advised Agent Logan that he had no recollection of a double murder having been committed in the vicinity of Terre Haute, Indiana, for a number of years.

John L. Mitchell, Chief of Detectives, Terre Haute, Indiana, advised Agent Logan that the murder referred to in the reference letter was in all probability committed at Muncie, Indiana, about 12 or 13 years ago; that the party referred to by the name of Chapman was none other than Gerald Chapman, who was executed by the State of Connecticut a number of years ago; that the party referred to as Anderson was also dead, having been killed by a police officer. However, Chief Mitchell could not remember Anderson's first name or where he met his death, and that he believed that the party referred to as Wolf was "One arm" Wolf, who is presently serving a life sentence in the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City, Indiana, having been sentenced to that institution for murder.

Special Agent in Charge Elias Norton of the Indianapolis Field Division personally recalls that Gerald Chapman was arrested at Muncie, Indiana, approximately 12 years ago by [redacted], who at that time was Chief of Detectives of the Muncie Police Department, and who is now Sheriff of Delaware County, Indiana.

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At the Delaware County Jail, Muncie, Indiana, Special Agent [illegible] of the Indianapolis Field Division interviewed Fred E. Puckett, Sheriff, who advised that he arrested Gerald Chapman on the streets of Muncie, Indiana, in 1924 and thereafter returned that individual to the State of Connecticut, where he was tried and executed for the murder of a police officer at New Britain, Connecticut. Mr. Puckett stated that "One Arm" Wolf, Turk Brennan and Dutch Anderson were all associates of Gerald Chapman. He stated that after he had arrested Chapman, the Indiana Bankers Association employed him to round up the whole Chapman crew and that at that time he made an effort to locate Turk Brennan. He stated that in this connection he went to Detroit, Michigan, and ascertained that Turk Brennan was known to frequent the Old City Hotel, the address of which he has forgotten, a sheer hotel in Detroit, and found that his brother, Phil Brennan, operated a "rookie" establishment in Flint, Michigan. Sheriff Puckett stated that he had not heard of Turk Brennan for a number of years and had no idea where he might be located at this time.

In connection with the murder mentioned in the reference letter, Sheriff Puckett advised that Gerald Chapman and his mob hid out at the home of Ben Hance who was a bootlegger and car thief and who resided on the White River near Muncie, Indiana. He stated that as recipient to Chapman's arrest, "One Arm" Wolf and Dutch Anderson murdered Hance and his wife for having cooperated with the Muncie Police Department in effecting the apprehension of Chapman. He stated that Wolf and Anderson overtook Hance and his wife, who were traveling from Muncie to Anderson, Indiana, by automobile, and that a shooting scrape ensued in which both Hance and his wife were murdered. He advised that Wolf was apprehended shortly after this murder and sentenced to the Indiana State Prison for life. However, Anderson was never apprehended but shortly thereafter he was killed in Muskegon, Michigan, by police officers at that place. Sheriff Puckett stated that sofar as he knows Turk Brennan had nothing to do with the commission of this murder.

It should be noted here that Sheriff Puckett advised that "One Arm" Wolf has recently filed a writ of coram nobis in the Delaware Circuit Court in an effort to obtain a new trial on the theory of newly discovered evidence. The date for the final hearing on this writ has not been set.

Sheriff Puckett advised that Turk Brennan, Dutch Anderson and Ressie Hance, who was known as Kentucky Ross to the members

of the Chapman gang, were about a block away from the place in Muncie where Chapman was arrested, and that immediately thereafter all of those individuals fled from Muncie. He advised Agent Landrum that when he last heard of Bessie James she was in San Francisco, California, which was about 8 or 10 years ago.

In this connection Sheriff Puckett stated that he was retained by a family in Muncie to locate their son who had run away from that place with a carnival woman and that in his search for this young man he had occasion to go to San Francisco, California, at which place he conferred with either a lieutenant or a sergeant on that police force, and during the course of the conversation they discussed the activities of the Chapman gang. It that time Mr. Puckett stated that the police officer with whom he conferred stated that Rosanna Bessie was known to the San Francisco Police Department, and it is Mr. Puckett's opinion that valuable information concerning that woman can be obtained at San Francisco. He further advised that in all probability she could furnish valuable information concerning the present whereabouts of Jack Freeman. Mr. Puckett refused to reveal the name of the young man for whom he was searching at the time of this contact with the San Francisco Police Department.

Sheriff Puckett described Bessie James alias Rosanna as being about 40 years of age at this time, 5'1" or 5" in height, 135 pounds, black hair and dark eyes. He stated that he had not seen this individual for a number of years and that this description is in all probability very inaccurate. He further advised that this woman is known to dress very flashily and in all probability she is connected with a house of prostitution wherever she is at the present time.

Sheriff Puckett further advised that Dr. Harry Spickerman, known as Doc Spickerman, was a member of the Chapman gang and served as a fence for that gang in its dope peddling activities. He stated that when he last heard of Spickerman he was living somewhere in the State of Illinois. He further advised that Spickerman served a sentence in the Federal Prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, on a narcotic charge, but he was unable to advise when this sentence was served or from what place Spickerman was sentenced. He stated that Spickerman at one time lived in the city of Chicago.

Sheriff Puckett further advised Agent Lanfrum that Ed Kiskey, a county detective in Hartford, Connecticut, might be able to furnish some information concerning the present whereabouts of Turk Brennan. He stated that Mr. Kiskey investigated the activities of the Chapman gang in connection with the investigation conducted by him for the murder of the New Britain, Connecticut, policeman, for which Chapman was sentenced to death. Sheriff Puckett stated that Ed Kiskey furnished him with a photograph of Turk Brennan approximately 10 or 12 years ago but that this photograph had been misplaced. However, he promised Agent Lanfrum that he would make a thorough search for the same and in the event it was located he readily agreed to immediately notify the Indianapolis Field Division so that the photograph could be secured and copies made. In this connection, it will be noted that Mr. Puckett advised Agent Lanfrum that Post Office Inspector A. C. Kelly of Muncie, Indiana, has previously contacted him for the purpose of obtaining a photograph of Turk Brennan.

Mr. Puckett stated that he felt certain that Ed Kiskey does not have a photograph of Turk Brennan at this time in view of the fact that seven years ago he received a letter from Kiskey requesting that the photograph of Turk Brennan be returned to him.

Continuing, Mr. Puckett stated that the Chapman gang had purchased a home from a preacher in Holyoke, New York, during the height of their activities, but that he could not recall the name of this individual. However, he feels certain that Turk Brennan is known to that preacher and that the preacher's name can be obtained from Ed Kiskey of Hartford, Connecticut.

Sheriff Puckett further advised that at the time Gerald Chapman killed the policemen at New Britain, Connecticut, he was accompanied by a man whose name he believes is Skeen and whose father operates a hotel in Springfield, Massachusetts. He stated that if this Skeen could be located he in all probability could furnish valuable information concerning the whereabouts of Turk Brennan.

Puckett also advised that Fred Foreman, who he believes is now serving a sentence in the Federal Prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, on a charge of bank robbery, might be able to furnish some information concerning the whereabouts of Turk Brennan. He stated that Foreman was well acquainted with the members of the

Chapman mob of which Turk Brennan was a member. It is Mr. Puckett's impression that Brennan was sentenced to the Federal Prison at Leavenworth from Kansas City, Missouri.

Sheriff Puckett advised Agent Landrum that he was not acquainted with Benson Groves and refer as he knows that individual did not hang out around Muncie, Indiana, during the time the Chapman gang was known to frequent that section of the country. However, he stated that if he should obtain any information concerning Benson Groves he would immediately contact the Indianapolis Field Division.

In view of the fact that "Doc Ira" Wolf is likely to obtain a hearing on his writ of coram nobis in the Delaware County, Indiana, Circuit Court in the near future, the Indianapolis Field Division will interview him within the next seven days in the absence of instructions from the Cleveland Division to the contrary. An effort will be made to obtain information from Wolf concerning the whereabouts of Turk Brennan and Benson Groves, if that individual is known to Wolf.

Although copies of this letter are being designated for various field divisions where associates of the Chapman gang and Turk Brennan are believed to be located, those divisions are not being requested to interview these individuals until instructed to do so by the Cleveland Field Division. The Indianapolis file in this case is not complete and therefore it is not known which of these individuals, if any, have been interviewed for information concerning the whereabouts of Turk Brennan.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau
Cincinnati
St.Paul
Chicago
San Francisco
St.Louis
New York City
Boston
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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February 13, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the investigation relative to the alleged attempt to extort $10,000 from the father-in-law of Joe H. Adams, you requested that I ascertain if we had any correspondence from Congressman J. Mark Wilcox.

The file room has made a search and advises that they have no record of any incoming communications from Congressman Wilcox.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.
P. E. Foxworth.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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February 10, 1937

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I am transmitting herewith a statement which Special Agent Loebl secured from Congressman J. Mark Wilcox. Mr. Loebl informed me that he did not take a statement from Mr. Wilcox as Wilcox offered to dictate his own statement for Loebl.

I do want to call your attention to the fact that Mr. Wilcox stated that Sher made a representation that he was an official of the Department of Justice. This statement upon Mr. Wilcox's part is, of course, hearsay. I further want to call your attention to the statement contained on Page Seven to the effect that Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Knight conferred with the Attorney General on September 10, 1936, concerning this matter. This is the first information so far as I know indicating that the Attorney General knew anything whatever regarding the case.

It is further noted that Mr. Wilcox, while stating he had voiced no opinions as to the actions of the Department in this case, has nevertheless made it quite plain that he feels that the Department has been dilatory, to say the least. I suggest that we furnish a copy of this statement to both the Attorney General and Mr. Keenan.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

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Yes send copy to A.G. & Keenan at once.

It is to be noted that this Bureau did not receive authority to make this investigation until Feb. 9, 1937. Urgent every effort made to get at the facts immediately.

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Washington D C
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STATEMENT OF J. MARK WILCOX

In Re: United States vs. Joe H Adams.

As a preface to the statement of facts hereinafter set forth and in explanation of my interest in this case, Mr T R Knight of Miami, Florida, father-in-law of Joe H Adams, is and has for approximately thirty years been a close personal friend of mine. Mr Knight's daughter, now Mrs Adams, was at one time my secretary.

Shortly after the indictment was returned against Mr Adams, I called upon Assistant United States Attorney General, Honorable Joseph Keenan, and explained to him my interest in Mr Adams and his family and requested information as to the character of the case against Adams. Mr Keenan and I discussed the case at some length but this conversation was largely in the nature of seeking information on my part and of giving information upon the part of Mr Keenan.

Several months later, I received a telephone call from Mr Knight from Miami, informing me that he was leaving at once for Baltimore and requesting me to meet him at the airport in Washington, which I did. Mr Knight informed me that a man named Richter of Coral Gables, had told him that it was necessary for the welfare of his family that he, Mr Knight, go to Baltimore to confer with a man named Miller. Mr Knight was greatly agitated at the time and considerably worried as to what might be the purpose of the message, but stated that he felt it necessary that he go to Baltimore to ascertain what might develop. He and I discussed the possibilities of his visit to Baltimore and I requested him to advise me promptly of any developments that took place. Two days later, Mr Knight returned to Washington from Baltimore and told me what had taken place in Baltimore.

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He explained to me that he went as directed to a place of business, a pawn shop as I now recall, where he met a man named Miller. Miller told him that a man named Benny Franklin would see him and explain the nature of their request for his presence in Baltimore. Benny Franklin called upon Mr Knight and told him in turn that promptly at midnight a man named Sher of the United States Department of Justice would appear at Knight's room in the hotel and state the case fully. That promptly at midnight, a man claiming to be named Sher and claiming to be an official in the Department of Justice called at Mr Knight's room in the hotel at Baltimore. Sher stated that if Mr Knight would pay him $10,000.00 in cash, the case against Joe H Adams would be dismissed and that unless the sum of $10,000.00 in cash was paid that not only would Mr Adams be harassed with the cases but that Mr Knight also would find himself harassed by various embarrassing charges from time to time. That Mr Knight asked Sher what assurance he would have if the money was paid that the cases would be dismissed; that Sher stated he did not expect Knight to pay the money over until the cases were actually dismissed, - that all he wanted was Knight's assurance that the money would be paid if and when the cases were dismissed. Knight asked Sher, "how do I know that I am dealing with a responsible representative of the Department of Justice and that you have any control over this case?" Whereupon Sher said; "As evidence of my connection with the case let me say to you now that an assistant in the Department of Justice named Barlow will be assigned to try the Adams case; Barlow will go to Miami when the Court convenes next month and will move to quash certain of these indictments and will then ask for a postponement of the other cases."

To explain Mr Knight's attitude, let me say that when I talked with him here in Washington on his way to Baltimore I said to him; "Neither you nor Joe has been guilty of any technical or moral violation of any law up to this time. I do not know what you are about to get into in Baltimore but if it turns out as

you suspect that someone is going to offer to secure a dismissal of the cases upon the payment of money, whatever you do, don't say or do anything which will commit you to any such scheme because that would make you guilty of a crime and up to this time you are guilty of nothing. Get all the information you can; string them along; don't commit yourself either way and then report to me what has happened."

Accordingly, when Sher made his proposal and stated what was about to happen, Knight told him that he would go back to Miami and see about raising the money and would let them know something later.

When Mr Knight told me in Washington upon his return from Baltimore that Sher had outlined what Barlow would do in the case, I told Knight to return to Miami and await developments. That if he was approached by these people again to continue to "string them along" without committing himself either to the payment of money or any other action but that we would wait and see whether the Department of Justice would move to quash the indictments as Sher had said they would do.

The Court convened and on the day which Sher had predicted, Mr Barlow went to Miami and took the exact action which Sher had predicted he would take. He moved to quash the indictments to which Sher had referred and then immediately asked for a postponement of the other cases, thereby performing exactly in the manner which Sher had said he would perform.

Mr Knight thereupon called me over long distance telephone and told me that the Department of Justice had done exactly as Sher had predicted, thereby proving that Sher was in the Department of Justice or that he knew exactly what was taking place and that he was evidently speaking with authority when he said that he could control the actions of the Department. I told Knight to come immediately to Washington, which he did. I called Mr Keenan over the telephone and told him that there were certain matters in connection with the Adams case which I wanted to discuss. I did not disclose to him what those facts were but I

stated I wanted to talk about certain phases of the case. Keenan told me that Barlow was handling the case and that I should discuss any matters relating to the Adams case with Barlow. I immediately called Barlow and asked for an appointment which he gave me and with Mr Knight, I called upon Barlow. I told Barlow the whole story of what had happened at Baltimore. I explained to him that Mr Knight had been held up in Baltimore and that Sher, claiming to be an official of the Department of Justice had attempted to extort $10,000.00 from Mr Knight in exchange for a dismissal of the cases. I demanded of Mr Barlow that the Department of Justice immediately investigate the extortion plot and prosecute the persons who had attempted to extort the money from Mr Knight. I said to Barlow; "As an American citizen I give you the names and addresses of persons who have attempted to extort money out of another American citizen in connection with a case pending in the Federal Courts and being prosecuted by your Department. I demand protection for Mr Knight, and I demand an investigation of these facts and an immediate prosecution of these people."

I handed Mr Barlow a list of names of the persons connected with the plot together with their street addresses and telephone numbers in Baltimore, so that he would have no trouble in locating them and making an immediate investigation.

Mr Barlow thanked me for the information and stated that he would cause an immediate investigation to be made and that he would bring these parties to justice. Barlow then said; "I am awfully glad that Mr Knight did not fall for this extortion plot and that he did not pay the money to Sher because if he had, in the light of what is going to take place, you and he would always have believed that I was connected with it because I am going to dismiss all of the cases against Adams. The Government has no case against Adams; he is not guilty of any crime and if I could prove everything that the Government contends, I

would have no case against him and as an honest prosecutor I would be forced to move for a verdict of not guilty. I have recommended to the Attorney General that these cases be dismissed for lack of evidence and if Mr Knight had permitted himself to be held up for $10,000.00 it would have looked as if I had been a party to the extortion plot."

Mr Barlow then opened a drawer in the right hand side of his desk and took out a file. He ran through the papers in the file until he came to a lengthy typewritten document which he said was his report to the Attorney General on the Adams case. He read to me a paragraph from that report in which he recommended that the cases be dismissed because the Government had no evidence indicating guilt of Mr Adams.

Barlow then discussed the case with me at some length. He pointed out that in order to convict Adams it was necessary that the Government prove that Adams knew that he was harboring Karpis and that Karpis was a fugitive from justice. He said that he had no evidence of this character and that there were no circumstances which could reasonably and legitimately be considered as indicating knowledge on the part of Adams. He said that there were circumstances which might indicate that Adams knew that the people stopping at the hotel were probably undesirable characters but that there was nothing in the case to contradict or refute Adams' statement that he believed these people to be night club operators and gamblers. Barlow said that he was convinced of the innocence of Joe Adams and he had no intention of asking for a verdict of guilty; that he had recommended dismissal of the cases and that he would resign his job before he would ask for a conviction of Adams, because he was convinced that Adams is innocent.

I told him that of course I was interested in Adams because of Adams' wife and her family but that the object of my call was not so much to get Adams' case dismissed as it was to insist upon the prosecution of the people who had

attempted to extort money from Mr Knight and I said to Barlow that if the Department of Justice is innocent of any participation in the extortion plot, it would certainly prosecute the people who had attempted it and that if the Department refused to prosecute them, it would be conclusive evidence in my opinion that the Department of Justice or some one in its employ was a party to the extortion plot and that the Department was being perverted and used as a means for "shaking down" those who might be so unfortunate as to be indicted for a violation of the Federal laws.

Nothing was done in the case and some two or three months later, I went back to Barlow's office and again demanded that something be done toward prosecuting the people who had been connected with the attempted extortion. Barlow again assured me that the case would be investigated, but he said "so far as the Adams case is concerned, you can forget it. It is going to be dismissed. I don't understand why the Attorney General hasn't already signed the order for the dismissal. But you can rest assured that the case is going to be dismissed because the Government hasn't got a case."

Still nothing happened and some time later, Mr Knight again came to Washington and told me that he had received word that Benny Franklin, one of the conspirators, was suffering from a cancer of the stomach and was likely to die at any time. I immediately called Barlow and made another appointment, and Mr Knight and I again called upon him. I told him of the information which I had concerning the physical condition of Mr Franklin and I said to him; "Barlow, I don't want you to delay this investigation any further. This man Franklin is likely to die at any time and I don't want anyone to say that we are trying to accuse a dead man of something that he cannot deny. I demand that you act immediately, before Franklin dies."

Barlow assured me again that he would make the investigation without

delay and said that he had already notified the appropriate officials in his Department to make the investigation, and that he believed it was already under way. On this occasion as on both of the previous occasions, Barlow assured me that he had no case against Adams and that it would be a gross miscarriage of justice to subject him and his family to the embarrassment of a trial when the Department of Justice knew that it had no case against him. He told me to forget the case because it would never be tried but would be dismissed as soon as the Court convened again.

Still nothing happened, and on September 10, 1936, having previously made an appointment with him, I came to Washington for a conference with Mr Homer S Cummings, the Attorney General of the United States. I brought Mr Knight with me and he and I called upon the Attorney General, and on that day I told him the whole story from beginning to end. I told him of my numerous conferences with Barlow and of my frequent demands for an investigation of the facts. I told him about the extortion plot and although I was not able to give him the initials of Mr Miller, Mr Sher or Mr Richter, I did give him their names and gave him the full information.

So far as I know, nothing has yet been done. At least two years have elapsed since this matter was first brought to the attention of the Department of Justice.

This statement is intended as a statement purely of fact and up to this point I have not indulged in any expression of opinion. I have set forth the facts as they occurred.

I cannot conclude the statement, however, without voicing the opinion that if the Department of Justice is itself entirely free from fault and suspicion in this matter it occurs to me that it would have afforded the protection

to Mr Knight, an American citizen, which he deserved when he and I gave the full facts to the Department of Justice and demanded an investigation.

I have always striven to uphold the dignity of the Department of Justice and intend to continue to do so if possible. I have not resorted to Congressional Investigations because I abhor the publicity that goes with them. But the facts in this case are such that Mr Knight believes not entirely without justification that one of two things happened; either that some one in the Department of Justice has tried to hold him up for $10,000.00 as the price for dismissing the case against an innocent man, or that the Department of Justice realizing that it had no case against Adams and desiring to secure his conviction, sought to entrap Mr Knight into offering a bribe so as to be in position to force either a plea of guilty from Adams or an indictment of Knight for offering a bribe. I voice no opinion as to the correctness of Mr Knight's conclusions but I do say that the actions of the Department have not been such as to reassure him and others acquainted with the facts of the innocence of the Department on either count.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Marx Wilcox

PEF:RP February 11, 1937

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

Reference is made to your memorandum of February 9, 1937, requesting that an investigation be conducted as to the allegations made concerning the dismissal of the case against Joe H. Adams.

I am transmitting herewith for your information a copy of a statement dictated by Congressman J. Mark Wilcox, which was furnished to one of the Special Agents of this Bureau. A copy of this statement has also been furnished to the Attorney General for his information.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record in manifests of U. S. Immigration Office, Jacksonville, Florida, showing departure of Wayne Preston from Miami, Florida, to Havana, Cuba, from May 1, 1935, to date.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K.McKee, Jacksonville, Florida, November 29, 1936, and letter from Jacksonville Field Division to Inspector Connelley, Detroit, dated 12-22-36.

DETAILS: AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA:

Deputy Immigration Officer R. C. McAndrews, had his records searched for the name Wayne Preston to determine whether this person had been a passenger from Miami or Key West, Florida, to Havana, Cuba, from May 5, 1935, to date. The search failed to reflect the name Wayne Preston.

