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Mrs. Goldstein, Akers Will Be Tried Soon

Trials of Herbert ("Dutch") Akers, former Hot Springs chief of detectives, on a charge of conspiracy to harbor Thomas Nathan Norris, member of the notorious Alfred ("Sonny") Lamb gang, and Mrs. Grace Goldstein, operator of houses of prostitution in Hot Springs, on a Mann act charge were advanced yesterday by United States Attorney Fred A. Isgrig to December 5.

The trials previously had been arranged for February. The change was made possible by continuation of a civil case involving constitutionality of the 1937 bituminous coal act which had been scheduled for December 5.

With an early trial scheduled, Akers and Mrs. Goldstein will remain in the Pulaski county jail rather than being removed to federal prisons to begin two-year terms for conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis, one-time Public Enemy No. 1, Mr. Isgrig said. They were left when Joe Wakelin, former Hot Springs police chief, and Cecil Brock, former Hot Springs police lieutenant, convicted with them, were taken to federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., last week to begin two-year terms.

Shorter Hearing Anticipated.

Trials of Akers and Mrs. Goldstein on these charges are expected to be much shorter than the Karpis harboring conspiracy trials. They probably will last about two days each. Inspector E. J. Connelley of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said Akers had admitted to F. B. I. agents his guilt in connection with the alleged conspiracy to harbor Norris in Hot Springs from March 15, 1937 to August 16, 1937.

Mrs. Goldstein was indicted on a charge of bringing her niece, Margaret, from Blossom, Tex., to her hotel in Hot Springs for immoral purposes in the summer of 1935.

Mr. Isgrig received the following letter of congratulations yesterday from J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for his efforts in prosecution of Akers, Wakelin, Brock and Mrs. Goldstein:

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

"As you know, I have been very much interested in these cases in Hot [illegible] and since their incep[illegible] [illegible]nally been following [illegible] Agents work[illegible]

Special U. S. Grand Jury Called

A special Federal Grand Jury will convene here January 23 to consider cases against defendants from all divisions of the Eastern District of Arkansas, United States Attorney Fred A. Isgrig said yesterday. Calling of the special Grand Jury was necessitated by the large number of cases which have developed in recent weeks.

Mr. Isgrig said that not only are there a large number of cases awaiting Grand Jury action but that the number of persons awaiting trial is the largest in several years.

Judge Trimble said he now has the most crowded docket he has had in the more than a year he has been on the federal bench. They agreed that the two-week Karpis harboring conspiracy trial was responsible for the situation.

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G-Men's Chief Lauds Isgrig

Prosecuting Attorney Is Thanked for Work in Karpis Case.

Commendation of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on the outcome of the trial of the four Hot Springs residents convicted for conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis, has been received by Fred A. Isgrig, U. S. district attorney. A letter from the chief of the FBI was received yesterday by Mr. Isgrig, expressing his interest in the case and the close attention he had given it since the beginning of the investigation.

"As you know, I have been very much interested in these cases in Hot Springs and since their inception I have personally been following the investigations and it has been a source of pleasure to the agents working on the cases regarding the co-operation which you extended them and the fearless manner in which you prosecuted the subjects so successfully," he wrote.

"I feel that the relationship of special agents for the FBI with United States attorneys such as you throughout the nation illustrates what can be accomplished through co-ordinated and co-operative effort.

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

Mr. Hoover thanked Mr. Isgrig for the latter's commendation of the agents who participated in the investigation: Inspector Earl J. Cornelley and Special Agents Daniel P. Sullivan, John L. Madala, Henry A. Snow, B. M. Suttler, R. L. Shivers, Rufus Coulter, B. A. Damron and L. M. Chipman.

Detroit Officers Grill Doomed Man at Tucker

Three Detroit police officers will go to Tucker prison farm tomorrow to question Buford Goad, alias Joseph Anderson, in connection with one or more unsolved crimes in Michigan.

The officers arrived in Little Rock late Friday night and remained here yesterday for conferences with state police and other officers. They will remain in the city today, driving to the prison farm tomorrow to question Goad, they said.

Goad, his wife, and two men are under sentence to die in the electric chair next Friday for the murder of Eldon Cooley at Hot Springs. Goad has admitted, police said, that he was involved in slaying of three men in Indiana and Michigan and hinted, they said, that he had knowledge of other slayings.

The Detroit officers wish to question the condemned man in connection with the disappearance of two men and a woman at Melvindale, Mich., they said. Questioned prior to his trial on the Hot Springs slaying, Goad was said to have declared that he "might talk."

Mail Thieves' Car Stolen in Texas

An automobile found abandoned near Seventh and Ferry streets yesterday morning by Patrolman Anderson and Detectives Haynie and Witherspoon was identified last night as having been stolen November 10 from J. M. Jenkins of Henderson, Tex.

The car, bearing a Texas license, was believed to have been the one which followed two men after they entered the car of Otto Smith, post-office employe, on East Markham street Friday morning. Several packages of United States mail was in Smith's car.

Officers said they were convinced the trio had abandoned the Texas car when they took Smith's car. Federal authorities joined city and state police in a search for the trio but reported no trace of the thieves last night.

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From the People

(Make your letter as short as possible. If it is more than 500 words, it will be cut or returned. Your name does not have to be published, but don't send an anonymous letter or sign a fictitious name.)

Praises Mr. Isgrig's Handling Of Karpis Conspiracy Case.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

The rendering of a public duty or charge exceptionally and accurately well is apparently only what is expected and as such is not entitled to felicitations and commendations of an unusual nature. I refer specifically to the Alvin Karpis conspiracy trial in federal court in Little Rock. I was present all through the long, tedious, colorful and ably conducted proceedings, and I will admit that during the 12 days trial I was subjected to the usual conflicting emotions; now he's guilty, now he's not, they are guilty, they are not, score a point here for the defense, now one for the government. Every artifice and device of defense by the skillful lawyers for the defendants registered in my imagination. No credit for the virile and praiseworthy manner each member of the defense counsel conducted himself is intended in this treatise. From my observations this was one of the most unusual trials I have ever heard of, in that there was not one creditable contribution in the vast amount of damaging evidence. The obvious conclusion and comment must follow that it was definitely a one-sided contention. But when you consider the defense took the attitude that the government's evidence was in fact presumptuous and perverse, you probably have some conception of the monotonous and momentous task the United States district attorney must have encountered. That the obvious lack of defense is indeed the greatest offense seemed to be the spearhead of the defending counsel, placing the district attorney in the light of fighting a phantom. The challenge was accepted by Mr. Fred Isgrig (U. S. D. A.) after eloquent presentation of the defense case to the jury—in story book fashion. Flaunting his feelings by immediately throwing the gauntlet of greed and avarice full in the face of his mythical and destructive enemy, he launched into the most vigorous and inspiring piece of eloquence ever heard or dreamed of by this first person singular. Transcending the usual dramatics of the cheap performance of a zealot, Mr. Isgrig was the quintescense of a public prosecutor, not expressing his feelings and convictions but yours and mine. His contempt for crime was our expression. His plea to the jury for disregard of personalities in determining the guilt or innocence was competent and commendable, but if a speaker on any occasion was ever as amiably dominant and convincing as he, I'll travel far to read or hear about it. Congratulations, Mr. Isgrig, on the consummate and courageous prosecution.

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No Appeals By Karpis Case Defendants

Lawyers for four Hot Springs residents sentenced to two years in prison Saturday for conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis had made no move to appeal the convictions when the five-day period allowed to file notice of such action expired yesterday afternoon.

The four said at the Pulaski county jail yesterday that cost of taking an appeal to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals would be prohibitive.

Herbert ("Dutch") Akers, former chief of detectives of Hot Springs, and Cecil Brock, former police lieutenant, were the last to announce their decisions not to appeal the cases. Lawyers for former Chief of Police Joe Wakelin and Mrs. Grace Goldstein, operator of houses of prostitution in Hot Springs, previously had announced they would not take appeals.

Will Be Moved Soon.

Akers, Wakelin and Brock probably will be taken to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., today or tomorrow. They may be transferred later at the discretion of the United States attorney general. Mrs. Goldstein probably will be taken to the "female Alcatraz" at Milan, Mich., or the federal prison at Alderson, W. Va.

Connie Morris, formerly employed in Mrs. Goldstein's houses of prostitution, is serving a year and a day at Alderson on a similar charge. She pleaded guilty here last spring.

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Four Karpis Defendants to Accept Terms

Akers and Brock Drop Appeal Plans—All to Begin Sentences.

No appeals will be taken from their two-year sentences for conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis at Hot Springs in 1935 and 1936 by the four Hot Springs residents convicted Saturday in Federal court. The period for filing notice of appeal expires today.

Herbert ("Dutch") Akers, former chief of detectives, and Cecil Brock, former police lieutenant, said today they were not able to obtain funds for an appeal from the Federal court sentences. Joseph Wakelin, former chief of police at Hot Springs, and Mrs. Grace Goldstein, rooming house operator, announced yesterday through their attorneys that they would not appeal the sentence.

The trial at which the four were convicted began October 18 and lasted for 11 days, a jury returning a verdict Saturday afternoon. They were sentenced immediately, each receiving two years, the maximum under the conspiracy statue. All four have been in the Pulaski county jail since their conviction.

The three men will be taken to Leavenworth penitentiary, probably tomorrow or Sunday, and Mrs. Goldstein probably will be taken to the federal prison for women at Milan, Mich., although the institution to which she will be taken must be designated by the U. S. attorney general. A previous designation by the attorney general requires that all men convicted in Arkansas and sentenced to prison be taken to Leavenworth. Men prisoners formerly were taken to the Atlanta penitentiary. Their removal to the respective institutions will be in charge of U. S. Marshal Virgil C. Pettie and his deputies.

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Guilty of Aiding Karpis, Four Ask Appeal Bonds; Two-Year Terms Given

Convicted Hot Springs Quartet Spending Week-End in Jail Pending Hearing Monday.

Jury Out 2 Hours

Judge Trimble Immediately Sentences Grace, Akers, Wakelin and Brock to Prison.

Three former Hot Springs police officers and the common law wife of Alvin Karpis, erstwhile public enemy No. 1, listened calmly in federal court here yesterday afternoon as a jury pronounced them guilty of conspiring to harbor the gangster, and as Judge T. C. Trimble sentenced them to two years in federal prison.

Those convicted were former Police Chief Joseph Wakelin, former Detective Chief Herbert "Dutch" Akers, former Police Lieut. Cecil Brock, and 32-year-old Grace Goldstein, "mistress" of houses of "shady" reputations.

Their conviction brought to an end a two weeks' trial, one of the most spectacular in Little Rock in recent years.

Three other defendants named in the indictment, which charged conspiracy to harbor the notorious gangster in Hot Springs in 1935-36 when he was wanted for the Bremer kidnaping, last Wednesday received directed verdicts of not guilty. They were Mrs. Al C. Dyer, operator of a Lake Hamilton boat landing; Morris Loftis, caretaker at the landing, and John Stover, Hot Springs airport manager and well-known Arkansas aviator.

Less Than Two Hours.

Following closing arguments yesterday by Defense Attorney Grover T. Owens and Prosecutor Fred A. Isgrig, the case went to the jury—composed of two women and 10 men—at 12:35. Deliberations began at 1:43 p. m., and the verdict was announced at 3:30.

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After the verdict was read by the clerk, Judge Trimble turned to the four defendants seated at the table in front of him.

"The defendants will come forward," he said.

Mrs. Goldstein, Wakelin, Akers and Brock, showing no emotion, lined up in front of the bench.

"You have been convicted on this charge and it is the judgment and sentence of the court that you serve two years in the penitentiary," Judge Trimble said, addressing each defendant.

(Maximum penalty for the offense is two years in prison, plus a fine of $10,000.)

New Trial Is Denied.

The courtroom was thrown into confusion as United States marshals led the prisoners out, taking them to the marshal's office until commitment papers were prepared and they could be transferred to Pulaski county jail. They entered the jail at 4:15 p. m.

Defense Attorney Sam Robinson immediately filed a motion for a new trial, which was overruled by Judge Trimble.

"Let the record show that the motion was made and denied," Robinson said.

The crowd filed slowly out, while the attorneys, both defense and government, crowded around Judge Trimble. E. L. McHaney Jr. asked if the prisoners would be allowed to make bail pending an appeal to the circuit court of appeals, and was informed by Judge Trimble that their arguments for bail would be heard tomorrow morning if they desired.

"We'll be here," McHaney said.

Mr. Isgrig said last night that the three men will go to Leavenworth or Atlanta, probably Leavenworth, and that Mrs. Goldstein probably will go to the "female Alcatraz" at Milan, Mich.

He said Connie Morris, girl friend of Fred Hunter, ally of Karpis, was kept out of the Milan prison through his efforts because she was too young. (She was said to have been only 16 years old when she pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge.) Connie is in the women's reformatory at Alderson, W. Va.

Defer Other Charges.

Mr. Isgrig announced after the trial yesterday that two of the defendants charged with other crimes will not be tried during this term of court.

Akers faces a charge of conspiring to harbor Thomas Nathan Norris, member of the Alfred "Sonny" Lamb gang, which was rounded up in Arkansas in September, 1937. Grace Goldstein faces a Mann Act charge for bringing a girl from Blossom, Tex., to Hot Springs in 1935 for immoral purposes.

Members of the jury, after 11 days in the courtroom and after living in a hotel under constant surveillance of federal officers throughout the time of the trial, looked exceedingly weary yesterday after reaching their verdict.

They were: J. R. Grobmyer, Little Rock lumberman; Ralph Graham, Jacksonville farmer; D. A. Dollar, Morrilton electrician; E. T. Atwood, New Edinburg banker; L. D. Lasley, Little Rock retired business man; C. A. Ezell, Thornburg merchant; Mrs. M. A. Lally, Little Rock retired business woman; Hugh Houston, Little Rock realtor; L. O. Red, Little Rock ice dealer; Mrs. W. Tillar Adamson, Little Rock clubwoman; A. C. Drake, Fordyce business man, and Gus Paul, Malvern farmer.

Mrs. W. M. Matthew, Little Rock, and Mrs. C. H. Baker, North Little Rock, alternate jurors, also sat through the entire proceedings.

Only Four Defense Witnesses.

The government called about 100 witnesses to the stand, the defense only four, one of whom was Mrs. Goldstein.

The trial produced an unusual array of legal talent.

For the government there was Mr. Isgrig, Leon Catlett and M. H. Gregory, his assistants, and from six to eight FBI special agents (G-Men). All of the special agents are graduates of law schools and all participated in the investigation which led up to the trial.

The defendants were represented by Grover T. Owens, Sam Robinson, E. L. McHaney Jr., Drew Bowers, Henry Donham, Little Rock attorneys, and James R. Campbell, Hot Springs veteran member of the state legislature.

Each day of the trial saw the courtroom filled to capacity with spectators, most of whom were women. Even the corridors were filled Thursday, when Grace Goldstein spent the entire day on the witness stand.

Mrs. Goldstein related how she lived with the gangster from June, 1935, to April, 1936, during which she admitted she spent as much as $20,000 of his money. She also told a story of how she and Karpis cared for a homeless baby, coming to Little Rock frequently to buy clothes for it. While she shopped, Karpis, known as a blood-thirsty killer, played nursemaid to the baby, she said.

Went About Freely.

The defendants were convicted upon testimony of many witnesses who told of seeing Wakelin, Brock and Akers visit the Goldstein places when Karpis was living with her, and who told how Karpis and members of his gang went about Hot Springs freely, apparently not the least afraid of apprehension by officers of the law.

With the conviction the G-Men wrote "finis" to the history of the Karpis-Barker gang. All members of the gang either are dead or are serving long sentences in federal prisons. Karpis, himself, is serving life in Alcatraz.

Several of the special agents estimated yesterday that the page of America's criminal history written by this gang had cost the United States Department of Justice as much as a million dollars, and this did not include the indirect costs of their crimes.

Estimates of various officials placed the cost of the trial here at from $15,000 to $25,000. Mr. Isgrig was authority for the lowest figure.

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QUARTET GIVEN TWO YEARS EACH FOR CONSPIRACY

Bond Denied By Judge Trimble.

A jury in United States District Court returned a verdict of guilty at 3:30 yesterday afternoon for four Hot Springs residents charged with conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis, one time Public Enemy No. 1, in the resort city in 1935 and 1936. The jurors deliberated one hour and 47 minutes.

Federal Judge Trimble sentenced each to two years in a federal penitentiary, the maximum penalty on a conspiracy conviction. Fines in a maximum amount of $10,000 were possible in connection with the convictions but the court assessed only the prison sentences.

Those convicted were:

Herbert ("Dutch") Akers, 44, former Hot Springs chief of detectives.

Joe Wakelin, 60, former Hot Springs chief of police.

Cecil Brock, 34, former Hot Springs police lieutenant.

Mrs. Grace Goldstein, 32, operator of houses of prostitution in Hot Springs and Karpis's common law wife.

Defendants Denied Bond by Court.

Judge Trimble denied defense motions for bail for the defendants and they were taken to the Pulaski county jail by deputy United States marshals. Defense lawyers indicated today they would file notice of appeal within the five-day period allowed for such action. Court rules require that the appeal be perfected within 10 days unless the presiding judge grants a 30-day period.

The defendants in turn, paled when the verdicts in their respective cases were read by the clerk of the court but otherwise registered no expression of emotion.

Mrs. Goldstein, who but a few minutes before returning to the courtroom for the verdict had expressed unconcern over the outcome, arose and walked before Judge Trimble to await sentence. Brock and Akers quickly followed, but Wakelin, wearing dark glasses and walking with a cane, had to be assisted.

Members of their families and friends who had sat near them throughout the trial, walked with them to the United States marshal's office, whence they were removed to the county jail. Mrs. Akers remained alone on a bench in the corridor for several minutes with head buried in her hands, sobbing. Then she arose and walked down to the marshal's office.

The verdict came as the trial neared the end of its eleventh day. Final arguments were completed shortly after noon. Judge Trimble then made his charge to the jury and turned the case over to the jurors at 12:35. The jurors then went to lunch and returned at 1:45 p. m. to begin deliberations.

Conviction of the four increased to five the number of persons sentenced in the case. Connie Morris, sweetheart of Fred Hunter, Karpis' lieutenant, and once employed in Mrs. Goldstein's houses of prostitution, pleaded guilty to the charge against her last spring and received a year and a day in a federal reformatory.

Three other persons indicted on the charge by the Federal Grand Jury—John Stover, manager of the Hot Springs airport; Mrs. Al C. Dyer, operator of a boat landing near Hot Springs, and Morris Loftis, caretaker at the boat landing—were freed by a directed verdict of not guilty Wednesday.

Convictions Mark Close Of Karpis-Barker Cases.

Inspector E. J. Connelley of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said conviction of the four were the last in connection with the notorious Karpis-Barker gang which left a trail of murder, kidnapings, mail train robberies and bank robberies throughout the Middle West several years ago.

Alvin Karpis now is serving life sentence in Alcatraz prison for kidnaping of William A. Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul, Minn., brewer June 15, 1933.

Akers resigned from the Hot Springs police force in July, 1937, because of ill health after being chief of detectives 11 years.

Wakelin, after holding the position as chief of police for 10 years, was suspended during the investigation into the alleged third-degree death of John Dickson on Christmas Eve, 1936. Wakelin later was restored to good standing by Mayor Leo McLaughlin but resigned May 1, 1938, because of ill health.

Brock, chief of the Bureau of Identification of the Hot Springs Police Department, had been on the force for eight years when he was suspended during investigation into the Dickson case. He was tried with six others in connection with Dickson's death and was acquitted of a charge of second degree murder.

Defense Claims Derided by Isgrig.

United States Attorney Fred A. Isgrig made a stirring hour and 45 minute plea to the jury for convictions just before Judge Trimble handed down his instructions.

He belittled the defense testimony, claiming the only witnesses they had introduced against the government's "pile of evidence" was Grace Goldstein and "two women who owed their jobs to the city administration of Hot Springs."

Recalling that defense lawyers had admitted that Grace Goldstein harbored Karpis but denied there was any conspiracy, the United States attorney said:

"Grace could have harbored him without the help of the Police Department and you known that. She would not have taken the risk."

He charged that the defense was attempting to make Mrs. Goldstein the "fall guy" in the case, letting her "take the rap" for all four.

Mr. Isgrig made light of assertions by Grover T. Owens, lawyer for Wakelin, that the latter was "an honest old man," saying that if Wakelin was honest Karpis would never have been harbored in Hot Springs.

"If Joe Wakelin was an honest man they could not have done it," he said, "because he was the boss and they would not have put over a job on the chief."

"Grace could not protect this gang without the aid of Akers, Brock and other officers acting under instructions from Chief Wakelin."

"They talk about her being afraid but if the truth were known I bet Karpis was afraid of her. And all this talk about babies, Christmas presents . . . that is slop, plain slop and bunk."

The district attorney then painted a verbal contrast of Mrs. Goldstein and Mrs. Joseph Armenia of Hot Springs, the government's star witness. He pictured Mrs. Goldstein on one side in "glittering garments" and Mrs. Armenia on the other "a clean woman, soiled with the dirt of the kitchen."

"Prostitutes do not wear clothes like that," he said in commending Mrs. Armenia. She had testified to having seen Karpis and Hunter leave Mrs. Goldstein's house of prostitution hurriedly one night in the summer of 1935 after being tipped off by Akers and Wakelin.

Mr. Isgrig flayed defense lawyers for attempting to besmirch Mrs. Armenia's reputation, and said it was exemplary of defense tactics throughout the trial.

"The whole defense is 'we want out, we want out because we are old and have been sinning for a long time'," the district attorney said.

Referring to defense charges that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had failed to capture Karpis although it had hunted him all over the country, Mr. Isgrig said:

"When the F. B. I. found it could no longer trust the police of Hot Springs, he (Karpis) was captured within 30 days and on his way to Alcatraz."

Persecution Charged By Defense Counsel.

Mr. Owens appealed to the jury in an hour of final arguments for Wakelin whom he described as "an old man, a man grown old in service to the police force of his city."

He said that the government had based its case against Wakelin "solely on suspicion and circumstance" and was attempting to persecute the former police chief and others to make up for "the worst jobs of bungling in the history of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

"Why do they not be men about it and admit it," he said.

He charged that federal men themselves inadvertently gave the tip-off to Karpis and his gangsters to move out of the Woodcock place on Malvern road.

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March 26, 1936, by sending a messenger to the Hatterle hotel, run by Mrs. Goldstein, to get pictures of Connie Morris four or five days before the raid.

As Sam Robinson, lawyer for Mrs. Goldstein, had done Friday, Mr. Owens chided the government for failure to bring Connie Morris and Alvin Karpis to the trial.

"Connie Morris could have corroborated everything Grace Goldsein said, but they did not bring her back," he said.

Mr. Owens charged the F. B. I. agents were stretching their authority by bringing certain government witnesses, which he named, into court to testify against the defendants. He charged that Oscar Pope Muse, one of the government's star witnesses, had served a jail term for transporting a car across a state line.

Trial on Other Charges Will Be Delayed.

Akers is also under federal indictment charged with harboring Thomas Nathan Norris, federal fugitive, in 1937, and Mrs. Goldstein is under a separate federal Mann Act indictment, charged with transporting a young woman from Texas to Hot Springs for immoral purposes.

Because of the crowded condition of the court docket, government attorneys indicated that neither Akers nor Mrs. Goldstein would be brouhgt to trial on the separate charges remaining against them at this term of the court.

The cost to the government of the trial was estimated by the district attorney's office at $15,000.

Jury Instructed Regarding Evidence.

Judge Trimble, in his charge to the jurors, defined c[illegible] in detail. He said that in conspira[illegible]ases it often was impossible to prove the offense by direct testimony and that for this reason the government often had to reply solely upon circumstantial evidence.

"Such evidence warrants a conviction in criminal cases, provided it is of such a nature as to exclude every hypothesis but that of guilt of the offense imputed to the defendant."

In regard to Mrs. Goldstein's plea that she failed to report Karpis to authorities because of fear, Judge Trimble said that a criminal act could not be excused because she was threatened with harm.

"There must be something more than mere threats and fear; the coercion and duress of such threats must be to the extent that the free will of the one threatened is overcome by such threats, so that he is not performing or doing his own acts but the acts of the one who threatens."