Mr. McAndrews furnished a list of the Prestons found in the manifest which is as follows:

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Threlma Preston	" "	" " "	8-18-36	" 29
Corinne "	" FLORIDA	" " "	9-1-36	" 38
Patricia "	Plane NC 752 V	" " "	12-28-36	" 19
Dorothy "	" " " " " "	"	12-28-36	" 26
Elinor "	" " 80 V	" " "	4-10-36	" 28
Edwin "	" " 752 V	" " "	5-16-36	" 30
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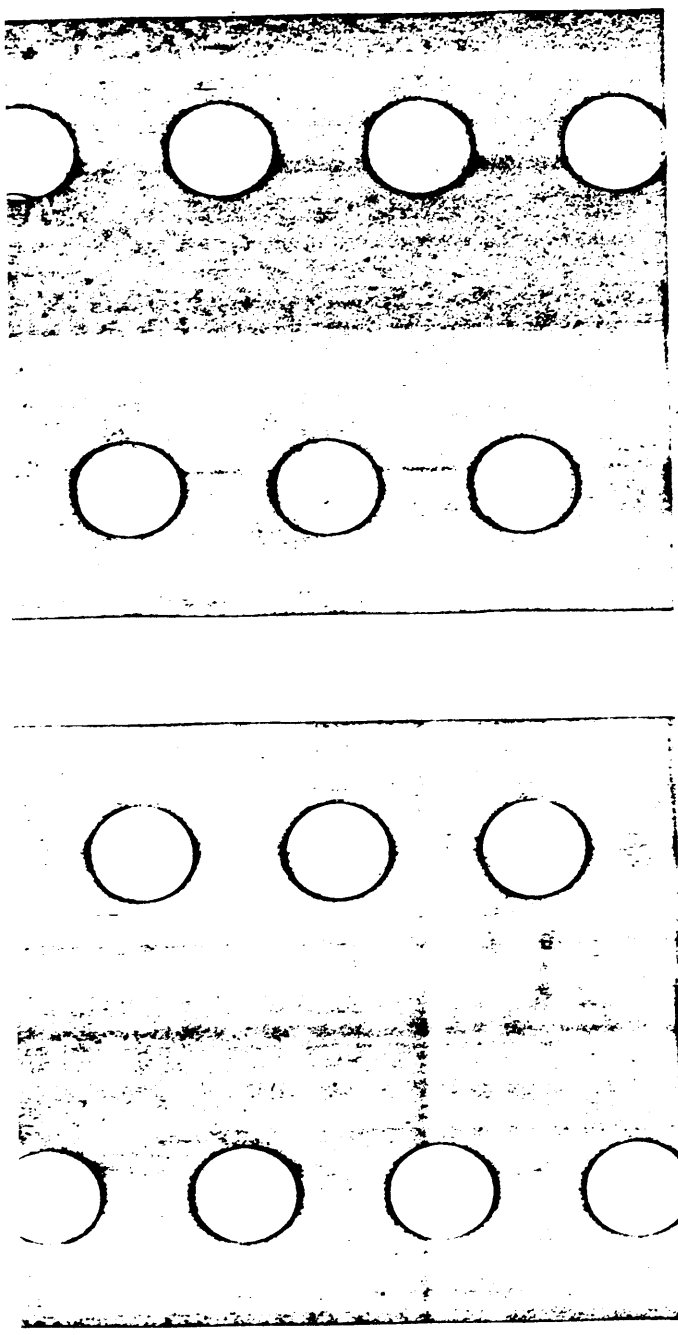

Turner Ave.,
West Grove Pa.,

Ask. 2/20/37
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N.J.L.P.

Mr. Horner
Dear Sir.

I happened to be reading the "War on Crime" section in the evening ledger and saw where Elmer Farmer was arrested in connection with the Bremer Kidnapping. 7-5711-13696

I am a second cousin to an Elmer Farmer who left his home and went to Philadelphia. No one knows where to in the City. That has been three or four yrs. ago.

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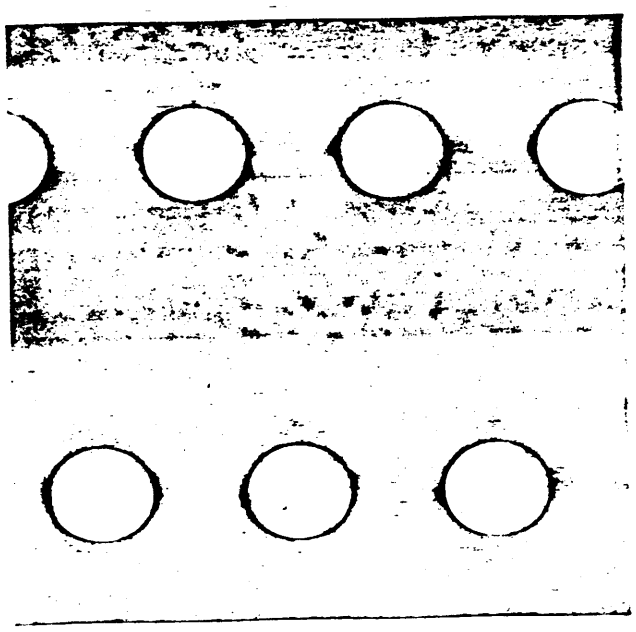
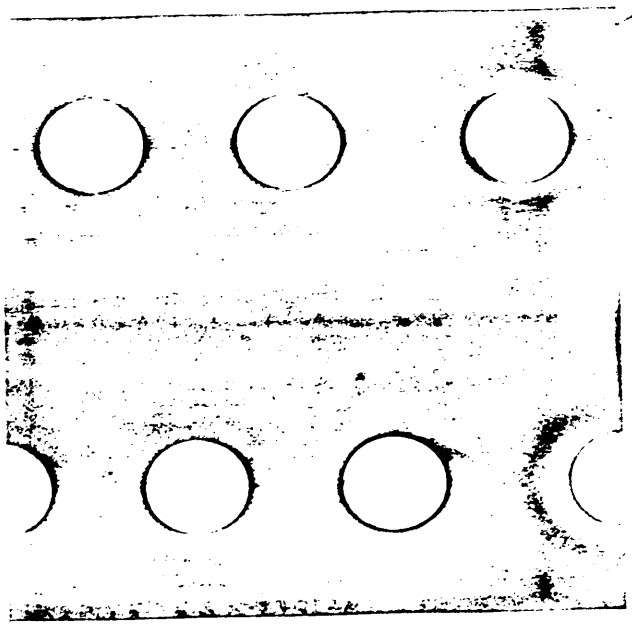
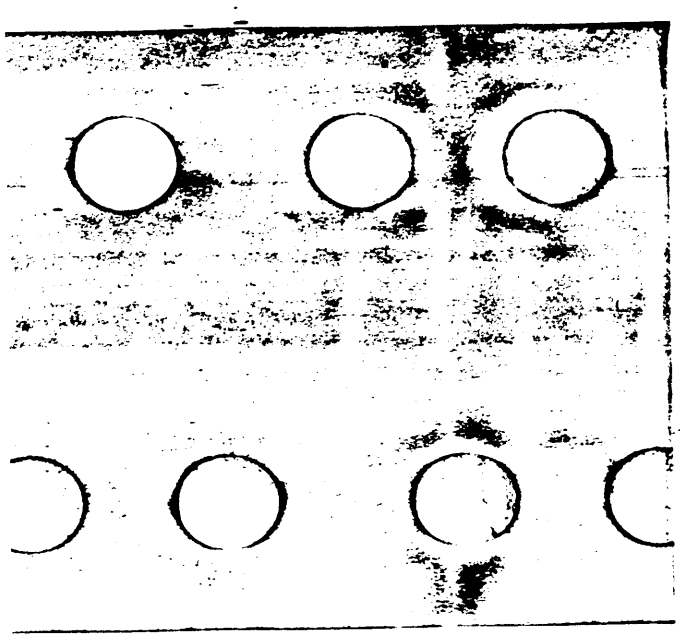




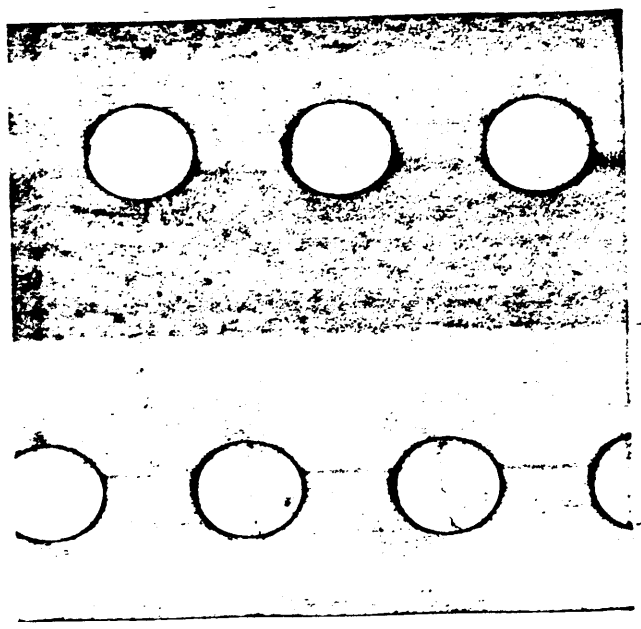
His other brother who lives in Philadelphia saw him once during that time. He (the brother) said that Elmer didn't seem like the same boy. Since I read the name "Elmer Farmer" in the ledger I have been trying to think of some way in which to find out the history of the boy connected with the kidnapping.

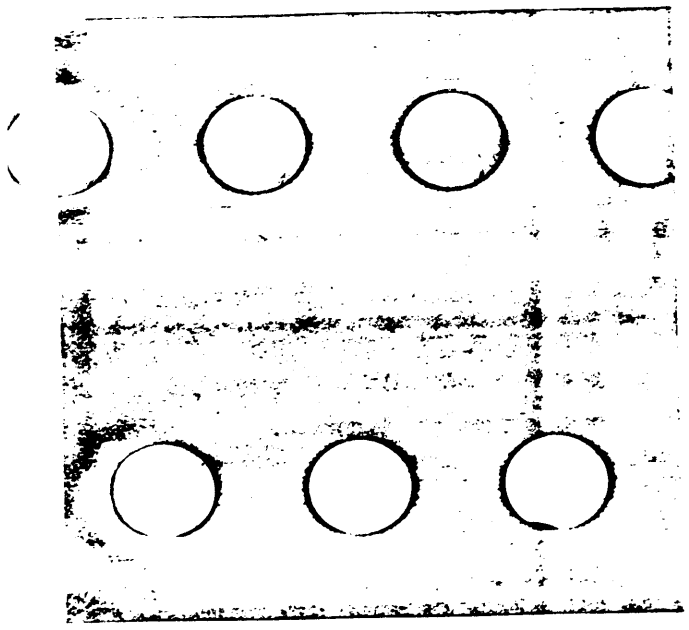
This Elmer's father has been enquiring repeatedly about the boy but I am



information. We suspects that he must have fallen into some kind of trouble or he would have written or come home. The Parents said they would rather know the truth than stay in such suspense any longer.

If you would give me all the information possible about this Omer Farmer it would certainly be appreciated. We would also be very thankful for a photograph if it could be possible to procure one.





Please inform me as
to where we could write
to him.

Hoping this request
will not cause you
unnecessary trouble

I remain Sincerely Yours
Mrs. William Davis
Gurney Avenue
West Grove
Pennsylvania.

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February 20, 1937.

Mrs. William Davis,
Garnsey Avenue,
West Grove, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I have your undated letter received at this Bureau on February 16, 1937, wherein you make inquiry as to Elmer Farmer.

Kindly be advised that the Elmer Farmer connected with the Bremer kidnaping case was born in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on March 10, 1893, his father being one James Farmer and his mother Katherine Farmer, both of whom are deceased.

I regret that I do not have a photograph available for distribution, but I trust that this information will be of some assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

For the information of Mr. Loebl and for his guidance in the conducting of the investigation on which he is engaged in Florida at this time, I telephoned him in Florida and read to him the comments which you wrote on my memorandum transmitting to you the letter which Bart A. Riley wrote to Federal Judge Ritter.

Mr. Loebl said that he would be guided and would proceed accordingly.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth

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February 15, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Miami, Florida.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232,
et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith, to be furnished to Special Agent Louis Loebl, a copy of the Statement and Examination of Mr. T. R. Knight, taken at Miami, Florida, on January 26, 1937, by Mr. Charles H. Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

Agent Loebl should return this to the Bureau upon the completion of the investigation on which he is presently engaged.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

vs.

JOSEPH L. ADAMS,

Defendant.

STATEMENT AND EXAMINATION OF MR. T. R. "BOB" KNIGHT, AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, ON JANUARY 26, 1937, IN RELATION TO ABOVE CASE.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-vs-

JOSEPH H. ADAMS,

Defendant.

IN THE MATTER OF AN INVESTIGATION
IN RELATION TO THE ABOVE STYLED
CAUSE, IN THE TAKING OF THE STATE-
MENT OF MR. T. R. "BOB" KNIGHT, OF
MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN THE OFFICE OF
THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY
IN THE FEDERAL BUILDING, AT MIAMI,
FLORIDA, ON JANUARY 26th, 1937.

STATEMENT

The following examination was made of the witness hereinafter named in the office of the United States District Attorney, at Miami, Florida, in the Federal Building, commencing at 2:40 o'clock, P. M., and concluding at 3:50 o'clock, P.M.

There were present at the taking of this statement Mr. Charles H. Carr and Mr. J. J. Waters, Special Assistants to the Attorney General, Washington, D.C.; Mr. Herbert S. Phillips, United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Tampa, Florida; Mr. Bart A. Riley, Attorney at Law, Miami, Florida; Mr. T. R. Knight of Miami, Florida; and Mr. Ralph M. Costello, Court Reporter.

THEREUPON, in the presence of the above named persons, the following proceedings were had:

MR. RILEY: After I made a statement in Court yesterday concerning this matter, Mr. Carr, after Court adjourned, asked me if I would get a report from Mr. Knight in my office or any place else, and that today when I appeared in court, I thought the better place to take that statement was in the presence of all of us gentlemen whose presence is noted here.

MR. CARR: (To Mr. Knight) I want to say this to you right now, that as far as I know, and as far as the Department knows, no one connected with the Department knew anything about this situation.

MR. KNIGHT: Oh, yes, yes sir.

MR. CARR: And if it develops, I don't want you to hold back any facts, if you have any facts, that point to anybody in any department. I want you to give them to us. What I mean is with respect to the alleged attempt to "shake-down" or "bribe", or whatever it was. That's what I mean. So far as the Department knows, we don't know anyone in the Department had any connection with that.

MR. RILEY: If you had, we wouldn't have to be here to identify the people.

MR. CARR: The reason I'm saying this is because I want you to shoot the whole thing. If you have any suspicion or any fact that might point to any official, we want those and anything that you know, if you will give them to us.

MR. T. R. KNIGHT was thereupon examined, the following questions being asked and the answers thereto appearing as follows:

EXAMINATION BY MR. RILEY:

Q Mr. Knight, I want you to explain the beginning of the approach to you for the payment of $10,000 to get the case against Joseph H. Adams disposed of.

A I would like to make this explanation in the beginning, with reference to what counsel said about suspicions, I am not trying to cast any suspicions or insinuations at anybody. I will give you the facts of what happened, which have mystified me all the way through. Starting back in the Cortez Hotel in Miami, just after Adams was arrested - I make this statement because it connects later - I was over there one night talking to Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Hanson said: "Don't be foolish and pay out any money for a lawyer". He said, "If you have to have a lawyer get some young fellow just out of school and give them a Hundred Dollars." I thought nothing of it at the time, and thanked him, because I thought, and don't say now that it wasn't given, with the best of intentions. Later on, about the first part of May, I think - about the 9th or 10th of May, I was called from my dinner table one night by a Jewish voice, and said "Are you the Mr. Knight who has the son-in-law who is in trouble with the Government?" and I said "Yes." He said, "Well, where can I see you tonight? It is important." I said, "You can see me down in the lobby in about half an hour." So he came down, and he said - he told me over the phone "You probably don't know me, but I have known you for fifteen years." I went down in the lobby, and I did know the man; he is a jeweler here in town by the name of Richter.

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MR. CARR: Do you know his initials, Mr. Knight?

A He is the jeweler on East Flagler Street, next to the Olympia Theatre. (Note: Party referred to is Mr. Joseph A. Richter). He said, "Mr. Knight, I don't know anything about this case at all, but I had a call from a very dear friend of mine in Baltimore, and a very wealthy man in Baltimore, and very influential", and he said, "he has just telephoned me to get in touch with you and tell you if you will come to Baltimore at once that they will get this case all settled for you". Now, not knowing Richter very well - he said, "And I am to call him back as soon as I have talked to you." Well, I said "Call him here from my office," and he put in a call, and they were evidently waiting, because he wasn't two minutes getting him on the telephone, and this was a Jewish voice again, in Baltimore. He said, "Mr. Knight, I am not a politician, but I have a friend who is in a position to get this case settled for you."

MR. CARR: May I interrupt you there, Mr. Knight. Did he give you any name over the telephone?

A Yes.

Q Well, we will get to that when we get to Baltimore.

MR. CARR: All right.

A Yes; he gave me his name. I said, "Well, it's evidently - if you can get it settled it's evidently someone with the Department

of Justice". He said, "Well, we are in a position to do what we say we are". So I went to Baltimore. The next day, I believe, or the second day. I didn't know that Richter was going, but when I got out to take the plane, Richter was there, and went up as I went. We took a plane to Washington and caught a train from Washington over to Baltimore. We went from Baltimore over to this other Jew's place, whose name is Miller. (To Mr. Riley) Have you got his initials?

MR. RILEY: I think I have it.

A I can give addresses and all in Baltimore. I don't remember his initials.

Q Did you go to Miller's place of business in Baltimore?

A Yes, I went to Miller's place of business, which was a pawn shop, and a very cheap looking jewelry store.

Q Would you be able in Baltimore to identify the place that you went to?

A Oh, yes; there would be no trouble to find him. He was a very wealthy Jew.

Q Now, does this man Miller come down to Miami?

A Oh, yes.

Q Does he own property down her ?

A Oh, yes; a lot of it. He loaned a lot of money here.

Q Loaned a lot of money?

A Yes. Richter is his agent here.

Q All right; proceed.

A I went over to this Miller's place of business and was introduced to him by Richter, and then was introduced to his son, and he said "Now, my friend that's going to handle this for you will be over here in just a little while"; he said "his name is Benny Franklin". And I suggested - I said, "Well, suppose I go on over to my hotel and let Mr. Franklin come over there." He said, "All right". So I went over to the Lord Baltimore Hotel and registered and went up to my room. I imagine that we got into Baltimore about four o'clock.

Q At what Hotel did you register at?

A Lord Baltimore.

Q And you registered under the name of T. R. Knight?

A Yes, sir. I went up to my room and got a bath and changed clothes and came down, and they hadn't still shown up at about 5:30 or 6:00 o'clock, so I came downstairs to get something to eat, and when I came down this Benny Franklin, accompanied by the young Miller - the son of the old man Miller, were just starting into the dining room. I was then introduced to Franklin, and asked to have dinner with them, which I did. We didn't discuss anything at the table, but after dinner went up to my room. There I was told by Mr. Franklin that the real guy and the man in authority that would make the deal would be in my room at midnight.

Q Now, was young Miller in your room at the time Franklin made that statement?

A Yes, sir. And I said, "What kind of deal are you talking about, Mr. Franklin?" "Well", he said "it's going to take some money; you didn't expect it wouldn't, did you?" I said "I didn't know. I just got your invitation." "Well", he said, "I don't know; the other fellow will tell you the amount," but he said this, "I know that the money will have to be split five ways." And I'll say this for this young Miller. He immediately said, "Mr. Franklin, don't count us in; we don't want any money. What we are doing, we are trying to help a friend"; but that created my suspicions, because they were not friends of mine, and I had never heard of them before. So this Franklin said, "What I want to assure you is that this man is in authority, and whatever he tells you is law, and you can depend on it." Now, he did tell me that he wanted Mr. Richter to hold the stakes. Franklin didn't go into the case, but just made those statements, and said the real man, and the man in authority would be there at midnight. Promptly at midnight a gentleman rapped on the door, and I opened the door and this guy stepped in and said "My name is Sher." I don't think that was his name. The reason I remember so distinctly is that the same name here was Sher; and I asked him how he spelled it, and he said "S-h-e-r." The first statement he made, after telling me who he was, he said, "Now, you have been very foolish in this matter, and thrown away a lot of money

in attorneys fees, but that's not our fault; you were warned not to do it in the outset.

Q Now, just one minute. That's the reason why you made this statement that Hanson made to you?

A I do that without prejudice, Gentlemen. I don't know why, or how, but that's the facts. Mr. Hanson will tell you that his advice to me was good, friendly advice; I wouldn't say anything to harm him in the world; but that's what happened. "Now", he said, "not only that, you have been dumb as hell. We have thrown every hint in the world at you except to tell you in plain English to come up to Baltimore and get in touch with Benny Franklin", and he said, "that would have been told to you on the last trip of our man but he never did get the chance. Now", he said, "there isn't much use to take up much time about this thing", and he goes to work and tells me everything that has ever happened, better than I can tell it. He told me of my visit to Baltimore, my talk with - he told me of my visit with Mark Wilcox, and Joe Keenan's office, and what took place, and what was said, more distinctly and more verbatim than I could ever repeat it. He told me of subsequent visits and talks in Miami with Mr. Barlow. He told me more about it than I knew. And he said, "Now, that gives you a background, to check my position." I said, "So what? What is the rest of the story?" He said, "Well, it will cost you $10,000 to get this case dismissed." I said, "Mr. Shor, Mr. Keenan and Mr. Barlow" - Mr. Keenan didn't tell me directly it would be dismissed; he did tell me to give it time - to give it a little

time and he was sure everything would work out all right. He told me and Mark Wilcox that, and he also told the Mayor of Miami, Cliff Roeder, to tell Adams' wife that she had nothing to worry about; and Barlow has told me not once but half a dozen times that this case was going to be dismissed. He (Sher) laughed and said "By God, it hasn't been dismissed. But it will be dismissed; I'm telling you now how it will be dismissed, but it hasn't been dismissed up to now", and I said, "No, I know that." "Well", I said, "$10,000 is a lot of money." He said, "Yes, I understand that, but not much when it has to be divided five ways." I said, "Yes, that's true. Well", I said, "Frankly, Mr. Sher, I don't know whether I could raise $10,000 or not." "Well", he said, "I didn't expect you to bring $10,000 up here in your grip, but" he said "that's up to you"; and he beat his fist down on his chair, and he said, "But I'm telling you now; I don't know what Barlow has told you, and I don't know what Joe Keenan has told you - - " he referred to them all as "Joe" and "Walter", and Hoover as "Edgar" Hoover, and he said, "I don't care what they have told you, you can just put it down this case is not going to be dismissed unless you come through with that $10,000." He said, "What do you think? Do you think us Government men can live on the puny salary we get?" I said, "I don't know."

Q May I interrupt you now, and ask if, prior to this conversation you had with Sher, Keenan hadn't told Mark Wilcox and Barlow hadn't told you, and Barlow hadn't told me that he recommended to officers higher up in the Department that the

case would be dismissed?

A Yes, sir. Not only that, but he first told me, and told me right over there in that room, that he was absolutely in authority on this case. Well: I always try to go to the top when I try to talk to anybody. I asked him the question, and he said he was in absolute authority and in charge of the case, and his recommendation would go.

Q What I mean is that you and I and Mark Wilcox learned from Barlow and Keenan that the case would be dismissed before you had this conversation with this chap Sher?

A That's right. Hey, you could have knocked me down with a feather. I didn't know such stuff was going on, and I told him so, and he said, "evidently I didn't know, because I had been very dumb in the events leading up to it." I then said this to him, I said, "Listen, Mr. Sher, I have every reason in the world, and everywhere where I have talked to a man, and they appeared in earnest, and Mr. Barlow", and I said, "What assurance have I got - how do I know that you haven't in some way found out that these cases are going to be dismissed? I have. I have been told so, and I believe it. I have been told that. How do I know you haven't gotten that information and just intend to hold me up for $10,000?"

Q Now, wait one minute, Bob. Your reason for the assumption along that score is this; in order to make the record clear. We all had been informed -

A (Interrupting) Repeatedly.

Q (Continuing) - by Barlow and Keenan that the case against

Joe would be dismissed.

A I won't say that Mr. Keenan ever definitely told me it would be dismissed.

Q But Barlow had?

A Barlow had from the beginning of the case.

Q And it was after that that this man told you what he could do?

A Sure.

Q And you naturally assumed that he must have learned something in the Department, and was trying to hold you up for money for something which would be done in any event.

A That's right. Then I said to him, I said, "Mr. Shor, back of all that, the Government hasn't got any case, because Joe Adams and I live in the same hotel, and in the same apartment, and I was there all the time that these damn' crooks were there. I didn't know who they were. I had not the slightest idea;" and I said, "neither did Joe Adams." "Well", he said, "that don't make any difference. We have what it takes to convict." He said, "Walter Barlow is the smoothest prosecutor you ever saw, and he can convince any jury in the world, and Edgar Hoover is blood-thirsty, and he is after this boy. Now", he said, "that argument is, to my mind", he said, "is foolish. Unless you get this thing out of the way, Walter Barlow, with all his swaying powers before the jury, and the witnesses you know we have got, and they will convict him." "Well", I said, "maybe so, but I know they have no case." Then I said, "Assuming that your argument was true,

Mr. Shor, this is all new to me, and I never dreamed of it before"; I said, "assuming that you are right, and that the payment of $10,000 we make is the only way to get my kid out of this trouble, you are a business man, and you are well-dressed, and you were smart; show me how you are going to prove to me that you are not doing what I have just talked about, that you have not gotten this information some way"; and he looked up to the ceiling and said, "There is six indictments against Adams, isn't there?" and I said "Yes." He said, "Suppose I have Walter Barlow go down there and dismiss three of those indictments voluntarily; just go before the judge and dismiss three indictments; would that convince you that I know what I'm talking about?" I said "Yes"; "but will you do that?" He said, "Walter Barlow will do what he is told to do." "Well", I said, "yes, that would convince me that you know what you are talking about. I still can't tell you whether I can get the $10,000 or not. If you want to have that done, go ahead, and have it done, and I'll see what I can do in the meantime, but I have got to have some proof that you have not just gotten the information like it was told to me, that the cases are going to be dismissed,and trying to use it?" Very soon after that Mr. Barlow came down, after that, as you know, and dismissed the three indictments. They immediately called me on long distance telephone and wanted to know if I was now ready to do business.

MR. CARR: Do you know - if I may interrupt - who talked to you that time, Mr. Knight?

A This same man.

MR. CARR: Shor?

A Yes. He called me two or three or three or four times, one or two of which times you (indicating Mr. Riley) were on the telephone. He also assured me that there was a grand jury meeting here pretty soon.

Q What did he call the grand jury.

A "The Chamber of Commerce" - over the telephone, he did. He called on the telephone and said that "when the Chamber of Commerce meets now, I will see that there are no new indictments to take the place of those dismissed." Well, the grand jury met, and there was no indictments.

Q Now, did he give the date over the telephone as to when the grand jury would meet?

A Yes; sure.

Q And did the grand jury meet on that date?

A Yes. But let me put this in there. I know the foreman of that grand jury, and I know he didn't have anything to do with getting the indictments or not getting them. That foreman of that grandjury was a local man, and I know he couldn't be approached. He was Budge, Harry Budge, the foreman of that grand jury. But anyway, there was no indictments returned.

Q You mean by that that when this new grand jury was formed that there wasn't anything presented to the grand jury?

A Well, I don't know anything about what was presented.

Q That you know of?

A I just know Shor didn't influence him one way or the other. It might have been presented, and no bills returned, but I know that neither Shor, or me or anybody else did anything

to unduly influence the foreman of the grand jury. So then they began to call me and press me for the money, the Ten. I told them I couldn't raise it, in the first place, and in the second place I hadn't up to that time committed any crime, and wasn't going to if I knew it, and I wasn't going to take any chances, and we would take our chances and go to trial. I immediately went to Washington and got Mark Wilcox, because I kept tab of these fellows during this time and by long distance telephone they kept tab of me. Mark Wilcox and I went over to Walter Barlow's office, and we told Mr. Barlow who these people were, and where they were on that date. Even to this man Sher, because I had found he was in Atlantic City.

MR. CARR: Do you remember the approximate date of that call?

A I do not. It was some time subsequent to my visit to Baltimore. And Mr. Wilcox told Mr. Barlow, he said, "Mr. Barlow, you have been promising these cases were going to be dismissed", and he said, "there hasn't been anything done about it." We related the circumstances, and he said "I told Bob under no circumstances to pay them a dime, because in the first place he would be committing a crime"; and I know we told him all about them assuring us he would come down here and dismiss these indictments. Mark said, "Now, this is a serious matter, one of the most serious I have ever come across", and he said, "so far as we know you have been very fair to us, but", he said, "this is a serious matter and one with which I

walked the floor all night when I found out about it", and he said, "it is my intention to go over and ask a Congressional investigation of this thing." Barlow said, "Well, Knight, what you want is to get this thing stopped, and stop this publicity on your family, isn't it?" and I said, "That's what I want, Mr. Barlow, and I haven't gotten it." He then told Mark Wilcox and I, he said, "Now, listen", he said, "of course the Government don't know anything about this, the Department don't know anything about it, and had nothing to do with it, but", he said, "you know the general public hasn't any too much confidence in our Government as it is," and he said, "if you go and air this thing to the public", he said, "a lot of people are going to think that somebody in authority was in on it." I said, "Yes, sir; if you will pardon me for saying so, I will be forced to be one of the public; I can't do otherwise." I said, "What other explanation, Mr. Barlow, can you offer for this man knowing every detail in a conversation that transpired between you and I, and a conversation that transpired in Keenan's office?" He said "The only way I can account for it is some stenographer that had been fired out of the Department". I said, "That wouldn't do, Mr. Barlow, because it would take more than one stenographer, because they relate different times, and different offices, and they know too much about the case to have gotten it from that source." "Well", he said, "I'll tell you what I'll do", he said, "if you fellows will just let this matter rest as it is, I'll get this case dismissed. That's what you want." I said, "Yes", but I said, "you have been telling me

that for a long time, and this bird tells me just as emphatically, and more so, that it is not going to be dismissed unless I pay $10,000." He said, "Where are you going?" I told him I intended to go on up to New York. So he promised Wilcox and I there again that if we would let the matter rest, he would get the case disposed of - dismissed - within two weeks. Congress was about to adjourn at that time, but we still believed it would do what he said he would do, and believed he was in authority, because that was the representation that had been made to us.

Q Do you remember the names of the different hotels in Washington at which you stopped on each visit where you had an interview with Barlow?

A No; I didn't interview him at the hotel.

Q I mean the hotels you stopped at in Washington.

A What I stopped at?

Q Yes

A I stopped at the Burlington. I haven't stopped anywhere else for ten years.

Q All right; now you can go ahead with what you were saying.

A I came back through Washington, and there was another delay, but I was assured again, have been on numerous times since, even to the last time he was in Miami, by Mr. Barlow, that the cases would be dismissed.

Q Now let me ask this. Can you supply us with the address of this Mr. Miller, in Baltimore, Maryland?

A Yes; it is no trouble in the world to find Miller. As a matter of fact, or either one, if Franklin is still living.

Q Do you know from your conversation with Mr. Richter, of Miami, that Mr. Richter knows Miller?

A Surely.

Q Now, what kind of a looking man is this H. L. Miller?

A Well, he is just a typical Jewish looking fellow.

Q How much does he weigh?

A I imagine about 140.

Q Is he about my build?

A A little smaller, I believe, than you are.

Q A little smaller than I am?

A Yes.

Q Is he dark complected?

A Yes.

Q Thin face or a fat face?

A He has a thin face.

Q Now, what kind of a looking man is the man Shor?

A Shor looked to me to be a German; a very nattily dressed fellow, with eyes set wide apart, and an unusual type; I mean, he is a type you would know on sight anywhere in the world, if you had seen him once.

Q Now, is it Shor that told you all the intimate details of the Adams case and the progress that was being made on it?

A Yes, sir. Now, this Benny Franklin lives in Baltimore, or did at that time. I have heard since that time that Franklin

was in very bad physical condition, and he may be dead. I don't know. But I was told there at the hotel that he was known all over Baltimore, and that he lived in a $75,000.00 home in Baltimore.

Q I want to ask you this, Bob. Did this man ever state that he was connected with the Department directly?

A He said this. I asked him if he was a member of the Bureau of Investigation, because I anticipated probably some attempt to trap me into some scheme or other, and he said, "No, I am not in that department", and he referred all the time to "We will do" and "what we can do" and "what we will do."

Q Now, did he refer in any of his conversations to "my brother?"

A No; my "brother-in-law."

Q Did he mention the name of the man who was his brother-in-law?

A No. He said this. "Now", he said, "you understand a few things you are to do and a few that you are not to do." He said that before Mark Wilcox. He said, "In the first place, you are not to go back to Washington and say anything to Mark Wilcox about this, because," he said, "there can't be any slip in this thing. If there is, it will be just too bad for you." "Well", I said, "don't start that kind of stuff, my friend, because I have been through so much, that just goes over my head. I don't care anything about that, if it's threats you are making." I said, "I don't know if I will see Mark Wilcox or not, but this

is your proposition." Then is when he brought up about his brother-in-law. He said, "If you had a brother-in-law that had been in the Department for about twenty years, and stands very high in the Department, you wouldn't want to bungle something to cause him to lose his job, would you?" He said, "I don't, and I can't afford to." I said, "No, I would not want to cause him any trouble."

Q Now, what was the final breaking up of the bribery?

A The final breaking up of it? At that conference there that night.

Q No; I mean ultimately; the last break-up. Why didn't you pay $10,000 to someone?

A Well, because in the first place I had been advised by you and by Mark Wilcox that I would be committing a crime if I did, and in the next place, $10,000 is not easily gotten ahold of by me.

Q Well, did you tell anybody over the telephone that you would pay a less amount, like $8,000 or $9,000, and try to bring them down?

A Yes, sir. They called back. I told this fellow up there, I said, "I might raise $8,000." He said, "No, that won't do;" and then in a little while he called back, and stated that Miller had said he didn't want anything out of it, and Richter had said he didn't want anything out of it, but he said they were only getting $600.00 apiece, so he said, "You can settle it for $9,000, but that's the least, and unless you can send that, and send it at once, the deal if off." And that was the end of it.

Q Now I wish, Bob, that you would look for the address book and find out the address on Baltimore Street, is it, of Miller?

A Yes.

Q And you know that Richter is still living here in Miami, don't you?

A Yes.

Q And you know that Miller's place is in the 400 Block on Baltimore Street?

A That's right.

MR. RILEY: I guess that's all.

EXAMINATION BY MR. CARR:

Q Will you give us a description of Mr. Richter?

A The best I can tell you is that he is a little man, about 130 or 25 pounds, I guess, with a rather typical Jewish face.

Q Dark?

A No. He has a place of business over here by the side of the Olympia Theatre, Richter Jewelry Store.

MR. RILEY: Could you send a Deputy Sheriff over and get him here in ten minutes if he is in the store?

A Yes; sure.

MR. RILEY: Is he that well known in Miami?

A Yes.

Q Now, is that H. L. Miller?

A I think that's his initials.

Q You testified he had young Miller there.

A That is right.

Q Give us a description of young Miller.

A Well, he is a boy I would judge about 24 or 5 years old, a nicely dressed young Jew, and they all look so much alike to me I can't tell you exactly.

Q About what was his height, would you say?

A I imagine about 5 feet 7 inches.

Q About what did he weigh?

A He was heavier than his father; I imagine he would weigh about 160.

Q Any particular features about him that stood out?

A Not other than that he was Jewish.

Q Now, Mr. Sher - will you give us as good a description as you can of Mr. Sher?

A Sher was a stocky built fellow, somewhere around my build.

Q How much would he weigh?

A I imagine he would weigh around 170.

Q About how tall?

A A About 5 feet 6 inches, I would say.

Q And what was his complexion, if you remember?

A Rather dark.

Q Did he have hair on his head, or bald-headed?

A No; he had a full head of hair.

Q Was his hair dark?

A Dark hair.

MR. RILEY: Was there something about his eyes you told me?

A His eyes were very wide apart. You know this editor of this German paper here?

MR. RILEY: Yes.

A Well, they are very much like his.

Q Eyes very wide apart.

A Yes. I guess that's the reason I say he looked like a German, because he looked enough like this German here in town that was editor of this paper here.

Q He was not Jewish, apparently?

A I don't think so. I couldn't say about that.

Q Now, Benny Franklin.

A Franklin was a very short, heavy-set Jew, very stocky, big belly; I don't imagine he was over 5 feet 3 inches, or 4 inches, but I imagine, still, he weighed 175 or 80 pounds, and partially bald, but he is known all over Baltimore. You won't have any trouble finding Benny Franklin.

Q I think he is dead, as a matter of fact. That's our last report.

A The last I heard of him, he was in a hospital, but he wasn't dead when I gave this information; he was very much alive when I gave this information to Mr. Barlow.

MR. RILEY: The night I went to the hotel and took down a long distance telephone call from Baltimore, I was down in

your cellar, or basement, and a man asked over the telephone for Richter. Was Richter up inthe office then?

A No, sir. In my office?

MR. RILEY: Yes; up in the office of the hotel.

A No, I don't think so.

MR. RILEY: Because, as I recall, somebody said, "Is this Richter?" and he said "Yes", and he said, "Is Bob Knight there, or Mr. Knight there?" and he said, "Yes."

A Yes; that's right.

MR. RILEY: Was Mr. Richter in the office, then?

A Yes.

MR. RILEY: I was downstairs, of course, and couldn't tell.

A Yes, sir.

BY MR. CARR: (Continuing)

Q Now may I ask you, Mr. Knight, who was present that night when Shor called on you at the Lord Baltimore Hotel?

A Nobody.

Q Just you two?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did Mr. Barlow ever show you any papers, Mr. Knight, with respect to any dismissals or prospective dismissals?

A Yes, sir.

Q Will you tell us about that, and when and where?

A Well, on different occasions. I remember one thing very distinctly, one of his recommendations that I thought was his own quotation, but I heard Mr. Riley read yesterday the

some quotation from some case, - where he showed me a recommendation he had sent in to the Government, and quoted that stuff about what is the duty of a Government prosecutor who prosecute, and he may deal hard blows, and it is his duty also do so, but he is not at liberty to deal foul blows - and showed me a recommendation with all that in it.

Q Do you remember the approximate date when he showed you any papers, and told you that? What month or year?

A Well, at different times. The last time he showed me that was his last trip to Miami.

MR. CARR: That's all.

EXAMINATION BY MR. WATERS:

Q Was anyone else present when Hanson made this statement to you?

A About advising about a lawyer?

Q Yes.

A There had been - that was in the Cortez Hotel, and there was another agent there part of the time, but I won't say definitely whether he was in the room at that time or not. I was over there quite a while that night, and I was over there on different occasions, and most of the time there were two of them together.

Q And the fellows in Baltimore, did they mention the names of anyone in the Department except Barlow?

A No, sir; Barlow, Joe Keenan and Edgar Hoover, and referring to all of them by given names.

MR. WATERS: Well, that's already in your statement. That's all.

EXAMINATION BY MR. CARR: (Resumed).

Q At that last conversation, as I remember it, Mr. Knight, it was where he tried to proposition you - Sher - for $9,000 instead of $10,000; is that correct?

A That's right.

Q And that's the last contact you ever had with any of those people?

A Yes, sir.

MR. RILEY: Is the last contact you had with them the last telephone message that I took down?

A I can't answer that. If that was the conversation in which the $9,000 was discussed, it is, but they were calling pretty often.

Q Mr. Knight, did you ever talk with this fellow Richter after that last telephone conversation?

A Yes. I told Richter, I don't suppose it has been six months ago - I never discussed the matter with him - but I had told him before we ever went up to Baltimore that if he went - if he were going, and it was in an effort to assist me, that I would pay his expenses. I didn't know he was going. He said that he was not. When I got out there that morning he got on the plane; he bought his own ticket and got on the plane and went up.

Q He knew that you were going on that date?

A Yes.

Q Well, after this last contact by telephone, the matter was dropped then?

A Yes.

Q Did you ever have any conversation with Richter as to why it was dropped?

A Well, I know why it was dropped.

Q I mean, did he ever come talk to you, or did you have any talk with him about it?

A No. The only conversation I have ever had with Richter more than just passing and speaking to him, was possibly three or four months ago. I usually try to do what I say, and I dropped in his store there and told him, "Now, let me pay your expenses to Baltimore; I am willing to pay it," and he said he didn't want it; that he attended to some other business there, at the same time, and he didn't want it.

Q Mr. Knight, is there anything further you want to say, any information you want to give us, to help locate those parties or find out anything about them, in relation to this?

A I don't know that there is anything that I can add to what I have already said. I can make this statement very definitely, that you should have no trouble locating all the parties except this man Sher, or whatever his name is. The others are their right names; no doubt.

Q What do you base your reason on that he was using a fictitious name?

A That's just purely a surmise.

MR. CARR: That's all.

(Thereupon, there was discussion, off the record).

MR. CARR: Mr. Riley states that he thinks that the last conversation between Mr. Knight and Franklin was on about May 9, 1935, and he states that he can verify the date from correspondence contained in his files.

MR. PHILLIPS: I would like to ask one question. Have you named every Government agent or attorney that you talked to about this matter?

MR. KNIGHT: I think so.

MR. CARR: Mr. Riley procured a copy of a letter from his file, dated May 10, 1935, addressed to Judge H. L. Ritter, wherein the address of "H.D. Miller" was given as 3423 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland." The copy of the letter further verifies the date of the telephone conversation as being "May 9, 1935."

MR. RILEY: You can have that copy of that letter; I have another copy in my file.

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Thereupon, there being no further matters desired by any of the parties to be inquired into at this time, the matter was concluded, at 3:50 P.M., January 26, 1937.

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Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an anonymous letter received at this division which was postmarked at LaSalle, Illinois, on February 10, 1937.

The 1936 edition of the American Medical Directory gives the address of Dr. Lawrence Manley Dunn as Depue, Illinois. There is no Dr. Steele located in that town.

Inasmuch as Depue, Illinois, is in the territory covered by the St. Louis Division, a copy of this anonymous letter is being referred to that division for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Clarence Main, former guard, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, claims Alvin Karpis and Charles Carroll were confined in same cell block, but occupied separate cells. They were not associated in their prison work, but had opportunity to converse and associate occasionally.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 11-13-36.

DETAILS: At Hutchinson, Kansas:

Clarence Main, 834 North Fourth Street, Hutchinson, Kansas, a former guard at the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, stated that he was employed in that capacity during the time Alvin Karpis was incarcerated there, and was the day guard on duty at the time Karpis, Carroll, Hill and O'Keefe escaped. However, he was not at the reformatory on the night of the escape. Concerning the association of Karpis and Carroll, Mr. Main stated that they were confined in the same cell house, and occupied separate cells on the same cell block, neither of which cell was in such proximity as to permit them to converse when in their cells. Mr. Main further stated that outside of the prison working hours and meal times, the

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inmates are confined to their cells and have no opportunity to converse with one another, except, of course, when they may be employed at the same kind of work. Insofar as he can recall, Mr. Main stated that Carroll was employed in the plumbing shop, and either or both Hill and O'Keefe were employed at the same job. He expressed himself as positive that Karpis was not employed in the plumbing shop and was not associated with Carroll, Hill or O'Keefe in employment, but he was unable to recall the exact work Karpis was employed at. About two weeks prior to the escape, which as indicated in the report of reference was on March 9, 1929, Mr. Main had made a thorough search of the cells on the block where those individuals were then confined. In the cell occupied by Karpis he claims that he found several handmade lock-picking tools, and some of the same tools in the cell occupied by Carroll. As a result of this discovery, he claims that he recommended that Karpis and Carroll be removed from the cell block. His recommendation was followed, but in some unexplainable manner Karpis and Carroll returned to the same cell block about four or five days before they escaped. Mr. Main stated that he was never able to determine how or why Karpis and Carroll were permitted to return to his cell block, particularly after he had recommended their transfer. However, he stated that they were returned on order of the Superintendent and were again assigned to the cells they had previously occupied.

On the morning of March 9, 1929, Mr. Main stated, he made a search of the cells located on the cell block where Karpis, Carroll, Hill and O'Keefe were confined, and recalls that he had them thought of opening the straw tick covering the bunk in the cell occupied by Karpis. However, he merely felt the tick to determine whether there was anything bulky concealed therein. Sometime that night, after the inmates had gone to sleep, apparently either Hill or Carroll, by the use of a wrench which had been smuggled in from the plumbing shop, removed a bolt from the cell which permitted the cell door to be opened. Mr. Main does not recall whether it was Hill or Carroll, but which ever one it was, after having released himself from the cell, went to the front of the cell block and released the lock bar which automatically opened all the cells on that block, and Karpis, Carroll, Hill and O'Keefe thereby made their escape. The night guard, according to Mr. Main, was either asleep or had knowledge of the intended escape, for he was not at his post, or otherwise the release bar on the cell block could not have been manned by the prisoners. Mr. Main could not recall the name of the night guard at that time.

On the morning of March 10, 1929, when Mr. Main reported for duty at about 6:00 o'clock, he claims that he was informed that Karpis, Carroll, Hill and O'Keefe had escaped sometime during the previous night. He then made another search of those cells and claims that the straw tick on the bunk in Karpis' cell had been torn open and apparently Karpis had removed something which he had concealed therein. Mr. Main suggested that it was probably money and in

explanation stated that shortly after the escape, the then Assistant Superintendent, J. D. Wilson, advised that he had lost approximately sixty dollars. Main is of the opinion that Karpis had obtained the money and had concealed it in the tick for use in his getaway.

Mr. Main stated that he has no knowledge that Karpis and Carroll were associated in the prison. He was definitely positive that they had no opportunity to be together when confined to their cells, but often, in bad weather, when inmates were confined to the inside of the prison they were frequently permitted to take recreation and exercise in the guard hall which would have given Karpis and Carroll ample opportunity to converse and to plan an escape. He was unable, however, to recall having ever observed them together in the guard hall, although they might have been so associated.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

RE: BREKID

This is to advise that upon the request of Charles Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, I conferred with him for a few minutes on this date at his office, Room 2318, relative to the harboring case against Joe Adams and Duke Randall, which is set for trial at Miami, Florida, on June 7, 1937. Mr. Carr was particularly interested in learning of the attitude of Wynona Burdette and Delores Delaney towards testifying against these two individuals, they having previously made signed statements which include damaging evidence against this pair. I informed Mr. Carr that I had not been in contact with that situation for some time and likewise had not talked with either the Burdette or Delaney women since I interviewed them at St. Paul, Minnesota, a year ago. Mr. Carr advised that these two women undoubtedly will be subpoenaed in the trial of George Timiney etal in Toledo, Ohio, in the near future, and suggested that I interview them at that time and learn of their attitude as to testifying in Miami, Florida. I informed Mr. Carr that I undoubtedly will likewise be subpoenaed to testify in that trial and will make it a point to interview these women at that time.