The charge, in part, follows:

"The defendant, Jewell LeVerne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, has admitted in her testimony that she learned the true identity of Alvin Karpis, and if after she learned the true identity, you believe that she voluntarily participated in a conspiracy to harbor and conceal Alvin Karpis, she would be guilty as charged in the indictment. ***

"You are instructed that if you find from the evidence in this case that the defendant officers, either or any of them, knowing that a warrant had been issued by the federal government for the arrest and apprehension of Alvin Karpis, and knowing that he was being harbored or concealed in or about the city of Hot Springs, and if you find from the testimony in this case that either or any of them purposely refrained from apprehending or arresting the said Alvin Karpis, or from notifying the federal officers of his presence in or about the city of Hot Springs, with a view to protecting or aiding him, the said Alvin Karpis, to escape apprehension or arrest by the federal officers, then you may consider this as a circumstance as to such defendant as to whether or not such defendant entered into and participated in a conspiracy to harbor or conceal the said Alvin Karpis. Mere failure alone of defendant officers to arrest Alvin Karpis did not make them or either of them a participant in the conspiracy charged. * * *"

Three Ex-Officers Occupy Same Cell Room in Jail.

Wakelin, Akers and Brock were occupying the same cell room on the second floor of the county jail last night.

Wakelin had said that he was ill and had gone to bed. Akers and Brock were reading magazines.

The latter two were cordial to a Gazette reporter, who is well acquainted with them, when he called to see them but neither had much to say. They said that they had not decided whether to appeal from their sentences. Brock, who was said to have been confident that he would be acquitted no matter what happened to his co-defendants, appeared to be taking his disappointment philosophically. He was more cheerful than Akers.

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Quietly in Evidence.

E. J. Connelley, Federal Bureau of Investigation inspector, who has been in Little Rock the past three weeks quietly watching the Karpis harboring case trial and conferring with District Attorney Isgrig, saw the end of a long trail yesterday afternoon that began for him more than three years ago. During that time he followed various alleles through Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida. There were many sleepless nights along the way and repeated visits to many cities. He and his men, and in two cases, Director J. Edgar Hoover, were actively present when the principals in that best armed of all gangs were taken. There was one afternoon that was spent behind a tree while Kate ("Ma") Barker shot at him with a machine gun and Fred Barker tried to pick him off with a .33 caliber rifle. There were long fruitless watches, good guesses and bad guesses, and long days in crowded courtrooms. Yesterday, when the last of the loose ends of the case were finally tied with four convictions in Federal court, 41 persons had been accounted for. Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell are serving life sentences in Alcatraz Prison. Fred Hunter, the other leader who was in Arkansas, is in the same prison for 27 years. The other leaders and those of the 41 who harbored, handled the money or aided the gang are convicted or dead.

Mr. Connelley is one of six inspectors who work directly under Mr. Hoover. Since entering the Karpis case he has worked on several other kidnapings, among them the Stoll case in Louisville, Ky., the Weyerhauser ransom case in Tacoma, Wash., and the Nash kidnapping and murder at Miami, Fla. With 19 years in the service and 1,000 swell stories that he refuses to tell, he is a cordially likable person who during the past three weeks collected for himself lots of friends about the Federal building. He may or may not have left Little Rock. Where? Ask Mr. Hoover—who will quite courteously tell you it's none of your business.

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ON THE WAY TO TWO YEARS IN PRISON

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Three former Hot Springs police officers sentenced to two years in prison yesterday on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis are shown at top between United States Marshals V. O. Purvis (left) and J. L. McBurnett (right) being taken into the Pulaski county jail. Joe Wakelin, former chief of police, is shown next to Mr. Purvis while Brock is to the right of him with hand to hat and Akers next to Mr. McBurnett with hat over face.

Herbert ("Dutch") Akers, former chief of detectives is shown at the lower left.

Wakelin, at the time he was chief of police, is shown in the upper center, and Brock is shown in the lower center. The picture of Brock was taken before the jury had returned its verdict.

Mrs. Grace Goldstein, Karpis's common-law wife, is shown at the right responding to a "Hi, Grace" from an inmate at the jail.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nease
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Lester
Mr. Martin
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Miss Gandy

Karpis Friends in Arkansas Guilty

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 29. —(AP)—A federal district court jury today convicted four Hot Springs residents of conspiring to harbor outlaw Alvin Karpis in 1935 and 1936 and fixed their sentences at two years. They are Grace Goldstein, Karpis' companion; former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin, former Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and former Police Lieut. Cecil Brock.

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Co-Defendant in Karpis Case Asserts Gangster Threatened to Kill Her

Grace Goldstein Tells Federal Court Jury That She Feared to Expose Her Companion.

Denies Charges

Woman Insists on Cross Examination She Was Not Friendly With Hot Springs Officers.

Threats made by Gangster Alvin Karpis against her life kept her from disclosing to officers that he was residing in Hot Springs, Grace Goldstein, operator of houses of ill fame in the resort city, testified in federal court late this afternoon where she is on trial with three former police officers and charged with conspiracy to harbor Karpis and his lieutenants.

"He threatened to kill me if I did not keep my trap shut," she told the jurors.

During vigorous cross examination by United States District Attorney Isgrig, Mrs. Goldstein denied having been friendly or intimate with Joe Wakelin, former Hot Springs police chief, or Herbert (Dutch) Akers, co-defendants in the trial.

Her life as the common law wife of Karpis was described in detail by the witness who took the stand in her own defense early in the day.

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'AFRAID OF HIM,' GRACE DECLARES OF ALVIN KARPIS

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Close to FBI Office.

The crowd laughed. (The Buick agency is at Third and Broadway, while the FBI office is in the Rector building in the same block, on the corner of Third and Spring streets.)

She said Karpis left during the summer to be gone two months, but returned early because "he couldn't stay away from the baby." She said he explained that he was homesick.

The baby, she said, was named James Edward, the last name being for Karpis, who was known as Ed Parker at that time. The baby was adopted by a young couple with her agreement, she said, and that they often visited it. The baby died in May, 1937, she related.

"Start at the very beginning, from the time you first knew the men later learned to have been Karpis and Fred Hunter, and tell the jury what happened," Robinson directed.

"They first came to my house in June, 1935. They were wearing what looked like fishing clothes."

"They were at 123 Palm street frequently?"

"Yes."

"They were good spenders?"

"Yes, they seemed to have plenty of money."

"Did you begin to go steadily with one of these men?"

"Yes."

"How did it happen?"

Offered Her $200 a Week.

"Ed (Karpis) invited me to go out with him, and at first I refused, because I was going steady with an old man who was providing me with plenty of money. I explained this to him and he asked me if I could live on $200 a week. I told him I had a lot of extra expenses but I thought that would be enough."

"What other expenses did you have?"

"Well, I had to support my mother and a younger brother in Texas."

"Where were these two men living when you first met them?"

"They had a cottage near Carpenter dam on Lake Hamilton."

She told about how Karpis and Hunter went on a trip in October, 1935, as had been brought out in previous testimony.

"Did you know who they were then?"

"I had become suspicious. I read in a paper about an investigation at Mrs. Dyer's about some gangsters who were thought to have been there. I thought it might have been them."

She related how Harold (Hunter) returned first, coming to Little Rock on a passenger plane and on to Hot Springs in a cab. He stopped at the Marquette hotel. Later, she said, he came to her place (then the Hatterie hotel) at her request.

"I told him that night I had some

Akers Collected on Debt.

"Yes. Once he came to one of my ...es and told me to move because ...e neighbors had complained."

"Was Akers ever at any of your houses?"

"Yes, he came to 1338 Central avenue once to look for some 'hot' furs."

"Was he ever at the house on Palm street?"

"Yes, he came there several times to collect on some diamond rings Connie Morris (Hunter's girl friend) and I bought from him. We bought them on time payments and made payments when we had the money."

"Did you ever tell your girls that you had paid the law $25 and that they were going to have to get busy?" (This statement had been made by a government witness.)

"I did not."

"Was Akers ever at the Hatterie?"

"Yes, he came there late in March 1936, with some men he introduced as postoffice inspectors."

"Did anybody visit you at the Clubb street address?"

"Only Karpis and his friends."

She told how Karpis had given her money to buy a new Buick coupe shortly before Christmas, 1935. She said she had plenty of money to buy licenses for the car, but that the new ones were not out. She said she explained this to Wakelin—"whom I hardly knew"—and he found some for her to use. She said she came to Little Rock January 2, 1936, and purchased new ones in her own name.

(Previous witnesses had testified that Wakelin had loaned her the plates.)

In the account, she described frequent trips with Karpis, to visit her family near Paris, Tex., to the Texas Gulf coast on fishing trips, to Ohio by airplane, and others. She said Karpis gave her "about $2,000" to do her Christmas shopping with.

Karpis Stayed in House.

She said they rented the Woodcock place (which was raided by FBI agents March 30, 1936), during the latter part of January and moved into it in the middle of February. She said she stayed there until a night or two before it was raided.

"Karpis seldom got out of the house. I did all the shopping, and he would give me a certain length of time in which to return. He told me never to turn into the driveway when there was a car in sight.

"I came in one night and Connie and Hunter were fighting. He beat her up good, and she said she was going to try to get away. She went to town with me the next day and went to the Hatterie.

"Somebody told her the next day that some postoffice inspectors were looking for Hunter. I was scared to death and went back to the Woodcock place to tell Karpis. 'Go back and get her and bring her here,' he told me. So I went back to town, using a long and little used road.

"Karpis told me he and Hunter would be parked by the road to see if anybody was following me when I returned, but not to stop if I saw them. I got Connie and brought her back to the Woodcock place."

They Fled From Place.

She returned Connie to the Woodcock place, she said, and Ed and Harold asked her what she had told the postoffice inspectors.

"I was afraid of them and they said they were going to leave and told Connie she had to go or else. I thought they might kill her," she related.

After remaining at the Woodcock place that afternoon, Ed packed some clothing, she said, but "Connie left with just what she had on."

"Harold and Connie left together that night after dark in his Ford coupe and Ed left in his Buick sedan. I stayed there and went back to the Hatterie the next day."

She related then taking a maid to the place and removing her things, including two alligators.

"You mean alligator bags?" Mr. Robinson asked.

"No, two live alligators about 18 inches long. I was scared to death and the maid was, too, and we had a terrible time getting them in a box," she said, relating she released the two alligators in the lake.

"The first time I talked with the postoffice inspectors was at the police station. Mr. Akers called me there and I walked into the chief's office and met Akers, Brock and three men introduced to me as postoffice inspectors. They showed me some pictures of the gang, but I didn't identify any of them. I was there all afternoon and heard Akers call the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Little Rock while I was there," she testified.

She met Wakelin that night, she said, and was told by him that the postoffice inspectors had been to see him and he urged her "to tell the truth."

The next day, she related, was Sunday, and Akers and the postoffice inspectors "made several trips to my place but I didn't identify any pictures."

On the following day, which was the day of the raid on the Woodcock place, she said, Akers and Wakelin and B. L. Dameron, FBI agent, who took part in the investigation, "came into my room, looked through Connie's things and found a roll of films and took her laundry marks."

She became worried about her dog about this time, she said, and took the dog to her home in Texas, making a roundabout trip by way of Benton, Malvern, DeQueen, making another trip to Texas a day or two after the return from the first trip. On the second return trip, her car was overturned on the road near Kirby, she said.

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centrated on a seven and one-half-mile front between the communications centers of Sensens and Ciempozuelos, south of Madrid. Insurgents failed similarly two days ago in an effort to break through government lines in that area.

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The Three Come Back.

"About a week after the raid, Ed, Harold and Connie came back to Hot Springs and phoned me to meet them on the highway. I rented a car and got stuck in the mud near where a bridge was being built. They must have thought I had been caught for they came down the road and found me. We drove to a tourist court at Arkadelphia where we spent the night but I didn't go on with them the next day as I had to go back to tell my housekeeper I was going on a trip."

She left Hot Springs later, she said, and met Karpis in Audubon park at New Orleans at the "Seals," joining him for a trip of about two weeks along the Gulf coast and into Florida.

"We bought a new car and went fishing at Biloxi, Gulfport and at Sarasota, where the American Legion was holding a convention," she said.

At Sarasota, they joined an American Legion "fishing rodeo" for two days, renting a yacht at $50 a day for that time. When it was over, she had caught a large fish and "they wanted my picture for the papers but Ed wouldn't let them take it."

Threatened Connie.

While they were on the fishing trip, Connie remained in New Orleans, she related. When the four were returning to Hot Springs, "they had about agreed to kill her and I had to argue to keep them from doing it," she declared.

Agents of the FBI interviewed her "a lot of times," she said in answer to a question by Mr. Robinson.

"As many as a dozen times?"

"I am sure that many or more."

"Did you evre have any deal or understanding with any of the defendants to harbor Karpis?"

"No."

Asked if there was anything else she could tell of her activities, she said "there is nothing more I can think of."

She was excused shortly after noon, having talked almost continually since 9:30 a. m. except for a 10-minute recess about 11 o'clock.

Three Given Freedom.

Defense counsel for the four remaining defendants launched into their defense immediately after Judge Trimble denied their motions for directed verdicts of not guilty.

After arguments lasting more than two hours in the judge's office, Judge Trimble held that the government failed to produce corroborative testimony to show that Mrs. Al C. Dyer, 45-year-old widow, and her caretaker, Morris Loftis, "associated with these other people or had any knowledge of any conspiracy to shield Alvin Karpis. The case with respect to Stover was declared "very much the same."

Court attaches expressed belief that elimination of three of the defendants would shorten the trial considerably. Many of some 36 witnesses summoned by the defense were to testify for Mrs. Dyer, Loftis and Stover. The trial may reach the jury by Friday night or Saturday.

The courtroom remained filled with spectators from the time of the noon recess until 4:15 p. m., when the court was reconvened after the arguments in the judge's chamber.

Defense Attorney Grover T. Owens called the first witness for the defense. She was Mrs. E. L. White, director of the Garland county welfare department.

"Do you know Mrs. Vada Nyberg?" Owens asked.

(Mrs. Nyberg, a Hot Springs saleslady, was a government witness Tuesday. She testified she had seen Karpis at a cottage he rented on Clubb street and had given the information to Chief Wakelin. At that time Owens brought out that she had been involved in a Hot Springs municipal court case in an effort to show that she might have been prejudiced.)

"I do," the witness replied.

Said She'd Get Even.

"Did she make the statement that when she came to court in Little Rock this fall she would get even with Wakelin?"

"She certainly did."

Cross-examining the witness, Isgrig said:

"Did Wakelin have anything to do with that case in municipal court?"

"I don't know. I wasn't in court."

"When were you subpoenaed in this case?"

"Yesterday?"

"Do you have a political job?"

"No; civil service."

"But you are indebted to Mayor McLaughlin?"

"I certainly am not."

"You are employed by the state administration?"

"I am not. I am employed by the state welfare department. I am under the supervision of Miss Haynie."

"Well, she is appointed by the governor, isn't she?"

"Why, I thought she was selected by the state welfare board," the witness replied.

Mrs. White was followed to the witness stand by Mrs. Ada E. Smith, Hot Springs probation officer. Owens asked her the same question about Mrs. Nyberg's alleged threat to get even with Wakelin; and she answered in the affirmative.

"You are also a pet of the city administration, are you not?" Isgrig asked her.

"I am not," she replied. "I hold a job under the county judge."

Judge Trimble sustained defense objections when Isgrig asked her: "You could not hold your job without Leo McLaughlin?"

The defense failed to introduce into court records a Hot Springs municipal court docket when Emmett Jackson, Hot Springs city clerk, was called to the stand. Purpose of this proposed form of testimony was not announced.

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WITNESS NAMES DEFENDANTS AS KARPIS VISITORS

Neighbor Reviews Activities.

Four of seven Hot Springs residents charged with conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis, one time Public Enemy No. 1, in the resort city in 1935 and 1936, were pointed out by a government witness yesterday as having visited at the Club street cottage occupied by the gangster and Mrs. Grace Goldstein, his common law wife, in December, 1935 and January, 1936.

The witness, Mrs. Philip David, now of Washington, D. C., identified the visitors as Herbert ("Dutch") Akers, former Hot Springs chief of detectives; Joseph Wakelin, former police chief; John Stover, manager of the Hot Springs airport, and Mrs. Goldstein.

The trial moved more slowly than during any of the previous five days. Questioning and cross examination of two girls formerly employed in Mrs. Goldstein's houses of prostitution and testimony of Mrs. David taking up most of the time. The government is expected to complete its testimony late today or tomorrow.

Extended cross examination of Mrs. David by first one, then another, of the defense lawyers kept her on the stand for more than an hour. The lawyers inquired at length into details of the ocasions when she saw the defendants enter the Karpis cottage.

...ness Watched Visitors at Cottage.

The witness testified her name at the time was Mrs. Toby Fincel and that she lived at 202 Fincel avenue, on the property adjoining that of the cottage occupied by Karpis and Mrs. Goldstein. She said the two went under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Dallas, Tex.

Mrs. David told the jury that Akers and Wakelin drove up to the Karpis-Goldstein cottage "just before they moved away the latter part of January".

Stover came on two occasions, she said. The first time he drove out alone in a Plymouth sedan, remained in the house about 30 minutes, then emerged with Karpis and drove off.

"About a week later," she testified, "I saw Mr. Stover go in with a lady and another gentleman."

At this point, Grover T. Owens, defense lawyer interrupted to request that she "face the jury instead of the F. B. I."

On cross examination, Mr. Owens inquired:

"Have you ever worked for the F. B. I.?"

"No," she replied.

"Has your husband ever worked for the F. B. I.?"

"No."

"Have you any feeling against any of the defendants?"

"I have not," she said.

"Were you not nearly beaten to death by your husband and were you not fined for disorderly conduct at your house for engaging in a fight with your husband?"

"I have never been arrested," she declared emphatically," and my husband never struck me in my life."

Mr. Owens repeated the question in several forms as to the alleged fight with her husband, but Mrs. David emphatically denied each interrogation except that her husband was taken down to police headquarters and docketed on a charge of being drunk.

Sam Robinson, lawyer for Stover, took over the questioning and inquired into considerable detail as to where she had seen Stover previously and to the respective location of her house and that occupied by Karpis.

Mrs. Goldstein Suspected Akers of Double-Cross.

Testimony that Mrs. Goldstein suspected Akers of giving her the "double-cross" in the purported conspiracy to harbor Karpis came from blonde Jewell Gretta Gilstrap, formerly employed in Mrs. Goldstein's houses of prostitution, making her second appearance on the witness stand.

She said the talk of a suspected double-cross came following Karpis' arrest in New Orleans during F. B. I. investigations.

"She said she felt like 'Dutch' was double-crossing her," the Gilstrap girl said. "Things she had said were coming back to her from the F. B. I. agents."

One of the jurors interjected at this point to ask the witness to repeat the answer.

The witness said that when F. B. I. agents began an investigation into Karpis' stay in Hot Springs, Mrs. Goldstein expressed fear that "her people" might get mixed up in it.

"She made a trip home," she said, "to see that her brother had gotten rid of the shirts belonging to Ed (Alvin Karpis)."

"I ... now whether Grace Gold... stein was acquainted with Johnny Stover?" United States Attorney Fred A. Isgrig inquired.

"Yes."

"How long had she known him?"

"For some time . . . since 1933, I believe. We went out to the airport and Grace became acquainted with him through her husband, who had worked in a garage in Hot Springs."

She then related of a scheme devised by a man she described as Herschel Brock whereby he and Connie Morris, another girl working for Mrs. Goldstein, who was the sweetheart of Fred Hunter, a Karpis lieutenant, would turn in the gangsters and claim the reward offered for their capture.

"Connie became scared," she added, "and told Grace."

The Gilstrap girl said that a few days after Brock had presented his plan, the place where Karpis and his gang were staying on Malvern road was shot up by F. B. I. agents.

On cross-examination, Mr. Owens inquired whether the witness knew if Mrs. Goldstein had any other "old man friends" who visited her during her residence in the Virginia apartments.

"Yes, I do," the witness replied. Several of Mrs. Goldstein's former employes had made reference to the fact that Mrs. Goldstein spoke of Wakelin as "the old man."

Child Identified Picture of Karpis.

First concrete evidence that any of the defendants knew Karpis' identity during his stay in Hot Springs came in testimony from Della May Jefferies, another of Mrs. Goldstein's girls who made her second appearance of the trial.

She recalled that she first suspected that the man who had been going under the name of Ed King around Mrs. Goldstein's houses of prostitution was Alvin Karpis when her sister's eight-year-old daughter, Geraldine, recognized his picture in the December 1, 1935, issue of the Chicago Herald and Examiner.

"I took the Chicago paper home to her so that she could look at the funny papers. She saw the picture, jumped up and said, 'Here's a picture of Miss Grace's boy friend.'"

She said that the child had gone up to the Hatterie hotel where Karpis would hang out and that the gangster often would give her money.

"I recognized the picture as that of Grace's boy friend and took it to her."

On objection of defense lawyers, Judge Trimble ruled that the testimony should apply only to Mrs. Goldstein.

"I talked to her about the picture and told her I thought it was Ed King," the Jefferies girl said.

"What did Mrs. Goldstein really?" the district attorney asked.

"She said she didn't think so."

"What were the reasons she gave?"

"She said 'it just is not him.' Then she turned white, looked funny and said the newspaper was mistaken."

"Did you tell anyone else about the picture?" Mr. Isgrig inquired.

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"Yes, I met Cecil Brock one afternoon shortly after that and told him I thought it was Grace's boy friend. He said he would check up on it."

"Did you say anything to "Dutch" Akers about it?"

"Yes, I talked to Akers that night or the next night in a Hot Springs confectionary uptown."

"What did he tell you?"

"He said for me not to talk to anybody about it because they might bump me off."

"Did you ever speak to him about it again?"

"Yes, from December 1, 1935 until they were caught."

She recalled that on one occasion she was at the Hot Springs police station and had pointed out to Akers Karpis' picture hanging on the wall of the station.

"Did you tell him about Karpis living out on the lake?"

"I told him they had a cottage out on the lake."

She added that she had informed Akers about the gangsters having given Mrs. Goldstein a wrist watch and an automobile and "everything that I could think of."

Defense Motion For Mistrial Overruled.

The defense made a motion for a mistrial while the government, attempted to show that Akers assisted in financing houses of prostitution in Hot Springs. Judge Trimble overruled the motion but held that the government could not continue with this line of question.

"At the time you went to 123 Palm street . . . did you go there to open a house of prostitution?" Mr. Isgrig asked.

"Yes," the Jefferies girl replied.

"Who furnished you the money?"

"Mr. Akers."

At this point Defense Attorney E. L. McHaney Jr., raised the point that this line of questioning could be "highly prejudicial" and would be "incompetent."

"I believe you are right," Judge Trimble said and sustained the objection.

"We wanted to show that Akers financed this girl in a house of prostitution," explained Leon B. Catlett, assistant United States attorney.

Mr. Owens immediately jumped to his feet and moved for a mistrial on the grounds that Mr. Catlett had proceeded with a line of testimony after the court had ruled against it. The motion was denied.

On cross examination, defense lawyers inquired of the Jefferies girl whether she used opiates. She replied she did not use them habitually but only on advise of physicians when she was sick. She said she had been sick about four times in the past three years.

Drew Bowers, lawyer for Akers, proceeded to question her about a visit made to her place by Akers and a United States postal inspector.

"What did the postal inspector come to see you about," the defense lawyer inquired.

"For the same reason that everybody else came to my place," she replied with some heat.

"Where was the postal inspector from?" the lawyer asked.

"Tulsa," she replied.

"Did you write to him after he left?"

"Yes."

"What did you write about?"

"The weather."

"What was the agent's name?"

Mr. Isgrig objected and Judge Trimble sustained him.

Story Told By Miss Jefferies Corroborated.

Mrs. Velva May Burford of Pine Bluff, sister of the Jefferies girl, followed her to the stand to testify to statements made by the Jefferies girl regarding Karpis' picture in the Chicago newspaper.

David B. Nelson, employed by the Chicago Herald and Examiner, was placed on the stand to identify the paper introduced as an exhibit.

Mary Williams, employed in Mrs. Goldstein's house of prostitution at the Hatterie hotel from October 8, 1935, to May 12, 1936, told the jury that Mrs. Goldstein went to see her mother in Texas in October, 1935, and returned with her niece, Margaret. She said Margaret remained at the Haterie until December 17 or 18 of that year.

She recalled that on another trip she returned with a Great Dane dog which she said Karpis had given her.

During most of the period that the Williams girl was at the Hatterie she said Mrs. Goldstein stayed outside of the hotel but that she came back in April, 1936, two days before F. B. I. agents raided the mobster's hangout on the Malvern road.

Following the raid, she said Mrs. Goldstein again disappeared and was gone six or seven days during which time no one knew where she was.

She said Wakelin telephoned regularly while Mrs. Goldstein was away.

The Gilstrap girl testified to hearing telephone conversations between Wakelin and Mrs. Goldstein.

Over defense objections, she testified that Mrs. Goldstein had introduced Karpis to Akers.

Furniture Moved From Hotel to Cottage.

Henry Dow Wood, employed by a Hot Springs storage company, told of having moved a cedar chest, luggage and a carpet to a cottage occupied by Karpis and Hunter at Dyer's landing on Lake Hamilton from the Hatterie hotel and to having moved it back after the gangsters' departure. He added that he returned Karpis' outboard motor in addition to the articles he had taken to the cottage.

He testified to having seen Akers with Mrs. Goldstein in an automobile and to having seen Karpis at Grace's place in the Virginia apartments.

Cedric Cecil Burnett followed him to the stand to testify that he had seen Akers go into the Hatterie hotel and remain about half an hour. He said he bought he also saw Brock go in the hotel but he was not positive of this. Burnett is employed in the Hatterie hat shop, below the Hatterie hotel on Central avenue.

Ernest F. Woodcock testified to having rented a large house on the Malvern road to Karpis and another man about the middle of February, 1936, for $40 per month. He said Karpis paid him six months rent in advance.

Asked whether Karpis' companion was Hunter, Mr. Woodcock replied that the picture of the man shown him did not look like Hunter.

"The man probably was a front," the witness said. "He talked like he was small fry."

Last of the day's witnesses was Earl Kail, manager of the Municipal airport at Canton, O. He testified that Stover flew Karpis, Mrs. Goldstein and Mrs. Stover into the Municipal airport at Canton in January, 1936, and that they took off again for Hot Springs the following day. He recalled that Stover told him about making a similar flight to Youngstown, O., only a few days before.

At the beginning of yesterday's session Judge Trimble excused the remainder of the petit jury panel until next Monday. Civil cases which had been set for this week will be re-scheduled.

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Check on Police

IF THE FEDERAL government succeeds in convicting some alleged harborers of the gangster Alvin Karpis in Hot Springs, Ark., the John Laws in many an American city are going to get the shock of their lives. They will learn that protecting or consorting with known criminals, or keeping their eyes closed to their operations, is a dangerous proceeding, particularly if the criminals are hunted by the FBI.

Three of the seven defendants in the current trial in Little Rock were high police officials of Hot Springs at the time, back in 1935 and 1936, when KARPIS moved about freely; in fact, lived in some style, in the resort city. One was the town's police chief, another the detective chief, the third a police lieutenant. The government charges all had been supplied with photos and detailed descriptions of the former public enemy; that they were criminally derelict in duty, if not to their city then to the nation, by allowing him to roam at will.

We believe this is the first time the federal government has moved to prosecute local police officials for slacking on the job. It has been a common custom to proceed against civilians harboring lawbreakers. Now the government is going to enforce the law against negligent law enforcers. The implications are far-reaching. Possibly the government will find a way to break up an alliance which is responsible for a good deal of the lawbreaking in all large American cities—the alliance of crooked police officials, racketeer politicians and criminals.

KARPIS, it will be remembered, was captured in New Orleans. He lived here for a brief period, at an apartment house out Canal Street. But it appears that our local gendarmes had a good alibi for not arresting him. They hadn't known he was here. EDGAR HOOVER, boss of the G-men, came here from Washington personally to take KARPIS in custody.

In arresting criminals and protecting citizens from the encroachment of the criminal class and in solving crimes the New Orleans police force under GEORGE REYER has no superior in America. It's against gambling rackets that our police are lax.

In time, perhaps, the government's new offensive against crime and its open or silent partners in high places will be extended into fields of lesser violation, since the trend is toward centralized government. If and when it is, the public may have a means of cleaning out petty racketeering, vicious gambling, pernicious lotteries, slot machines, political extortion, graft and corruption, election crookery, and a host of other invasions of justice, great and small. None of these can flourish where there is law enforcement. And if police departments, district attorneys and other law enforcers are not enforcing, other law enforcers can be turned against them. In the end we ought to get all of the law enforcement we need for the protection of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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Arkansas Democrat
October 19, 1938

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Editor Testifies

Defense Attorney Loses in Move to Bring Felon Here From Lonely Island Prison.

Nine Hot Springs newspaper carriers were called to the witness stand late today by the government in a move to prove that seven persons on trial on charges of having conspired to harbor Alvin Karpis were aware that the former gangster was a fugitive.

United States District Attorney Fred Isgrig sought to show that the defendants had read newspapers carrying accounts of the activities of the erstwhile Public Enemy No. 1, now in Alcatraz federal prison. The newspaper carriers testified that papers carrying these accounts had been delivered to all the defendants except Mrs. Grace Goldstein.

Charles Goslee, general manager of the Hot Springs newspapers, was called to the witness stand to identify the stories about Karpis.

Earlier in the day defense counsel moved unsuccessfully to have the government produce Karpis in federal court here for identification.

Defense Attorney Sam Robinson suggested the procedure in objecting to the government identifying Karpis to the jury through photographs made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The court overruled the objections to the photographs and permitted them to be introduced as evidence. Karpis is now serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the $200,000 ransom kidnaping of William M. Hamm, St. Paul, in January, 1935.

"It is a well known fact," said Robinson, "that Karpis is at present a prisoner of the United States government and we see no reason why Karpis himself should not be produced for purposes of identification. It is our contention that these photographs are not the best evidence available.

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Identity Indictments

The government opened its case by calling to the stand Miss Ida Mae Murphy, deputy clerk of the federal court at St. Paul and placing in evidence the indictment charging purpose of identifying the Bremer kidnaping.

Karpis and others with the Bremer kidnaping.

Afterwards, E. J. Connelley, FBI agent, took the stand to introduce photographs of Karpis and the gangster's associates.

With the pictures of Karpis, made in 1936, were introduced also pictures of Fred Hunter Harry Campbell made in 1930 and Connie Morris.

Karpis, Hunter and Campbell are alleged by the government to have been members of the same gang that visited in Hot Springs at intervals in 1935 and 1936 before Orleans and the latter in Ohio. Coker is named in an indictment in connection with the

Edward Bremer kidnapping in St. Paul in 1934 and Connie Morris is the eighth person named in the conspiracy indictment here. She is serving a plea of guilty and was sentenced a June to a year and a second in prison.

Inspector Connelley, the first witness, said he had been assistant in charge of the pursuit of Karpis and aided in his arrest, after five years of activities of the Bremer investigation of the pictures Karpis. He defense objected to which the officials identified.

Spa Officals Identified On cross examination by Grover

When the questioning became intent, defense counsel objected that the government was attempting to impeach its own witness and was conducting a cross-examination of the witness.

"I am cross-examining him," Assistant Erig explained, and swinging on the witness he asked:

"Who has been talking to you?"

A. "Nobody."

Q. "You still live in Hot Springs, don't you?"

A. "Yes."

Q. "And you hope to get back on the Hot Springs police force."

A. "No, sir."

Told Akers witness was then excused.

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The next two witnesses were L. M. Chipman and M. E. Marshall, the former an agent of the FBI and the latter an agent stationed at Little Rock, both being stationed at Little Rock.

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Chipman testified he delivered to Akers pictures of Karpis and others in 1936, and informed Akers we were making inquiries in March, 1934, and making inquiries Akers we were in connection with an investigation concerning the men.

"Akers." Mr. Chipman said, "and all of them but Barker." Mr. Chipman said, "and all of them but Barker." been in Hot Springs within the last 12 months, to his knowledge. He understood through information that he had volunteered the underworld that Campbell had and Barker gang and had the Karpis-Barker gang and had got into big-money kidnaping in St. Paul."

Drew Bowers, a defense attorney, who said cross-examined Chipman, who said he delivered to Akers, but the pictures were issued. after the bench warrant was under fore the bench warrant was kidnaping suspicion." in the Bremer kidnaping check-Chipman and his activities were being identified.

Mr. Marshall tod of taking identification pictures of Karpis of Campbell to Cecil Brock in October, 1935, giving them to Brock in the presence Trimble partly sustained an Judge Trimble that the pic-objection by Mr. Owens that to be tures in evidence were not to be considered by the jury in connection with the charge Akers and Brock defendants except testimony resulted unless additional testimony with the in connecting them with the pictures.

Conspiracy Charged

United States District Attorney Fred A. Isgrig made the government's opening statement yesterday after-noon after selection of a jury was completed. Outlining the charge Isgrig said at various times the defendants conspired to protect and harbor Karpis and Hunter in Texas and Hot Springs, Joseph Wakelin, Cecil Brock, Grace Goldstein was the agents were an investigation and cabins made of the boat landing of Hunter after Owens, makings of Grover T. Owens, makings of opening statement on behalf of Wakelin, declared be presented con-witnesses that will prove this alleged can fix. He declared that Wakelin conspiracy. He declared license plates to loaned automobile, as charged in an overt Mrs. Goldstein, as charged because the act in the indictment. He was visiting her parents in Texas. He declared that she had purchased a new car shortly before the end of the year but desired Texas laws required completed license plates as she understood Texas laws required completed license plates, even though it was a short while until the first of the year when a new tax would be required.

T. Owens, a defense attorney, Inspector Connelley said Karpis had submitted to a face lifting operation in the spring of 1934 in an attempt to change his appearance said he "after the Campbell kidnaping." He identified Karpis made in 1931, the Bremer kidnaping and used on from pictures that were sent to peace same satisfaction folders identification over the country.

Emmett Jackson, city records officers produced city clerk at Hot Springs, Joseph Wakelin, Herbert show that Akers and Cecil Brock were chief defendants were and ("Dutch") three of the chief of detectives, during of police, chief, respectively, said that of police lieutenant. He also said city at-ing 1935 and 1936. Davies was city at-A. T. Owens, at the same time.

Hot Springs torney Griffin, 10 years to Jan-Preston for about 10 years to Karpis policeman for about a picture of Karpis uary, 1937, said a picture of Hot Springs po-hung on a wall in Hot Springs some time for quarters "for some time I worked lice headquarters the last year I worked but "during not in the city hall all there. I was not in the city over-the time because WPA. He stated on hauled" by the Mr. Owens examination in Hot cross-examination ever was. that "I Karpis ever I didn't know remember Springs, I didn't know." remember

He said he was on display and in how long it was on display and in response to Fred A. Isgrig asked Prosecutor Fred A. Isgrig asking the days he could not remember several prosecutor privately pictures were ago that other Karpis pictures, including the on display in the city, including the postoffice.

FBI Men There, Too.

Drew Bowers, former assistant United States district atorney, denied for Akers and Brock "they had any part in a conspiracy either with other defendants or themselves" to harbor Karpis or any other criminal. He declared that if the proof showed that Karpis was in Hot Springs, it also would show that officers of the government were there at the same time and that they worked with Hot Springs officers on other cases. He said the testimony will show that postoffice inspectors called Akers and suggested help to obtain information that Karpis was in Hot Springs.

Admitting that Mrs. Goldstein knew Karpis, James R. Campbell, her attorney, in his opening statement, asked the jury not to consider the fact she operated a "house of ill repute" in its consideration of the conspiracy charge, declaring when she first became acquainted with Karpis, she knew him under another name "because of the business she was in."

"A person cannot be guilty of a crime if it is committed involuntarily, because she was in mortal dread of her life, both mental and physical dread," Mr. Campbell declared, adding the testimony would show that threats had been made which "put fear into her." He declared that Mrs. Goldstein was the common law wife of Karpis. Mrs. Goldstein once saved the life of Connie Morris, the eighth defendant, who entered the guilty plea, when she, Karpis and Hunter were returning from Louisiana, by pleading with them not to kill the girl and "throw her body in a swamp," he declared.

Declaring that Karpis and Hunter rented a cabin from Mrs. Dyer as "Ed Parker" and "Harold King," W. H. Donham, attorney for Mrs. Dyer and Morris Loftis, caretaker, stated they said they were night club operators from Ohio on a vacation and that one of them was in Arkansas to obtain a 90-day divorce. After the investigation proceeded and FBI agents asked Mrs. Dyer and Loftis to identify pictures of the two men, Mr. Donham said succeeding events made them fear for their lives and their reputation.

Threatened Her, Claim.

He declared Karpis, known as Ed Parker, returned to the Dyer place two or three times and threatened Mrs. Dyer and Loftis with "a trip out in the lake and you won't come back." In the meanwhile, FBI agents had asked about the two men and had informed Loftis "the government wants Mayor McLaughlin, Judge Ledgerwood and all those police officers, not small fry like you." Mr. Donham also said that Mrs. Dyer was questioned by the FBI in a Hot Springs office from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. one day and that when she was arrested, was taken away from her home at midnight without an opportunity to tell her mother and sister what had happened to her.

The fact that John Stover flew Karpis anywhere at any time would make him as guilty as any railroad line or bus line, Sam Robinson, his attorney, said in his opening statement. He declared that Stover operated his plane as a common carrier and that in the last three years he has traveled more than 500,000 miles, making more than 400 cross country trips. He said that more than 7,000 persons had made sight-seeing trips in Stover's plane. He outlined usual procedure in flying passengers across country and of Stover's training as a pilot and contract with the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce to manage the airport there.

A jury of 10 men and two women, with two women alternates, was completed early in the afternoon, after examination of 36 persons. The jury was locked up last night and will be in custody of the United States marshal throughout the trial, which is expected to last to the end of the week.

The court excused four jurors, the government used its six challenges and the defense used nine of its 10 challenges in examining 31 witnesses for the regular jury. The court, the government and the defense each excused one juror in examining five persons for the two alternates.

The members of the jury follow: J. R. Grobmyer, Little Rock, lumber dealer; Ralph Graham, Jacksonville, farmer; B. A. Dollar, Morrilton merchant; E. T. Atwood, New Edinburg, Cleveland county, banker; L. D. Lasley, Little Rock, retired business man; C. A. Ezell, Thornburn, Perry county, farmer, Mrs. M. A. Lally, Little Rock, housewife; Hugh Houston, Little Rock, real estate man; Gus Paul, Malvern, farmer; A. C. Drake, Fordyce, lumber dealer; Mrs. W. Tillar Adamson, Little Rock, housewife, and L. O. Red, Little Rock, ice dealer.

The alternates are Mrs. W. M. Matthews, Little Rock, housewife, and Mrs. C. H. Baker, North Little Rock, housewife.

Sentinel-Record

HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK, ARKANSAS,

TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 9, 1937.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Fenwerth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Lester
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schild
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

NUMEROUS WITNESSES ARE GRILLED BY SPA PROBERS

STOCKHOLDERS IN CLUB BELVEDERE ARE NAMED.

PAYROLLS SCANNED

Testimony Introduced to Show Relatives of City and County Officials Connected With Belvedere and Southern Club.

Little Rock, Feb. 8. — (AP) — The house committee investigating alleged laxity in law enforcement at Hot Springs tonight delved into the ownership of the gambling rooms at fashionable Club Belvedere, resort show place, and the club's payroll.

With Sam Watt, part owner of Belvedere and its associated club, Southern Grill, on the stand, committeemen repeatedly asked questions designed to establish that the two places operated under "protection."

To all these questions, Watt replied that he had no personal knowledge of any protection payments.

He estimated profits from the two places in 1936 at "between 80 and 100 thousand dollars," advising the committee that the books recently obtained would "show the exact figures."

After evidence and testimony had been introduced to show that relatives of Hot Springs officials and peace officers were carried on the clubs' payrolls in various capacities, Committee Chairman William M. Thompson asked:

"Isn't it so that you employed these relatives of officers to keep the officers off your places?"

"I guess the officers asked to be placed," Watt replied.

Several score Hot Springs residents stood in the hallways of the downtown office building where the committee sat, but the committee again held its session in a small conference room in the offices of John R. Thompson, committee attorney, admitting only accredited newspaper representatives and legislators from the 18th judicial district in which Hot Springs is located.

Rep. James R. Campbell, Garland, advised the committee that "about two hundred Hot Springs business men are over here with a spokesman and they would like for him to be heard," but no immediate action was taken on the request.

Before turning its attention toward alleged gambling operations, the committee heard Mrs. W. T. Haynes, aunt of John Dickson, review charges which her family has made that Dickson, Hot Springs jail prisoner, died there last Christmas Eve as a result of being beaten by Hot Springs officers.

Seven policemen are now under indictment for Dickson's death and Circuit Judge Earl Witt has disqualified himself for their trials, tntatively set for next Monday.

Mrs. Haynes charged that after Dickson was arrested on robbery and assault charges, and lodged in the city jail, she was denied permission to see him by Chief of Police Joe Wakelin.

She said she also appealed to Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin for doctors to attend her nephew after she had received a tip from a police officer that he had been "beaten up."

She alleged that Mayor McLaughlin, Judge Witt and then Prosecuting Attorney Houston Emory promised to investigate but that no investigation was made until after Dickson's death.

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George Gower, Hot Springs furniture man, was called and asked by the committee attorney if he ever saw Judge Witt drunk.

"Several times," Gower testified.

In answer to another question, he said:

"I never saw him drunk in court."

Sam Watt, dignified, slow-spoken and past middle age, told the committee he had lived in Hot Springs for 60 years and had been "in the gambling and clubroom business for quite awhile—since 1904, I believe."

"At times, I have also invested in real estate and the oil business," he said.

He said he was "interested in the bank roll at Fountain Lake for eight years," and was associated there with a partner from near Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and another from New Orleans.

"How did you operate there without being arrested" he was asked by Attorney Thompson.

"Brother, I don't know," he smiled.

"Mr. Nolan (identified as one of the partners) was a good outside man and he made arrangements."

He said officers came out to raid several times "and we closed up."

"You mean you knew they were coming and closed"

"That's a hard question to answer," he said.

Asked if anyone beside the partners shared in the profits, he said:

"I don't think so. If they did, Nolan took care of that."

He testified he subsequently "became interested in Belvedere."

The interrogation continued:

"Who was interested with you?"

"Must I answer?"

"Yes."

"Mr. W. S. Jacobs and Mr. Cleveland Young, and some others had minor interests.

"Who."

"Well, Mr. L. D. Cooper—"

"Who else?"

"Some of these people were let in probably because they had influence. Mr. Cooper has a lot of influence. I think he was president of the Chamber of Commerce."

"Who else?"

"Douglas Hotchkiss."

"Did they all pay for an interest?"

"Some did not pay for an interest."

"Who else"

"Harry Strong, Roscoe Johnson."

"Because of their influence"

"I don't know."

"Who else"

"Archie Ledgerwood."

"What was Ledgerwood's interest?"

"Twenty-five per cent."

"How did he get it?"

"It was given to him by Mr. Jacobs, I believe."

"Why did you consent?"

"It was from Mr. Jacobs' interest. I thought it would be beneficial."

"Does Ledgerwood have relatives in official positions?"

"Judge Verne Ledgerwood is his brother."

"Judge Ledgerwood is the municipal judge?"

"Yes."

"It that all that were in the club?"

"Since then five per cent interest has been given to Otis McGraw. I had and kept my 15 per cent interest. Captain William Smith had three and a half per cent, I believe."

Watt departed from the questions to comment:

"The games were always straight. A straight game is the only way to get business. If you run any other kind, it follows you around and ruins you."

One committeeman asked "Why does the house always operate profitably"

"The banking end of any game has a percentage," said Watt. "It only takes time for the percentage to show up."

He said that Belvedere records were kept in triplicate, for himself, for Jacobs and for Ledgerwood. In answer to a question he replied that "the same parties are interested in Southern Club."

Watt explained that it was the custom at Belvedere to pay its employes "in advance, each day," and that no recorded payroll was necessary. He said many dealers drew $10 to $15 a day.

"We knew all these employes by sight," he explained, "and paid them as they came on duty."

"Did you ever pay anyone beside the help," asked the attorney.

"I came on late. If it was done, it was done in the daytime," said Watt.

He supplied the information that "we financed the Kentucky Club's book, but had no part in the management of that place."

"Do you know if the Garland county officers knew you were running"

"I couldn't say. Everyone knew it."

"Did you ever see any officials in the gambling rooms?"

"No."

"Why didn't the officers raid or make arrests at Belvedere?"

"I don't know."

"Was there any arrangement about that?"

"I can't say. You are asking me to tell you what I know. I only heard talk."

"Did you hear the other owners say anything about that?"

"I don't know."

"Do you know what it means to pay off officers?"

"Yes."

"Do you have any information on that"

"I might have but such information would not be reliable."

"You know you were never bothered"

"Yes."

Chairman Thompson then started calling off names of club employes from a list previously supplied by Belvedere.

"I find the name of P. O. Witt," he said. "What relation to the judge"

"Uncle, I think."

"There's a Buddy Wakelin on the list. What's his relationship to the chief of police."

"Son."

"Tex Rutherford, on the list here, is a city fireman, isn't he?"

"Yes."

"And also a watchman at the club," said Thompson.

Asked if "some of these men on the list aren't bodyguards for Mayor McLaughlin," Watt replied: "I don't know."

"Who is Bob Moore on this payroll?"

"He was a captain of police."

"I find Curley Evans on the roll," said Thompson. "I believe he was on the force, too. And I see he has made an affidavit in Hot Springs saying he is a Holiness preacher."

"He is a pretty busy boy," replied Watt.

Chairman Thompson asserted that he found the name of "Mrs. Herbert Akers" and said she was "the wife of the chief of detectives."

Asked about the continuity of gambling in Hot Springs, Watt testified that "we did not have any gambling when Scott Wood was circuit judge."

Archie Ledgerwood testified that he was one of the partners at Belvedere and Southern Grill. He said he started as an employe but was told by Jacobs in 1932 that since he had learned the business he could acquire an interest if he raised $12,500.

He said he borrowed the money from Ed Ballard, former circus man, who met death in a shooting in a Hot Springs hotel room last year. Ledgerwood said he had settled the debt shortly before Ballard's death.

Asked about his relationship to Municipal Judge Ledgerwood, the witness testified:

"He gave me plenty of hell for being in the gambling business. I told him that all I could find to do on account of my health."

"Why didn't the Hot Springs officers enforce the gambling laws?" he was asked.

"Hot Springs is a resort and people come here for health and pleasure. Resorts there were closed up once before and the people went to Florida."

"That is why I believe the officers were a little liberal."

"You said big names came to Hot Springs. Who?"

"Lots of big people from Chicago, including practically every big politician."

"Ever heard of Al Karpis and his being around the gambling halls?"

"Yes."

"Nash?"

"Yes."

"Galatas?"

"Yes."

"Did the visitors ever win?"

"Yes, the club paid one man $27,000 in one night."

"Did you ever pay off any officers?" Ledgerwood was asked.

"No," he said.

"Fines?"

"No."

"What business connection did Jacobs and McLaughlin have?"

"They were only friends."

Sid Haupt, Hot Springs, called next, said he worked at Belvedere seven years but had not been there for the last three years. He said he was formerly a sheriff in Garland county.

"Did you ever see Judge Witt at Belvedere?" asked the committee attorney.

"Yes."

Billy Mann, who said he had been a Hot Springs grocer for 15 years, testified that the August primary was conducted "under pressure." He was defeated for constable in that election.

Asked to explain, he said:

"I attended what is commonly known as a pressure meeting, held in police court. Judge Ledgerwood and McLaughlin talked. They told the firemen they expected each of them to account for ten poll tax receipts 'and if you can't get them we can arrange it.'"

He charged McLaughlin threatened to replace a city employe who was quoted as saying he would "vote for whom he pleased."

Mann said he was a candidate for constable, but that his name was "scratched off" the administration ticket.

"I was informed it was scratched off in the mayor's office," he said.

"Were you defeated?"

"Yes."

He said he was a former policeman.

L. G. Stanley of Mt. Ida testified to the presence of gambling machines "running openly" in Montgomery county, a part of the 18th district. He said they disappeared after the present investigation started.

Roy Hurst, a minister, of Hot Springs, corroborated Mann's testimony about the pre-primary political meeting.

Asked if any laws were "overrun in Hot Springs," he said:

"Yes, the gambling and election laws."

He said he had asked city and circuit officials to stop gambling.