Mr. Carr also suggested the possibility of interviewing Cassius McDonald, who is presently incarcerated at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, in an attempt to induce him to testify against Joe Adams and Duke Randall at Miami, Florida. I informed him that I believe this might be a good idea inasmuch as Joe Adams testified against Cassius McDonald when he was on trial for the Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minnesota, a year ago. Mr. Carr advised that he will submit a memorandum to the Bureau in the near future suggesting that this be done.

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Respectfully,
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J. L. Madala

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ADDENDUM

RE: KIDNAPING OF EDWARD GEORGE BREMER

Edward George Bremer was kidnaped at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. A Federal indictment has named the following subjects: Arthur Barker, Fred Barker, Kate Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, William Weaver, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Russell Gibson, Harry Sawyer, Jesse Doyle, James J. Wilson, Charles J. Fitzgerald, John J. McLaughlin, William F. Vidler, Philip Delaney, Myrtle Eaton, Delores Delaney, Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton, Oliver A. Berg, Byron Bolton, Lymone Burdette, James George Zeigler and Bruno Austin. Fred Barker, Kate Barker and Russell Gibson were killed resisting arrest. Zeigler was murdered. The following have been taken into custody and indicted in Florida on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis: Henry Randall, Joseph M. Adams, Nathaniel Heller and Cassius M. McDonald. Delores Delaney and Lymone Burdette were sentenced in Federal Court in Miami, Florida, to serve five years each on charges of harboring Karpis.

The following individuals have no known prior criminal records: Kate Barker, Delores Delaney, Harold Alderton, Byron Bolton and Lymone Burdette. Following are the criminal records of 15 of the other individuals mentioned above:

Arthur R. Barker

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Fred Barker

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Washington Field Division, Room 4244,
Washington, D. C.,
February 12, 1937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: U. S. vs. JOSEPH H. ADAMS, ET AL

In connection with the investigation assigned to this Agent by Mr. Foxworth on February 10, 1937, concerning an alleged attempt to extort from T. R. Knight of Miami, Fla., the father-in-law of Joseph H. Adams, the sum of $10,000 for "fixing" the Adams case, now pending in the U. S. District Court at Miami, the following is respectfully submitted as the result of the investigation made thus far:

It is recalled that the informants in this case are T. R. Knight and Bert A. Riley of Miami, Fla., and Congressman J. Mark Wilcox of Florida, and the persons involved are Joseph A. Richter of Miami, Fla., H. D. and Zelig Miller, Benny Franklin, and one "Sher," all of Baltimore, Md., and Walter L. Barlow, formerly Special Attorney in the Department of Justice and presently practicing law in Dallas, Texas. The negotiations for the alleged attempted "shake-down" transpired sometime during the first half of 1935.

Agent interviewed Congressman Wilcox on February 10, 1937, and obtained from him a signed statement setting forth in detail his knowledge of this subject matter. Agent submitted this statement to Mr. Foxworth for immediate transmittal to the Director on the same date.

On February 11 and 12, 1937, Agent, in company with Special Agent B. D. Rice, conducted the necessary investigation at Baltimore, Md. Agents interviewed H. D. Miller, who admitted referring Richter to Benny Franklin and receiving a visit shortly thereafter from Richter and Knight. He stated that upon the arrival of these two men from Miami, Fla., he and his son, Zelig, contacted them with Benny Franklin, who immediately left his place with Knight. Mr. Miller, who enjoys a

very good reputation in Baltimore, stated that this was the only contact he and his son had with Knight.

Zelig Miller, son of H. D. Miller, is in Miami, Fla., at the present time and will be there for the rest of the month.

Benny Franklin, it was ascertained, died June 20, 1936. He conducted a gambling joint for ten or twelve years under the name of the Olympia Club, in an alley off Franklin Street, in Baltimore, Md., which place went out of existence after his death.

Extensive investigation was made concerning the identity of one "Sher," presumed to be a young lawyer whom Franklin is alleged to have contacted with Knight and who was the man who, according to Knight, negotiated with him for the payment of the money for "fixing" the Adams case. No such individual was located, however, and a thorough investigation failed to disclose anything about the existence of such a man by the name of "Sher," which, Knight himself stated, was believed to be a fictitious name. Agents ascertained that a person by the name of Bernard Sherry, a disbarred lawyer and exconvict, frequented Franklin's place and was well known there. This man, records show, was sentenced to the Maryland House of Correction on October 14, 1935, for forgery, and was paroled therefrom on October 6, 1936. Agents obtained from the Baltimore Police Department a photograph of this individual, who now lives in Washington and is connected with a liquor agency. While the description of this man is not altogether dissimilar to the meagre description of "Sher," as furnished by Knight, yet it is not deemed advisable to approach him at this time until the photograph is exhibited to Knight for identification.

To follow up the leads in this case, it is highly desirable that Zelig Miller and Joseph Richter of Miami, Fla., be carefully and thoroughly interviewed. Besides exhibiting the photograph of Sherry to T. R. Knight of Miami, it is believed advisable to interrogate Knight and Riley and particularly Walter L. Barlow of Dallas, Texas, mainly in view of the many significant discrepancies appearing between the statements of Knight, Riley, and Congressman Wilcox. In determining the practicability of interviewing Knight and Riley, it must be borne in mind, however, that both are obviously reluctant witnesses and would very likely take advantage of any collusion between

their respective statements if this would be called to their attention.

Unless otherwise instructed, Agent will, after examining certain records in the Department, submit a report setting out undeveloped leads for investigation at Miami, Fla., and Dallas, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Loebl

Louis Loebl,
Special Agent.

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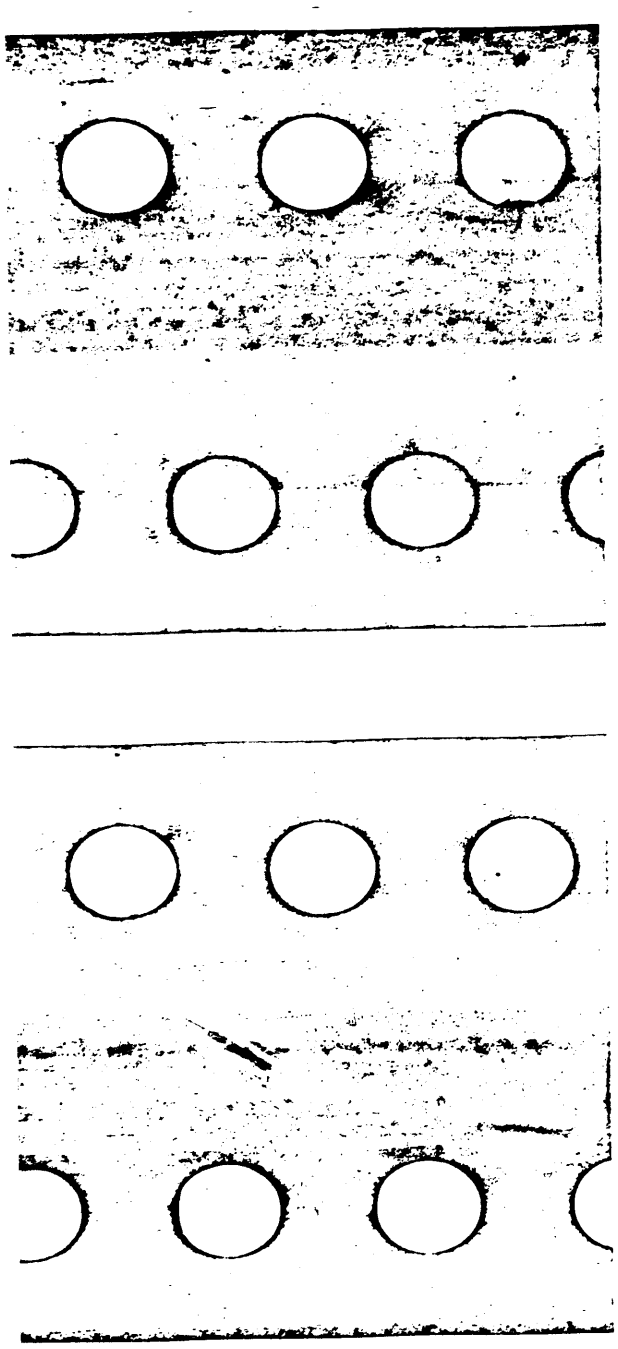

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I recommend that Loebl cover leads both in Miami and the interview with Barlow in Dallas, Texas.

E. A. TAMM - 5742.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

February 13, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Joseph H. Adams.

I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter which Bart A. Riley, counsel for Adams, wrote to former Federal Judge Halsted L. Ritter at Miami, Florida, in which I thought you might be interested. Your attention is specifically directed to the last two paragraphs of this letter. The letter was obtained by Mr. Loebl from the Department's files.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH.

This nut Riley must be a nutter to reach conclusion we frame-up on our part. However it is typical of a shyster lawyer. See that Loebl goes into it thoroughly keeping a weather eye on Riley as he may not be so clean himself since he has such a crooked mind.

2/19/37

Loebl advised
2/15/37

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TOLSON

COPY

May 10, 1935.

Judge Halsted L. Ritter,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Judge:

I returned from Tallahassee at 3 o'clock Thursday, May 9th. I found that Mr. Joseph H. Adams was anxious to see me. Inasmuch as I was in a Senterfit Commissioner's hearing until 8 o'clock I did not see Mr. Adams until 9 P.M.

I then learned that a man named Richter, connected with Richter Jewelry Co., Inc., of this city, came to Mr. Bob Knight during my absence in Tallahassee, and informed him that a man named H. D. Miller, of 423 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland, was a man of great influence in Washington and that for a consideration the cases against Joseph H. Adams would be dismissed.

Richter and Knight left Miami by plane at 10 o'clock, Thursday, May 9th, and went to Baltimore, about 10 o'clock last night I was able to contact Bob Knight at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, by long distance, and he told me, over the phone, that Miller brought to Knight's room on May 9th a man who represented himself to be a government official and who told Knight that he had a man in Washington that stood high in the Department, who would dismiss the Adams cases and Miller and this agent wanted Knight to see this second agent at 11:30 P.M. Thursday the 9th.

I instructed Knight to have his conference, find out if possible the names of the two men representing themselves to act for the Government, find out how much money they want and all the facts; and then to telephone me sometime today so I could advise him how to entrap these Government Officials in a bribe charge, if in fact they are Government Officials.

Mr. Knight asked the purported Government Agent last night if the man he was to see at 11:30 was Mr. Barlow, who was down here, or Mr. Joe Keenen, who is Mr. Barlow's superior officer in Washington, and the purported Agent stated it was neither of these men.

When Mr. Barlow was here he told me that he might dismiss all of the indictments against Adams, except the firearms indictment, and that he might seek one indictment against Adams for harboring and concealing on May 27th. It may be that somebody in Washington heard that Mr. Barlow was going to take the above course, and are using that knowledge to "shake down Bob Knight"; but it may also be possible that some dishonest Government Official may be endeavoring to extort money from Knight.

I therefore lay the above facts before you. I do not want them revealed until Knight contacts me on the telephone today, and then I will have to determine what official to go to direct in Washington to obtain aid in the matter. I may take an airship to Washington and get in direct contact with Mr. Hoover, but I cannot do anything until I hear from Knight.

Again the Bureau of Investigation may be trying to "frame up" on Knight and I therefore lay the entire matter before you so that you may know that it is my intention, as well as the intention of Bob Knight to bring to justice anyone who attempts to get a bribe from him, or to disclose any effort on the part of the Government Officials to frame Bob Knight.

Sincerely,

BAR/k

JJT:mak

February 6, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

I noted in preparing a memorandum for Mr. Keenan with reference to the allegation made by Bart A. Riley, defense counsel for Randall, concerning an alleged $10,000 bribe, that Agent Suran failed to make a matter of record his telephone call to Special Assistant to the Attorney General Charles H. Carr. Subsequently, on February 4, after this matter came to my attention from the Department, Mr. Suran prepared a memorandum concerning this telephone call in which he stated that on or about January 19, 1937 he communicated with Mr. Carr by telephone concerning this matter.

I desire that you bring to the attention of all Supervisors in your Division the absolute necessity of making a prompt and accurate record of all authorizations from the Department for investigations. Had this matter come to the attention of the Bureau at a later date, and possibly in the absence of Mr. Suran, it would not have been possible for me to have set forth the true facts to Mr. Keenan as there would have been no record in the Bureau of the authorization received from Mr. Carr.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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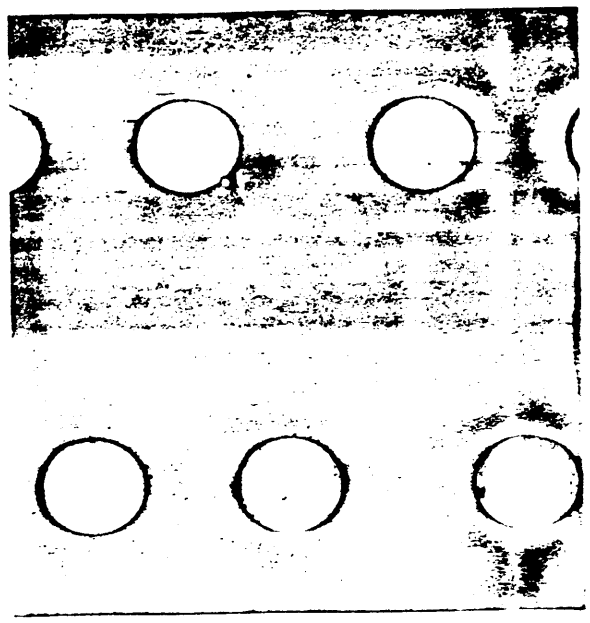

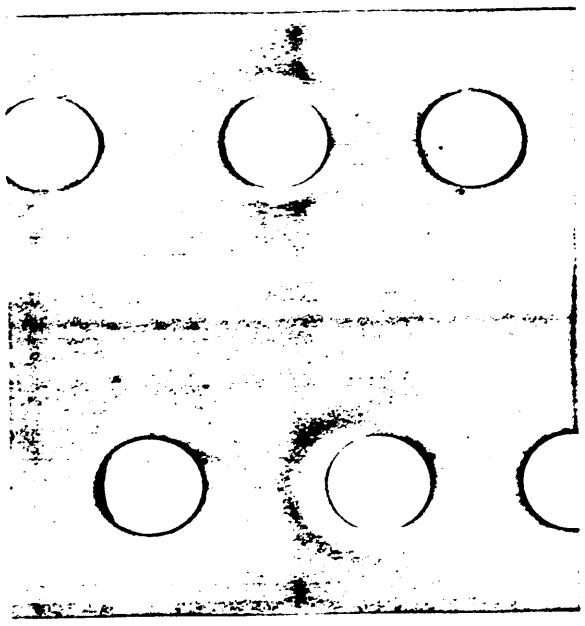

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Feb. 4,1937

Re: GEORGE TIMINEY
DR. JOSEPH P MORAN etc.

Jan. 6. Mr. McIntire submitted memo that Special Ass't Atty Gen. Carr advised of formal paper written by Bart Riley of defense counsel for Randall concerning offer of a bribe of $10,000 to secure dismissal of the case.

Jan.22. Letter sent SAC Miami requesting investigation. Statement made that this investigation requested by Charles H. Carr, Spec. Ass't to A G.

Jan. 25. Letter received from SAC Miami re trial.
Jan. 30 Tele sent SAC to immed. inves. bribe.
Feb. 2 Teletype request received from SAC for copies of certain statements taken by Mr. Carr.

Feb. 3 Memo sent McMahon requesting said copies

No record can be found of memo of Mr. Suran's conversation with Mr. Carr during which he made request for investigation. Memo is attached, prepared tonight by Mr. Suran, setting forth that Mr. Carr desired an immediate investigation

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

EAS:DM

Time:
4:40 P. M.
2-12-37

February 12, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

Mr. R. P. Shanahan of the Department telephonically communicated with the writer and requested that a copy of the statement as obtained from Joe Roscoe be furnished him. He was advised that a memorandum addressed to Brien McMahon, dated February 12, 1937, attaching a copy of the requested statement, was en route.

Mr. Shanahan communicated with Mr. R. C. Suran on February 13, 1937, and advised that he had not as yet received a copy of this statement. He stated he would make a further effort to locate same and in the event he was unsuccessful, he would again communicate with the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. Soucy

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

EJC:MGR

February 15, 1937.

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

BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In recent communications with the Cleveland and Indianapolis offices particularly, it is noted that reference has been made to "Turk" Brennan, brother of Phil Brennan, both of whom were at one time connected with subjects Gerald Chapman and George "Dutch" Anderson, and as to this it is believed that the Bureau file entitled "Gerald Chapman and George 'Dutch' Anderson, I. O. #564, Robbery U. S. Mails; Escaped Federal Prisoner" will give full information as to the previous associates of Turk Brennan and his association with the above named Subjects. The old files covering this at Cincinnati have previously been forwarded to the Bureau and the files at Cincinnati as obtained from the old Indianapolis office are probably not complete as to this.

The Cincinnati Office will prepare a Summary of the information as it pertains to Turk Brennan and Phil Brennan contained in the old Indianapolis file and if this information is not complete they will request the Bureau to supply more detailed information, if any, as contained in the Bureau files.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector.

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Miami, Florida February 14, 1937 7:30 PM

O. Hottel,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
4244 United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

J F SINTON ASSISTANT AUDITOR LORD BALTIMORE HOTEL BALTIMORE HAS INFORMATION READY RE REGISTRATION OF T R KNIGHT MIAMI STOP PLEASE HAVE BERMS OBTAIN SAME AND WIRE ME LOCAL OFFICE

LOUIS LOEBL

LL:FLJ
cc Bureau

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS.

February 12, 1937.

EAS:EAM

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
BRIEN McMAHON.

There is attached hereto a copy of a statement dated January 26, 1937, at Miami, Florida, as furnished Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Lynn, by Joseph Roscoe, of Toledo, Ohio, who has been under Investigation by this Bureau in connection with the harboring cases now pending at Toledo, Ohio, involving the individuals who harbored Alvin Karpis and other members of the Karpis-Barker Gang.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 15, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

RE: BRENKID.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your wire dated February 10, 1937, relative to wire received by you signed F. T. Haug and A. P. Myers from Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, reading, "HARRY CAMPBELL IS HERE ACCORDING TO DESCRIPTION", please be advised that investigation at Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, reflects that Mr. F. T. Haug is an instructor and athletic coach at the Sulphur Springs high School and had no knowledge of the wire in question. A. P. Myers is an individual seventy-five years of age and apparently more or less mentally irresponsible. Myers was responsible for sending the wire in question and his information was in response to the $2,500.00 reward circular issued by the Attorney General on Harry Campbell under date of April 12, 1936.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau ✓
Cincinnati

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

PLF:CDW

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

February 15, 1937.

Time - 1:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent Louis Loebl telephoned me from Florida with reference to the memorandum to the Bureau transmitting a copy of a statement made by Mr. Carr of the Department as a result of his interview with Bart A. Riley, in which a recommendation is made that the Bureau conduct an investigation. At the time Mr. Loebl first read this statement of Mr. Carr's, he pointed out that there were certain discrepancies therein which might be a source of difficulty during the course of the investigation.

In order to clear up those discrepancies, Mr. Loebl said that through investigation they find that a court reporter by the name of Costello took the statement down in question and answer form, at the time Carr interrogated Knight. Mr. Loebl said they talked to this court reporter, who would not give him a copy of the original statement, but who said that Mr. Carr had two copies of the original statement in his possession at this time.

Mr. Loebl said that these should have been sent to the Bureau in the first instance, but he was wondering if Mr. Carr could be contacted and a copy of the original statement be obtained and sent to him air mail to assist in the conducting of this investigation. I told him we would get this and send it out today if possible.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 15, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

In re: United States v. Joe Adams.

Mr. Carr has informed me that your Mr. Suran has requested from him the statement made by Mr. Knight.

I think you will find that Mr. Carr's memorandum to me has completely stated all the facts that are to be found in the attached manuscript, which is in question and answer form.

Brien McMahon,
Assistant Attorney General.

7-576-13713

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

RCS:RP

February 15, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: JOE ADAMS

With reference to the request made by Special Agent Loebl that he be furnished with a copy of the original statement made by T. R. Knight at Miami, Florida, on January 26, 1937, Mr. Suran at 4:40 P. M. on February 15, 1937, communicated with Special Assistant to the Attorney General Charles H. Carr and requested that he furnish to the Bureau a copy of the statement in question for transmittal to Miami. Mr. Carr stated that it would be necessary for him to take the matter up with Mr. McMahon, and that he would thereafter notify Mr. Suran. At 5 P. M. Mr. Carr called and stated that he had secured a copy of the statement and would deliver same to Mr. Suran personally, which he did at approximately 5:15 P. M. on this date.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

P. E. Foxworth.

, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FEBRUARY 17, 1937

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

BRKMID INSTRUCT SPECIAL AGENT J. L. MADALA INTERVIEW CASSIUS MCDONALD IN ACCORDANCE DISCUSSION HAD BY HIM WITH SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARLES CARR ADVISING BUREAU RESULTS

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Mr. Clark
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

February 18, 1937.

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

Re: [illegible]

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the criminal record, as reflected by the Bureau's Identification Division, of the following named individual, be furnished to this Field Division for use in investigation of the above entitled matter:

JOHN [illegible], with aliases
James C. Burke
John Daly
Turk Brennan
J. C. Ryan
John Horn

Cleveland Police Department #13218, Toledo Police Department, #4090.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 16, 1937.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 19, 1936, enclosing a photostatic list of sub-machine guns purchased by law enforcement officials in the State of Kansas, through the Federal Laboratories, Incorporated, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Please be advised that while at Eldorado, Kansas, on other official matters, on February 11, 1937, Agent B. F. Fitzsimons personally examined the sub-machine gun in possession of the Sheriff of Butler County. It was observed that it is a Thompson, model of 1921 sub-machine gun, serial #6152, which is identical with the serial number appearing on the photostatic list furnished by the Bureau.

Sheriff Tom Turner, who was a Deputy Sheriff at the time the gun was purchased, stated that he recalls the purchase of the gun, but does not recall the name of the salesman or any of the circumstances surrounding the purchase. Attempt was made to verify the purchase through the records of the Clerk, Butler County, but the office of the Clerk had been closed prior to Agent's arrival at Eldorado. Sheriff Turner stated, however, that to the best of his recollection, the gun was purchased from a representative of the Federal Laboratories, Incorporated, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

BFF/sw
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cc-Oklahoma City

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

Time - 2:25 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Louis Loebl telephoned me from Miami, Florida, and said that although Bart A. Riley isnow in the hospital preparing for an operation, they interviewed him. They have also interviewed Knight. Mr. Loebl said that he has obtained some very interesting information, and information which indicates that both of them are very much confused as to exactly what the situation is.

He said that he has a telegram instructing him to return to Washington for another special assignment. He said that he does not believe he will be able to get the plane out of there tonight, but that he will take the fastest train possible as soon as possible, and he expects to arrive in Washington Friday afternoon or evening. He said he would wire us the mode and time of his transportation.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH.