He said he protested the "pressure meeting" in a letter to Governor Carl Bailey.

Earl Screeton, auditor for the income tax division of the state revenue department, testified he had examined books" and gambling records turned over by the committee."

He presented data from 1936 records of various resorts in Hot Springs and Chairman Thompson asked for the total.

Screeton said he did not have the total with him but Thompson asked:

"Don't you believe the net earnings would total around $332,300?"

"Yes, I believe it would be something like that."

He introduced a 12-page audit in the record.

Before the committee adjourned, it received a group of Hot Springs business men, whose spokesman, Jess B. Murphy, protested against criticisms of Circuit Judge Witt and expressed "faith and confidence in him."

The committee agreed to meet again Wednesday night.

A stamp collector in Boston recently pasted 18,000 stamps on his automobile, completely covering it.

McLaughlin Asks City to Observe Boy Scout Week

Paying tribute to the place Boy Scout activities hold in everyday American life, as well as in times of emergency, Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin yesterday officially designated this week as "Boy Scout Week." The mayor's proclamation pointed out the character-building attributes and the effective work in time of national emergencies achieved by this organization which is this week observing its 27th anniversary.

The mayor's official proclamation:

"The Boy Scouts of America, incorporated February 8, 1910, and chartered by congress June 15, 1916, have during the past 27 years rendered notable service to the nation. They have done effective work in this community and throughout the country. During the World war their efforts on behalf of Liberty Loan and War Savings campaigns and other measures were outstanding. In time of distress from flood, hurricane, tornado and other disasters they have organized the effectiveness of organized boy service. During the period of economic stress through which the country has just passed, they contributed in many ways to the relief of suffering, and they have rendered noteworthy service in the flood areas this year.

"The Boy Scouts have not only demonstrated their worth to the nation, but have also contributed to a deeper appreciation by the American people of the higher conception of good citizenship.

"The objective of the present 10-Year Program of the Boy Scouts of America is to provide for the nation

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Hot Springs, Arkansas.
January 5, 1957.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY:

Re: Brekid.

There are attached hereto the logs for December 29, 1956 covering the taps on telephones listed to the Chief of Police, City Jailor, and Mayor's office, all located in the City Hall at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Respectfully Submitted,

John L. Madala,
Special Agent.

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

12-29-36. HAS.

12:02 AM. - In #1.
Officers - (Murray & Kelly) Reported at 777

12:03 AM - In #1.
Man - Do you have a boy named Lloyd in jail?
Covington - No, not on the docket.

HAS.

12:20 AM. - In #2.
Man - This is Phil, at the Chicago. Have they caught that fellow Jefferson yet?
Moore - No, not yet.

HAS.

12:38 AM - In #2.
Man - This is Lee, at Citizens - I heard they caught Jefferson. Is it true?
Moore - No, not that I know of.

12-29-36.

1:05 A.M. — In # 1. Has.
Officer — Reported at 126.

1:20 A.M. — In #2.
Man — This is Gross (Mortuary). We just had a call for an ambulance at the Corner of Vicksburg and Illinois — a woman stabbed.
Moore — OK. I'll send out.

Has.

1:25 A.M. — out # 2.
Covington — Called 3606 (Firestone Service and asked for officer Rogers
Rogers — Hello.
Covington — Advised Rogers to go to Vicksburg & Illinois St.

1:40 A.M. — In # 2. Has
Man — There's a negro kid here who looks lost — at 304 Whittington Street — in a restaurant.
Moore — OK.

12-29-36. Has.

1:45 A.M. — In #1.
Rogers — I'm at Levi Hospital — #181.
Moore — What was the trouble.
Rogers — Couple of women fighting. One of them got stabbed

2:00 A.M. — In #1.
Scudder (Reporter) — Made inquiry about the fight.
Moore — Call the Levi Hospital. Thats where they are.

2:03 A.M. — In #1. Has
Officers — Reported at 777.

2:35 A.M. — In #1.
Woman — Is Myrtle Johnson locked up?
Moore — She's here but shes not locked up yet. Has

12-29-36

Hos.

3:00 Am. - In #1.
Officers - Reported at 126.

3:10 Am. - Out #1.
Moore - Called 181 (Levi Hospital) and inquired the condition of the girl who was stabbed.
Nurse - She's not hurt bad. Will be ready to leave in a few minutes.

Hos.

3:25 Am - In #2.
Man - again requested someone come to 302 Whittington Street to get a vagrant negro boy.
Moore - all right.

4:02 Am. - In #1.
Officers - (Murray + Kelly) at 777.

Hos.

12-29-36.

5:00 A.M. — In #1. Has.
Officers — Reported at 777

5:55 Am — In #1.
Woman — Inquired the number of breakfasts needed.

6:00 Am. — In #1. Has.
Officers — Reported at 777.

#1484
10/29/26
7:46 am Outgoing #446 Ethan
Bob Moore = 3675
Man = Hello -
Moore = Is Ben there?
Ben = Hello
Moore = Ben, when you come down bring that gun. I think I've got a sale for you
Ben = OK - I'll be up there in a few minutes.

7:55 am Incoming #446 Ethan
Bob Moore = City Jail
Knuckles = Bob, this is Knuckles over at the Chicago. Have you heard anything on that fellow Jefferson.
Moore = No. Chances are that we'll get something today.
Knuckles = I hope so -

12/29/36

8⁰⁷ Am Outgoing #446 GLW
Bob Moore = 767
Man = Hello.
Moore = Johnnie, be in court at 9⁰⁰ for the trial of those two boys.
Man = OK.

8¹⁸ Am Incoming #446 GLW
Man called for Louis Hinkle - Was told that Hinkle had been down this morning.

8²³ am Incoming #446 GLW
Call for Cecil Brock - was told that Brock was out of town.

8⁴⁶ Am Incoming #173 GLW
Little Rock Operator called and asked for Chief Hatelin. Corring to told her the Chief was not in but that he might be reached at his home, #1773.

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9:36 A.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Man: Is Cecil there -
Sgt. No, he's in Perry County attending court -
Man: When will he be back?
Sgt: This afternoon sometime, I expect.

9:43 A.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Bob Moore: 341
Man: Citizens Cigar Store.
Bob Moore: Has Hans come down yet -
Man: Yes, but he's out right now -
Bob Moore: I'll call later.

9:44 A.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Woman: Was Judge Lingenwood on the bench this morning -
Bob Moore: Yes -
Woman. Thank you.

9:46 A.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Man. Is Bob Moore there -
Sgt: He's just gone home.

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9:55 A.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Man: Is Red Whitaker around there -
Sgt: No, he isn't.
Man: When he comes in have him call Brown at 2424.

9:57 A.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Man: Rusal 9500
No answer.

10:02 A.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Tucker: 3574
: Ordered 10 dinners.

10:03 A.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Tucker: Western Union -
Do you have anything there for Harry Oliver
Man: Not a thing.
Tucker: He's expecting some money - will you send it to the City Jail as soon as it comes in.
Man: O.K.

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10:16 A.M Incoming on #446 J.L.M.

Man: Is Abers in -

Abers: Hello.

Man: Hutch, is Marsh (U.S. Secret Service Agent) or any of his boys still in town -

Abers: No, they all left - what's on your mind

Man: Some boy over here told me about some hot money in Texas.

Abers: I can handle that O.K. - why don't you send him over, and let me talk to him.

Man: I got all the dope that he has written down. I don't think he'll want to talk to anybody but me on this.

Abers: Have you got Newton's telephone number at Little Rock -

Man: No, I haven't.

Abers: I don't have it right now, but will look it up, and call you back.

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10:25 A.M. Morning on #123 J.L.M.

Long Distance call from Little Rock for Chief Wakelin - He was not in and caller agreed to talk to Hutch Abers.

Man: This is Seall (phonetic) of the Democrat talking - did you see the Arkansas Gazette this morning?

Abers: No. I haven't had time yet.

Man: We carried an article on that Dickson case - it says you've all a bunch of crooks over there. I'd like to get a statement from either you or the Chief.

Abers: You better talk to Chief Wakelin.

Man: All right - if you get in touch with him before I do, have him call L.D. 39.

Abers: O.K. I'll do that.

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11.00 A.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Long Distance call for Cecil Brock - operator
was advised he is out of town.

11:02 A.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Abers: 636 (C. W. Harmon, atty.)
Woman: Hello -
Abers: Is Charlie Harmon there?
Woman: No, he isn't.
Abers: Do you know where I can reach
him -
Woman: I sure don't -

11:03 A.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Abers: 613
Man: Sheriff's Office -
Abers: Have you seen Charlie Harmon around
there -
Man: No, I haven't.

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11:10 am Outgoing #123 Glen

Akers = 881? (City Power House)

Man = Hello

Akers = Is Ray Handey there?

Handey = Hello

Akers = This is Akers at the City Yard. Did any of that stuff have marks or numbers on it which would identify it.

Handy = No, it didn't. It ~~[illegible]~~ was all painted aluminum and one piece - the valve; must have weighed 400 pounds. All the stuff I suppose must have weighed about 600 pounds.

Akers - That was on the night of the 23rd wasn't it?

Handey - Yes and we had another lot stolen about a month before that but I don't know the exact date.

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11 46 AM Incoming GRW

Dr Eaves called Chief Wakelin

Wakelin = Hello

Dr Eaves = Chief you've got Jerry Jenkins down there.

Wakelin = Yes.

Dr Eaves = I just talked to the Judge and he said if it was all right with you to let him out and let him pay the $30 fine so much per week

Wakelin = That's all right.

Dr Eaves = Well, send him by my office when you turn him out

Wakelin - All right.

12 25 PM Incoming #123 GRW

Dr Williams talked to Tucker

Tucker = City Jail

Dr Williams = Is the Chief or Akers in?

Tucker = No, they have all gone but me

Dr. Williams = Well, this is Dr Williams

This morning there was a man in the Lobby of the Hospital and he said he was Dr. Bunce from Tulsa. He looked rather distinguished and carried himself well so I asked him if he'd like to witness an operation - that we were getting ready for an operation that might be of interest. He said he would and so I told him we'd call him when we were ready. In about 20 minutes Dr Tribble and I made ready for the operation and sent for this Dr Bunce but he had gone. When we finished the operation Dr Tribble discovered about $17 gone from his clothes in the dressing room and I had lost about $10 which was in my suit. One of the Sisters said she saw a man of the same description on the 3rd floor where the operation room is located but he gave her

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the name of Connelly. This man was about 35 to 45 in age; tall; fair complexion; partly bald, and was wearing a dark suit and a dark hat. I wish you'd have the officer try and locate him.

Tucker: Just as soon as some of them come in I'll have them get on it.

Dr Williams= I wish you would because this fellow might be trying this same thing somewhere else. This happened about 10 or 10 30 this morning.

12 52 Incoming GHW
Call for Akers - Gone to dinner.

1 10 Incoming GHW
Call for Cecil Brock - Not In.

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1:32 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Curly Evans called 77 (Brock Motor Co.) and talked about repairs to his car.

1:36 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Mrs. Brock called for Cecil Brock - not back in town yet.

1:55 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Curly Evans called #285 (City Drug Store) and ordered some refreshments.

2:02 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Officer Robbins: Say Garnett - Bob told me to tell you that he will be out on the lake today, and that you should pick him up around 3 o'clock.

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2:08 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.

Catherine: Is Mrs Abers there.
Abers Hello.
Catherine. Do you know who this is.
Abers No, I don't.
Catherine. It's Catherine. Could you come out here
Abers. I can't. I am by myself
Catherine When can you
Abers I don't know. There's only one car here
Besides has the other out of town
Catherine Well that's all right, honey
I'll be seeing you.

2:09 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Man called for Cindy Downs. was advised
he won't be on until nine o'clock Tonight.

2:28 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Man: #1549
No answer.

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2:29 P.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.D.

Abner # 425 (Evans - Reader Co.)

Man. Evans - Reader Co.

Abner. Do Birdie there.

Man No

Abner. Do Pat there.

Man No.

Abner. What do the new Plymouths sell for.

Man. $835.00 for a de Luxe Sedan.

Abner. What kind of a trade-in can I get on a 1936 Chevrolet Coach.

Man. We'll give you a good deal on it come down + see us.

Abner O.K. I'll drop in one of these days.

2:39 P.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.D.

Man called in and reported a drunken woman at 419 Benton Street

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2:40 P.M. Dreaming on #123 J.L.M.

Woman: Do Cecil Brooks there -

Brooks: Hello -

Woman. Can you come down to the house this afternoon

Brooks. Are you alone -

Woman. No, but I've got something that you ought to know -

Brooks O.K. I'll be down in a little while

Woman Because you do, because this is important.

Brooks. O.K. I'll be there -

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3:15 P.M. — In # 1.
Officers — Reported at 503 Jonesboro.

3:20 P.M. — In #2.
Man — Is Brock there?
Tucker — No - not now.
Man — Ask him to call 2405.

3:40 P.M. — Out #2. HOA.
Brock — Called Long Distance to Little Rock, #4-0613 (State Police)
Bob LaFollette — Hello.
Brock — Requested that LaFollette forward him photos and fingerprints of Farmer Jefferson, stating that the Hot Springs police hadn't taken them when Jefferson was last arrested.

HOA
4:00 P.M. — Out #2.
"Red" (Terry) — Called 2424; spoke to Pratt Brown about the prospects of squirrel hunting on the Kilgore place together.

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H.P.

4:10 P.M. — out #2.
Tucker - Called 3574 (Plain Rest.) and ordered thirteen dinners.

4:25 P.M. — In #1.
Man - Is Fred Wilson locked up?
Tucker - No.
Man - Is Jack Wilson? H.P.
Tucker - No.
Man - Is Jack Phillips?
Tucker - No.

4:26 P.M. — In #1.
Officers - Reported at 3337 Jonestown.

4:30 P.M. - out #2. H.P.
Cooper - Called long Distance to Miss Fleming at #361, Arkadelphia Ark.
L.D. Opr. - Miss Fleming is reported to have left Arkadelphia about 2:00 P.M. for Hot Springs and will be at Marquette Hotel

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HOK.

4:33 P.m. — Out # 2.
Cooper — Called 3672 (Marquette Hotel)
Smitty (clerk) — Marquette.
Cooper — Smitty this is Arch. Has anyone checked in yet?
Smitty — She's just checking in now.
Miss Fleming — Hello.
Cooper — Conversed with her socially and arranged to secure himself a room, too. Would call her when he did so.

HOK.

4:35 P.m. — Out # 1.
Akers — Called 1987
Clerk — Hello Spencer.
Akers — Twenty-six?
Clerk — Two and five.

4:50 P.m. — In # 2.
Woman — Asked for Jerry Watkins.
Tucker — He's out of town.

HOK

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HOA.

5:00 P.M. — In #2.
Man — Advised a drunk patient from Keeley Institute had escaped and was driving an auto down Central Ave. Patients name given as Emmett Goode.

5:05 P.M. — In #2. HOA
girl — asked for Akers.
Akers — Hello
girl — Can you come to see me tonight, Dutch?
Akers — I think so. What time?
girl — anytime after seven.

5:20 P.M. — In #2.
Man — Dutch, can you handle that note anytime soon?
Akers — I'll see you next pay-day. HOA

5:35 P.M. — Out #1.
Man — called 1254-W, and conversed with a woman, evidently his wife. 24

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5:40 P.M. - Out #2.
Brock - Called Long Distance to Mr. P.O. Harmon, at #1072, Perryville, Ark
Harmon - Hello -
Brock - How'd that case come out?
Harmon - Stuck him, $50.00 and costs. They wanted to try that other negro then, too, but we weren't ready.
Brock - OK -

5:50 P.M. - Out #2 -
Brock - Called 87 (Craighead Laundry) Made date to meet girl near Kingsway Hotel in few minutes.

5:55 P.M. - Out #1.
Davis - Called 1408 and asked "judge" if he could have a hearing tonight.
Judge - - No, I can't tonight. Make it at eight in the morning

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6:05 P.M. — out #2.
Wakelin — Called 3421 (Hattera Hotel)
Grace — Hello.
Wakelin — Well, what're you doing?
Grace — Oh, just Mil-dewing. What are you?
Wakelin — Same thing.
Grace — I was just eating my dinner. What are you doing?
Wakelin — Just got here (station). Everybody had gone out so I thought I'd better call you while I had a chance.
Grace — Yeah. What time is it?
Wakelin — It's five after six.
Grace — Well, what'd you know?
Wakelin — I'm just by myself.
Grace — Me too.
Wakelin — What do you know?
Grace — Same thing. I was

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in the house most of the day - except when I went out to Dr. Housley's to take shine.

Wakelin - Is he sick?

Grace - No - I just wanted to show him to Dr. Housley. He wanted to see him. (pause) Well, I wont eat much now since you called.

Wakelin - Oh Lord, I thought I had gotten out of that.

Grace - (laughed) (pause) Well, same time?

Wakelin - Yeah

Grace - Ok, honey, gibye.

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6:12 P.M. — In #1.
Officer - Reported at 114 Jonestown.

6:40 P.M. — Out #2.
Man - called 3880.
No one answered.

Has

6:45 P.M. — In #2.
Woman - asked if Buchanan was in.
Officer - He's not here.

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7:00 P.M. — In #2.
Man - Asked for Officer Henry Terry
Terry - Hello.
Man - This is Cruise (phonetic) at the Busy Corner Cafe. What charge have you got against Tom Henley?
Terry - I don't know exactly.
Man - Come up to the Busy Corner will you? want to talk to you.

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H.O.

7:02 P.M. — In # 2.
Woman — Is Dutch Akers there?
Officer — No, he's at supper.

7:10 P.M. — In # 1.
Officer — Reported at 19, Jonestown.

7:12 P.M. — In # 1. H.O.
Man — Asked for Tucker.
Tucker — Hello!
Man — Mr. Tucker, this is the Mayflower Grill. They're here now with a warrant for Cleo — that boy who works here. Will it be all right if I have him there in the morning?
Tucker — Yeah, if you be sure to have him in Court at nine in the morning.

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7:25 P.M. — In #2.
Woman — Is Floyd Davis there?
Tucker — No - he's not.

8:00 P.M. — Out #2.
Evans — Called 285 (City Drug Store) Ordered sandwiches for delivery to police station.

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8:02 P.M. — In #1.
Girl — Asked for Garnett Moore.
Moore — Hello.
Girl — This is Hazel - can I see you sometime tonight, Garnett?
Moore — Made tentative arrangement to see Hazel later in the evening -
(Note: Voice of girl did not indicate that she was Hazel Marsh, secretary of Mayor McLaughlin!)

8³⁰ PM Incoming #183 GKW
Man called and reported that a Drunk man had broken a glass at the Red Front Market and refused to pay for it. Tucker said Officers would come out.

8⁴⁷ PM Incoming #446 GKW
Tucker = City Jail
Sam Dawson (appeared to be drunk) = Is Cecil there
Brock = Hello
Sam Dawson - Cecil - this fellow who broke the glass has got money and will settle for $7.00.
Brock = Well - will wait until he straightens out and then see what can be done.

8⁵⁵ PM. Incoming #446 GKW
Girl called for Cecil - Not In.

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9²⁰ PM Incoming #183 Glen

S.A.C. Little called for Akers.

Akers = Hello.

Little = Dutch - this is Little with the F.B.I. I'm trying to locate Mr. Rinehart, a Narcotic Agent. Do you think you can find him? His boy is seriously ill and the Doctor wants Rinehart to call him.

Akers = I think I know where I can locate him. When are you going to send me that warrant on Pug Dixon?

Little = I've already told the Marshall Damron said this morning that the Marshall's office had been notified. I'll see Damron again in the morning and ask him.

Akers = OK - they're trying to make bond. I wish you'd put a pick-up notice on Farmer Jefferson. He stuck

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up a place here last night and will probably go to Tulsa or Oklahoma City.

Little = Have you a warrant.

Akers = Ill get one out in the morning - armed robbery.

Little = All right - will work on the Unlawful Flight To Avoid Prosecution Angle.

Akers = Ok and Ill try to locate Rinehart.

Little = Thanks, Dutch.

924 Out #123 GRun

Akers - 1151

Man = Hello

Akers = Is Mr. Rinehart registered?

Man = No

925 Outgoing #123 GRun

Akers = 1408

Man = Hello

Akers = Is Mr. Rinehart registered?

Man = No.

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9:26 Outgoing #173 GRen

Akins = 830

Man = Hello

Akins = Is Mr. Rinehart registered?

Man = No

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Akins = 740

Man - Hello -

Akins = Is Mr. Rinhart registered?

Man = No

9:43 Outgoing #173 GRen

Bob Moore called Chief of Police at Longview, Texas.

Chief = Hello -

Moore = Chief this is Bob Moore, night Captain at Hot Springs. I want you to look for a fellow I think might be at the Carioca Club down there.

Chief = That's out in the County.

Moore = Well, you can get someone

in the Sheriff's office to go
with you - can't you.
Chief: Yes.
Moore: This fellow is Farmer Jefferson
(Gave description). He pulled
a stick up here last night
and got about $1500. Look
around out there and call
me if you have any luck.
Chief: All right, I sure will.

10⁰⁰ Incoming #446 GKer
116 Murray and Kelly

10¹⁵ Incoming #183 GKer
Bob Moore - Chief's Office
Dr. Wade - Moore - this is Dr. Wade.
Somebody stole my hand
bag out of my car tonight.
This makes twice in several
months. I'll give $10 to the
one who finds out who this
is so we can catch him.
It just happened about

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a half an hour ago. The
boy had about $35 worth
of equipment in it. There
was a young man at the
door begging about that
time. He had on boots
and a tan jacket. I sent
a quarter to the door to him
but didnt see him.

Moore = All right Doctor - well keep
an eye on the pawn shop and &
will see if we can locate
the guy.

11⁰⁰ Incoming #446 GHan
Officer Reporting 3337 Jonestown

11⁰⁵ Incoming #446 GHan
Officers reporting - 116 Murray & Kelley.

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

8^40 am Outgoing #648 Glur
Miss Marsh = 618
Man = Hello
Miss Marsh = Is Hilda Wakelin there?
Hilda Wakelin = Hello.
Miss Marsh = Hilda - this is Hazel Marsh
I want to ask you something
and don't say anything about
it. Where is Tad Steele now.
Hilda Wakelin - She was on Edgewood with
her son, Phil Meadows, unless
she's left since Christmas.
Miss Marsh = OK, honey, don't say
anything - you know what
its all about.
Hilda Wakelin = No - I won't.

8^55 am Incoming #648 Glur
Man called and asked for
Sonny Davies. Miss Marsh said
Mr. Davies had not been there
this morning.

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9¹² Outgoing #648 GLW
Miss Marsh = 1124 (Fire Dept)
Man = Hello
Miss Marsh = Tell Elmer to come up to the Mayor's Office.
Man = All right.

9¹⁷ Incoming GLW
Troxell at the City Pound called and Miss Marsh told him to come to Mayor's Office.

9²¹ Outgoing GLW
Mayor = 1772-W.
Woman = Hello
Mayor = Mrs Steele
Woman = Yes.
Mayor = This is Les McLaughlin. Some morning when you're down this way drop by my office. I'd like to have a talk with you.
Woman = Well, I'm on my way to town now.
Mayor = All right - come on by now.

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9:30 Outgoing GKW

Mayor = 600 (Mayor's Home)

Stella McLaughlin = Hello

Mayor = Look there and get that volume of Crawford and Moses containing "Discovery" and have Herman bring it down to me

Stella McLaughlin - All right.

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2 9:28 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.

Miss Marsh: 1024

Woman: Richard M. Ryan's office.

Miss Marsh: How do you address Mr. Ryan?

Woman: Go George Ryan,
Kahler Hotel,
Rochester, Minn.

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10:11 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.
Mrs. Tate: Is Sonny (Davies) there -
Miss Marsh: No, he isn't -
Mrs Tate: When he comes in have him call me -
Miss Marsh - I certainly will -

10:30 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Mayor: 743 (A.H. Davies)
Woman: Hello -
Mayor: Is Sonny there -
Woman: No, he isn't.

10:31 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.
Man: The Mayor, please.
Mayor: Hello -
Man: Can you tell me how I can get in touch with Mike Jordan -
Mayor: Call #589.

10 45 am Incoming Ghm

Miss Marsh: Mayor's Office

Roy Bushon: Is the Mayor in?