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Mr. Nathan
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M PHONE. BREKID. CASSIUS MCDONALD DISPLAYED A VERY VEHEMENT FEELING TOWARDS SPECIAL AGENT MADALA TODAY AND ABSOLUTELY REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED. IT IS EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL WHETHER MUCH COOPERATION CAN BE EXPECTED FROM MCDONALD IN THE FUTURE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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February 17, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN

During September 1934 there was recovered near Toledo, Ohio, an unidentified dead body which was buried with little or no investigation being conducted by the Police Department and Sheriff's Office at Toledo, Ohio, to determine its identity. The coroner reported the unidentified man had probably met his death about six weeks prior to the finding of the body, which would coincide with the time that Dr. Moran is supposed to have been murdered by members of the Karpis-Barker Gang.

Recently Joe Roscoe advised Special Agents that after the recovery of this body in September 1934 he had talked with Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio, and Campbell in referring to the information contained in the newspapers concerning the recovery of the unidentified body stated "that is the s --- --- ---". Joe Roscoe is of the opinion that the body recovered was that of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Mr. Suran recently discussed this matter with Mr. Connelley, and Mr. Connelley expressed the opinion that it would be undesirable to have this body exhumed at this late date as the possibility of identifying it is very remote. It would be impossible to obtain fingerprints from the corpse, and it appears likely that the majority of clothing would be completely decayed, with exception perhaps of the shoes.

The files contain information to the effect that Dr. Moran during his lifetime had a piece of shrapnel lodged in his chest, which he acquired during the World War. X-ray photographs of this piece of shrapnel are not available. If the body were exhumed, it is possible that this piece of shrapnel could be located; however, it would be rather difficult to identify the piece of shrapnel.

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Due to the cursory inquiries made by law enforcement agencies in Toledo, the manner in which the body was dressed at the time of its recovery is not indicated. There is some indication that the body had on working shoes, but this is not definitely known.

It would appear that the only means of identifying the body would be if individuals who associated with Dr. Moran could identify his shoes, these persons being Edna Murray and Wynona Burdette.

Exhaustive efforts have been made to find a chart of Dr. Moran's teeth, but there appears to be none available. One dentist was located in Chicago, Illinois, who examined Dr. Moran's teeth, but he stated that he would be unable to identify them at this late date.

Mr. Connelley estimates that the cost of exhuming the body would be about $200.00. Mr. Suran suggests that further consideration be given to this matter, and a letter is being directed to the Cleveland Field Division to determine what expense would be incurred incident to the exhuming of the body. There is a possibility that the shoes of the corpse could be identified, and it is possible that if the piece of shrapnel is found in the casket, this would materially aid in the conclusion that Dr. Moran is deceased, and such leads as come to the Bureau concerning his present whereabouts would not be subject to exhaustive investigations.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

February 18, 1937.

Honorable Emerich B. Freed,
United States Attorney,
Federal Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Honorable Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the criminal record of Fred Hunter. These copies are being forwarded to you as per your request to Special Agent A. P. Kitchen.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 17, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

RE: BRINK

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. G. O'Brien, Los Angeles, dated 2-5-37, reflecting contacts with the Postmaster and Deputy Sheriff at Mojave, California. This report indicates that one Peggy Mize, and her husband, are presently residing at Mojave, California. The report was made in response to a request that grew out of a mail tracing received by the family of Milton Lett at Nenn, Oklahoma. Milton Lett is being sought for questioning by the Bureau in regard to harboring activities in Ohio, in the instant case. It has been previously ascertained that Milton Lett has a sister named Lola Mize, who is married to a man named Raymond Mize, whose last known address was at 4001 Hydraulic Street, Wichita, Kansas.

A mail tracing was received at the Oklahoma City Field Division today, furnished by the Postmaster at Nenn, Oklahoma, a certain envelope bearing postmark of Mojave, but the date in February, and State, are not decipherable. This envelope was addressed to Mr. Sig Lett, RR 2, Nenn, Oklahoma. Sig Lett is a younger brother of Milton Lett. The tracing indicates that the letter was addressed by handprinting, rather than script.

A copy of this letter is being routed to the Kansas City Field Division, and it is suggested that immediate steps be taken at Wichita, Kansas to ascertain if Lola and Raymond Mize are still residing in that city.

It is believed that the Los Angeles Division should pursue the investigation at Mojave, California with an Agent making discreet inquiry and personal observance of the person known there as Peggy Mize and her husband, as it is reasonable to believe that these parties may be Milton Lett and his wife. If these parties are not Milton Lett and wife, it is then reasonable to believe that he is corresponding with his family at Nenn, Oklahoma through this medium, as his mother has no visible means of support, yet apparently has sufficient money for her living expenses and for the expense of operating an automobile, and it is believed that her son, Milton Lett, has provided her with these expenses regularly by some means of communication, the source of which has never been ascertained.

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In the event Milton Lett is located, the Bureau should be contacted for instructions as to what disposition is to be made of him.

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Very truly yours,

DIGNT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

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February 20, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

At this time there is assigned on special assignment, to the Cleveland office, Special Agent J. V. Murphy, who,however, is temporarily assigned to Detroit in connection with certain leads as to the matter of Merle Vandenbush-FUGITIVE, but who will be returned in a short time to Cleveland for work in connection with the harboring cases there.

Also assigned at Cleveland on special assignment is Special Agent A. P. Kitchen, who is also assigned to investigations growing out of the harboring charge at that point.

These Agents have their headquarters at Oklahoma City and Pittsburgh, respectively, and inasmuch as they will undoubtedly be in Cleveland a considerable portion of the time in the future, covering necessary additional leads in the Brekid matter and also conferring from time to time with the United States Attorney, who now has the matter under consideration for prosecution, it is believed it will be desirable to transfer these two agents to Cleveland.

It is believed that they should be transferred as indicated in order to avoid any difficulty as to per diem allowances and also in order that they may make their arrangements as to their families, which will be possible if they know their headquarters are to be at Cleveland.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Inspector.

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Los Angeles, California
February 17, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

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Re: BREKID

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIG
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 8, 1937, concerning the letter of the Los Angeles division of December 14, 1936, with respect to L. M. TRUSS, Los Angeles Police Department No. 26048-M-2.

With reference to the data in the latter portion of your letter, particularly concerning one FRANK B. THOMPSON, who is now occupying a suite of rooms in the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, this is to advise that I believe that this Frank B. Thompson is identical with an individual of that name who is a former resident of St. Paul, Minnesota. I might add that my home is in St. Paul and many years ago I heard that Frank B. Thompson was a political boss in that city who was responsible for the O'Connor regime in the police department. I know nothing definite about the activities of Thompson other than the above.

Since being assigned to the Los Angeles division, on one occasion in a general conversation with Lieutenant Detective Robertson, who is assigned to the Hotel Detail of the Los Angeles Police Department and who, because of his numerous contacts, generally learns immediately when "big-shot" criminals come to Los Angeles, he jokingly remarked to me that there was a big-time, confidence man named Frank Thompson in Los Angeles and that Thompson had formerly lived in St. Paul, Minnesota. At that time Robertson did not indicate that he knew anything definite about the activities of Thompson and he indicated, more or less, that it was his surmise that Thompson was engaged in confidence activities.

Inasmuch as Lieutenant Detective Robertson is very friendly toward the Los Angeles division in all instances in which he can cooperate without jeopardizing his position, upon receipt of your letter of reference, I contacted Robertson telephonically for the purpose of determining if he had any recent information about Thompson. Robertson stated that he knew that recently Thompson was stopping at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that his room number at the hotel was Room 2093. He further stated that Thompson's attorney is a Mr. BERRY of Oklahoma City. Robertson continued by stating that Thompson apparently had become involved with a woman recently and that he had either been involved in litigation with this woman or he had been threatened with litigation, adding also that

Thompson had recently made a request of him, Robertson, to secure certain information, which request, while legitimate, was still a case of Robertson accommodating Thompson.

Robertson also stated that, upon getting this request from Thompson, he was somewhat concerned as to whether he should accede to the request, inasmuch as he had suspected that Thompson was engaged in confidence activities, and that, for this reason, he, Robertson, called upon Mr. BARON LONG, the operator of the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, who is also the operator of other hotels on the Pacific Coast and who is a former operator of the Agua Caliente race track and gambling casino at Agua Caliente, Mexico; that, on calling upon Mr. Long, Robertson stated that he wanted to know something about the reputation of Frank B. Thompson, inasmuch as he did not want to be placed in an embarrassing position in carrying out a request that had been made of him by Thompson; that Baron Long, in turn, remarked that he knew very little about Thompson but that he understood he is a promoter engaged in industrial promotions of some type, adding also that Thompson at one time was in political power in St. Paul, Minnesota, and that for about ten or fifteen years Thompson has, more or less, headquartered in Los Angeles. According to Baron Long, Thompson at one time was supposed to have "tipped" Long off to an employee of the latter who was embezzling money at one of Long's gambling facilities.

It might also be mentioned, for your information, that the EDDIE ROBINSON referred to in your letter of reference in the penultimate paragraph is undoubtedly one of the assistant managers at the Biltmore Hotel. One of the Agents in the Los Angeles division recently had occasion to call at the Biltmore Hotel, at which time he sought Eddie Robinson, who has been used by this hotel more or less as a source of information at that establishment, and at that time it was learned that Eddie Robinson is no longer affiliated with the hotel. Nothing has been learned as yet as to his present whereabouts. It is also believed that Eddie Barnard, whom you also refer to in your letter of reference, is one of Baron Long's "men" at the hotel and it has been rumored in Los Angeles that an individual named Eddie Barnard is somewhat of a "fixer" for Baron Long.

The above is being forwarded to you for your information at this time and, as promptly as the condition of the work in the Los Angeles division permits, further appropriate investigation will be conducted in an effort

to secure more information concerning Frank Thompson as well as, possibly, the reasons for the telegraphic communications between Thompson and the individuals mentioned above.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HUNSON
Special Agent in Charge

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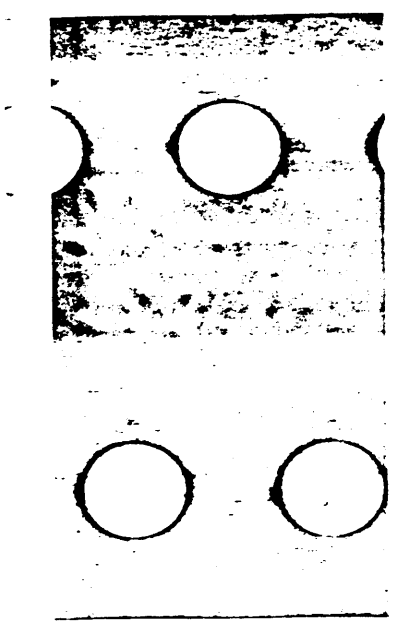

230 14th Street
Auburn, Washington
February 15, 1937

Dear Mr. Howell;

Would you send us a copy
of the article in your possession
article in the Seattle Times of the
Bremer kidnaping case of
St. Paul.

Sincerely yours
Don C. Brien.

Don O'Brien
230 14th Street
Auburn, Washington

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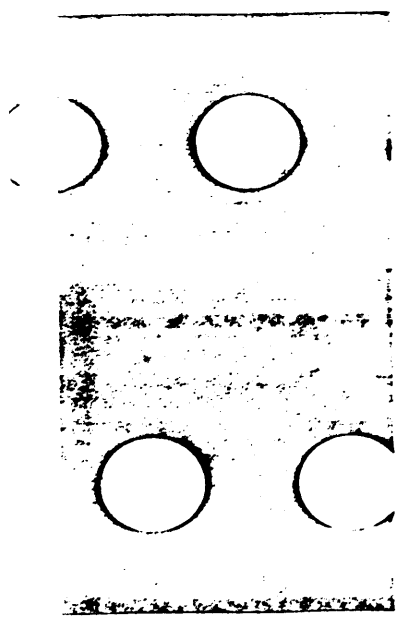

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7-576-13724 February 25, 1937.

Mr. Don O'Brien,
230 - 14th Street,
Auburn, Washington.

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

In answer to your communication dated February 15, 1937, I must advise that I do not have available for distribution the information which you request. I am pleased, however, to enclose copies of the following Bureau publications which you may find of value:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
The Selection and Training of Personnel
Criminal Identification and the Functions of the Identification Division
The Technical Laboratory
Uniform Crime Reports, Volume 7, No. 1
Youth and Crime
Cooperation Against Crime

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure # 1023613

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

February 16, 1937

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: George Timincy; Dr. Joseph P. Moran,
Fugitive, I.O. #1232, et al,
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice;
Harboring of Fugitives;
National Firearms Act.

In connection with the above entitled case, I desire to advise you that the case of harboring Volney Davis pending against Matthew Leason at Chicago, Illinois, was stricken from the Court Calendar under date of December 21, 1936, with leave to reinstate. Assistant United States Attorney Austin Hall, who has interviewed after this information was determined, stated that at this time he did not know just what he would do as to reinstating the case.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

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1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 23, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BINKID

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a photograph of James Brennan, with aliases. It is requested that you reproduce twenty-five copies of this photograph, forwarding same with the original to this office.

It is further requested that you forward one copy of the photograph to the Detroit Field Division in order to aid that Division in conducting investigation at Detroit, Michigan, as requested in letter from the Cleveland Field Division to the Detroit Field Division, dated February 5, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc. Bureau
Detroit
Cincinnati
(1 Enc.) Chicago

7-576-1376

Department of Justice

Office of the Assistant to the Attorney General

Washington

February 9, 1937.

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

Please note the attached letter from Mr. Arthur G. Lambert, 218 Munsey Building, Washington, D. C., who represents Mr. Harry L. Sherman, who he states communicated certain information to an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

I shall appreciate having a suggested form of reply.

Joseph B. Keenan,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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George Luzerne Hart, Jr.
Arthur Rehney Murphy

ARTHUR G. LAMBERT
Attorney at Law
218-19 Munsey Building
Washington, D.C.

February 4, 1937

Honorable Homer S. Cummings,
Attorney General of the United States,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that pursuant to an Act of Congress approved June 6, 1924, you offered on April 22, 1936, a reward for information furnished to a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, which resulted in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

I represent Mr. Harry L. Sherman, who communicated certain information to an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which he asserts led to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis. I would appreciate an opportunity to confer with the proper officials of the Department of Justice relative to this claim.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Arthur G. Lambert.

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February 20, 1937

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

Reference is made to your memorandum of February 9, 1937 with which was forwarded a letter from Mr. Arthur G. Lambert, 218 Munsey Building, Washington, D. C., who represents Mr. Harry L. Sherman, Mr. Sherman stating he has communicated certain information to an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

Kindly be advised that the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation do not indicate that Harry L. Sherman furnished any information which resulted in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

In accordance with your request, there is attached hereto a suggested form of reply. I have avoided any reference to an appointment as requested by Mr. Lambert, deferring this portion of the reply for your consideration.

Mr. Lambert's letter of February 4, 1937 is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 1035193

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(Suggested reply to Mr. Arthur G. Lambert's
letter of February 4, 1937)

Mr. Arthur G. Lambert,
Attorney at Law,
218-19 Munsey Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 4, 1937 in which you advise that you represent Mr. Harry L. Sherman who, allegedly, communicated certain information to an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice which, he asserts led to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

Kindly be advised that Mr. Sherman was informed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a letter dated January 29, 1937, which letter was in answer to one addressed to the President of the United States under date of January 12, 1937, that the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation do not indicate that information furnished by him resulted in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

(Matter of appointment)

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 23, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Investigation recently conducted at Toledo, Ohio, developed information through John J. McAlister, proprietor of a gambling resort, that Benson Groves, some time during the era of Prohibition, was associated, at Erie, Pennsylvania, with one Jack Fier (phonetic), the reputed bootleg boss in that section of the State of Pennsylvania, who maintained the Arcadia Tavern in Erie, Pennsylvania as headquarters.

It is requested that you conduct appropriate investigation at Erie, Pennsylvania in accordance with the above information for the purpose of determining whether or not Benson Groves is presently in that city or vicinity.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc. Bureau
Chicago
Cincinnati

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March 4, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: GEORGE TIMMEN;
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1732, et al;
Edward George Brenner - Victim;
Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice;
Harboring of Fugitives; National
Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication of February 23, 1937, outlining the expense of exhuming the unidentified body at Toledo, Ohio, which is thought to be that of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Please be advised that in the event this body can be exhumed without any publicity attached thereto, the Bureau desires that this action be taken. However, you should submit the descriptive data concerning the shrapnel supposed to have been in Dr. Moran's body at the time of his death and his dental work, etc., which the Chicago Field Division has been instructed to furnish you. The Bureau desires to be advised before the actual exhuming is started.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

cc Chicago
Cincinnati

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 23, 1937

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 18, 1937 (7-576), requesting advice as to the expense involved in exhuming the unidentified body at Toledo, Ohio, which is thought to be that of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Please be advised that Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein discussed the matter with Dr. William H. Shapiro, Coroner, Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, who advised that it would be necessary for an undertaker to exhume the body, at a cost of from $25.00 to $35.00. He further stated that he, Dr. Shapiro, would be able to perform any desired autopsy on the body at a cost ranging from $50.00 to $75.00, depending upon the condition of the body.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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BREK ID. TOLEDO NEWSPAPERS CARRY ARTICLE THAT LAST KARPIS GANGSTER BENSON GROVES FIRED ON AT SWANTON, OHIO, AND FLED TO TOLEDO. NEWS ARTICLE UNFOUNDED AND BASED ON FACT CITY MARSHAL SWANTON OHIO SHOT AT A MAN IN CASE INVOLVING COOPERATION WITH TREASURY AGENTS

MACFARLAND

Mr. Tolson
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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February 24, 1937.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from Inspector E. J. Connelley to the Bureau dated February 15, 1937, mentioning a review of the file entitled "Gerald Chapman and George 'Dutch' Anderson, I. C. #564, Robbery U. S. Mails; Escaped Federal Prisoner". The old files available at Cincinnati have been reviewed and some mention found as to John "Turk" Brennan and Frank R. Brennan alias "Sugar". The information, however, is so fragmentary that it is not thought advisable to draw up a Summary, as suggested.

In line with the suggestion of Inspector Connelley the Bureau is respectfully requested to review the above file for information as to "Turk" and Phil Brennan.

Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Cleveland
Indianapolis
St. Paul
Chicago

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April 5,1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter from the Cincinnati Field Division dated February 24, 1937 and the suggestion contained therein that the Bureau cause the file relating to Gerald Chapman and George "Dutch" Anderson Identification Order 564, Robbery of U. S. Mails, Escaped Federal Prisoner, to be reviewed the following information is submitted:

Particular references to John "Turk" Brennan are very few in the above mentioned file and the name of Frank R. Brennan does not appear therein except under the alias of "Sugar."

On July 18, 1935 the report of Special Agent E. A. Harrell, Detroit, Michigan, sets out in brief information to the effect that George "Dutch" Anderson was apparently associating with one Frank R. Brennan, alias "Sugar" who was at that time wanted for the robbery of the U. S. mails and also one John "Turk" Brennan, who broke jail at Covington, Kentucky about four years ago, wanted by the Post Office Department. This report also indicates that Subject Anderson at that time was associating with one Wayne Miller, alias Kennedy, who was allegedly an escape and also one Heine Billeter, who was at that time under indictment for violation of the National Prohibition Act. There is also mentioned one Mike Lenahan, who was at that time apparently [illegible] under the federal law.

At the time the above investigation was conducted by Special Agent Harrell the same was conducted at Toledo, Ohio, but there is no mention made in this report as to the source of the above mentioned information.

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In the report of Special Agent R. U. Dame dated September 4, 1925 at Indianapolis, Indiana in the above entitled matter, it is reflected that information had been received at the Fort Wayne, Indiana Police Station that Subject Anderson and part of his gang were allegedly residing at the home of Kirby Davis, who was at that time residing at the intersection of the Lima and Carrol Roads, nine miles north of Fort Wayne, Indiana. A subsequent raid on this home, however, failed to establish any definite information that this gang was residing with Davis. It is reflected, however, that it was general information in the vicinity that Kirb Davis was associated with the underworld and that he possibly did have contacts with George Anderson and "Turk" Brennan.

It is noted in the report of Special Agent Eugene X. Humphrey dated March 27, 1937 at Indianapolis, Indiana in the Brekid Case that in an interview with Charles "One-Arm" Wolf at the Indiana State Penitentiary, Wolfe stated that Kirby Davis, apparently the same individual referred to above, was definitely a contact of Anderson and his associates.

With particular reference to the fact that George "Dutch" Anderson was apparently frequenting Toledo, Ohio, it is noted that in the report of Special Agent H. E. Gamble dated September 14, 1925, Jacksonville, Florida, Agent Gamble interviewed Albert House, a well known bank robber and former associate of Anderson. House was at that time incarcerated in the Hillsboro County Jail. House at this time informed Agent Gamble that Harry, Carroll, 337 Prescott Street, Toledo, Ohio, would probably have information as to the whereabouts of Anderson and his associates. House gave to Agent Gamble a letter of introduction endeavoring to exhibit to Agent Gamble a spirit of cooperation. The file in this case does not disclose that the above information was ever productive. House also furnished information that a woman named Tenie, who was residing at 227 Prescott Street, and who had an "in" with the city administration was also acquainted with the Anderson mob and if properly approached would be in a position to furnish valuable information.

The report of Special Agent H. J. McNulty dated September 15, 1925 at Detroit, Michigan reflected that inquiries were being made of the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department with reference to one John Brennan, alias "The Turk" and it was ascertained that no information was in the possession of this Department at that time as to his whereabouts. In the same report there is reflected in the interview with Lieutenant E. J. Potts, in charge of the Criminal Division of the Cleveland Police Department, the statement that Potts believed that if "Dutch" Anderson came to Cleveland, Ohio the most likely place he could be found would be at the home of James Mitchell.

2176 East 56th Street that Mitchell was known as fe blower and had served a term of five years which terminated in April, 1935, Mitchell's piece of incarceration not being shown in this report.

In the report of Special Agent A. F. Harrell dated October 20, 1925, at Detroit, Michigan, there is a statement to the effect that the Post Office Inspectors at Toledo, Ohio firmly believed that "Turk" Brennan and "Sugar" Brennan were associating with "Dutch" Anderson and that all three of these individuals were visiting Detroit and Toledo with some regularity. No further information was furnished as to what contacts they had in these cities. It is also reflected in this report that one of the informants utilized by this agent in connection with this case was a local character by the name of Daniel, alias "Red Rose" who was at that time under suspended sentence, sentence having been deferred by Judge Killits because of his statement that he could furnish information of interest to the Government concerning Anderson. It is shown in this report that Rose was undoubtedly not very cooperative as it became necessary for Judge Killits to warn him that he must avail something definite before the end of the court term which was to adjourn October 26, 1925. Nothing was reflected in this report to show that any results were obtained from this informant.

It is noted that on October 1, 1925 George "Dutch" Anderson was killed in a gun battle with police at Muskegon, Michigan and that subsequent to his death no further investigation was conducted relative to either John "Turk" Brennan or John H. Brennan alias "Sugar."

The following is quoted from a report submitted by Post Office Inspector C. W. Pate and J. C. Vick, Jr. to Chief Post Office Inspector, Washington, D. C. under date of November 4, 1925, with reference to the death and identification of George "Dutch" Anderson at Muskegon, Michigan:

"Inspector Kelley of Muncie, Indiana had also secured information that Anderson was engaged in this business. As near as we could determine a rendezvous near Grand Rapids was the headquarters for this gang. We have given considerable attention to Phil Brennan at Flint, Michigan, who is a brother of a known associate of Anderson, i.e. Turk Brennan. We have been advised Turk had visited Frank Burns near Grand Rapids and Phil Brennan made frequent trips to the Burns' place. This man Burns is an old time thief and runs a fox farm about four miles from Grand Rapids, although reports indicate very little business in foxes is done by him."

Due to the fact that the Cleveland Field Division is handling

the matter of the location of Benson Groves in which connection this information is desired, it is being left to the discretion of that division as to what investigation should be conducted in connection with the information furnished.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Cleveland
Indianapolis
St. Paul
Chicago
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Washington Field Division, Room 4244,
Washington, D. C.,
February 20, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Personal and Confidential

I talked with Mr. Louis Ottenberg, Investment Building, this morning, in conformity with the instructions and suggestions given me by Mr. K. R. McIntire of the Bureau.

Mr. Ottenberg advised that the information he had furnished me concerning the intention of Kenneth Crawford to publish his articles in the Nation had received careful consideration on his part and he is still trying to establish suitable contacts through his organizations and otherwise to reach either Mr. Maurice Wertheim of New York, who is one of the directors and financial backers of the Nation, or Mr. David Stern, owner of the Philadelphia Record and the New York Post, of which Crawford is the Washington correspondent.

Mr. Ottenberg stated that he, as well as others with whom he has talked about this matter, is of the opinion that an article of this kind would be grossly unjustified, first because it seems to be a matter of public interest that the high standing of the Director and the FBI not be jeopardized by undue newspaper attacks, and second because the articles written by a person who is in the employ of a Jew are to appear in a periodical which is financially supported by a Jew.

Mr. Ottenberg stated that he would further make it his business to keep this matter alive in his mind and to do everything in his power in behalf of the Director and the Bureau.

In view of my very close friendly relationship of several years' standing with Colonel Julius Peyser, and knowing his high regard for the Director, personally as well as socially, - all other information obtained from Mr. McIntire to the contrary notwithstanding, - I talked with him about this matter. Colonel Peyser, who freely expressed his opinion that such an article or any other write-up of a similar nature against the Director is absolutely unjustified, informed me that he knows Maurice Wertheim and also David Stern, and that he feels he may be able to get

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others who have still closer acquaintance with them and who can probably approach them more successfully than he could; that, owing to his keen interest in the Director and the FBI, he would be only too glad to either talk with those people directly or indirectly upon his next visit to New York, in about ten days, or to make a special trip there for that purpose in the event this would be agreeable to the Director. I advised Colonel Peyser that we shall let him know.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Loebl,
Special Agent.

LL:MC

Feb. 20, 1937.

Mr. Tracey:

Louie Loebel would like authority from the Director to proceed to Dallas Texas, immediately on the Joe Adams case if there is nothing further that the Director wishes of Loebel in connection with this Memorandum.

E. A. McGuire.

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Copy to Mr. Tamm

General Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

February 24, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Re: BREKID

On February 23, 1937, Mr. Summers, Agent of the Internal Revenue Bureau at Chicago, Illinois, called at this division with reference to the income tax of Martin Wunderlich. He advised that Wunderlich had claimed a $200,000.00 exemption in his income tax return which, he believed, was during the year 1933, claiming that he had lost this amount to Charles O. Long, William Elmer Mead and others; that the Internal Revenue Bureau desired further proof of this loss before allowing this exemption.

He stated that Agents of the Internal Revenue Bureau had interviewed Wunderlich, who stated that this Bureau had a statement from Long relative to this loss.

It was suggested to Mr. Summers that any information available concerning this loss could be obtained from the Director in Washington and it was also suggested that a representative of the Internal Revenue Bureau contact this Bureau in Washington for this information.

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Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

DML:LJM
cc-St. Paul

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

February 24, 1937

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

Re: BREID

Dear Sir:

The attention of the Bureau is respectfully called to the fact that the Statute of Limitations is rapidly becoming a problem to be considered in the harboring situation in the Northern District of Ohio, particularly with reference to the harboring acts at Toledo, Ohio, in the summer of 1934. It is pointed out that a bench warrant was issued at St. Paul, Minnesota, for Arthur R. "Doc" Barker on May 4, 1934, and a bench warrant was issued for the apprehension of Alvin Karpis on May 7, 1934. Therefore, the Statute will begin to run on May 4, and 7, 1937, respectively.

Various members of the Barker-Karpis gang, including Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, went to Toledo, Ohio, following the release of Edward George Bremer on February 7, 1934. Alvin Karpis, it appears, did not remain in Toledo, Ohio, for any appreciable length of time following the date of the bench warrant against him, namely, May 7, 1934, it appearing that he left that city around the latter part of May 1934. Therefore, any acts of harboring him in 1934 would have to be charged during this period.

The harboring situation was first presented to United States Attorney E.B. Freed, Cleveland, Ohio, on October 29, 1936, on which date Inspector E.J. Connelley delivered to him personally a copy of the summary report of Special Agent E.J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 25, 1936, and a copy of the summary report of Special Agent S.H. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 26, 1936. This is covered in the letter from Inspector E.J. Connelley to the Bureau, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 30, 1936.

A further conference was had with United States Attorney E.B. Freed by Inspector E.J. Connelley and Special Agent E.J. Wynn, as covered in the letter from Inspector E.J. Connelley to the Bureau, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, November 17, 1936.

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Special Agents A.H. Hitchin and E.J. Wynn, at Toledo, Ohio, conferred with United States Attorney E.B. Freed and his Assistant, H.M. Openlander, from November 23, to November 25, 1936, inclusive, at which time evidence in the case in detail was gone over with reference to all the persons harbored, except Harry Campbell and

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Arthur R. "Doc" Barker. This conference was reported to the Bureau by letter from the Cleveland Field Division dated November 27, 1936. These Agents held a conference at a later date with Messrs. Freed and Openlander at Cleveland, Ohio, in which the evidence with reference to the harboring of Harry Campbell and Arthur R. "Doc" Barker was gone over in detail. Mr. Freed and Mr. Openlander at these conferences made voluminous notes and asked many questions, and at the conclusion of the last conference stated that they felt that they had a good knowledge of the evidence.

As set out in the teletype and letter, both dated December 14, 1936, from the Cleveland Division to Inspector E.J. Connelley at Detroit, Michigan, Mr. Freed advised that he recently made a trip to Washington and conferred with Assistant Attorney General Brian McMahon about the harboring situation in the Northern District of Ohio, and that as a result of this conference, a special assistant to the Attorney General was assigned to the case. Mr. Freed's trip to Washington, D.C., was on or about December 2, or 3, 1936.

The Cleveland Division, by teletype dated January 6, 1937, advised the Bureau that Mr. Freed had conferred with Special Assistant Foster at Toledo, Ohio, on January 5, 1937, in connection with the harboring case and that Mr. Freed stated that Mr. Foster was to prepare a memorandum for Mr. Brian McMahon, setting out Foster's recommendations as to prosecution.

The report of Special Agent D.P. Sullivan, dated December 12, 1936, reflects that on December 8, 1936, he accompanied Messrs. Freed and Openlander to Milan, Michigan, where Messrs Freed and Openlander interviewed Wynona Burdette in order to have her first hand story with reference to the harboring case.

Special Agent E.J. Wynn at Washington, D.C., conferred with Special Assistants to the Attorney General Shanahan and Foster from February 3 to 6, 1937, inclusive. Special Agent E.J. Wynn at the conclusion of the conference submitted a memorandum in which he outlined the attitude of the Special Assistants with reference to prosecution in this case. To date the Cleveland Division has heard nothing further from this conference.

Special Agent E.J. Wynn or Special Agent A.P. Hitchin has been available at Cleveland, Ohio, since the case was first presented to United States Attorney D.A. Freed on October 29, 1936, in order that Mr. Freed could confer with them at any time he desired. As the Bureau has been previously advised, numerous reports, copies of indictments and instructions to juries in harboring cases have been furnished to the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, subsequent to the furnishing of the summary reports to him on October 29, 1936.

As the Bureau was advised in the teletype from the Cleveland Division dated February 25, 1937, trial in the Barrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery has been set at Cleveland, Ohio, for April 5, 1937. Mr. Freed advised Special Agent E.J. Wynn that he definitely anticipates that the case will be tried at that time and that he intends to use Special Agent E.J. Wynn as a witness against Joe Roscoe on the basis of the information obtained from Joe Roscoe, as set out in the signed statement secured from that individual at Miami, Florida, dated January 28, 1937. The attention of the Bureau is directed to the fact that the referred to statement contains a great deal of information with reference to the harboring of the various fugitives in this case at Toledo, Ohio.

United States Attorney E.B. Freed recently advised Special Agent E.J. Wynn that he is awaiting the decision of the Attorney General's office with reference to prosecution in the harboring case, indicating that the matter of prosecution is being left entirely to the Department.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFarland

J.P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

In considering the institution of prosecution against those persons in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio who harbored the fugitive members of the Barker-Karpis Gang, your attention is invited to the fact that the Statute of Limitations will have run on the first of the offenses about May 4, 1937.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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P. O. Box #1538
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February 25, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

GEORGE TIMINEY
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN was - FUG.,
I. O. # 1232 - ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

Copies of the report submitted by Special Agent F. C. Tillman at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1937, are being furnished to you herewith.

Through inadvertence no copies of this report were designated for your field Division, when submitted.

Very truly yours,

D. DiLILLO
Special Agent in Charge

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Buffalo, New York	2/23/37	2/5/37	M. H. Price (A)

TITLE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Catherine R. Taylor, Kenmore, N. Y. furnished names of Walter Dosh, 3525 16th St., N.W., Washington, D. C., and family named Buckley, Winchester, Va., as being relatives of George Rorke's wife, and information that Rorke has paid-up insurance policies naming his daughter Nancy Rorke as beneficiary, in the Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Co., Washington, D. C. and Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York, New York City.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds Buffalo, New York, dated 1/13/37.

DETAILS: At KENMORE, NEW YORK

On February 5, 1937 Catherine R. Taylor, 58 Enola Street, Kenmore, New York, 'phoned the Buffalo Office that she had some information of possible value in connection with the location of George Rorke.

She was interviewed at the above address, and stated that she learned by discreetly questioning Nancy Rorke that Nancy has an uncle named Walter Dosch, 3525 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., Mrs. Dosh being a sister-in-law of George Rorke.

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Miss Taylor said that a short time ago, Nancy received a letter from "Uncle Walter," and had stayed at the Dosh home in Washington at the time of her mother's suicide; that Walter Dosh had always been interested in Nancy's welfare, and probably had no use for George Rorke, who had failed to provide for her, and had always been a drunkard; that probably if Walter Dosh had any information regarding the whereabouts of Rorke he would furnish it to a Bureau agent.

In addition, Miss Taylor recalled that Mrs. Rorke had had some relatives at Winchester, Virginia by the name of Buckley, and that Rorke had visited there at one time, and tried to get Nancy to come down there, which she would not do, explaining to Miss Taylor that she did not want to go, as all they did was drink and play cards. Miss Taylor did not know the full name of this family, but stated that the family was an old, well-known family in Winchester, and that Mrs. Buckley played the organ in a local church.

Miss Taylor furnished the names of the insurance companies with which Rorke has paid-up -policies with Nancy as beneficiary, as follows:

Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Co., Washington, D. C. (New Name - Acacia)	$1,000.00
Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York	2,000.00

Miss Taylor further stated that she is certain Rorke is not corresponding directly with Nancy as he does not know her address, and Nancy has not heard from her father for the past 13 months, and has little regard for him; that if she hears from Rorke or receives any further information of any value, she will immediately communicate with the Buffalo Field Division, as she is anxious to locate Rorke to collect the money he owes her.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION, at WASHINGTON, D. C., will interview Walter Dosh, 3525 16th Street, N.W., regarding the whereabouts of George Rorke.

Will determine from the Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Company, (New name Acacia) if they have any information in their files which would assist in the location of Rorke. Rorke has a $1,000.00 paid-up policy in this company, his daughter Nancy being beneficiary.

The WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION, at WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA, will locate the Buckley family referred to in the body of this report, and conduct discreet investigation to obtain information as to Rorke's whereabouts. It is left to the discretion of the Washington Field Division whether these people should be openly interviewed, as information received indicates that they were quite friendly with George Rorke.

The NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION, at NEW YORK CITY, will determine if the Mutual Life Insurance Company, 34 Nassau Street, has any information in their files which would assist in the location of George Rorke. Rorke has a $2,000.00 paid-up policy with this company, his daughter Nancy Rorke being beneficiary.

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PHONE. BREKID. FEDERAL JUDGE GEORGE P HAHN DIED TOLEDO YESTERDAY. UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FREED INDICATES THIS MAY RESULT IN DELAY IN GETTING HARBORING CASE AT ISSUE. TRIAL DATE GARRETTSVILLE MAIL ROBBERY NOT YET SET

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Post Office Box 2889,
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February 26, 1937

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

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232,
et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim;
KIDNAPING

The original of the Bureau's letter dated February 15, 1937, with which was transmitted for delivery to Special Agent Louis Loebl a copy of the Statement and Examination of Mr. T. R. Knight, taken at Miami, Florida, on January 26, 1937, by Mr. Charles H. Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, was turned over to Agent Loebl together with the statement and examination.

It is noted that the Bureau desires that Agent Loebl return this statement and examination to the Bureau upon the completion of his investigation.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Washington Field
Miami #7-24

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TITLE
GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1232; etal.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: The Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit at St. Louis, Missouri, has filed opinions in the appeals of CASSIUS McDONALD and HARRY SAWYER affirming the convictions of both of these defendants. The U.S.Atty., St.Paul, in review of the Bremer Kidnaping Case has communicated with Attorney General for suggestion as to the disposition to be made of indictments still pending.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. N. Notesteen, St. Paul, 12-19-36.

DETAILS:

Mr. George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney at St. Paul, advised that the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, St. Louis, Missouri, has filed opinions in the appeals of CASSIUS McDONALD and HARRY SAWYER in the Bremer Kidnaping Case affirming the convictions of both of these defendants.

Mr. Sullivan stated under date of March 9, 1937, he had directed a communication to the Attorney General in substance as follows:

"In review of the Bremer kidnaping cases, I advise you of the following dispositions of the various indictments returned:

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Docket No. 6096 charging conspiracy to kidnap Edward G.Bremer.

Arthur R. Barker Elmer Farmer Harold Alderton John J. McLaughlin,Sr. James J. Wilson Oliver A. Berg	tried and found guilty by jury; Elmer Farmer pleaded guilty during trial.
Philip J. Delaney William E. Vidler	tried and acquitted
Jess Doyle Edna Murray "Whitie" true name Bruno Austin or Putas.	case dismissed
Volney Davis Byron Bolton	entered pleas of guilty.
Alvin Karpis Harry Campbell William Weaver Harry Sawyer William J. Harrison Joseph P. Moran Myrtle Eaton John Doe Richard Roe	not arraigned; case still pending.

Docket No. 6095, charging kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

The only person to plead guilty to this indictment was Byron Bolton, and he was sentenced on that plea of guilty. The defendants who were arraigned and entered pleas of not guilty were Arthur R. Barker, Elmer Farmer, Harold Anderson, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver. No disposition was made of their cases, however. Other defendants named were never arraigned. The case is pending as to the following named defendants:

Alvin Karpis
Arthur R. Barker
Volney Davis
Harry Campbell
Elmer Farmer
William Weaver
Harry Sawyer
William J. Harrison
John Doe
Richard Roe
Harold Alderton

Docket No. 6174, charging conspiracy to kidnap Edward G.Bremer

On September 27, 1935, the conspiracy indictment (6096) was enlarged to include Cassius McDonald. The following dispositions were made in this case:

Harry Sawyer Cassius McDonald William Weaver	Tried and found guilty by jury
Harry Campbell	Entered plea of guilty.
Alvin Karpis Arthur Barker Volney Davis William J. Harrison Byron Bolton Elmer Farmer Harold Alderton	Not arraigned. Case still pending

You will observe that the indictment charging the substantive offense is pending as to all defendants, save and except Byron Bolton, who entered a plea of guilty to same, and that the conspiracy indictments #6096 and #6174 are still pending as to the defendants named above. I should appreciate your advice and suggestions as to the dismissal of the indictment charging the substantive offense, and the remaining defendants named in the two conspiracy indictments.

Your advice and suggestions as to the disposition of the undisposed of phases of the above cases will be appreciated. Our next term of court in the Third Division will convene at St.Paul on April 6, 1937, and if not too inconvenient, I should appreciate your advice before that date."

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION

About April 15, 1937, will confer with the United States Attorney as to the disposition to be made in connection with the still pending indictments.

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BOSTON, MASS..	3-18-37	3-15-37	G. E. PELLETIER.

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE TIMINEY; 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:

Dr. Wm. C. Inman, Danvers, Mass. and various classmates of Subject Moran, contacted with reference to dental history, without result. Dr. Roger E. Hubbard, Greenfield, Mass. states Subject Moran possessed good set of teeth and recalls that he had a few gold teeth in upper front and a few gold caps in upper left. However, not certain as to the number or positions.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., dated December 20, 1935.
Letter from Chicago Division, dated March 3, 1937.
Cleveland Division telegram dated March 12, 1937.

DETAILS:

This joint investigation was conducted by the writer and Special Agent N. D. Valentine.

AT DANVERS, MASSACHUSETTS:

On March 15, 1937 Special Agent N. D. Valentine contacted Dr. William C. Inman, formerly residing in Peabody, Massachusetts and presently attached to the staff of the Danvers State Hospital for the Insane, relative to Subject Moran's dental history. Dr. Inman stated

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that he has not seen nor heard from Subject Moran since they graduated from Tufts Medical College over ten years ago. He further stated that he did not know Subject Moran outside of school for the reason that Dr. Moran was a War Veteran and his education was under the sponsorship of the Federal Government, whereas he, Dr. Inman, commuted daily between Lynn and Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Inman was unable to give any information as to Subject Moran's dental history, except that medical students, if they required any dental attention, would have the work done at the Tufts Dental School.

Reference report of Agent P. M. Plunkett, indicates that Tufts Dental School does not have any dental records of work performed prior to the year 1927.

AT NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS:

In accordance with reference report of Agent Plunkett, reporting Agent ascertained at the Post Office that Dr. R. E. Hubbard now resides and practices medicine in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

AT GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS:

Dr. Roger E. Hubbard, 58 Federal Street, Room 57, advised reporting Agent that he remembered Subject Moran; that he was of sallow complexion and "tough" looking. At the time Subject Moran was married he had an automobile and always seemed to have plenty of money. Dr. Hubbard further stated that Subject Moran was a member of the Alpha Kappa Kappa Fraternity, and that he chummed around with a dentist named David Gallison of Boston, Massachusetts.

With reference to Mr. Moran's dental history, Dr. Hubbard stated that he remembered that at the time, (which was 1924) Subject Moran had a few gold, upper, front teeth and a few gold caps, upper left, and was positive that he had no false teeth. Dr. Hubbard was not certain as to the number of gold teeth or the position of same.

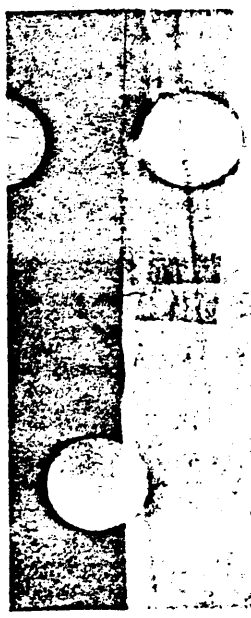
Dr. Hubbard possessed no further information of value, and suggested that Agent contact Dr. Richard Norton, a dentist of Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Joseph Stanton, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston and Dr. David Gallison, Boston.

The result of the interview with Dr. Stanton at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston, is reflected in reference report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett.

Dr. Richard Norton, 31 Bay State Road, who is an oral surgeon advised that he had a faint recollection of Subject Moran but did not possess any information of value as to his dental history. He further advised, after searching his records, that he never performed any dental work for Subject Moran.

Dr. David Gallison, 520 Commonwealth Avenue had a faint recollection of Subject Moran, having graduated in the same class from Tufts Medical School, but he had no information of value as to Subject's dental history. He advised Agent that Subject Moran did pathological work under Dr. F. H. Dunbar of Tufts Medical School, for about two years, and he suggested that Agent contact Dr. Dunbar.

Dr. F. H. Dunbar, connected with the Leary Laboratories, 43 Bay State Road, Boston, Massachusetts, stated that he remembered Subject Moran; that Subject Moran was married during his sophomore year at Tufts Medical School, and did research work during the years 1923 and 1924, in the Pathological Department, under him. He further stated that Subject Moran was a brilliant student and a good man to have around the laboratory. He further advised that a few months after Subject Moran left the school a box of slides was missing, and it was suspected that Subject Moran had taken these slides. However, they had no more definite information along this line. Dr. Dunbar did not possess any information regarding Subject Moran's dental history, and suggested that inasmuch as he was a disabled Veteran, possibly the Veterans Administration might have a complete description and information as to the condition of Subject Moran's teeth. However, this lead is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.



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TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY;
- DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1232, et al;
- EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.

CHARACTER OF CASE
KIDNAPING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - NATL.FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FRED WILLIAMS not known at West 143rd Street, New York City in 1921. E. G. COLLARD and PETER F. BRADLEY, U. S. Customs, unable to locate list of guns seized on S.S. East Side. No record of JIM FARR alias JIM PHARR at New York City Police Dept. or State Dept., New York. Mutual Life Insurance Company issued policy to GEORGE G. RORKE; beneficiary changed in 1933 to daughter NANCY; policy lapsed 1934. RORKE employed by Safe Cabinet Co., Wash.D.C., prior to 1920. CHARLES ROGERS and ROBERT LeFEVRE, Washington, D.C. can furnish information concerning RORKE.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent H. C. Leslie, New York City, dated 12/31/36;
Report of Special Agent J. A. Murphy, Trenton, N. J., dated 1/18/37;
Letter from Little Rock Division to New York Division dated 2/8/37;
Report of Special Agent M. H. Price, Buffalo, N. Y., dated 2/23/37.

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DETAILS:

In an effort to locate FRED WILLIAMS, who, according

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to information was located at 100 West 143rd Street, New York City in 1921, inquiries were made at the above address, which is a three story building used for business purposes.

Mr. GOLDSTEIN, who conducts a jewelry store and pawn shop on the ground floor, advised that he is the only tenant located in this building previous to and during 1921; that the building has changed hands as well as agents, several times since 1921. He stated that he does not recall anyone named WILLIAMS or FRED WILLIAMS, as having been engaged in business, or employed by any concern or individual in the building at any time.