Mayor: Hello -

Bushon: Mayor, this is Roy Bushon. Can you tell me something about the radio talk you are going to give just befor the vote on the bond issue for the Municipal Bldg.

Mayor: Well I'm going to point out that the position of the administration is neutral. I will show both sides of the picture and let the people vote the way they want to.

Bushon: Thanks, I wanted to run just a short story.

10 55 Incoming #648 Ghm

Call for Judge Leperwood - was told that the Judge had gone hunting.

11¹⁸ am Outgoing GKW
Miss Marsh - 3800
Man = Hello
Miss Marsh = Is Mayor McLaughlin there?
Mayor = Hello
Miss Marsh = Mrs Steele is waiting.
Mayor = I'll be down in a minute.

11²⁰ am Incoming GKW
Man called and asked for George McLaughlin. Miss Marsh told him to call #1124.

11²⁷ am Incoming GKW
Howard Meyers called and asked for the Mayor - Miss Marsh told him that the Mayor was not in.

11³⁵ am Outgoing GKW
Miss Marsh = 1124
Man = Hello
Miss Marsh = Send Elmer up to the Mayor's Office

11³⁶ Outgoing Glen
Mayor = 743 (Judge Legerwood)
No Answer -

11⁵⁶ Incoming Glen
Miss March = Mayor's Office
Mr. Deadmon = Is the Mayor in?
Mayor = Hello
Mr Deadmon = This is Deadmon from Pine Bluff. Can I see you this PM.
Mayor = No, I'm leaving here in about 20 minutes.
Mr. Deadmon = Well, may I come down right away?
Mayor = Sure, Come on by.

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1:30 P.M. Incoming J.L.M.

Man: Do Juanita there -

Miss Marsh: No, you can get her at #471.

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2:10 P.M. Incoming J.L.M.
Long Distance call for Mayor Mr. Laughlin from Ft. Smith, Ark.
Miss Marsh advised operator that Mayor was not in, but she would try to reach him.
Operator advised she should call Operator 21 at Ft. Smith, Ark.

2:12 P.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Miss Marsh called #600 (Mayor's residence)
No answer -

2:45 P.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Miss Marsh called #600. No answer

3:30 P.M. Incoming J.L.M.
No answer -

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3:42 P.M. – In #3.
No one answered.

4:30 P.M. – In #3.
No one answered.

5:10 P.M. – In #3. Has
No one answered.

Hot Springs, Arkansas.
January 5, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY:

Re: Brekid.

There are attached hereto the logs for December 28, 1936 covering the taps on telephones listed to the Chief of Police, City Jailor, and Mayor's Office, all located in the City Hall at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

That conversation at 8:52 A.M. between Attorney C. Floyd Huff and "Dutch" Akers seems to indicate that Attorney Huff might be in sympathy with the City Plice in the John Dickson matter. It should be noted that Attorney Huff is one of the two attorneys retained by Dickson's father to investigate the true causes of young Dickson's death.

The conversation at 11:10 A.M. between "Dutch" Akers and Houston Emory who is the Prosecuting Attorney of Garland Couty, indicates that the Fletcher brothers MAY have been approached to make a statement favorable to the police in the Dickson matter.

That call at 2:12 P.M. by "Dutch" Akers to Attorney C. Floyd Huff seems to bear out the possibility suggested in the second paragraph of this memorandum.

In the conversation at 6:20 P.M. between "Dutch" Akers and Circuit Judge Earl Witt, particular attention is directed to the following statement made by Akers, "Judge, this is Herbert Akers. That boy (Pug Dickson) backed out on us again today". Prevmious conversations indicated that an attempt was being made to have "Pug" Dickson sign a statement favorable to the Police in the John Dickson case, for which he could expect some leniency in his own case.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Madala,
Special Agent.

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

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HOA.

12:02 A.M. — In #1.
Officers — Reported in at 116 (Millers)

1:00 A.M. — In #1.
Officers — (Murray + Kelly) at 777.

1:50 A.M. — In #1.
Officers — Reported at 126.

HOA.

2:00 A.M. — In #1.
Man — Asked for Capt Bob Moore.
Moore — Hello.
Man — Do you know a fellow named Cook, who lives in South Hot Springs?
Moore — Yeah.
Man — Is he all right?
Moore — Yeah.
Man — He just got too much to drink. Will it be all right to let him go home?
Moore — Yeah.

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3:00 Am. — Officers Reported at 777.
(Murray + Kelly)

4:10 Am. — In #1.
Officers — (Murray + Kelly) Reported at 126.

5:05 Am. — In #1.
Officers — Reported in.

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5:55 Am. — In #1.
Woman — Inquired number of breakfasts.
Corrington — Five.

6:04 Am. — In #1.
Officers — Reported at 777.

7:00 Am. — In #1.
Officers — Reported in.

HAS.

#14 #2
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7:25 am Incoming #123 JRW
Corrington = Chief's office
Man = Is Bob (Moore) there?
Corrington = No - he's at breakfast.
Man = Ask him to call Joe Smith at #3210.
Corrington = All right.

7:40 am Outgoing #123 JRW
Moore = 3210 (Joe Smith)
Smith = Hello
Moore = Did you call me - this is Bob -
Smith = Yes - how can I go about getting my money back?
Moore = Well, you'll have to get a warrant charging him with obtaining money under false pretense.
Smith = All right, Bob, thank you.

7:45 am = Incoming #123 JRW
Moore - Chief's office
Joe = Bob, this is Joe down at the Gulf. How about coming by here this morning
Moore = All right.

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8:18 Am Outgoing #123 Glen
Akers = 346 - No Answer

8:41 Am Incoming # 446 Glen
Mr. Simms at the Arkansas National Bank called Akers and asked him to come by the Bank. Akers said he would drop by.

8:46 Am Incoming # 446 Glen
Girl called Akers - Akers told her to come right down to his office.

8:52 Am Outgoing # 446 Glen
Akers = 346 (C Floyd Huff, Att'y.)
Huff = Hello
Akers = This is Dutch - did you want me?
Huff = Yes - Mrs Haynes wants to see Pug if she can.
Akers = OK.
Huff = I think she is agreable but she wants to talk with Pug.
Akers = All right.

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8:55 Am Incoming #173 GHm
Rogers = Chief's office
Stella McLaughlin = This is Stella McLaughlin
I just gave permission to a
poor old woman to sell gum
and mints on the streets so
tell the others not to bother her.
Rogers = All right Miss Stella.

9:05 am Incoming #446 GHm
Woman called and said that
there was a telegram for Evans
at 719 Malvern.

9:24 AM Incoming #173 GHm
Operator #163 Memphis, Tenn.
called and asked for John
Marsh. She was told that Marsh
was expected within an hour.
John Marsh is a Narcotic Agent
apparently working out of Memphis.

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9³⁵ AM Incoming #446 GRW
Fannie McLaughlin called Akers -
Akers = Hello
F. McLaughlin = This is Fannie McLaughlin.
Leo said to turn Maurice
Snyder out of jail.
Akers = All right.

9⁴⁹ Outgoing #173 GRW
Brock = 1965
Woman = Hello
Brock = Will you wake up Garnett
Moore and tell him to come
on down to work
Woman = All right

10⁰⁰ Incoming #173
Call for Cecil Brock GRW
Woman = Hello - Garnett said
he couldn't come down - that
he had a toothache.

10:11 AM Incoming #183 : GRW
Pauline Parvin called Curley
Evans -
Evans = Hello
P. Parvin = Hello, Curley?
Evans = Well - young lady, when
did you get in?
P. Parvin = Just a few minutes ago.
Evans = I'll be right out.
P. Parvin = Oke Doke.

10:26 Incoming #446 GRW
Man called Akers -
Akers = Akers speaking -
Man = Dutch, I'll be over in
just a few minutes.
Akers = All right.

10:30 Incoming #446 GRW
Call for Chief Nakelin = Not In.

10:38 Incoming #446 GRW
Call for Cecil Brock - Not In.

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10⁵⁸ Incoming #173 John
Curtis Ridgeway called Akers.
Akers = Hello
Ridgeway = This is Curtis - the father of the Fletcher boys (arrested with John Dixon) arranged or is about to arrange bond.
Akers = That's all right but lets finish that statement before we let them go.
Ridgeway = All right. I'll be over soon.

11⁰⁵ Incoming #173 John
Man called Akers and reported 2 negros with sacks of empty Fallstaff beer bottles. Akers said he would look into the matter.

11¹⁴ Incoming #173 John
Woman called Chief Hatchin. She said she wanted to talk to him and would be right down.

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11²⁰ AM Incoming #446 Glen

Houston Emory (Atty) called Akers.

Akers = Hello

Emory = Dutch, this is Emory - I hear that the Fletcher boys are about to make bond.

Akers = Yes but Curtis is going to recopy a statement and fix it up before we turn them out.

Emory = Ok.

11⁴⁷ Outgoing #183 Glen

Akers = 646 (Judge Cotham)

Cotham = Hello

Akers = Judge, this is Herbert Akers. What time will you be free today?

Cotham = After 2 o'clock.

Akers = I'd like to see you after then - I'll call you later.

Cotham = All right.

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12⁰⁰ Outgoing #446 GRW
Akers = 184 (City Clerk)
Emmitt Jackson = Hello
Akers = This is Dutch, I'm sending the father of those two Fletcher boys around to see you. He has $1,000 cash and wants to put up real estate for the rest. The bond is $2,000 cash you know.
Jackson = Will that be satisfactory? Have you seen the property or has he a description of it.
Akers = Well, I talked to Houston Emory and he said it was OK.
Jackson = All right.

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1:00 PM Incoming #446 GRW
Emmett Jackson called Tucker
and advised that satisfactory
bond had been made for Fletcher
boys.

1:18 PM Incoming #183 GRW
Woman called and talked
with Akers - Not Important.

1:20 PM Incoming #183 GRW
Houston Emory called Akers
and asked if he could see
him if he came right over.
Akers said "Yes".

1:41 PM Incoming #183 GRW
Call for Akers - Not In.

1:50 PM Incoming #183 GRW
Mrs Brock called Cecil Brock.
Nothing of importance.

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2:17 PM Outgoing #183 GHW
Akers = 246 (C. Floyd Huff, Atty)
Huff = Hello
Akers = Are you busy?
Huff = No.
Akers = Wonder if you'll walk over here a minute.
Huff = Yes.

2:16 Incoming #183 GHW
Woman called and asked for Dick Swain. She was told that Swain had not been around. She asked that he be told to call his office should he come in.

2:21 PM Incoming #183 GHW
Call for Akers - Not In.

2:40 PM Outgoing #446 GHW
Akers - 116 (Miller's Cigar Store)
Man = Hello.
Akers = Is Bill Miller around?
Man = No.

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7:22 PM Incoming #103 JRW
Said by name of Bert called
Akers and asked when she
could see him. Akers told
her he would meet her tomorrow
at 7:00.

7:52 PM Outgoing #103 JRW
Akers = 632
Dan = Hello
Akers = Dan, have you heard anything
more about your beer?
Dan = No - I haven't Dutch.
Akers = Hello, I've got a man down
here who has a lot of empty
Fallstaff bottles. I'm going
to send a Rail Road Agent
down to talk over the case
with you.
Dan = OK Dutch.

3:00 PM Outgoing #103 JRW
Akers - 1037 (called Houston Emory)
Woman = Hello
Akers = Is Houston there?
Woman = No -
Akers = Have him call Herbert Akers.

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3:05 Outgoing #446 GPW

Brock = 2174

Man = Hello.

Brock = Is Porter Wilson there?

Man = No.

Brock = Is Harden Graham?

Man = Yes.

Brock = This is Cecil Brock. Tell him to wait there. I'm coming right up to see him.

Man = All right

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Has.

3:30 P.M. — out #2

Man — gave name as Mr. Swaim
called Long Distance to :—
Cora Lee Dickson
% S.H. Robbins
1123 Beaumont St.
Port Arthur, Texas.

L.D. Opr. — Will call back.
(note: W.D. Swaim, attorney, is
representing the father of John Dickson
in probing his death while
held by police of Hot Springs

3:35 P.M. — In #2. Has.

L.D. Opr. — Informed Akers that there
was no telephone listed at
the address in Port Arthur, Tex
but that a messenger had
been sent.

3:40 P.M. — Out #1.
Wakelin - Called 600 (to McLaughlin's res)
No one answered.

3:50 P.M. — In #1.
Houston Emory - Asked for Chief Wakelin.
Wakelin - Hello.
Emory - Did you want me?
Wakelin - I want you to write a letter ordering us to remove that fellow to Tucker -
Emory - I never have had to write when you took any one over there, have I?
Wakelin - Well, I want one now. Put in it that he is being removed for safe-keeping - Instruct the Superintendent there to not let anyone see him or talk to him, without a written order from you or me.
Emory - All right, I'll do it. That
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superintendant is named Tom Cogbill, at Tucker, isn't he?

Wakelin - yeah.

Emory - Ok.

(note: Conversation probably refers to removal of "Pug" Dickson, cousin of the deceased John Dickson, to get him out of Hot Springs)

3:55 P.M. - On #2.

Hoc.

Man - asked for Akers.

Akers - Hello.

Man - This is Bruce, Dutch. Am I too late to do any good

Akers - Yes. We'll pass it this time.

Hoc

4:00 P.M. - On #2.

L. D. Opr. - Informed Akers on the call to Port Arthur, Tex., that Mrs. Dickson left there and expected to arrive at Hot Springs at 9:30 P.M. tonight.

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4:05 P.M. — In # 1.
Woman — Asked for Wakelin.
Wakelin — Hello.
Woman — Hello, Chief, did you have a nice Xmas?
Wakelin — No.
Woman — I tried to get you but you were busy. What'd you mean no — you can't talk now?
Wakelin — Yeah — Very much so.
Woman — OK. Call me after 7:30.

4:10 P.M. — In # 2. Hor.
Woman — Complained of an elderly roomer at her house trying to committ suicide.
Wakelin — Told her to call the Sheriff's office and have his mind examined
Woman — Gave her address as 202 Jackson St.

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4:15 P.M. — out #1.

Akers — Called 65 (Dixie Motor Bus Co) and inquired what time a bus arrived from Texas by way of Texarkana.

Clerk — Informed one arrived at 9:50 P.M.

Akers — Then inquired the name of the last stop the bus would make before reaching Hot Springs.

Clerk — advised that Glenwood would be the last stop.

(note: Conversation probable indicates that Akers intends to take Mrs. Dickson off the bus there before she reaches Hot Springs.)

Has.

4:22 P.M. — out #1.

Man — Called 3574 (Plaine rest.) and ordered nineteen dinners.

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4:25 P.M. — In # 2.
Woman — Gave name as Mrs. Marion Riggs — complained of theft of woman's boots from 128 — Woodbine Ave.

4:30 P.M. — In # 1.
Officers — Reported at 3337.

4:31 P.M. — Out #2.
Brock — Called Long Distance to :-
Sheriff House at Perryville, Ark
L.D. Opr. — Informed that Sheriff was out of town.
Brock — Then asked for Mr. P. O. Harmon at Perryville.
L.D. Opr — Informed that Harmon could not be reached until later.
Brock — Requested either Sheriff House or Mr. Harmon to call him

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4:40 P.m. — In # 2.
girl - asked for Akers
Akers - Hello.
girl - This is Katharine at the Princess (?). Busy?
Akers — Yes.
Katharine - Well. ok.

HW-

4:45 P.m. — In # 2.
Woman — gave her name as Mrs. Seckbach and made complaint of Rocco Brown running into her car.
Officer — Informed her to get a warrant.

HW

4:52 P.m. — In # 2.
Woman — advised she was calling for Doctor Stough, and asked for Joe Scott.
Brock — Informed Scott would be in at six
Woman - Have him call Dr. Stough's residence # 2377.

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4:55 P.M. — In #2.
L. D. Opr. — Advised Brock that Mr. Harmon of Perryville was on line!
Brock — Advised Harmon that he and Wakelin would be in Perryville at 10:00 AM next day for court.

4:57 P.M. — Out #1.
Man — Called 2488 — Spoke to mother about dinner.

Has.

5:00 P.M. — In #2
L. D. Opr. — Advised she had call for Herbert Akers from Little Rock, Ark.
Brock — Advised that Akers was out but would return in an hour.
L. D. Opr — Requested Akers to call Opr #7 at Little Rock when he came in —

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5:05 P.m. — In #2.
Woman — Complained to Brock of Maggie Weldon who lives in log house N. Illinois St., selling bootleg whisky

5:15 P.M — Out #1.
Man — Called 1723. (Wakelin's res).
Wakelin — Hello.
Man — Uncle Joe, somebody just stuck me up at the Chicago.
Wakelin — Did you call the jail?
Man — I'm there now but no one there but Tucker. We know who did it.
Wakelin — OK I'll be down to the jail —

5:17 P.m. — In #1.
Officers — Reported at 503.

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HAS.

5:20 P.M. — Out #2.
Man — Called 2611. (Deluxe Photo Studio)
Asked if Buchanan and
Brock were there.
Clerk — No. Just left.

5:22 P.M. — In #2.
Woman — Asked for Akers.
Tucker — He's not in.

HAS

5:23 P.M. — Out #1
Brock — Called 666 (Akers res.)
Akers — Hello.
Brock — Well, Palmer Jefferson just
stuck up the Chicago
and got the bank roll.
Akers — He did?
Brock — Must I call the Chief?
Akers — Yes. I'll be right down

HAS.

5:25 P.M. — Out #1.
Brock — Called 1723 and asked for Chief
Mrs Wakelin — He just left to come
down there.

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5:35 P.M. - Act # 1.
Wakelin - Called 3421 (Hatteras Hotel)
Grace - Hello -
Wakelin - Hello - you heard what happened didn't you?
Grace - No - what?
Wakelin - Farmer Jefferson just stuck up the Chicago - got about $1200.00. You know him, don't you?
Grace - Yeah, I know him -
Wakelin - Well I won't be able to see you for a while - I'll be busy.
Grace - Well -
Wakelin - If he comes up there call us. He might come up there like the last time he pulled a stickup
Grace - Yeah, I remember when he did - he got some little change changed into bills.
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Wakelin - Looks like he's gone crazy. He went into the Chicago Club without any mask on or anything but a pistol - Ran them all back and locked them in the toilet. Well, I'll be busy - I'll call you later.

Grace - OK, honey.

Hpo.

5:48 P.m. - out #1.

Wakelin - Called 2393 (Sheriff Anderson) and advised Mrs Anderson of the hold up at the Chicago Club.

Hpo

5:50 P.m. - out #1.

Wakelin - Called 613 (Sheriffs Office) and left word for Sheriff Anderson that the identity of robber was Farmer Jefferson -

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5:52 P.M. – In #1.
Man – Asked if Freddie Nichols was there.
Nichols – Hello.
Man – This is Phil. Just heard about the robbery. Will you be over here?
Nichols – I'll be right over.

Hos

5:54 P.M. – In #1.
Roy (newspaper) – Asked for Johnnie Scudder or Walter Ebel (reporters)
Ebel – Hello.
Roy – Discussed details of story concerning robbery of Chicago Club.

Hos

5:58 P.M. – out #1
Evans – Called 2686 J. Spoke to Dean and requested him to go tell his wife he would be out all night with Apes
Dean – (laughing) Well, be careful if you're with him.

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6:00 P.M. — out #1,
Brock — Called 87 (Craighead Laundry)
Spoke to girl & informed that
he could not meet her to-
night, but would try to later

6:03 P.M. — out #2.
Ebel (reporter) — Called 3700 (newspaper) and
supplied additional information
about Robbery of Chicago Club.

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6:15 P.M. — On #2

Man — Is Dutch (Akers) there?

Akers — Hello —

Man — Dutch, Houston (Emory) speaking — Before I wrote this letter I believe it would be better if you got Judge Witt's permission to move "Pug" to Tucker. Then I wouldn't be by myself in the matter — you know — in case they should file a habeas corpus to move him to the County jail.

Akers — all right I'll call judge.

(note: Tucker evidently refers to Tucker Prison Farm, where it is evident that Akers would like to have "Pug" Dickson sent, since the death of John Dickson, his cousin.)

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6:20 P.M. - Out #2.

Akers - Called 2234 (listed as Earl Witt, county judge.)

Woman - Hello.

Akers - Is judge Witt there?

Witt - Hello.

Akers - Judge, this is Herbert Akers. That boy backed out on us again today

Witt - He did?

Akers - Yes. Could you give his an order to take him to Tucker for safe-keeping?

Witt - I don't believe that will be necessary - Better let him stay where he is. I'll be out of town in the morning, but will be back tomorrow night. Couldn't do anything about it now anyhow.

Akers - All right, judge -

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6:25 P.m. — out #2.
Akers — Called 3232-W. (Rogers res.)
Woman — Hello.
Akers — Let me talk to Rogers.
Rogers — Hello.
Akers — How close do you live to Bob Moore?
Rogers — Next door.
Akers — You'd better wake him up and both of you come down to the station - there was a robbery.
Rogers — All right.

Hoo.

6:30 P.m. — In #1.
Girl — Asked for Akers.
Akers — Hello.
Girl — Dutch, can you take me home?
Akers — No, honey, I'm busy.

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6:35 Pm. - Out # 2.

Akers - Called 515 (listed as res. of John Young).

Young - Hello.

Akers - John, you know that fellow Farmer Jefferson who lives out in the country don't you?

Young - Yes, Dutch.

Akers - Well, he just stuck up the Chicago Club. How do you get to his house out there?

Young - Gave Akers directions for locating Farmer Jefferson's house.

Has

6:40 Pm. - In #2.

Man - This is Arthur Marazette. My dog found part of a human man buried in a little box near Hicks Landing on the lake today.

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Evans - Where do you live?
Man - at 609 School street.
Evans - You'd better come down to the station.

6:45 PM - out #1.
Brock - Called Long Distance to: J. Watkins, in care "Doc" Watkins, Mineola, Ark.
L. D. Opr. - some trouble in locating Mineola - I'll call you back.

HEA

6:50 PM. - In #2.
Girl - asked for Chief Wakelin.
Wakelin - Hello
Girl - Hello - What're you doing?
Wakelin - I'm busy - We just had a stick-up at the Chicago.
Girl - Will you call me back?
Wakelin - No. I can't tonight. I'll be too busy.

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6:55 P.m. — In #2.
Man — Asked for Chief Wakelin.
Wakelin — Hello
Houston Emory — Houston, Chief. Arrest that fellow that caused all that disturbance out there this afternoon and I'll file on him in the morning.
Wakelin — All right.

HOA.

7:00 P.m. — In #2.
Man — Is Dutch Akers there?
Akers — Hello.
Man — Spencer said to call you, Dutch, and tell you to come over right away — that everything looks pretty.
Akers — All right I'll be right over.

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7:02 P.M. - In #2.
L. D. Opr. - On your call to Mineola, Mr. J. Walkins is not in now.
Brock - Leave word for him to call Cecil Brock here.

Has.

7:05 P.M. - Out #1.
Akers - Called 800
Clerk - Hello
Akers - Speak to Bill Miller.
Miller - Hello.
Akers - Bill, Herbert Akers. Is Jeff on duty now?
Miller - Yeah. Speak to him?
Akers - No. Don't call him. I'll be over and see you later.

Has.

7:10 P.M. - Out #2.
Akers - Called Long Distance - Little Rock #31110. Asked for Mr. Albright
Mrs. Albright - He's at the North Little Rock police station.
Akers - Please get word to him to call me

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Has.

7:13 P.m. - out #2.
Akers - Called 1038.
girl - Hello.
Akers - Is Judge there now Bernice?
Bernice - No. He hasn't gotten back yet.

7:15 P.m. — out #2.
Akers - Called 494.
Clerk - Western Union.
Akers - send a boy to the city jail.

Has.

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7:30 PM Outgoing #183 Ethel

(Akers called Gray Albright, State Ranger at Little Rock)

Albright - Hello.

Akers - Gray - this is Dutch. Who have you got up at Paris?

Albright - John Hendricks is at Fort Smith. That's the nearest man.

Akers - What do you know about the Sheriff at Mena.

Albright - I don't know, Dutch. I think he's all right tho.

Akers - He had a stick up here about an hour ago. Got about $1200 from a Bookie here. He knew the guy - his name is Farmer Jefferson. He was armed with a 45 cal. and ordered the men back and locked them in the toilet. Art Harris, who sells liquor to all the punks running liquor into Oklahoma is one of this

buddies and I think he's headed in that direction. His folks have been living here but are all packed and are all set to move to Sand Springs so he might turn up over around Tulsa or Oklahoma City.