Inquiries at the Post Office concerning removal of FRED WILLIAMS were without result.

Agent again interviewed Mr. E. G. COLLARD, Seizure Room, U. S. Customs, 201 Varick Street, New York City. Mr. COLLARD advised that he made a further search for record of gun seizure on the SS.East Side after Agent's last visit in December 1936, without locating any records beside those previously furnished, and which were set out in the reference report of the writer dated December 31, 1936.

He stated that he took the matter up with Mr. PETER F. BRADLEY, who advised him that while he recalled the seizure on the SS.East Side, he could not recall any of the details. Mr. COLLARD called Mr. BRADLEY by telephone at Staten Island, New York, in order that Agent could speak personally to him relative to the seizure of guns on the SS.East Side.

Mr. BRADLEY stated that he recalls the seizure, but cannot now remember whether he made any list of the guns seized at the time. Agent advised Mr. BRADLEY that the records of the U. S. Attorney's Office at Trenton, New Jersey, reflect that he addressed a letter to the Solicitor of Customs, which letter bore the date of January 23, 1921, and in which he advised there had been 496 guns seized on the SS.East Side; that 382 of the guns had the numbers obliterated, and setting out the numbers of the remaining 114 guns in his letter. He stated that he could not recall the letter in question, and that in his opinion, if the gun bearing #950 was one of the guns seized at the time, it would have been included in the list he sent to the Solicitor of Customs, unless the number was obliterated.

He stated that both he and Mr. COLLARD made a search for the records concerning the seizure, but could not locate any additional papers containing information other than that previously furnished Agent by Mr. COLLARD.

It is to be noted, as set out in the reference report of this Agent dated December 31, 1936, that all records and correspondence of the U. S. Customs up to 1926 have been destroyed.

For the purpose of determining whether there was a criminal record on JIM FARR alias JIM PHARR, this name was furnished to the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the New York Police Department, the State Parole Board, the State Department of Correction and the State's Attorney's Office. Replies from these sources, however, indicated that there was no record on file for any individual named FARR or PHARR.

Special Agent M. J. CONROY contacted the Mutual Life Insurance Company, 34 Nassau Street, New York City, concerning policy issued to GEORGE G. RORKE. The records reflected that policy #2747674, in an amount of $2,000., had been issued to GEORGE G. RORKE. At the time of the issuance of this policy, RORKE gave his occupation as salesman for the Safe Cabinet Company and the L.C.Smith Typewriter Company; also as Sales Manager of National Sales & Service Company, Washington, D.C. The last correspondence from RORKE was on July 5, 1933, when the beneficiary was changed from Mrs. RORKE to his daughter NANCY. The policy lapsed May 11, 1934.

According to the records, RORKE was born February 21, 1891, at Marshall, Missouri. His last known address was in 1933 when he was located with R. F. DOWNING, Woodward Building, Washington, D.C.

Mr. W. L. CLARKSON, Personnel Manager, Remington-Rand, Inc., 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City, was interviewed concerning RORKE, and advised that he did not recall him or his having been employed by that company, and that their records were located at their Headquarters Office in Buffalo, New York. Mr. CLARKSON referred Agent to Mr. J. B. GRANT, also of the Remington-Rand, Inc.

Mr. J. B. GRANT advised that he did not recall RORKE but that possibly, RALPH DICK or F. B. CUTTER of the Economics and

Marketing Bureau located in the Daily News Building, 42nd Street, New York City, would probably know RORKE, as they were both formerly connected with the Safe Cabinet Company.

Mr. GAUS, who was interviewed in the absence of Messrs. DICK and CUTTER, advised that he recalled RORKE; that RORKE had been employed by the Safe Cabinet Company in Washington, D.C., and that Mr. R. L. WALCOTT of the Do-More Chair Company, 300 Fourth Avenue, New York City, had formerly been Manager of the Safe Cabinet Company at their offices in Washington, D.C. Mr. GAUS also advised that the Safe Cabinet Company merged with Remington-Rand, Inc. in 1925 and that Remington-Rand, Inc. had taken over all the old records of the Safe Cabinet Company.

Mr. R. L. WALCOTT was contacted, and advised that he employed RORKE in Washington, D.C. as a salesman for the Safe Cabinet Company, and that RORKE was with the company for about one year. He stated however, that he has not seen RORKE since about 1920; that subsequent to that time RORKE became involved in running guns to Ireland, and Mr. WALCOTT stated that he met RORKE through a Mr. CHARLES ROGERS, who at the time was with the L. C. Smith Typewriter Company but is presently located with the Underwood people in Washington,D.C. He also stated that ROGERS had told him four or five years ago that RORKE was a private secretary to some wealthy man in New Jersey.

Mr. WALCOTT further advised that RORKE was a particular friend of Mr. ROBERT LeFEVRE of the Procurement Division, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., and he felt certain that Mr. ROGERS or Mr. LeFEVRE could furnish RORKE'S present address.

Agent contacted Mr. THOMAS A. DUFFEY of the L.C. SMITH & CORONA TYPEWRITER COMPANY, 330 Fifth Avenue, New York City, concerning RORKE'S employment with this company. Mr. DUFFEY advised that they retained no records of employees at the New York Office, but that this information was obtainable at the Home Office located at 701 East Washington Street, Syracuse, New York.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION will contact the NATIONAL SALES & SERVICE COMPANY, Washington, D.C. - Mr. R. F. DOWNING, Woodward Building, with whom RORKE was associated in 1933, for any

information in his possession.

Will also contact Mr. CHARLES ROGERS, Underwood Typewriter Company, Washington, D.C., and Mr. ROBERT LeFEVRE, Procurement Division, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., for the same purpose. According to information set out herein, the latter named, Messrs. ROGERS and LeFEVRE, are well-acquainted with RORKE, and can possibly furnish his present address.

The BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION, will contact Remington-Rand, Inc. at Buffalo, New York, concerning RORKE'S employment with the Safe Cabinet Company, which company merged with Remington-Rand, Inc. in 1925, and records of the Safe Cabinet Company are in the possession of Remington-Rand, Inc. at the present time.

Will also contact the L. C. Smith & Corona Typewriter Company, 701 East Washington Street, Syracuse, New York, for any information they may have concerning GEORGE G. RORKE.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
March 16, 1937

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. J. E. Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to your letter of March 8, 1937 (7-576), in connection with the case involving Joseph H. Adams and others, charged with harboring subjects in the Bremer kidnaping case, and particularly to the statements of Mr. T. R. Knight, the father-in-law of Adams, to the effect that I was supposed to have made certain statements to him concerning the employment of an attorney.

This is to advise that I have no recollection whatsoever of having made the statement that is attributed to me by Mr. Knight. I might also state that at the inception of this investigation I had heard many rumors about the alleged political affiliations and activity of Mr. T. R. Knight, with the result that I endeavored to be particularly cautious in dealing not only with him but, also, with Joseph H. Adams, his son-in-law. I made every effort to be careful and cautious in my contacts with these two gentlemen.

Some time after Adams was arrested by the U. S. Marshal and released on bond by the U. S. Commissioner in connection with this case I recall that Knight contacted me at the Cortez Hotel. At that time Knight stated to me that he was desirous of doing everything possible for Adams, mentioning that he thought Adams had apparently been indiscreet in his dealings with the individuals who turned out to be Karpis, Barker and Harry Campbell. Knight mentioned, as I now recall, that Adams was without any funds to defend himself, adding that Adams did not even have an attorney. He mentioned that the counsel who had represented Adams at the Commissioner's hearing was a friend of Adams, who was employed as attorney for the Biscayne Kennel Club. I do not recall the name of this attorney at this time but I remember that Knight stated that he had no confidence in this particular lawyer in connection with criminal matters.

I also recall that Mr. Knight complained that Bart Riley, an attorney in Miami, who is regarded there as the leading criminal lawyer, had indicated that he wanted, as I recall now, either five or ten thousand dollars to handle Adams' case. I paid no particular attention to these

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remarks of Mr. Knight, inasmuch as at that time it did not occur to me that they had any bearing whatsoever on the investigation I was engaged in; consequently, such as with the fee that Riley was supposed to have asked for, I am not certain of the figures but, to the best of my recollection, they are as I have stated.

As I now recall, Mr. Knight complained that Riley, in his opinion, was asking for an excessive fee and Knight talked about the fact that neither he nor Joseph Adams was able to raise the necessary money. I recall definitely that Mr. Knight inquired as to when Adams would be tried in connection with this case and what the procedure was in a criminal matter, and I distinctly recall of courteously explaining to him the meaning of a complaint being filed before the U. S. Commissioner, of the right of the defendant to ask for a hearing before the Commissioner, then of the activity of the Grand Jury with the arraignment after an indictment had been returned, etc. I also distinctly recall explaining to him how a defendant could enter a plea of guilty at a Commissioner's hearing, which only meant that he was waiving hearing; further, that after an indictment was returned, a defendant had a choice of entering a plea of guilty, one of not guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere. I remember that Mr. Knight appeared to be interested in the plea of nolo contendere, asking numerous questions as to the meaning of it, all of which I explained to him to the best of my ability.

As I have indicated above, I have no recollection of having made the statement that has been attributed to me by Mr. Knight. Personally, I feel that this statement from Mr. Knight is like one that he made when on the witness stand in the recent hearings in Miami to the effect that I had assured him that his son-in-law, Joseph H. Adams, would not be arrested. Of course, I had not made any such statement to Mr. Knight.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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RECORDED April 7, 1937.

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

Reference is made to your memorandum of February 9, 1937, with which there was transmitted a memorandum prepared by Mr. Charles H. Carr relative to the allegations made by Bart A. Riley, Attorney, and T. R. Knight, of Miami, Florida. Mr. Carr's memorandum contained a statement to the effect that Mr. Knight had claimed that in talking to Special Agent John H. Hanson of this Bureau, Hanson had advised him as follows:

> "Don't be foolish and pay out any money for a lawyer. If you have to have a lawyer get some young fellow just out of school and give him a hundred dollars".

Although the memorandum of Mr. Carr indicates that he conferred with Special Agent Hanson concerning this statement and advised that Hanson had informed him there was no foundation for such a statement, I nevertheless have communicated with Special Agent Hanson and he has assured me that he endeavored to be particularly cautious in his dealings with Mr. Knight and has no recollection whatever of having made the statement attributed to him by Knight. This bureau is conducting no further investigation in this matter in the absence of a specific request from you.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 18, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of October 19, 1936, (Bureau file 7-576) to the Oklahoma City Field Division, a copy of which was furnished Kansas City, which listed submachine guns sold by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., in the state of Kansas, from 1928 to January 6, 1936, included among which were machine guns sold to the Sheriff's Office at Sharon Springs and the Police Department at Emporia, Kansas.

Please be advised that Special Agent W. W. Baker made inquiries at Sharon Springs, where he interviewed former Sheriff Frank Woodburn, who stated that in April, 1934, he was Sheriff and upon authority of the County Commissioners he purchased directly, by mail, from the Federal Laboratories, Inc., at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Thompson submachine gun number 5272. This gun was personally examined by Agent Baker with the permission of Orville Walker, the present Sheriff, and the number thereon was found to be 5272, which is identical with the gun alleged to have been sold to the Sheriff on May 7, 1934.

Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, at Emporia, Kansas, contacted the City Clerk and it was ascertained from him that Thompson submachine gun number 12452 was purchased on May 19, 1933, from an Agent of the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The name of the Agent who sold the gun was not available. It is to be noted that the number of this machine gun, 12452, is identical with the number listed on the photostatic copy of such weapons furnished this Field Division by the Bureau.

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With respect to the instructions contained in Bureau letter of March 9, 1937, to the Oklahoma City Division, copy of which was furnished Kansas City, you are advised that there

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are only a few remaining inquiries to be made with respect to this matter, which will be completed at the very earliest practicable time, and the results thereof furnished the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

March 18, 1937

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

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector E. J. Connelley, dated at Tacoma, Washington, March 16, 1937, wherein he states his belief that it will be feasible to expend $50.00 for the purpose of financing Tal Sullivan of Canton, Ohio in contacting Tip O'Neil of Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of ascertaining the present whereabouts of Benson Groves.

Please be advised that Tal Sullivan is a half-brother of Jumbo Crowley, deceased, the latter, as previous reports in this case have indicated, having, during his lifetime, been the chief contact of various underworld characters at Canton, Ohio, including Benson Groves, Tip O'Neil and other notorious "Soup" men. Tal Sullivan was recently contacted by agents of this division, and expressed his willingness to visit Cleveland, Ohio for the purpose of contacting Tip O'Neil in an effort to ascertain the present whereabouts of Benson Groves.

Sullivan was very close to Jumbo Crowley, and by virtue of this association came to know many of the underworld contacts of Jumbo Crowley. He is at the present time a man sixty-eight years of age, and without funds. It is his opinion, as well as the opinion of numerous past contacts of Benson Groves, that Tip O'Neil is the best possible source of information with reference to Groves's present whereabouts.

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Bureau authority is hereby requested for the expenditure of a sum not exceeding $50.00, to be paid to Tal Sullivan for the purpose of financing a trip for him from

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Canton, Ohio to Cleveland, Ohio, in order to have him contact Tip O'Neil in an effort to obtain information as to the present location of Benson Groves.

Very truly yours,

J. P. McFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Inspector E. J. Connelley, Tacoma
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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir: Re: GEORGE TENNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BRAZIER - Victim; KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to your letter dated March 18, 1937, requesting authority to expend a sum not exceeding $50 to be paid to Tal Sullivan of Canton, Ohio to finance a trip from Canton to Cleveland, Ohio, in order to contact Tip O'Neil in an effort to obtain information concerning the present location of Benson Groves, please be advised that you are hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $50 for this purpose.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
732 Rust Building
Tacoma, Washington

March 16, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of copy of letter of the Cleveland Field Division dated March 11, 1937, together with copy of enclosure representing a memorandum prepared by Special Agent E. J. Wynn showing a review of the summary submitted by Special Attorneys Foster and Shanahan of the Department, and it is my opinion that additional information referred to by Special Agent E. J. Wynn as previously reflected in summary report of the Cleveland office submitted to the United States Attorney should be carefully considered in determining what individuals should be considered as potential subjects in the harboring prosecution and particularly with reference to those subjects who apparently were not included as prospective subjects in the memorandum submitted by the Special Attorneys.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
Inspector

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TITLE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a., FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CLARA GIBSON reinterviewed and in a signed statement gave some additional information on her stay in Toledo, Ohio, with RUSSELL GIBSON during a two to three week period in 1934.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Cleveland Field Division dated February 16, 1937.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Mrs. GEORGE GUYMON, 4316 North Clarendon Avenue, telephone Bittersweet 8251, was interviewed and advised that Mrs. CLARA GIBSON would be returning to Chicago on Sunday, March 14, 1937.

Mrs. CLARA GIBSON, with aliases, was interviewed at the Chicago Field Division, questioned, and shown all available pictures of persons known to have harbored, or suspected of harboring, any of the principal Subjects in instant case at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio.

She willingly, and apparently to the best of her ability, was only able to amplify to a small extent her statement made to Special Agent K.R. McINTIRE, dated January 13, 1935, at Chicago, Illinois, which is set out in the report of Agent McINTIRE, dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 25, 1935.

She made the following signed statement:

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.
March 17, 1937.

I, CIARA GIBSON, do make this free and voluntary statement to V. E. CRISS, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, without any threats or violence, or promises of reward of any kind.

I was married to RUSSELL GIBSON on February 24, 1923, at Independence, Missouri. After being married, we lived in Kansas City, Missouri, where RUSSELL GIBSON, known as "Slim", worked as a professional gambler for JOHN LAZIA, who at that time controlled the liquor traffic, slot machines, gambling and sugar houses in Kansas City, as well as operated a finance office.

During the latter part of 1927, RUSSELL was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, on a charge of assault with a dangerous and deadly weapon. I went to Jefferson City and lived next to the penitentiary where I could visit with him. He served between 12 and 14 months of his sentence and about February, 1929, he was paroled and we returned to Kansas City to live. We lived together at Kansas City for about two months when he started to run around with other women. We separated and he went to Oklahoma.

With a brother of mine I came to Chicago to live, which was about May, 1929. RUSSELL again became involved with the law in Oklahoma and while in the County Jail, escaped therefrom and came to Chicago about September of 1929. I had obtained work in Chicago and he took up gambling, which was his profession. We lived in various apartments in Chicago under the name of Mr. and Mrs. ROY GRAY.

About three or four years after arriving in Chicago, RUSSELL in some way met OLIVER BERG and another man known to me as "HEINE". Both of these men had served time in Joliet Penitentiary and had only been recently released therefrom. Through them RUSSELL met Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, who had been a doctor at Joliet Penitentiary while he was incarcerated there. RUSSELL was induced to go to Dr. MORAN for treatments for a social disease which he had.

He took me to Dr. MORAN's office which was located in about the 4400 or 4800 block on Irving Park Boulevard, and it was through this means that I became acquainted with Dr. MORAN. There I met "JIMMIE" or JAMES WILSON, supposedly a distant relative of MORAN, and who MORAN stated he was going to send through school. I also saw at Dr. MORAN's office an old man who I learned was "Boss" McLAUGHLIN, and who Dr. MORAN said was a very sick man who had only about six months to live, and who was also "broke".

About the latter part of 1933 or the first part of 1934, RUSSELL and I signed a lease for a year on an apartment at 626 Waveland Avenue and had been there a short time when on an occasion about the latter part of April, 1934, RUSSELL came home and said that Dr. MORAN and "JIMMIE" were in a little trouble and that they, (not knowing who but referring to some officers), were checking Dr. MORAN's records and that we would have to leave for a while or undoubtedly we would be questioned due to the fact that he was a patient of Dr. MORAN and his name appeared on his records, and we could not afford to be questioned. RUSSELL told me that I should leave the apartment and not return to it until he told me to; that he was going out of town on a trip for a week or two and that I should take a room somewhere in Chicago for a couple of weeks. I moved from place to place.

During the period that RUSSELL was away from Chicago, I learned through a colored helper from the garage where we had our Buick automobile stored that the Police were in the garage and watching the car. In about two weeks, RUSSELL returned to Chicago and through an old lady, a Mrs. KUHN, with whom OLIVER BERG had lived, learned where I was. He said he had been to Toledo and that gambling was "wide open" there, and that he had an opportunity to obtain a position on a percentage basis in a gambling place. We then left for Toledo, Ohio. This was about the middle of May, 1934.

We left in RUSSELL's Ford automobile. Upon arriving at Toledo we spent the first night at a hotel which I believe was the one occupied by Dr. MORAN and "JIMMIE". I do not recall the name under which we registered.

The next day we rented an apartment on Collingwood Avenue. The apartment was located in a duplex building. As I remember,

there were three of these buildings together. We had the upper apartment in the building adjacent to the corner. I believe that the names we used were Mr. and Mrs. J. or JAMES ROGERS or ROBERTS. We lived in this apartment for about two or three weeks. RUSSELL started to run around again, which resulted in our separation, and I came back to Chicago.

During the period that we were in Toledo, OLIVER BERG lived with us for a portion of the time. I also saw Dr. MORAN and JAMES WILSON. These were the only people that I now recall that I knew by name.

We ate out most of the time. As I recall, one of the places where we ate was a Chinese restaurant, which was located close to the apartment.

Another place where we ate most of the time was located on what was known to me as "The Point" and it required about one-half to three-quarters of an hour to drive to it from our apartment. At this particular place, I believe they had a large black and white dog which I used to play with. The place, I don't know if it was called a restaurant or tavern or what, was very large and as you entered, the bar was on the left-hand side next to the wall. In front of the bar were a large number of tables and in the rear was the kitchen. The cook was a lady about 45 to 50 years of age, who could be observed cooking while one sat at the tables. She served very good food which was similar to home cooking. I believe that on one occasion while at the place where they had the large black and white dog, I met a girl known as "MERT", who was very drunk, and who RUSSELL told me had to have a quart of whiskey a day.

At the time there were present OLIVER BERG, JAMES WILSON, Dr. MORAN and others whom I did not know. RUSSELL and I went up to the bar and were introduced to the bartender, a large man, whose girl friend was very small. His girl friend was also introduced to us and she was sitting on a stool in front of the bar. I believe that this place was also being reconstructed at the time I was there.

On one occasion at this place I remember that we stayed until after midnight and everyone became fairly well intoxicated.

They had a colored orchestra consisting of two men and a colored girl. Dr. MORAN danced with the colored girl. I remember that on this occasion I observed four men, who clearly appeared to be plainclothesmen, come into this place. I became frightened and mentioned to RUSSELL that we had better leave. He stated that "they are all right. They are merely here to get a drink themselves," which they did. I do not know if these were city of Toledo police, deputy sheriffs of the county in which Toledo is located, or State or Federal Prohibition officers.

There was another place that we often frequented which was also located on "The Point", to which one had to drive a car through an entrance. The car was parked in a small parking lot near the building. The building appeared to be an old residence, the front part of which contained a large room which was made into a dining room and which also contained a bar. At the rear of this house there was a trap-shooting field. OLIVER BERG and RUSSELL often spent much time shooting clay pigeons at this place. RUSSELL seemed to know the bartender at this place very well.

I often stayed at home and cooked the meals but RUSSELL came home late in the evening or the morning and when I would ask him where he had been, he would state that he was at "NIG's" gambling.

On one occasion I heard "JIMMIE", while drunk, mention about RUSSELL and he and the others being out with women. I asked RUSSELL about it and he would not deny it, so I left and came to Chicago, leaving RUSSELL at Toledo.

Upon returning to Chicago, I took a room at the Hayes Hotel on the south side, remaining there about four days. I then moved to a room in the 6400 block on Kimbark Avenue. At each of these places I used the name of either CLARA or SUE ROGERS. About a week after returning to Chicago, accompanied by my sister I was coming out of the entrance to Marshall Field's store when I ran into RUSSELL, who was coming out of the alley back of Marshall Field's store. He told me he was living at the Harrison Hotel. I then went back to live with him.

RUSSELL and I remained at the Harrison Hotel about four days. OLLIE came to visit us there. He said that he left Toledo due to the fact that the living was too high. RUSSELL never told me why he left Toledo.

The only conversation I ever had with RUSSELL about Toledo was about a boat ride he had taken. This was in a boat which he had thought something about buying when we were in Toledo. As I remember he said it had been out of the water for sometime, but was a very nice boat and he could buy it for $100.00. Apparently someone who knew how to run the boat had taken JIMMIE WILSON, his girl, RUSSELL and perhaps some others for a ride in this boat and they were almost drowned as something fell off the bottom.

I never did hear any conversation between RUSSELL and OLLIE BERG in which they talked about Toledo or people living there. I never heard RUSSELL mention Cleveland, Ohio.

RUTH HEIDT, WILLIE HARRISON'S former wife, came to live with me as she was out of work. Subsequently, I met BYRON BOLTON as ANDY ALLEN, and ARTHUR BARKER as JOE MORLEY. This was as I recall about three months after I left Toledo. I do not believe I ever heard JOE MORLEY speak more than a dozen words. When he came to visit us RUTH and I were ordered to or knew that we were to leave the room. I often sat in the room and heard conversations between RUSSELL and OLLIE or RUSSELL and ANDY ALLEN but they never talked about Toledo or Cleveland.