Albright: Have you got a description of him, Dutch?

Akers: Yes. He is about 45 years old. Has sort of a leather face; dark hair; medium dark complexion; 5 feet 10 inches; weight 160-175 lbs; Was wearing dark clothes.

Albright: What kind of a car did he have?

Akers: He doesn't have a car that we know of. We picked him up in 193x for hiding that fellow Holman - you remember. How about the sheriff up there. You think he's all right.

Albright: Yes, Dutch. I think so.

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7:58 Outgoing #446 GPur

Akers = 65 (Bus Station)

Man = Bus Terminal

Akers = Did you have a bus leaving here after 6 PM.

Man = Yes, one left here at 6:30 for Fort Smith

Akers = When is next stop?

Man = At Waldron, a junction. The bus gets there at 8:30.

Akers = Thanks.

7:58 Outgoing #446 GPur

Akers called Sheriff at Waldron, Ark.

Sheriff = Hello.

Akers = Sheriff, this is the Police Department at Hot Springs. We had a stick up here tonight and I think our man might be on that bus which comes thru Waldron about 8:30. I wish you'd check that bus for us. His name is Farmer Jefferson

and his description - (Akers
gave description as set out
in this log on previous page).
If he's not on the bus talk
to the driver and see if
he can tell you whether such
a person got on at Hot Springs.
Sheriff: All right I get right
on it.
Akers. Thanks Sheriff.

Outgoing #183
805 Akers called Gray Albright, Arkansas
State Rangers, at Little Rock.
Albright. Hello
Akers - Say Gray, this fellow Jefferso
is a friend of Orville Patterson
and Hardeck. He is also a
friend of Art Harris who
runs a liquor store at Mena.
He probably on his way to
Mena so I wonder if you'll
have Hendricks handle it over
there. I'm not so sure about
that Sheriff -
Albright - Ok Dutch - I'll get Hendricks right over there

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8:45 Incoming #173 GLW
Long Distance Operator at Enid, Okla, called and talked to Akers. She asked the name of a good divorce Attorney at Hot Springs. Akers told her to get in touch with Leo P. McLaughlin at #600.

8:48 Incoming #173 GLW
Call for Bob Moore - Not In.

9:10 Incoming #173 GLW
Man called and asked if Farmer Jefferson had been caught. Was told - no.

9:18 Outgoing #173 GLW
Corrington called #1987 (Spencer's Cigar Store) and asked for Red Terry. Was told that Terry had not been in.

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9:00 Outgoing #173 GPW

Ates called Sheriff at Mt. Ida, Ark.

Sheriff - Hello

Ates = This is Police Dept at Hot Springs. Is Orville Patterson still on the farm.

Sheriff = I don't know. I will have to call Cummings. Patterson was out there but he may be on a 10 day Christmas furlough.

Ates = All right.

9:38 Incoming #446 GPW

Carrington = City Jail

Man = Is Bob there?

Bob = Hello.

~~Comment~~ = Are you coming over toward Citizens? Ben wants to see you.

Bob = I'll be by in a minute.

Man = OK.

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9:51 Outgoing #173 GRan
Akers called Sheriff at Waldron, Ark.
Sheriff = Hello
Akers = This is Akers. What did you find out at the bus stop.
Sheriff = Bus had only two passengers and neither was over 25 years of age. I talked to the driver and he said nobody like that had been on the bus.
Akers = OK - thanks.

10:05 Incoming #446 GRan
Officer reporting = 116 Murray & Kelly.

10:20 Incoming #446 GRan
Officer reporting - 3339 Jonestown.

10:30 Incoming #183 GRan
Lt. Moore called Sgt Carrington and asked if there were any calls - Carrington told Moore that everything was quiet.

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10:00 Incoming #183 GPur
Man called and reported
a drunk at 570 Pike St.

11:05 Incoming #446 GPur
Officer Reported = 106 Murray & Kelly
Bob Moore = You know Farmer
Jefferson, don't you?
Murray: Yes
Bob Moore = Well - if you see him
bring him in any way
you can get him.

11:35 Incoming #446 GPur
Officer Reporting - 3337 Jonestown

11:40 Incoming #183 GPur
Moore = Hello
Man = Have you got George Henry
in jail
Moore = Yes, he's on the holdover
Man = Thanks

TAPON 7 LEPHONE #648,
LISTED TO MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY HALL, HOT SPRINGS, ARK
SURVEILLANCE AT 207 LAUREL

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8:49 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.

Mr. Woodcock: Is Judge Ledgerwood in?

Miss Marsh: He won't be on the bench this morning - Judge Harmon is taking his place.

Mr. Woodcock: Is he there?

Miss Marsh: No, not yet.

Mr. Woodcock: I'll call back later.

8:50 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.

Judge Harmon: #1653 (W.K. Woodcock)

Mr. Woodcock: Hello -

Judge Harmon - Did you want to talk to me -

Mr. Woodcock - Well, I really wanted to talk to Ledgerwood. John is docketed for appearance in court this morning - there's nothing to the charge. He tried to pawn a gun for some one else.

Judge Harmon: I'll tell you what I can do, Will I'll continue the case till Wednesday and in the meantime you can talk

to Judge Ledgerwood, and see what he can do about it. He's bird hunting today.

Mr. Woodcock: O.K. Charlie - I'll appreciate it, if you will do that.

8:52 A.M. Outgoing on #3 J.L.N.

Mayor: #184 (City Clerk's Office)

Woman: Hello.

Mayor: Is Walter Hensley there?

Walter: Hello.

Mayor: Say Walter, I wish you would go to these feed men and tell them that they will have to pay ~~a~~ occupation tax for hauling feed purchased through them from the Railroad Station to the Tracks - what they're doing, they are hauling this feed free-of-charge, and these regular drayage companies are complaining about it.

Walter: O.K. Leo I'll attend to it.

Mayor: Tell them that the next time they haul feed to the tracks, and are not licensed to do it, they will have to appear in court.

Walter: All right, Leo.

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9:05 A.M. Outgoing

J.L.M.

Mayor: 707 (Clerk of Circuit Court)

Jones: Hello.

Mayor: Johnny - in that case, Aetna Life Insurance Co. -vs- Viney, I got a letter from Owens this morning. He wants it stricken from the records as "Settled and dismissed"

Jones: I'll have to wait until I get a court order on that -

Mayor: Yes, I know. I wanted you to make a note of it, and call it to Garrett's attention.

Jones: O.K. Leo, I'll take care of it.

9:00 Outgoing GRW
Mrs Marsh: 1194 Fire Dept.
Man = Hello
Mrs Marsh, Tell Slick to come up to the Mayors Office.

10:00 Outgoing GRW
Mrs Marsh: 1194 (Fire Dept.)
Man = Hello
Mrs Marsh: Is Elmer there?
Man = No.
Mrs Marsh = Try to find him and tell him that the Mayor wants him.
Man = Allright

10:25 AM Incoming GRW
Woman called Mayor
Mayor = Hello-
Woman = Mayor McLaughlin where do you receive your personal mail?
Mayor = At the City Hall.
Woman = Do you open it yourself?
Mayor = Yes.
Woman = Allright. Thanks.

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Incoming GKW
Immediately and asked for
Denise McGuire - Was told
to call 471.

11:25 Outgoing GKW
Miss Thurs - 613
Man - Sheriff's Office
Miss Marsh - St Marion Auberg Thurs
Man - No, he's in Little Rock.
Miss Marsh - Thanks.

11:[illegible] Outgoing GKW
Miss Marsh - 436 (Constable's Office
Man - Hello
Miss Marsh - Tell John Young that
the Mayor wants to see him.

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3:40 P.M. — In #3.
Man — Is Mayor McLaughlin there?
Hazel — No, he won't be back this afternoon.

3:45 P.M. — In #3.
Man — Secured a social engagement with Hazel.

Hat-

3:50 P.M. — In #3.
Woman — Is Leo there?
Hazel — No, he isn't. He might be at the court House.
Woman — If he comes in tell him that Stanley Couch just called him at home I believe that is the correct name.
Hazel — All right.

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3:55 P.M. — In #3.
Man — Is Mayor McLaughlin in?
Hazel — No he isn't.

4:15 P.M. — Out #3.
Hazel — Called 2250.
Woman — Hello.
Hazel — I'm ready to go home. Can you come after me?
Woman — All right.

HA.

4:17 P.M. — In #3.
Woman — Is Leo in?
Hazel — No, he isn't.
Woman — This is his home again. Was just trying to locate him.

Hot Springs, Arkansas.
January 5, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY:

Re: Brekid.

There are attached hereto the logs for December 27, 1936 covering the taps on telephones listed to the Chief of Police, City Jailor, and Mayor's Office, all located in the City Hall at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The conversation recorded at 9:18 A.M. reveals that Night Captain Bob Moore is apparently the "leak" in the Hot Springs Police Department.

The conversation made at 12:50 P.M. is somewhat incoherent, but it is believed that Akers talked with Arch Cooper in this instance.

In the conversation between Mayor McLaughlin and "Dutch" Akers at 6:45 P.M. there is indicated that Mayor McLaughlin in talking with Dr. Randolph who is the Coroner of Garland County, fixed it so that there will be no inquest in the death of John Dickson. Dr. Randolphm in a statement to the press on the following morning indicated that he will not hold any inquest in instant matter, for the reason that he was not informed of the autopsy performed on the body of Dickson until after th same was made public. It also appears from said conversation that efforts are being made to secure a signed statement from "Pug" Dickson favorable to the administration, for which he can expect some leniency.

The conversation at 7:48 P.M. between the Mayor and "Dutch" Akers undoubtedly refers to Akers interview with Dr. Randolph, the coroner.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Madala,
Special Agent.

Taps on # 446 (City J. N)
and # 123 (Chief Police) 12-27-36.
Plant at 207 - Laurel,
Hot Springs, Ark.

Has -

12:05 A.m. - In # 2.
Moore - Requested that an officer with auto be sent to Merchants' Cafe where he was -

12:06 Am. - In # 1.
Officers (Kelly + Murray) - Reported at 116 -

Has.

12:10 A.m - In # 1.
Officer (Floyd Davis) - Requested Rogers to come get him down on the creek.
Rogers - As soon as Moore gets back - wasn't anything doing there?
Davis - No -

Has

12:15 A.m. - In # 2 -
Man - Requested Officers to come to the Townsend (Hotel) right away.

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HJL

12:50 Am. - In # 1.
Woman - Requested Rogers to come take Davis home.

1:05 Am - In #1
Officers - (Murray + Kelly) Reported at 126.

1:20 Am. - In # 1.
Man - asked for Moore - not in!

HJL

1:50 Am - In # 2 (From Pay-Station)
Woman (voice like grace) - Asked for Wakelin.
Corrington - Hes not here. He went home a while ago.

2:00 Am. - In # 1.
Officers - (Murray + Kelly) at 777.

HJL

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3:10 A.M. — In # 1.
Officers — (Kelly & Murray) at 126.

4:00 A.M. — In # 1.
Officer — Reported at 777.

5:05 A.M. — In # 1.
Officers — (Kelly & Murray) Reported at 777.
Has.

5:15 A.M. — In # 2.
Man — gave his name as Williams; said calling from Firestone Service Sta reported a girl named Velma daughter of Mrs. Icy Thornton, 16 School St., missing fro her home. age 22 — Reported left with a man, obey Mathe.

#1 + #4
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9⁰⁰ am Incoming #173 Gbm
Corrington = Chief's Office
Man = Is Buchanan there?
Buchanan = Hello
Man = Buck, Zack wants to see you.
Buchanan = All right, I'll be right over.

9¹⁵ am Incoming #173 Gbm
(Mrs Haynes, Wife of John Dixon's uncle called for Bob Moore.)
Bob Moore = Hello
Mrs Haynes = Bob, do you know what they did with John's suit?
Moore = No - I don't know anything about it. I suppose the Chief could tell you. He will be down later.
Mrs Haynes = Well, Bob, I want to say that I thank you for what you've done! It has been a terrible thing and I am almost crazy.

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Moore - Well, I'm not afraid of anything because I didn't even go upstairs while he was here and I didn't have any part in it. And when Pug was picked up I told everybody that he was my prisoner and gave orders for no one to bother him and I know he's been treated all right.

Mrs Haynes: Well you know we all appreciate it. I wish you could see those pictures (pictures of John Dixon taken aft the autopsy). They are terrible and speak for themselves.

Moore = You know that night and all (reference to night Bob told Mrs Haynes that John Dixon was at New Park Hospital and also the secret meeting with Mrs Haynes on

Cottage Street by side of Municapal Auditorium) - You haven't seen me - you know.

Mrs. Haynes: You needn't worry and you know how I do appreciate it.

Moore = I'll you call the Chief later and he may be able to tell you about the suit.

Mrs Haynes = All right - Thank you.

9:40 Am Outgoing #446 Ethel

Akers = 280 ✓

Woman = Hello

Akers = Is Louis (Hinkle) there?

Woman = No

Akers = Well have him call Akers at the City Jail.

9:42 Am Incoming #1 & 3 Ethel

Tucker = Chief's Office

Man = Is Mr. Stakelin there?

Stakelin = All right.

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Man = Joe - can you drive by and pick me up. I've got something I want to tell you.

Makelin = All right I be by in a little bit.

9⁵⁵ Am Incoming #446 Glen

Tucker = City Jail

Huff = Is Akers there?

Akers = Hello

Huff = Dutch - this is Huff. Are you busy? I'd like to see you.

Akers = Come by in about 30 minute.

Huff = OK.

10⁰⁵ Am Incoming #446 Glen

Tucker = City Jail

Mayor = Is Dutch there?

Akers = Hello

Mayor = This is Leo - When you can get by yourself come over to the Hot Springs Confectionery

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I want to see you on a matter

Akers = All right.

10 25 Incoming #446 Gkm

Call for Akers - Not In

10 40 Outgoing #123 Gkm

Akers = 1593 (Home of Curtis Ridgeway)

Woman = Hello

Akers = Is Curtis there?

Woman = No

Akers = Tell him to call Herbert Akers.

Woman = All right.

10 52 Incoming #123 Gkm

Tucker = City Jail

Ridgway = Is Akers there?

Akers = Hello

Ridgway = This is Curtis, did you call me.

Akers = Yes. I am waiting for Cooper and he and I are going out to see Judge Witt. After that

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I thinx Pug is going to give us a statement. Where will you be?

Ridgway = I'll be at the office for an hour and then I'll be at home.

Akers = All right.

11:15 am Incoming #123 Glen
Walter Ebel called for either Akers or Brock - Both were out.

11:40 am Incoming #123 Glen
Tucker - City Tail
Mrs Haynes = Is Mr. Nakelin there?
Nakelin = Hello
Mrs Haynes: Mr. Nakelin - I wanted to ask if you knew anything about what happend to John's (Dixon) suit?
Nakelin: I don't think he had one. When we got him he had only a pair of overalls and a leather jacket.

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Mrs Haynes = Well. I suppose will have to buy one. Mr - Nakelin I want you to know how sorry we all are for everything and I'm sure if it were all to be done over everything would be different. I'm almost sick - I've lost about 20 lbs and can't eat or sleep.

Nakelin = Yes it is very bad - (Long conversation by both concerning their health but nothing of importance).

Mrs Haynes = I know you'll see that the other boy is treated all right.

Nakelin: Yes - I've left orders for no one to see him without and OK from me.

Mrs. Haynes = Thank you so much Mr. Nakelin.

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11 55 AM Incoming # 446 J. Rau
Woman called for Curley Evans - Not In

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12:05 Pm. - In #1
Man - Asked for Akers.
not in.

12:06 Pm - out #1.
Man - Called 666 (Akers res) and left word for him to call the station

12:15 P.M. - In #2.
Man (City Pound) - Requested assistance in taking a dog.

12:20 Pm - Out #2.
Brock - called 426 and asked for Dr. Merritt
Mrs Merritt - advised that Dr. Merritt was sick.
Brock - Informed her that Isadore Moscowitz's dog had bitten someone and he would not let the pound man have it.
Mrs Merritt - Told Brock her husband said to not let pound man take the dog.

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12:35 P.M. - In #1
Man - Is Cecil Brock there?
Brock - Hello.
Man - Ebel (reporter) talking, Brock. Meet me at the Western Union right away, will you?
Brock - All right.

12:50 P.M. - In #2.
Man - Speak to Akers.
Akers - Hello.
Man - Did you want me? I went out in the country and got stuck in the mud just got back.
Akers - Yes. Leo (McLaughlin) talked to that party and told him what I wanted. The party is ready now to give a statement to that effect. But, he (cont.)

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Has.

(cont.)
wants to be sure that any sentence wont be for too long. You get in touch with him and assure him of that.

Man - All right, I'll call him now.

Akers - Call me back after you've talked to him, will you?

Man - OK.

HW.

12:54 P.m. — In #2.
Man (same as previous call) - asked for Akers.
Akers - Hello.
Man - I called that party and he wants to talk to me.
Akers - I'll meet you at the statio at 1:30 then.

HW

12:56 P.m. — out #2.
Akers — Called 666 (his res.) and requested an immediate dinner.

1:10 P.m. — In #1.
Man — asked if Verna, or Katherine, Burk was locked up.
Tucker - informed no.

HW

1:12 P.m. — In #2.
Man - Inquired if "Skipper" Lewis from the Service Bureau was there
Tucker - no.

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1:25 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J L Dn

Akers: 1593 (Cuotro Ridgway's residence)

Ridgway: Hello -

Akers: Cuotro, I've finally gotten them together. They'll be there in a few minutes.

Ridgway: Do you want me to come down -

Akers: Yes

Ridgway: All right.

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3 00 PM Outgoing #183 GRm
Akers: 1408
Man: Hello
Akers = Can you come down?
Man = Yes, in just a few minutes.
Akers = All right.

3 20 Outgoing #183 GRm
Lanio. 3986
Mary Frances (?) = Hello
Lanio = Mary Frances, How is the Chief today.
Mary Frances = He's feeling much better.
Louis = If all right - I'd like to come out to see him
Mary Frances = All right - I know he'll be glad to see you.

3 40 PM Outgoing #188 GRm
Brock calls Sheriff Jim Bearden at Hope, Arkansas.
Sheriff = Hello.
Brock = Jim I've got a little investigation up here and I wish you'd come up.
Sheriff = OK I'll come up right away.

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305 Outgoing # 143 GKW

Akers = 7944

Woman = Hello

Akers = Is Mrs Easter Pemberton there?

Woman. No, but she'll be here at 4 o'clock

Akers = All right

355 Outgoing # 446 GKW

Hakelin = 3421 (GRACE GOLDSTEIN)

Grace = Hello

Hakelin = What are you doing?

Grace = Just finished my bath.

Hakelin = Had a chance to see the Gazette?

Grace = No. I'll send for a copy.

Hakelin = Hell - that's only one side of it.

Grace = It looks bad.

Hakelin = I'll call you later if I can't meet you otherwise same time?

Grace - OK.

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HAN -

4:12 P.m. — In #1.
Officer - Reported at 19 Jonestown -

4:15 P.m. — Out #2 -
Man - Called 3574 (Blein's Rest.) & ordered
Twenty-three dinners.

HAN.

4:40 P.m. — In #1.
Mrs Brock — Asked for her husband -
Left word with Wakelin for
Brock to call her.

4:53 P.m. — In #1.
Man - Asked Wakelin if he had
a statement yet.
Wakelin - No.
Man - You're not going to give out
anything tonight then?
Wakelin - No.

HAN.

5:20 P.m. - In #2.
Woman - Asked for Copper.

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H.A.

5:22 P.m. — out #2.
Brock — Called 1402 (his res.) & spoke to his wife about irrelevant matters.

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5:25 P.m. — In #2.
Man — gave his name as J. E. Beardon from Hope, Ark., & left message that if anyone called him he would be at Marion Hotel, Little Rock, Ark.,

H.A.

5:30 P.m. — In #2.
Officer (Charlie) — at 503 Jonestown.

5:40 P.M. — out #1.
Man — Called Information and asked for number of Miss Elsie Sharp.
Opr. — The telephone is disconnected.

H.A.

5:45 P.m. — In #1.
Man — gave name as Phillips at Southern Grill. Inquired if John was locked up.
Officer — no.

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5:55 P.m. — out #2.
Brock — Called 1065 (Southern grill) Asked for "Little Jake", the porter.
Clerk — Not here now.

5:58 P.m. — In #1.
Man — Asked for Akers.
Watkins — Not here. Be in about 6:30.

6:15 P.m. — In #1.
Officer — Reported at 55 Jonestown

6:16 P.m. — In #2.
Woman — Asked for Dutch Akers.
Tucker — Has out. Be in about half hour

6:25 P.m. — Tucker Called 3210, but hung up phone before woman answered.

6:35 P.m. — Out #1.
Tucker — Called 3811 & informed Ridley to appear at court at 9:00 A.m. as witness

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6:38 P.M. — out #1.

Akers — Called 2944 and asked to speak to Easter.

Easter — Hello.

Akers — Advised he wanted to see the girl and asked when he could

Easter — anytime after 7:30 A.M. I'm putting Jack on the bus than-

Akers — I'll be at the Hot Springs Confectionary at 7:30 for break-fasts — Come by there.

6:45 P.M. — On #1.

Leo McLaughlin — asked for Akers.

Akers — Hello.

Leo — How are you getting along on that?

Akers — all right. I think it'll work out all right.

Leo — Will the fellow there say anything more?

Akers — I'm holding that over until in the morning.

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Leo - Well, I told you about my conversation this morning with Randolph. You know where he lives don't you? It's out near brother's place on the lake - I want you to go out there and get the message that he was going to give me - when I talked to him, I could read between the lines and it looks like he wants to do something to help.

Apers - All right, I'll call you when I get back. I think this is going to work out all right.

(Note: Conversation probably refers to the beating of John Dixon by police -

Dr. J. P. Randolph listed as:
Res - Lake Hamilton - pho 9504
Office - Thompson Bl - " 1925.

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7:18 PM Incoming #446 Glen
Mrs. Hakelin called Chief Hakelin
Not In.

7:40 PM Outgoing #173 Glen
Curley Evans = 1723 (Chief Hakelins Residence)
Woman = Hello-
Evans = Is the Chief there?
Woman = No
Evans = Thank you.

7:48 PM Outgoing #173 Glen
Akers = 600 (Mayor's Residence)
Mayor = Hello-
Akers = It's what you thought it
was but nothing doing.
Mayor = All right
Akers = They tried to get him to do that
but he passed it off very nice.
Mayor = All right!

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8:00 PM Outgoing #123 Gilm
Arch Cooper = 1987 (Spencer's Cigar Store)
Man = Spencer's.
Cooper = 58
Man = 4 & 8
Cooper = OK.

8:02 PM Incoming #123 Gilm
Man called Cecil, (BROCK) and asked
him to come over to Marquette Hotel.
Brock said he would be right over.

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8:50 P.M. - on #1.

Mrs. Brock - Asked Brock when he would be home.

Brock - Advised he was busy at present rounding up witnesses.

9:15 P.M. - on #1.

Man - Requested that "Old Man Smith" be released if he had sobered up. Said that Chief Wakelin told him Smith could go home

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

Officer - Reported at 511.

9:40 P.M. - on #1.

Woman - Talked to Moore. Did not give her name but said she & joe had returned from Okla City.

Moore - Made arrangements to take her to see his farm next Tuesday.

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9:50 P.M. — Out #1. Has -

Man - Called 116 (Millers) and asked if Arthur Judson was there.
Clerk - He's not here now.

10:00 P.M. — In #1.
Officers - (Kelly + Murray) at 116.

10:30 P.M. - In # 2 - Has.
Woman - Complained of prowlers at 224 Hobson St.

10:35 P.M. - In #1.
Man - Inquired if Gail Kennard was in jail.
Moore - No.

10:45 P.M. - In #1. Has.
Man - Asked Moore if he was busy.
Moore - Yes, I'll send over after it.

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10:46 P.m. — In #2.
Woman — Complained of Hershel Cash beating his wife and possessing gun.

10:50 P.m. — In #1.
Man — Called from Market Street garage & advised he had report of wreck near Oaklawn.

10:51 P.m. — In #2.
Woman — advised she was holding Hershel Cash locked in a truck.

10:52 P.m. — Out #2.
Moore — Called 116 (Millers) and 545 (Merchants) located an officer and informed him of above information.

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Hps.

11:05 P.M. — In #1.
Officer - Reported at 1246 and advised he had arrested Hershel Cash for beating his wife.

11:55 P.M. — In #1.
Mrs. Smith - Asked if her husband was still locked up.
Corrington - Informed her that he was.

Hps.

FOIPA COVER SHEET

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACTS

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TAPS ON TELEPHONES #446 + 173
LISTED TO CHIEF OF POLICE AND
CITY JAIL, CITY HALL.
SURVEILLANCE FROM 207 LAUREL AI

12³⁰ AM Incoming #173 GLM
Call for Curley Evans - was told
that Evans would not be in
until 9:00 AM.

12⁵⁵ AM Incoming #173 GLM
Woman called and reported that
a girl was badly burned at
441 Prospect Ave. Moore said he
would send a car out right away.

1⁰⁵ AM Incoming #173 GLM
Mrs Carver called Bob Moore and
asked him to send after a drunk
at the Garland Hotel - Moore
said he would send a man up.

1¹² Incoming #446 GLM
Corrington - City Jail
Man - Is Brunner in jail.
Corrington - Yes.
Man - Is there any chance to make

bond for him?

Covington = I don't know. You will have to talk to Captain Moore about that.

Man = Ok.

1:20 am = Incoming #446 GHM

Officer Irwin called Bob Moore and said the woman who was burned had been taken to St Joseph's Hospital. Irwin said that woman apparently had been drinking and had gone to sleep while smoking a cigarette. Moore instructed Irwin to return to Jail.

1:25 Am Outgoing #446 GHM

Bob Moore = 217 (Chicago Cigar Store)

Phil = Hello.

Moore = Phil - I want you to close that poker game. I don't want to come by there and see it. I've got orders to close them up.

Phil = Hell - we just started but I'll close it.

Moore = All right.

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1:50 am Incoming # 446 Blue

Officer reporting = 3337 Murray + Kelly.

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H.O.

2:20 A.M. — Out #1.
Moore — Called 100 (Central Garage)
Charlie — Hello.
Moore — Have you a car in there tonight wrecked?
Charlie — Bob, we've a Ford Coupe that Buchanan sent in. It ran into something. Axle bent. $2.50 towing charge on it.
Moore — It's no hold order on it, is there?
Charlie — No. just Buchanan sent it in.
Moore — The fellow's here now. Let him have it if he pays towing charges. He's ok.

2:25 A.M. — Out #1.
Moore — Called 3700 (Sentinal - New Era)
No answer.

H.O.

2:35 A.M. — On #2.
Woman — Advised Moore she heard a woman scream in front of her house 408 Hawthorne St.

(cont.)

12-20-36 - HAS -

(note: woman evidently known to Moore who made complaint: gave her name as Ada Smith) -

12:37 AM - In #1. For Moore - HAS -

Moore - Hello -

Man - Gave his name as Martin - Employed by Superior Bakery - Advised he located his "old woman at the White House drunk and attempted to get her home, but that she was too much for him and he couldn't get her any further than Hawthorne St

Moore - OK. Police car is on the way there now -

Man - Requested Moore to keep her lock up until she became sober -

Moore - OK. Probably won't be any charges against her -

HOt.

2:50 Am. - In #1.
Officer - Reported at 126 and asked Moore if he was ready to send car to pick up "that guy".
Moore - OK.
Officer - I'll be waiting by the bank.

HOt.

3:00 Am - In #1.
Woman - send car to 223 Plateau Street
Moore - What's trouble?
Woman - Drunks and a fight -
Moore - OK -

3:01 Am - Out #2.
Moore - Called 25 (Checker Cab) and ordered cab to City jail.

HOt.

3:03 Am. - In #2.
Officer - Reported that he had woman and she was Earl sister; that he knocked (Earl) her down.
Moore - Bring her down here and go get him

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4:05 Am — In #1.
Officer — Reported in.

5:00 Am — In #1.
Officer — Reported at 126.

6:05 Am — In #1. Has-
Officer — Reported in.

6:47 Am — In #1.
Woman — Inquired concerning number of breakfasts needed.

7:15 Am — In #1. Has
Man — Have you got a fellow named Gilchrist in jail.
Corrington — No. Have not.

8:15 Am — In #2.
Man — Bob this man here says he can't fix you up.
Man — (taking phone) — OK, I'll fix you up.
Moore — Wish you would, I'm sick.

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8:25 Am - out.
Man - Called 3574 (Plain's Restaurant) and advised woman that the number was twenty-three, then -

8:40 Am. - In #2 -
Man - Talked to Bill Abbott about a pair of shoes.

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8⁵⁵ am Incoming #143 GHW
Bob Moore - Chief's Office
Betty (—?) = Bob, this is Betty, did you find my purse in your car.
Bob Moore = No, I haven't seen it. I think your husband got it. Has he gone to work?
Betty = Yes
Bob Moore: I tell you - I'll come by there in a little bit when I start home.
Betty - O.K.

9¹⁵ am Incoming #143 GHW
Bob Moore - Chief's Office
Mrs Duncan - This is Mrs Duncan - sister of the girl who was burned Did they ever find her husband?
Bob Moore = No - we haven't been able to locate him.
Mrs Duncan - Thank you.

9:18 In #143 GRW
Call for Bob Moore - was told
Moore had just left for home.

9:22 Incoming #446 GRW
Woman called but she was
unable to talk - sounded as
the she were having a fight
with a man = Brock asked
operator to trace the call - Operator
reported that call came from #3150

9:24 Outgoing #143 GRW
Brock = 3150
Girl (crying) = Hello
Brock = This is Cecil - what's the
trouble?
Girl = Come on up here -
Brock = O.K.

9:41 Incoming #143 GRW
Call for Cecil Brock - Not In.

950 Outgoing #446 GLW

Brock = 6 r 6 (Dr Chamberlain's Office)

Girl = Hello -

Brock = Is Doctor in?

Girl = No but he's expected in in a few minutes.

Brock = Tell him a man named Price at the corner of Magnolia and Glade wants a doctor to come up and fix a cut over the eye. He asked me to call a doctor and I thought maybe Dr. Chamberlain would want the case.

Girl = Yes - thanks Mr Brock

953 Incoming #173 GLW

Brock = Chief's Office

Man = This is the Missouri-Pacific - We have had a car robbery down here - Can you send down and investigate?

Brock = Yes - will send right down.

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10 00 Am Incoming #446 GLW
Murray called from Hospital and asked that someone be sent up to relieve him. Was told that someone would be sent up.

10 12 Am Incoming #123 GLW
Call for Cecil Brock - Not In.

10 20 Am Incoming #123 GLW
Officer Evans called and told Mr. Tucker he was sick and wouldn't be down for work.

10 25 Incoming #446 GLW
Girl called for Garnett Moore - She was told he was sick.

10 38 Incoming #123 GLW
Mrs Brock called Lt. Brock and asked him to find a maid to come out and clean the house.

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10^45 Incoming #446 GRW
Call for Akers. Not In.
Man asked that message be
left for Akers to call 359.

10^50 Incoming #446 GRW
Tucker = City Jail
Bid Ellis = Is Chief Nakelin there?
Nakelin = Hello.
Ellis - Chief you've got that
young fellow Rice down
there for being drunk. He's
a swede fellow but just got
too much. Let him out and
I'll see that he's down for
court on Monday.
Nakelin = Well - as soon as Dutch
comes I'll see what I can do.
Ellis = Do what you can for him
and I'll appreciate it.

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11⁰⁸ Incoming #123 Glen
Girl called Cecil Brock - Not In.

11¹⁴ Outgoing #123 Glen
Nakelin = 580 (St Joseph's Infirmary)
Sister Bernard = Hello
Nakelin = Sister - did Mrs Grover die?
Sister Bernard = Yes - she did.
Nakelin - Will you notify everyone that should her husband call not to tell him she is dead but tell him to come to hospital to help check some records or something and to notify us so we can come out and get him.
Sister Bernard: Yes, I'll be glad to do that.

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11:26 Outgoing #446 Gluer

Akers: 359

Man: Hello

Akers: Is Rockafellow there?

Rockafellow: Hello.

Akers: Are you coming by?

Rockafellow: Yes - how long will you be there?

Akers: Till 12 o'clock.

Rockafellow: Ok - I'll be by soon.

11:29 Incoming #123 Gluer

Long Distance call from Gray Albright at Little Rock to Chief Hakelin)

Hakelin: Hello.

Albright: Hello Chief - Jim Sanderson had a hold-up over there this morning. The two men got away and were driving a dark colored Dodge or Plymouth Sedan (1935 or 1936) with Texas license #709534. Both were white and about 25 yrs old.

Have your men look out for them.

Hakelin = Yes - I will.

Albright = How is John? (John Dixon)

Hakelin = He's in the hospital but is reported better this morning. It's too bad it wasn't all finished out there.

Albright = We'll look out on that and if you get anything let Sanderson know.

Hakelin = all right.

11⁴⁸ Incoming #123 GRW
Akers called for Chief - Not In.

11⁵⁵ Incoming #123 GRW
Dick Swaim called Akers - Not In. Swaim asked that Akers be told to call him when he returned.

12⁰⁰ Incoming #123 GRW
Mrs Brock called Lt. Brock - Not In

1122 Outgoing #446 GRm
Akers = 3420
Man = Hello (Dick Swain)
Akers = Did you call me?
Swain = Yes I want to see you
when you start to dinner.
Akers = Ok I'll call you.

1125 Incoming #123 GRm
Akers = Hello
Man = Dutch - I just saw the
gentleman (reference to E.E. Grover,
walking in the Rainbow Cafe.
He's got on a grey suit.
Akers = Thanks.

1135 Outgoing #446 GRm
Akers = 1593 (Curtis Ridgeway)
Ridgeway = Hello.
Akers = Curtis you'd better come
down ~~[illegible]~~ right after
dinner - We've got a murder
case on our hands.
Ridgeway = What about 130
Akers = All right.

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1738 Incoming #446 Flur

Jucker = City Jail

Man = Is Marvin Willis in jail -

Jucker = No.

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1:14 P.M. Incoming in #446 J.L.M.
Officer Robins reported in from 5511 Jonestown

1:17 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Brooks: #29
Man: Gross Mortuary.
Brook: Did you get that woman that was burned?
Man: Yes, she's here now.
Brook: Does she have a bump or anything like a bruise on her head?
Man: I don't know - we're going to have an autopsy on that.

1:24 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Man: This is Mr. Rice - are my two boys in jail? ~~[illegible]~~ Their name is Rice too.
Jailor: Pete Rice is in jail - the other one isn't.
Man: O.K. Thanks.

1:27 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Mrs. McNeley of 325 Benton Street requested an officer out to her place.

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1:44 P.M. Outgoing on # 446 J.L.M.

Walter Ebel: # 666

Abers: Hello.

Ebel: Hurry, we're all down here waiting for you.

Abers: Will be right down.

1:53 P.M. Outgoing on # 446 J.L.M.

Walter Ebel: 29

George: Gross Mortuary.

Ebel: This is Walter Ebel - what time are you going to have the autopsy on that woman.

George: At three o'clock.

Ebel: I want to see her before then.

George: All right, come down here.

2:20 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 J.L.M.

Abers: 29.

Miss Bennett: Gross Mortuary

Abers: Miss Bennett are any of the boys there?

Miss Bennett: They're all busy right now - can I have one of them call you.

Abers: This is Herbert Abers - are they holding that autopsy on

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Miss Bennett: No, that will be at 3 o'clock.
Abers: O.K. thank you.

2:24 P.M. Outgoing on # 446 J.L.M.
Abers: # 29
George: Gross Mortuary.
Abers: George, is that autopsy set for 3 o'clock, or is that the inquest?
George: The autopsy.
Abers: When will the inquest be held.
George. After the autopsy. Will you be over?
Abers: Yes, we'll be by there.

2:31 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 J.L.M.
Abers: # 2377
No answer.

2:32 P.M. Incoming J.L.M.
Francis: Is Bob Moore there?
Joe Scott: No, he doesn't come on until nine.
Francis: Who is this?
Joe Scott: Joe Scott.
Francis: Joe, this is Francis talking - can you

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meet me at Church + Pleasant right away

Joe Scott: What's the trouble?

Jeannie: There's so much - I can't tell you over the phone.

Joe Scott: O.K. I'll be there.

2:37 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.

Mr. Price: This is Mr. Price at the Goodard Hotel - tell that officer I forgot his name - that everything is cleared up. She just came in.

Sgt. Tucker: All right.

2:46 P.M. Outgoing on 123 J.L.M.

Joe Scott: #100 (Central Garage)

Man: Hello.

Joe Scott: Take a wrecker and go out to Malvern Avenue just beyond the Riggs School and pull in that wrecked car that is out there. The Chief + I will be there. Make it snappy now.

Man: O.K. Joe, we'll be right out there.

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2:45 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.H.

Abers: #770 (Paul Heady Funeral Home)

Woman: #770

Abers: Let me speak to Paul.

Paul: Hello.

Abers: Paul, this is Herbert Abers - did you pick up the woman that was burned last night?

Paul: Yes, I did.

Abers: Did you talk with her husband later?

Paul: Yes, sometime early this morning.

Abers: What did he have to say?

Paul: He didn't say much of anything - I told him that if he expected me to help him he ought to tell me everything.

Abers: What remarks did he make to you?

Paul: He wouldn't say much except that they were estranged.

Abers: Did he say anything about having had a quarrel with her last night?

Paul: He said she was pretty drunk and that they quarreled a little.

Abers: He didn't say anything about striking or beating

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Inv, did he?
Paul: No, nothing like that.
Inv: Did he know she is dead?
Paul: No - did she die?
Inv: Yes, around six o'clock this morning.
Paul: Well, that's too bad.
Inv: Thanks, I'll see you later.

3:00 P.M. Ventgoing # 446 J.L.M.
Joe Scott: 682
Man: White Front Cigar Store.
Joe Scott: Is Dick Whitaker there?
Man: Yes, just a minute.
Whitaker: Hello.
Joe Scott: This is Scott at the City Jail - I've got your boy and car down here in jail.
Whitaker: Why, what's the matter?
Scott: You better come down & see.

3:10 P.M. I returning on # 446 J.L.M.
Officer Charlie Robbins reported in from 503 Jonestown

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3:20 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Charlie Reese of Central Garage called + told Joe Scott that he went to point on Malvern Ave, as directed by Scott, but that he couldn't find anything of a wreck. Scott said some-one ~~else~~ else called the Market Str. Garage, and they pulled it in. Charlie Reese inquired whether the wreck was bad, + also whether the Market Street Garage got the job of repairing it. Scott told Charlie to come to the Station right away.

3:44 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Tucker: 3574 (Pleim's restaurant)
: Ordered 21 dinners.

3:50 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Man: Is Mr. Akers there?
Sgt: No, he's out just now.
Man: Have him call Gross' when he comes back.

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3:50 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Man: Is John Butler in jail?
Sgt: No.

3:51 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Abers: 29
Man: Gross Mortuary.
Abers: This is Herbert Abers.
Man: Say Hutch - there were no bruises found on the body or head - they decided it was an accidental death.
Abers: Do you know whether Dr. Rondeau is going to hold an inquest?
Man: No, he doesn't think it's necessary now.

4:02 P.M. Outgoing on # 446 J.L.M.
Joe Scott: 29
Man: Gross Mortuary.
Joe Scott: Is Raymond Clinton there?
Man: No, he just went out.

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4:03 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.

Man: Is John P. Chisholm in jail?

Sgt: Yes.

Man: What's he in for?

Sgt: Investigation.

4:08 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.

Buchanan: 3427-W.

George: Hello.

Buchanan: Is Moose around there? This is Buck.

George: He's out just now.

Buchanan: Do you know where I can get in touch with him, George?

George: I'll hunt him up, + have him call you.

4:16 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.

Ridgway: 29

Man: Gross Mortuary

Ridgway: Is Mr. Randolph there?

Man: No, he left for home.

Ridgway: What was the final opinion on that autopsy

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Mom: Accidental death - no evidence of any bruises or cuts.

Ridgway: Are they going to hold an inquest?

Mom: Dr. Randolph didn't think it necessary.

Ridgway: Uh - all right.

4:17 P.M. Putting on #123 J.L.M.

Ridgway: Rusal 9504.

Dr. Randolph: Hello.

Ridgway: Doc - this is Curtis Ridgway. Who did you find out about that woman's death.

Dr. Randolph: There were no evidences of a brain injury or any internal injuries. It's my opinion that she died from 3rd degree burns and shock.

Ridgway: Well, we have her husband in jail here, and investigating his story. He seems to tell us one story, + witnesses tell us another. Dutch thinks we ought to have an inquest.

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Mr. Randolph: I don't think it is necessary, but if he wants one, I'll hold it.

Ridgway: We'd better wait until we do some more checking.

Mr. Randolph: Anything you say.

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4:23 P.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.M.
Man called in and reported that Guy Ripley was at 538 Benton Street - that the police should pick him up.

4:25 P.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.M.
Man called in for Charlie Reese of the Central Sewage - was advised he was not there.

4:30 P.M. Incoming on # 123 J.L.M.
Man: Is Buchanan there?
Buchanan: Hello.
Man: This is Mose - did you call me.
Buchanan: Yes, there's a man in jail here who wants to buy a new car - he had a wreck this afternoon, + wants a new car by tomorrow morning for work. You might be able to sell him a Plymouth.
Man: What's the fellow's name?
Buchanan: Dick Whitaker.
Man: Thanks Buck - I'll be down there.

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4:31 P.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.M.

Woman: Is Cecil Brooks in?

Brooks: Hello.

Woman: Is in jail on Benton Street - I want to see you a minute.

Brooks: O.K. - will be right over.

4:34 P.M. Incoming on # 123 J.L.M.

Woman: This is Lyla Moore - have they serve that warrant on Harry Moore yet?

Tucker: I don't think so (hung up).

4:36 P.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.M.

Man: Is Cecil there?

Brooks: Hello.

Man: What was that fellow's name we were looking for last night for burning that woman.

Brooks: Earl Grover - we got him in jail now.

Man: Who you think he done it?

Brooks: Yes - Curtis talked to him this afternoon - he hasn't said anything.

Man: Well, don't give up.

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4:43 P.M. Incoming on # 123 J.L.M.

Lyla Moore: Are they going to serve that warrant on Harvey Moore?

Cecil Brock: Do you know where he is?

Lyla Moore: Yes, he's at Fred Barnett's place at 125 Daisy Street.

~~Cecil Brock~~: We'll go right out and pick him up for you - where can I call you when we do get him.

Lyla Moore: You get reach me through the lineman room at the Arlington Hotel.

4:45 P.M. Outgoing on # 446 J.L.M.

Mr. Merritt: # 615 (Sheriff's Office)

No answer.

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4:55 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 J.L.M.

Mr. Merritt # 1723

Woman Hello

Mr. Merritt: Is Chief Wabelin there?

Chief Wabelin: Hello

Mr. Merritt: What time are you coming down to the station?

Chief Wabelin: Around six o'clock. - why what's the matter?

Mr. Merritt Things don't look so favorable - I want to talk to you about this thing I'll try and be there at six o'clock to talk this over with you.

Chief Wabelin: Any thing happen?

Mr. Merritt: Those folks are calling up at the hospital, and have also been trying to get hold of me all day. I don't know how they found out he is up there.

Chief Wabelin. How is he?

Mr. Merritt: He's no better - that's what I'm afraid of. If anything, he is worse.

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Chief Wakelin: Yeah.
Mr. Merritt. That's what I want to talk to you about - maybe we can get them out of town.
Chief Wakelin: I'll be there in a little while.

5:04 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J L M
Abers: 728
Woman: Hello
Abers: Is Mr. Reynolds in town?
Woman: No, he's out on the lake.

5:05 P.M. Incoming on #416 J L M
Man. Is Glen Buchanan in?
Sgt: No, he's out on a call.

5:06 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J L M.
Abers: #165 (Moody Hotel & Bath House)
Woman. Moody Hotel.
Abers Is Max there?
Max. Hello
Abers This is Dutch - have you heard any thing about Benny Levin yet?

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Mast. No, I haven't - I contacted all his friends and no one seems to have seen or heard of him today. He's probably out on a "toot" somewhere.

Abers. Did you try around the lake?

Mast. Yes, I've been down there this morning maybe he's at Verne Ledgerwood's cottage he usually goes down there

Abers: Verne, if anybody, ought to know where he is.

Mast: When he's on a "toot" like that, he usually puts up at Rogers' Brothers until he sobers up.

Abers. I'll call down there, + see if he's in one of his cottages.

5:10 P.M. Ventgoing on # 123 J L M

Abers called long distance to Rogers' Landing on Lake Catherine + while the operator was ringing that place, agent heard snatches of conversation between Abers and another person he thought to be a Mr. Lewis. They were apparently discussing the Burrows and Agent heard Abers make the fol

lowing remarks:

Yes, this couple extorted some money out of this guy in California - they came into town Sunday morning and didn't contact any of us. I saw them at breakfast at the Hot Springs Confectionary around 7:30 in the morning - I personally know some of them, but none of them said anything to me I figured they were up to something - that's the way those guys operate.

You know, I had a clash with Hoover on that Korpis raid that those fellows made last April - a whole bunch of them came into town and almost burned up Woodcock's place I told them that I didn't like them sneaking into town like that without letting anyone know Christ sake, we could have gone out there and tangled with them, and some of us or them might have been killed - that's what every police department in the country is thinking about - Look what they did in New York - they almost got a couple of fine men killed - they shot this apartment full of lead and then threw

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in some tear gas and set the place on fire. The New York police raised plenty hell about it — (at this point some one apparently entered the room, as agent heard Abers introduce Mr. Levi to Sheriff Ellis)

At this juncture the operator plugged in and advised that Roger's Landing doesn't answer

5:15 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 JLM

Abers: Rural 9523

Mon: Gillian's Landing

Abers: Is Gillian there?

Mon: No, I'll have to call him to the phone.

Abers: Have him call me right away.

5:18 P.M. Incoming on # 123 JLM

Gillian: Did you want to talk to me Hutch?

Abers: Yes, did you see Pinney Levi out there

Gillian: Haven't seen him in a couple of days.

Abers: He hasn't been around here - he must be duck hunting. I'm just trying to locate him.

Gillian: Well, he hasn't been around here.

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5:28 Pm. - out #2.
Man (believed Brock) - Called 25.
Clerk - Checker Cab.
Man - Where's Ashton (phonetic)?
Clerk - He's downstairs. Who's calling
Man - His brother.
Clerk - Give me your number and I'll have him call you.
Man - I don't want him to do that
Clerk - Well, call back on #26 and I'll have him up here in a couple of minutes.
Man - ok.

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5:30 Pm. - out #2.
Man (believed Brock) - Called 26.
Clerk - Checker Cab.
Man - Is he there yet? Ashton (phonet
Ashton - Hello.
Man - I'll be up to see you after a while.
Ashton - It won't do you any good. One's going out to Transit Camp.
Man - Well, I'll see you tomorrow

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5:32 Pm. - out #2.
Brock - Called 1402 (his residence) talke to his wife and informed her he would be home at 6:15.

5:34 Pm. - In #1.
Man - asked for Brock.
Brock - Hello.
Owen - Tell that nego I couldn't do anything for him - Best thing for him would be to stay in jail.

5:36 Pm. - In #2.
Woman - Asked for Walter Ebel (reporter)
Tucker - He's not here now.

5:45 Pm. - In #2.
Man - Asked for Cooper.
Tucker - He's at home sick. Call 3339.

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5:50 P.M. - Out #2.
Akers - Called Western Union for Correct time.

5:55 P.M. - In #1.
Opr. - Informed she had a call from the Dam for Bob Moore or some one who has blood-hounds.
Tucker - Moore is not here and doesn't have a telephone He lives at 625 Oak St. His neighbor's phone is 1283.

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6:00 P.M. - In #1.
Brock - Hello.
Owen Wilson - Advised he was calling from the Dam, and that a two year old baby was lost in the country near there. Wanted to get in touch with Bob Moore to get blood hounds - (cont.)

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Brock — advised that Moore might be reached by calling Capt. Rogers, his neighbor, phone 3232-W.

Joe Scott — (taking phone) advised he would go out and tell Moore about it and for Wilson to call back in a few minutes.