I have read this statement consisting of five pages and I have initialed or signed each and every page. It is a true statement to the best of my recollection.

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CLARA GIBSON

WITNESSES:

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VERNON E. CRISS, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Mrs. GIBSON was shown pictures of all Subjects in instant case including EDWARD McGRAW, GEORGE TIMINEY, BERT ANGUS, FRED HUNTER, BENSON GROVES, MILTON LETT and wife. There were no available pictures of JOSEPH ROSCOE or THEODORE ANGUS. She was able to identify pictures of BYRON BOLTON, ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER, MYRTLE EATON, Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, JAMES WILSON, WILLIAM HARRISON and CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD alias "Pretty Boy", as persons she had known.

The names and aliases of all Subjects and probable Subjects, as well as names of taverns, clubs, hotels, apartments, and addresses, were mentioned to her but she maintained that she did not know or could not recall hearing of these persons or places through RUSSELL GIBSON or his associates except those persons mentioned in her statements to Agent McINTIRE and this Agent.

The original of the incorporated statement is being forwarded to the Cleveland Division with this report.

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1300 Biscayne Building
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March 18, 1937

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the trial of Joe Adams, et al, which as the Bureau knows, has been set for June 7, 1937 before the Honorable Alexander Akerman, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, who resides in the Tampa Division, this is to advise that on the Sixteenth instant I was in Tampa and while paying my respects to Judge Akerman he casually mentioned the Adams case and stated that when the question of suppressing the confessions of Adams, et al was recently presented to him in Miami he decided that the question was not properly before the Court but he informed me that if the statements of the defense as to the manner in which these confessions were obtained are true, he would "throw them out the window". I did not go into the question with him at the time as to how the statements were obtained and made no comment on his remark.

Judge Akerman is very strict in seeing that the rights of the defendants in his court are safeguarded and in my opinion he is inclined to give the benefit of the doubt to the defendants if a question is raised and there is not overwhelming proof to the contrary. If the confessions in question are suppressed, I am of the opinion that act by the Court will in itself reflect upon the Bureau. I believe I can get the matter presented to the Judge in its proper light beforehand if the Bureau thinks it would be proper. I would not, of course, present it to him personally but would deal through the Chief Deputy Clerk of the United States District Court, Mr. Julian Blake, at Tampa, a personal friend of mine in whom the Judge has every confidence.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS
Special Agent in Charge

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March 27, 1937.

Mr. R. L. Shivers,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1300 Biscayne Building,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, Fugitive - I. O. #1232;
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE [illegible] - Victim;
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated March 18, 1937, relative to your recent interview with Judge Alexander Akerman concerning the question of suppressing the confessions which may be used by the Government in the prosecution of Joe Adams.

In view of the attitude of Adams and his attorney, it is believed advisable to inform Judge Akerman of the facts surrounding the obtaining of these statements. Accordingly, the Bureau desires that at your first opportunity you arrange for an interview with Judge Akerman and discreetly explain to him the actual facts surrounding the obtaining of the confessions, so he will be in possession of firsthand knowledge of same when the case is brought to trial.

Following this interview, the Bureau should be promptly advised of the results thereof.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
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MARCH 19, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: B R E K I D

Please refer to a letter from the Omaha Field Division to the Bureau dated March 16, 1937, which requests the Kansas City Field Division to obtain certain information with respect to Jess Doyle.

You are advised that Special Agent B. P. Cruise made inquiry at Topeka, Kansas, concerning this matter. The records in the office of the United States Attorney, Topeka, Kansas, show that Jess Doyle was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Topeka, Kansas, February 18, 1937, along with Jack Rich, John Langdon, Clarence Sparger, Tom Hill and Floyd Isaacs for violation of Section 320, Title 18, U.S.C., and the bond for each was placed at $35,000. according to Miss Doris Kendle, Chief Clerk in the United States Attorney's office. Jess Doyle plead guilty to the indictment before U. S. District Judge Richard J. Hopkins, Topeka, Kansas, on March 1, 1937, and his sentence was deferred to an unset later date.

Miss Geneva Fletcher, Deputy United States Marshal, Topeka, Kansas, referred to her records and informed that on March 5, 1937, Jess Doyle was removed by the U. S. Marshal's office from the County Jail, Topeka, to the Douglas County Jail, Lawrence, Kansas, at which latter jail Doyle is presently incarcerated as Federal prisoner.

Miss Kendle further informed that the above mentioned Federal indictment is a Third Division case and that the criminal docket pertaining thereto will be found in the office of the U. S. District Court, Fort Scott, Kansas, where this is case number 1209.

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Miss Kendle stated that Jess Doyle had been taken to Independence, Kansas a week or so ago to testify in State Court. The United States Attorney's file showed Doyle was desired as a witness (having given a statement to Joe Anderson, of the Kansas

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Highway Patrol) at the preliminary hearing of Al Sherwood on March 5, 1937, on a charge of robbery of the County Treasurer, Independence, on January 30, 1935. The file showed that Sherwood is alleged to have fingered the robbery for Jess Doyle, Volney Davis and John Langdon.

When sentence is passed upon Doyle, data with respect thereto will be obtained and furnished the Bureau and interested Field Divisions.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Oklahoma City
Cleveland
Cincinnati
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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

March 18, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 12, 1937, you will find enclosed a picture of Frank B. Thompson. His description in 1929 as obtained from the Chicago Police Department is as follows:

Age:	42 to 45 years
Height:	5' 6 or 7"
Weight:	Approximately 165 to 170
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	dark brown mixed with grey.
Face:	Smooth shaven
Scars:	Small scar on right side of neck; nose broken and slightly flat on end.
Appearance:	Good dresser and very neat about himself.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

March 19, 1936.

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau teletype of even date, I am transmitting herewith, via registered mail, the following:-

Statement of William A. Morley, dated 1-21-35.
Statement of Mrs. Elizabeth Morley, dated 1-21-35.
Affidavit of William Roberts, dated 1-20-35.
Statement of Daniel Francis Young, dated 1-22-35.
Statement of Samuel E. Morley, dated 1-22-35.

The report of former Special Agent J. R. Sharp, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 2-5-35, on page 30, reflects that the note written by Duke Randall referring Dolores Delaney to the Danmore Hotel, was transmitted with copies of that report to the Jacksonville Office and I have, by teletype, requested the Jacksonville Bureau Office to furnish that note immediately to the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO St. Louis FILE NO. 7-43

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I. O. 1232 et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: William B. Hite is approximately 42 years of age, married, resides at Webster Groves, Mo., and sells gambling devices. Has resided in Webster Groves for number of years. Apparently has no police record, and credit record apparently satisfactory.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City Field Division dated 3-15-37.

DETAILS: Upon receipt of the letter of reference, Agent ascertained that the St. Louis County Directory for 1936 listed William B. Hite Jr. as residing at 20 East Big Bend Boulevard, Webster Groves, Missouri. This directory further indicated that his wife Elsie L. Hite, resides at that address and that Hite's business is "Amusements". However, no business address was shown in the St. Louis County Directory or the City of St. Louis Directory.

It was ascertained [redacted] that Hite was 35 years of age in 1931, and stated he was a candy jobber operating at the East Big Bend Boulevard address; that he had formerly been connected with the Blanke-Wenneker Candy Company, now defunct, and that he formerly resided at 4916 Itaska Street, St. Louis, Missouri [redacted]

Desk Sergeant J. W. Tice of the Webster Groves Police Department was interviewed, the nature of the investigation not being disclosed to Sergeant Tice, Agent merely advising him for the purpose of procuring the desired information, that he was desirous of securing

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information regarding one Hite, who formerly resided in Webster Groves, and who was believed to have been a plumber. Sergeant Tice stated that the only Hite he knew was William B. Hite of 20 East Big Bend Boulevard, who was in the Pin Ball Machine business, and who probably also handled slot machines. He stated that William B. Hite was approximately 42 years of age, and that his parents, how believed to be deceased, had owned the frame house at that address for a number of years; that William B. Hite also had a brother, name unknown, and that either William or his brother had served a term in the Missouri State Penitentiary several years ago on a burglary and larceny charge. It was Sergeant Tice's opinion that William was the one who had been sent to the penitentiary and that he had been convicted at St. Louis. However, no record of Hite could be found at the St. Louis Police Department or at the Sheriff's Office, Clayton, Missouri.

The only additional descriptive data Sergeant Tice could furnish of Hite was that he is tall, thin, and has a pale complexion. He further stated that Hite drove a tan Ford sedan, which, to the best of his recollection, was a 1931 model and that Hite had never engaged in any business other than handling Pin Ball Machines and other machines of that type.

Agent observed several automobiles parked in the rear of the Hite house but was able to procure the license number of only one of these cars which was a 1933 model Ford sedan bearing 1937 Missouri license 278-349, which, investigation revealed, was issued to William H. Vierling who is listed as a painter, residing at 705 E. Swon Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri.

No additional investigation will be conducted at St. Louis, Missouri with reference to Hite, unless requested by the Little Rock Division.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION at Jefferson City, Missouri will ascertain whether or not Hite has served a sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary procuring all information available regarding him at that institution.

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PHONE BRIEKID. JAMES DONN PRESIDENT EXOTIC GARDENS INC. 2790 NW 17TH AVENUE MIAMI FLORIDA HAS ORIGINAL TELEGRAM DELIVERED TO HIS COMPANY BY WESTERN UNION NOVEMBER 29, 1934 FROM HENRY KRUGER FLORIST OCALA READING AS FOLLOWS "MR AND MRS JOE ADAMS EL COMODORO HOTEL EARLY TOMORROW ONE DOZEN YELLOW AND WHITE MUMS SIX DOLLARS CARD P C BLACBURN MRS G. E. RYAN". THIS MESSAGE SENT NIGHT LETTER AND IS RECORDED IN RECORDS EXOTIC GARDENS UNDER NUMBER 1-6196. THOMAS DONN MANAGER DOWNTOWN BRANCH EXOTIC GARDENS INC. 2 NW NORTH RIVER DRIVE HAS ORIGINAL RECEIPT SHOWING DELIVERY OF FLOWERS TO PERSONS INDICAT SIGNED G. GRAY. THIS RECEIPT IS RECORDED IN RECORDS OF EXOTIC GARDENS DOWNTOWN OFFICE UNDER NUMBER 6196. WILL COMPLETE INQUIRIES OCALA SOON AS POSSIBLE AND

Press investigation as it may prove interesting.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREMID. RETELETYPE YESTERDAY WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY OCALA ADVICES DESTROYED MESSAGE IN QUESTION ABOUT DECEMBER FIRST NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE IN ACCORDANCE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE AFTER EXPIRATION TWELVE MONTHS. ONLY RECORD IN POSSESSION THAT COMPANY IS CARBON COPY OF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT OF HENRY KRUGER FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR WHICH CONTAINS A CHARGE OF FOUR TWO CENTS FOR MESSAGE TO MIAMI ON NOVEMBER TWENTY EIGHT NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. T. D. FARQUHAR MANAGER WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY OCALA HAS CUSTODY OF THIS RECORD.

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732 Rust Building
Tacoma, Washington

March 16, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

With reference to the situation as to furnishing the possible testimony of Special Agent E. J. Wynn and myself as against Edith Barry which was previously prepared in memorandum form, it is believed the U. S. Attorney should be furnished this information in detail with the indication thereon that Edith Barry furnished information to us as to Harry Campbell. We should indicate to the U. S. Attorney that at the time Edith Barry furnished us this information I advised her that if she furnished us with definite information as to the location of Karpis and Campbell I would make a definite recommendation to the U. S. Attorney having jurisdiction that she not be prosecuted for harboring Karpis and Campbell.

In connection with the consideration being given the employment of Tal Sullivan, Canton, Ohio, as an informant to possibly locate Benson Groves through particularly Tip O'Neil, it is believed that the expenditure of approximately $50.00 would be well spent for this purpose in paying his expenses to contact O'Neil at Cleveland.

I do not know the terms of the $2000 reward offered for Benson Groves or the limitations placed upon same by the Post Office Department as to whom such information should be furnished in order to qualify for the payment of such reward; however, I believe this is covered in the general provisions of the Post Office Department offering $2000 reward to anyone who furnishes information leading

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to the arrest of a person guilty of mail train robbery, particularly wherein the postal employees' lives have been subjected to danger by dangerous weapons. It is suggested that the postal rules and regulations be consulted as to this in order that we may be in position to know whether or not, provided Tal Sullivan furnishes us with information leading to the arrest of Benson Groves and we therefore apprehend Benson Groves, he could be qualified for the reward. We should be careful not to commit yourself in this situation unless we definitely know this can be done in your discussions with Sullivan.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
Inspector

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cc Bureau
Cincinnati
Chicago

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

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

March 20, 1937.

Time - 11:05 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Doc Moran.

Special Agent E. J. Wynn telephoned me from the Cleveland Office with reference to the exhuming of the body at Toledo, Ohio, thought to be that of Doc Moran. He said they contemplate going to Toledo next Monday and make the necessary arrangements to exhume this body.

Mr. Wynn said they have received from the Chicago and Boston Offices reports setting forth all of the information in the possession of those two offices which could be used in identifying the body. From the Chicago Office, the report indicates that the best possibility of identification lies in the report that Doc Moran had a piece of shrapnel in his lung tissue, and possibly a broken rib or two. It appears that the Veterans Administration file relative to Doc Moran has been misplaced or lost, and the Veterans Administration officials have not been able to find it. Mr. Wynn said that if the ribs of the dead man are still in such a condition that they can be X-Rayed, it may be possible to determine that the ribs were broken, and that the shrapnel, which is alleged to be about as large as a pea, is still there. The report from Boston indicates that from the personal recollection of former associates and dentists, there is a possibility of Doc Moran's having had gold teeth. No charts, however, were ever apparently made.

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Mr. Wynn said that at the time inquiry was made at Toledo about this matter, a reputable physicien indicated that it was impossible to tell as to the condition of the bones without seeing the body, but that there was a possibility if the bones had been broken, there might be a cartilage which formed over the break still evident.

Mr. Wynn said that they will probably start on the disinterment sometime Monday. He said they don't have to go through any court procedure in connection with this matter; the coroner has to get permission to make the disinterment from the Public Health Officer, and this is the only procedure they have to go through. Mr. Wynn said that as he indicated to the Bureau in a letter, the only possibility of publicity will be through these two county officials, but he is going to impress upon them the secrecy of this situation, and further impress upon them that if publicity does come out, we will know where it comes from because they are the only ones who know about it. Mr. Wynn willkeep the Bureau advised as to developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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BREKID. MR. WATERS, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, HAS MADE INQUIRY REGARDING RESULTS OF INTERVIEW RECENTLY HAD BY AGENT MEDELLA WITH CASSIUS McDONALD FOR ANY INFORMATION McDONALD MAY HAVE GIVEN WHICH MIGHT BE USED IN THE TRIAL OF JOE ADAMS. BUREAU HAS NO REPORT OF THIS INTERVIEW. ASCERTAIN IMMEDIATELY WHETHER MEDELLA SUBMITTED REPORT AND IF NOT ARRANGE FOR PROMPT SUBMISSION OF SAME TO BUREAU.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Oklahoma City, Okla.	3/18/37	3/7/37	C. O. Hurt

TITLE
GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.C. #1232; Et Al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE
Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation around Eagletown, Okla. reveals "Bass" Thompson has lived in this community about four years and has had no strangers living at his home. Thompson, upon interview, stated he knew numerous Police characters around Tulsa, Okla.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent John R. Welles, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 12/31/36.

DETAILS:

Agent was advised by L. C. Roundtree, Deputy Sheriff, Broken Bow, Oklahoma, that he first met "Bass" Thompson when he moved to Broken Bow about four years ago and has seen Thompson three or four times a week since Thompson has lived in this community. Roundtree stated he formerly lived near the Thompson farm and went by there each time he went to town; that he frequently stopped and visited with Thompson but never noticed any strangers or strange automobiles around the Thompson farm.

Gene Harris, City Marshal, Broken Bow, Oklahoma, stated he is well acquainted with "Bass"Thompson and has on numerous occasions been to the Thompson farm but never at any time noticed any strange automobiles or strange men around the Thompson place; that since Thompson has lived in the Broken Bow community, he has lived the life of an honorable and upright citizen and he does not believe Thompson ever harbored anybody at his farm.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: L. W. Welles SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Deputy Sheriff Roundtree and City Marshal Harris accompanied Agent to the Thompson farm, where an interview was had with "Bass" Thompson. He stated he was born and reared around Bartlesville, Okla. and for the past several years has been in the dog racing business all over the United States and in Cuba; that during this time he met and became acquainted with numerous Police characters such as the Barker brothers, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, "Burrhead" Keady, "Dutch" Moncrief and others; that Moncrief is the only one of these outlaws who ever frequented his home and Moncrief was only in his home one time shortly after he escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

Thompson stated he met several of these individuals through his brother, Guy Thompson, but since he moved to the Broken Bow community about four and one-half years ago, he lost track of all of these outlaws except what he read in the papers; that at no time since he has lived in the Broken Bow community, haveany of these outlaws ever frequented his home.

No neighborhood inquiry was made for the reason that Forney Jones, the only neighbor living within sight of the Thompson farm, according to Deputy Sheriff Roundtree and City Marshal Harris, is a wholesale whiskey distiller and very unreliable, who would furnish no information.

It might also be noted that investigation at Broken Bow, Oklahoma revealed Thompson owns and has in his custody about 1500 acres of land which he is farming and using as pasture, and that Thompson has prospered in the community by raising cattle.

The following description of "Bass" Thompson was obtained from personal interview:

Age - 50
Height - 5' 7½"
Weight - 160 lbs.
Hair - brown, partially bald
Eyes - blue
Face - round
Marks or scars - left eye out.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO	3/20/37	3/2,3/37	E. J. WYNN EJW:MC

TITLE
GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.

CHARACTER OF CASE
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Victor Gajdos, Byron Carson, J. Hamley and Helene Kachmere corroborated certain phases of statements furnished by Florence Jasany and Sally Jackson.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. P. Kitchin, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, November 17, 1936.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. Woodard SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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It is to be recalled that Sally Jackson and Florence Jasany furnished signed statements, dated November 11, 1936, with reference to the association of Anthony J. Amersbach and Art Hebebrand with several members of the Barker-Karpis gang at the Twilight Tavern, Parma, Ohio.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn, in an effort to corroborate certain angles of the statements furnished by the sisters above referred to.

On March 2, 1937, Victor Gajdos, 3455 West 52nd Street, was interviewed, at which time he stated that he was a member of an orchestra, comprised of himself, Byron Carson and J. Hamley; that he recalled that in the spring of 1935, his orchestra played at a Chicken Fry at the Twilight Tavern, operated by Sally Jackson and her two sisters; that although he could not remember the exact date of this Chicken Fry, he could recall that it was on Sunday and that it was an all-night drunken brawl.

He stated that there were numerous people at this particular Chicken Fry and that as the night progressed, the crowd became hilarious; that he, Gajdos, recognized Arthur Hebebrand and Anthony J. Amersbach at the Chicken Fry, knowing them from previous acquaintance at the Harvard Club. He identified photographs of Anthony J. Amersbach and Arthur Hebebrand, and as a token of his identification, he signed his name on the reverse sides of the photographs.

Gajdos stated that there was one man in particular who tipped the orchestra very generously and requested old time pieces; that he particularly recalled that this man had a very large roll of money, and consistently insisted that the "Missouri Waltz" be played. He was shown photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter, Sam Coker and John F. "Sharkey" Gorman, but was unable to identify any of these photographs as being the likeness of the man who gave him the very generous tips.

He was unable to identify any of the persons who associated with Arthur Hebebrand and Anthony J. Amersbach on the night in question, and was unable to state at what hour Arthur Hebebrand left the Twilight Tavern, but did say that when he, Gajdos, left the Twilight Tavern at 5:15 A.M., Anthony J. Amersbach was still there.

He further stated that he only played at the Twilight Tavern on one other occasion and then but for a very short time, inasmuch as a fight occurred at about 8:00 P.M., resulting in the place closing up.

Byron Carson, 3124 West 58th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, a member

of Victor Gajdos' orchestra, stated that he recalled the occasion of playing at the Twilight Tavern on a Sunday in the spring of 1935 at a time that the Twilight Tavern had a Chicken Fry, which was well attended by patrons and which lasted all night; that he played until about 5:15 A.M., when he left with the other members of the orchestra; that the orchestra originally contemplated leaving the place at about 1:00 A.M., and as a matter of fact, they were packing up their instruments at that time, when a man came up and gave him $10.00 to have the orchestra continue playing. This particular man, at frequent intervals during the remainder of the night, gave other tips to the orchestra, always insisting that old time pieces be played, particularly the "Missouri Waltz;" that as the night progressed, this particular man became very drunk and pulled up a table near the orchestra and finally dozed off to sleep; that he, Carson, asked Sally Jackson who this man was and she replied that it was her brother.

Byron Carson, from a number of photographs shown him, selected the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being somewhat the likeness of the man observed by him, but in this regard, stated that he could not be positive, inasmuch as this incident occurred so long ago, and that there was nothing other than the generous tips provided by this individual to attract his attention to him.

Carson was unable to identify the photographs of Arthur Hebebrand and Anthony J. Amersbach, or any members of the Barker-Karpis gang as having been observed by him at the Twilight Tavern.

J. Hamley, 3415 Valley View Drive, Parma, Ohio, a member of Victor Gajdos' orchestra, recalled having played at the Twilight Tavern on a Sunday night in the spring of 1935, at a Chicken Fry. From a large number of photographs exhibited to him, he stated that he was able to partially identify Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, as having been at this particular Chicken Fry, but would make no positive statements with reference to his identification, explaining that he had his back to the crowd. His identifications were very hazy.

Helene Kachmere, 1588 Lakewood Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Wynn on March 2, 1937, at which time she stated that she recalled being a waitress at the Twilight Tavern on a Sunday night in the spring of 1935 on the occasion of a Chicken Fry, which lasted all night; that she recalled that there was a party attending this Chicken Fry, by the name of "Tony," and that a great deal of excitement was caused by his presence, and as she put it, "It was Tony this and Tony that and Tony soforth," and that because of all this interest in him, she was anxious to find out who he was, and learned from some source that he was from the Harvard Club.

From a large number of photographs, she picked out the photograph of Anthony J. Amersbach as being identical with the "Tony" she saw at the Chicken Fry, as above related.

From a number of photographs exhibited to her, she also selected the photograph of Art Hebebrand as having been present at the Twilight Tavern on the occasion of the Chicken Fry, and stated that there was a woman with him, who was called "Ruth."

Helene Kachmere further stated that when she prepared to leave the Twilight Tavern after having finished her work, Anthony J. Amersbach gave her $2.00, with which to hire a taxicab to transport her home.

She was unable to identify the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter, Sam Coker or John F. "Sharkey" Gorman, and in this regard stated that the Chicken Fry was the only occasion of her employment at the Twilight Tavern.

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