6:03 Pm — Cir # 2. Has.
Woman — Have you heard how John Dixon is today, Tucker?
Tucker — No I haven't heard a word. I don't know anything about that case.
Woman — Where is he? what hospital is he in?
Tucker — I don't know. There's no one here now but me.
Woman — Well it seems mighty funny that no one knows

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Has.

where he is or anything about him. I called all the hospitals and they don't know anything either.

Tucker – Well, I don't know.

6:05 P.m. – In #1.

Has.

Officer – Reported at 503.

6:07 P.m. – In #1.

Woman – asked for Andy Irvin. not in.

6:10 P.m. – In #1.

Has.

Joe Scott – advised he had talked to Moore and the fellow at the Dam, and requested information as to whether there was a police car there at the station.

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6:15 P.m. - In # 2 -
Emmett Hilton - made complaint
to Akers about theft of
his auto radiator cap.

6:18 P.m. - In # 1.
Mrs Wilson - left message for Tucker
that she would be at church

6:20 P.m. - In # 2. Hav.
woman - asked for Walter.
Tucker - He works out of the City
Clerks Office - not here.

6:21 P.m. - In # 2.
woman - asked for Brock.
not in.

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6:22 P.m. - In #2.
woman - asked for Garnett Moore -
not in.

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6:23 Pm - out #2.
Akers - Called 379, spoke to Carl concerning a deer hunting trip planned for Wednesday

6:25 Pm - out #2.
Wakelin - Called 3421 (Hatteras Hotel,
Grace - Hello
Wakelin - Well?
Grace - Well, I was just lying in bed reading Liberty. What are you doing?
Wakelin - Just sitting on it.
Grace - What, your "fanny"?
Wakelin - Yeah.
Grace - Where are you, downtown
Wakelin - Yeah.
Grace - Well, I haven't been out of the house today except to take Shine out for a while.
Wakelin - Yeah?
Grace - Yeah. I'm lying in (cont.)

bed now with Lillian (maid).

Wakelin - What?

Grace - Yeah - I'm lying at the head and she's at the foot.

Wakelin - Well, that doesn't sound so good either. (laughter)

Grace - No, I guess not. Well, I went to sleep this afternoon about four o'clock. I ate so much dinner.

Wakelin - Mh hmh -

Grace - Well, what'd you know?

Wakelin - Not much of anything.

Grace - Neither do I. Well, when I got home last night I went straight to bed.

Wakelin - I did too.

Grace - I slept about twelve hours - Well, what time is it now?

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Wakelin - I've got about six-thirty or six twenty-five.
Grace - Well. ok?
Wakelin - yeah, ok.
Grace - ok.

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6:35 P.M. - Out #2.
Buford (first name) - Called 1127 (listed as H.O. Grace).
Grace - Hello.
Buford - Discussed the purchase of various tracks of land near Plainview, Ark., from which it appeared that Grace had charge of renting and selling foreclosed property for a bank.
Grace - Advised he would be over there Tuesday night and would have more information about the property.

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6:40 P.m. - In #1.
Woman - asked for Bob Moore -
not in -

6:45 P.m. - In #2.
Woman - asked for Akers -
Akers - Hello -
Woman - Dutch, have you seen
Betty tonight?
Akers - She and that other girl
passed by Spencer's while
I was eating supper going
up towards your house -
Woman - Well, she said she was
going to the picture-show - I
guess that's where she is -

6:55 P.m. - In #2.
Long Dist. Call from Associated Press at
Little Rock, Ark., for Akers.
Akers - Hello.
Man - Inquired information
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concerning the Grover case -

Akers - Informed that the prisoner, Earl E. Grover, was being held for investigation of arson and murder in connection with his wife's death; that only the bed and one room of the rooming house was burned and the Fire Dept. wasn't called

6:58 P.M. - in #1.

Mrs. Wakelin - Asked for Chief Wakelin

Akers - He's gone out.

Mrs. Wakelin - advised she had burned out a fuse at her home and lights were off.

Akers - I'll call the City Light Dept

7:00 P.M. - out #1.

Akers - Called 161 (H.S. City Barn) and instructed man to get the lights on in Chief Wakelin's home at 215 Fraser street.

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7:05 Pm. – In #2. H.W.
Man – asked for Akers.
Akers – Hello –
Man – gave his name as John and said he wanted to talk to Akers – Would be right over to the station.

7:08 Pm. – out #2. H.W.
Man – Called 2105.
Man – Hello –
Man – Who drives a car with ark license # 91-463 on it?
Man – I have no way of knowing.
Man – Well Buchanan said you might be able to tell.
Man – No – Joe might be able to. Call his residence

7:10 Pm. – In #1. H.W.
Woman – Asked for Wapelin – Not in.

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7:24 Outgoing #123 GRW
Akers = 770 (Heady Funeral Home)
Man = Heady's.
Akers - What time did you answer that call on Prospect last night?
Man = Dutch - I don't know exactly but it was about 1:15 am.
Akers = Ok Thanks

7:32 Incoming #446 GRW
Officer Reporting = 3337 Jonestown N.

7:42 Incoming #123 GRW
Tucker = Chief's Office
Woman = Is Milford Sanders about?
Tucker = I haven't seen him tonight.
Woman = Thanks.

8:04 Incoming #123 GRW
Man called and reported a drunk at 325 Vine St.

8¹⁴ Incoming #446 Gbm
Akers = City Jail
Scudder = Dutch, have you
placed any charge against
that fellow (Grover)?
Akers = No - we're just holding him
for Investigation -
Say - what are you doing?
Scudder = Nothing.
Akers = I think I've uncovered
something and I want you
to go out with me
Scudder = Ok, let me know when
you're ready.

8²⁷ Incoming #173 Gbm
Long Distance from Commercial
Appeal - Memphis -
Akers = Hello -
Man = This is the Commercial Appeal
in Memphis. We want to get
the straight of this Grover case.
Has he been formerly charged?
Akers = No - he is being held on charges

of Investigation until the
hearing in the morning.
Man = Has he made a confession.
Akers = No. He's being held without
bond for questioning.
Man. Thanks very much
Akers = All right.

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846 Incoming #123 GRW
Akers = Hello -
Bill Moore - Dutch - this is Bill Moore.
did you find Reeney?
Akers = No.
Moore = Well, he came in after
his brother left.
Akers = Is he all right?
Moore = Yes - he's ok.

847 Incoming #446 GRW
Call for Hakelin - Not In

850 Incoming #123 GRW
Officer Davis called from the
hospital and asked for relief.
Was told that someone would
be sent out to relieve him

855 Incoming #123 GRW
Woman reported a man lying in
the street at 460 Prospect Ave.

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9:14 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.

Girl: Is Bob Moore there?

Moore: Hello.

Girl: Are you busy?

Moore: Yes - kind of.

Girl: I wonder if I came to the station, if you could talk to me.

Moore: Yes, come right on over.

9:15 P.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.M.

Woman called in and reported a drunk lying on his back in front of drug store on Orange and Ouachita Str.

9:16 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.

Officer Lloyd Davis called in and said that he was at the New Park Hospital guarding John - that he was feeling sick + wanted to be relieved. Lewis or Brock said they would send some one up to relieve him.

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9:17 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 J.L.M.

Evans: 1171

Woman: Hello.

Evans: Did you call me?

Woman: No, I didn't.

Evans: Well somebody called me - I just got in.

Woman: I didn't call.

Evans: I'll be home in a little while.

9:19 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 J.L.M.

Barnett Moore: # 1965

Woman: Hello.

Moore: Did you call me - I just got back.

Woman: No. I thought you were sick. Two women came over here to see you they said that they inquired about you at the station, + some one there informed that you were sick. I called you several times myself but couldn't get any satisfaction as to where you were.

Moore: Well, I'm all right - I'll be up there a little bit.

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9:25 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Woman: Is Capt. Moore there?
Moore: Hello.
Woman: This is the New Park Hospital – the officer on duty here is very sick. He has pains in his stomach, + he's very much nauseated.
Moore: I have a man coming up there to relieve him.

9:26 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Officer reported in from 511 Jonestown.

9:30 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Henry Guest called in and complained that his son-in-law was very much drunk, + that his daughter can't do anything with him. – Suggested that an officer come down and either take him home or lock him up in jail. Brock said he would send some one to him.

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9:52 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Officer Murray reported in from #116.

10:00 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Outgoing call to 353 — No answer.

10:30 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Roy Emmey: 2393
Woman: Hello
Emmey: Is Marion (Anderson) there?
Anderson: Hello.
Emmey: This is Roy - I just got in - we had 40 men looking around out there, & we haven't found that baby yet. I think we ought to have some more volunteers with torches for tonight.
Anderson: How long has that baby been missing?
Emmey: Since 3 o'clock this afternoon - it's only two years old, & it'll die from exposure if we don't find it right soon
Anderson: I'll be down to the station in a little while

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10:33 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Cecil Brooks called #3328 and talked with Mr. McLaughlin about getting some boy scouts to look for the lost baby tonight. The doctor advised he wouldn't be able to get them out tonight, but that he would send them out there in morning.

10:34 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Postal Telegraph called for Cecil Brooks and advised that the following wire was received for him from Washington:
"Retel Carl Johnson and Michael Alexander unable to identify.
Hoover."

10:36 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Capt. Bob Moore called the Army + Navy + asked for Sgt. Bozak - was advised he was out just then, was told to call Capt. Moore when he came back

10:40 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Brooks called #2101 (Ohio Club) for Sgt. Bozak - NOT THE

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10:54 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Capt. Moore called the Army & Navy and requested some men from the National Guard to search through the woods for the missing Warren baby.

10:55 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Long distance call from Little Rock for Herbert Ahrens - operator was told to call his home at #666.

10:59 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Mrs. Brooks called for Cecil Brooks - was informed he just left the station.

11:03 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Officer Murray reported in from #777.

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11:03 P.m. — out #1
Moore - Called 291 (H.S. Confectionary)
Line Busy.

11:05 P.m. — out #1
Moore - Called 222
No one answered.

11:07 P.m. — In #2. For Sheriff Anderson.
Anderson - Hello.
Man - Completed arrangements with Sheriff to have Nat. Guard mobilized to search for lost child.

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11:10 P.m. — In #2.
Man - Requested information from Moore as to lost child. Offered to furnish some men from the Army-Navy Hospital.

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11:15 P.m. — L.D. Call in #2.
Man - gave name as Edward Davis and phone # Rosedale 3685, St. Louis,
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Missouri, requested Moore to get word to his sister Sadie Bunter at 204 Garden street to call him at St. Louis.

Moore - Advised he would send a Western Union messenger.

11:20 PM - In #2

Hos.

Moore - Hello

Girl - Advised Moore she talked to him on a bus trip, and advised she was passing thru Hot Spring.

Moore - Advised he was busy, but for her to call next time she came thru.

11:22 PM - out #1.

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Sheriff Anderson - Called 454 and requested that Mr. Swagger loan a number of flashlights from Vaughn Hardware Store!

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11:24 P.m. - out #1.
Sheriff Anderson - called 613 (his office) and instructed a deputy to secure lights from Vaughn Hwdw. Co.

11:30 P.m. - out #1.
Moore - Called 25 (Checker Cab) and arranged with Jack Bridges to be furnished a bus for transportation.

11:45 P.m. - out #2.
Jack - Called 217 (Chicago Liquor Store) and left message for any volunteers to aid in locating lost child

#3
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TAPON TELEPHONE # 648,
LISTED TO MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY HALL, HOT SPRINGS, AR.
SURVEILLANCE AT 207 LAURE.

9.00 Incoming Glen

Miss Marsh - Mayor's Office

Man - Is Roy Bushon there?

Miss Marsh - No, I haven't seen him this morning.

Man - If he comes in have him call John Sandlin

Miss Marsh - All right.

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9.05 A.M. Morning D L M.

George: This is George - I got word for me to call you.

Mayor: Yes. I want you to go with Jack to-morrow morning and serve those papers.

George: I would have done it sooner, but I've been sick for a week.

Mayor: Yes, I know how you've been sick you've been drunk for a week. that would make anyone sick

George: Yes, I have been pretty drunk.

Mayor: Well, you better handle that tomorrow morning.

George: O.K.

9:17 A.M. Morning [redacted] D L M

Allen Mathis: Lee, you said for me to call you this morning.

Mayor: I'll be busy today - I think we can take those depositions tomorrow morning.

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9:23 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.
Henry: Leo, this is Henry - did you ever find your carburetor + things?
Mayor: I told Isa, + he will have everything ready in the morning

9:41 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Miss Marsh: #446
Sgt: City Jail.
Miss Marsh: Is Cecil Brook there?
Brook: Hello.
Miss Marsh: Hartel wants you and Buchanan to come to the Mayor's office right away.
Brook: O.K. we'll be right up.

9:55 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Miss Marsh called 24821 (Como Beauty Shop) + made an appointment for 4:00 P.M.

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10:45 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.

Miss Marsh: 203

Woman: Hello.

Miss Marsh: Is Miss Mayo there?

Woman: No, not yet.

10:46 A.M. Incoming J.L.M.

Woman called and advised Miss Marsh that her dress had arrived at the store

10:52 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.

Mayor called long distance for Grover Owens at Little Rock. They discussed the developments in the Mayor's divorce suit - lengthy conversation indicated nothing of importance.

10:57 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.

Mayor: 707 (Circuit Clerk's Office)

[redacted]: Is Johnny there?

Bill: No, he's out just now - this is Bill.

Mayor: Did Mr. Wood order any transcripts of those cases?

Bill: He was in here this morning + ordered one

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Mayor: #477.
Man: Hello.
Mayor: Earl, this is Leo - I want to borrow a couple of law books from you. I'll send Elmer up after them.
Man: O.K. Leo, you can have them.

11:00 A.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Mayor: 1124
Man: Hello.
Mayor: Is Elmer there?
Elmer: Hello.
Mayor: I wish you would go to Judge Witt's office in the Court House and bring those two books over here.
Elmer: O.K.

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11:4 Am Outgoing GLW
Mayor = 436 (Constables Office)
John Young = Hello -
Mayor = This is Leo - Come over this way. I want to see you.

11:5 Am Outgoing GLW
Mayor = 1037 (Emory & Ridgway, Attys.
Woman = Emory & Ridgway
Mayor = Is Emory there?
Woman = No, he hasn't been down this morning.

11:2 Am Incoming GLW
Miss Marsh = Mayor's Office
Mrs Haynes (believed to be wife of uncle of John Dixon): May I speak to the Mayor
Mayor = Hello
Mrs Haynes = This is Mrs Haynes. I just talked with Dr. Merritt.
Mayor = Well, you'll have to straighten all that out with him.
Mrs Haynes = Well, I did talk with him but he wouldn't even tell me what

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hospital he was in.

Mayor = Well, Dr. Merritt is in charge of the case. I don't know anything about how they handle those cases. They may be getting ready to take a statement.

Ms Haynes: Well, John's father is so worried and I wanted to get another Doctor to examine him.

Mayor = Well, you see Dr. Merritt and you call me later.

Ms Haynes = All right.

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2:29 P.M. Incoming J.L.M.
Mr. Adams called Miss Marsh + told her that "Sib" did not get his shot today.

2:36 P.M. Incoming J.L.M.
Earl Witt: Is Leo in?
Miss Marsh: No, he won't be in this afternoon
Earl Witt: I heard Houston say he had an appointment with him for 3 o'clo
I thought I would drop by.
Miss Marsh: Well, I don't know anything about it. You want me to get in touch with Leo, + have him call you
Earl Witt: No, I'll call at three o'clock.

2:38 P.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Miss Marsh called #600 (Mayor's residence,
No answer.

2:39 P.M. Outgoing J.L.M.
Miss Marsh: 600
McLaughlin: Hello.

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Miss Marsh: Earl Witt called and said that he had an appointment with you and Houston over here at three o'clock. Have you an appointment with him?

Mayor: They must be both crazy - what in the hell does Houston want to see me about?

Miss Marsh: I don't know. Earl is going to call at three - what do you want me to tell him?

Mayor: I'm going out riding with the horse now - tell him if he wants to talk to me to wait for me on Central Ave.

Miss Marsh: O.K.

Mayor: Anything else doing - any mail

Miss Marsh: Just several X-mas cards.

Mayor: I'll call you at the house.

3:09 P.M. Incoming J.L.M.

Mayor. Did Earl Witt call in yet.

Miss Marsh: No

Mayor: I'm going out riding now with the horse

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3:15 P.M. Incoming J.L.M.
Earl Pitt: Is Leo in?
Miss Marsh: No, he's going to be riding up the street, + you can see him if you want him.
Earl Pitt: I'll see him in the morning.

3:17 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Arch Cooper: Called #571 - No answer.

3:20 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Man: Is Curtis Ridgway there?
Sgt: No, you might try his office.

~~3:31 P.M. Outgoing on 123 J.L.M.~~

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Folder #1

Taps on #46 (City Jail)
and #123 (Chief Police)
Plant at 207 Laurel St.
Hot Springs, Ark.

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12:01 Am — In #1.
Officer (Murray) - Reported at 116 (Millers)

12:02 Am - In #2.
Roy (at Checker Cab Co.) - advised Moore the bus was ready when he needs it.

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12:30 Am - Out #2
Capt. McLaughlin (Nat. Guard) - Called 383 (Riggs Motor Co.) Requested Capt. Brown with Nat. Guard be called to phone from armory upstairs and discussed plans with him for transportation of the company

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12:45 Am - In #2.
Man - gave name of Lee, at Citizen's Cigar Store - offered assistance in searching for lost child -

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1:00 AM. — On #2.
Moore — Hello —
Man — There's a drunk woman upstairs at the Hatterie Hotel raising Hell, screaming, and breaking out window glass
Moore — OK —

1:10 Am — On #1.
Officer — Reported at 777.

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1:20 Am — Out #2.
Moore — Called 25 (Checker Cab) and instructed man to send the bus to Riggs Motor Co. to pick up the National guard.

1:55 Am — On #1.
Officer — Reported at 126. Requested Moore to send a car and he would releive Kelly —

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2:18 A.M. - out #2 -
Wakelin - Called 3424 (Hatteras Hotel)
Maid - Hello.
Wakelin - Is grace there?
grace - Hello.
Wakelin - Well, didn't I tell you to go to bed early tonight?
grace - Oh, I went out for a while after I got in. Went over to the Confectionary. Then I went over to the Post Office to mail some Xmas cards. Met Dr. Blackstone at the Post Office and talked to him about thirty minutes.
Wakelin - Yeah?
grace - Yeah, and when I got back from the Post Office I found Connie on a tear. She's got the "blues" mighty bad. She's got a friend over at the Majestic and went to see him early tonight. Met

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have gotten too much to drink.
Wakelin - Well -
Grace - Didn't you know about it?
Wakelin - I haven't heard. Just got in a while ago from the country.
Grace - Well, she tried to jump out of a window up-stairs on the third floor - Just drunk a couple of officers came over and started to lock her up -
Wakelin - From here?
Grace - Yeah - Don't know their names - Couple of young ones.
Wakelin - Who called up and reported it
Grace - I don't know. Someone across the street I think. She's just got the "blues" and had too much to

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drink - She's downhearted and homesick, but I think she's been afraid to go home - so she tried to jump out the window.

Wakelin - Well - I'll be Damned.

Grace - I saw you tonight -

Wakelin - Where?

Grace - You saw me too - While I was sitting out in the car by the Post Office talking to Dr. Blackshare.

Wakelin - You triflar. I swear I didn't see you. Guess I was hurrying home to get some flashlights - You know that child has been lost in the woods -

Grace - Aw?

Wakelin - Yeah, when I got here tonight after leaving you had to go out in the

country to see about that. About 30 or 40 National guards have just gone out there now.

Grace - I saw the soldiers down-town. They haven't found the baby yet?

Wakelin - No.

Grace - Here's Connie now. What do you want me to tell her for you?

Wakelin - Tell her I'll bring this hide down there and wrap it across her back.

Grace - Yeah, she needs it. So they haven't found that child yet?

Wakelin - No.

Grace - For Christ Sake.

Wakelin - The National guard has been messing around here for three or four hours (cont.)

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and just got away.

Grace — Well. I thought you saw me sitting in that car tonight.

Wakelin — You tiger.

Grace — Little skips don't count. I was just sitting there talkin Wait a minute, honey. (

Wakelin — (pause) all right.

Grace — I was just trying to cook Connie to go riding. Fresh air might do her good. You come get her and make her go.

Wakelin — Yeah —

Grace — I was just kidding a little more tonight and she might have been one of your guests down there. Her eyes are all red and her hair looks like a picked chicken — where we washed her face. (Cont.)

Wakelin - (laughed)
Grace - Are you going home now?
Wakelin - No, I guess I'll be here a little bit longer.
Grace - Who was it that came up here after Connie. They were young.
Wakelin - I don't know. Might have been Rogers.
Grace - Just wondering. (pause) Well, we're up mighty late tonight.
Wakelin - Tolerable.
Grace - After I left you I came in and wrote some letters and fooled around.
Wakelin - Yeah, I came by here and all this mess about that kid was started.
Grace - Where is it lost?
Wakelin - About seven miles from town near the lake.
Grace - My goodness.

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Wakelin - Yeah. I went out there for a while. May go back

Grace - I'll go too, maybe? (laughed)

Wakelin - I'm not sleepy, are you?

Grace - Not tonight like I was last night

Wakelin - I was sleepy then too. Couldn't hardly keep my eyes open. Well, if I was you I wouldn't stay up too late.

Grace - It's too late now. You may get sick if you go back out there. They've got enough help.

Wakelin - I suppose. There's about seventy-five out there now.

Grace - Good night!

Wakelin - Well, where's that snow-ball now?

Grace - She's here. Want to talk to her?

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Wakelin - Put her on.
Connie - Hello.
Wakelin - What's the matter?
Connie - Nothing. Why?
Wakelin - Forget about your worries. Wait until you've got some worries - like me -
Connie - Yeah?
Wakelin - You devil -
Connie - Yeah?
Wakelin - Forget about worrying. Let's see you do it. Wish I had some of what you've got -
Connie - Yeah? What?
Wakelin - Whiskey (laughter)
Connie - I just had a couple. G'bye
Grace - I don't think Connie's nice - drinking whiskey.
Wakelin - Naw. Me either.
Grace - Well, you've been drinkin (cont.)

beer -

Wakelin - That's just a belly-wash.

Grace - Aw, behave. Connie's sure in the "dumps". Got the "blues" she's gone down stairs now. I told them to watch her. She broke out a window, and I bawled her out. Everybody in town will know about it in the morning

Wakelin - Can't you get that out of her system?

Grace - I don't know what got into her tonight. (pause) Just sent the maid out to follow her. I don't care what she does up here so long as she stays inside up here - but all that breaking glass - outside. thats bad!

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Wakelin - You'd better go watch her now.

Grace - I'm just letting her go. She'll get over her drunk.

Wakelin - Yeah! That's the best way.

Grace - Wait a minute. (pause). I just asked Lillian if Dr. Boydstone went with her - I think he did. He'll straighten her out.

Wakelin - Was she hurt much?

Grace - Not much - I don't like all that outside stuff.

Wakelin - That is bad.

Grace - She's been homesick and afraid to go home.

Wakelin - Where is her home?

Grace - She's from Oklahoma. Frederick - across from Wichita Falls.

Wakelin - Well, that wont help her any.

Grace - No, not if she goes out the window. Maybe Dr. Boydstone will fix her up.

Wakelin - He'll ride her around some.

Grace - Yeah, I guess she's gone with him. This really burns me up. I'll really raise hell with her tomorrow about that outside stuff, I mean. I wouldn't mind if it was inside the house, or if it was a back window that she tried to jump out - but this was the front window - right over the street. Well, I guess she'll be ok when she gets sober.

Wakelin - Yeah.

Grace - Hell, she's got enough to be thankful for.

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Her health - and a good place to stay -

Wakelin - Yeah -

Grace - Well, I'll be at home the rest of the night, I guess

Wakelin - Do I have to stay up all night to see?

Grace - Oh, I was just around at the Post Office mailing my Xmas cards. Dr. Black's office is across the street from here and he comes over down-stairs to play the pin-ball machine a lot. We just talked politics tonight. He told me he helped elect Carl Baily. Worked for him in this county -

(noise) What's that?

Wakelin - My chair squeaked -

Grace - Yeah?

Wakelin – That's my story – Get me a bottle of liquor. I need a drink!

Grace – I'm disgusted with it – after tonight

Wakelin – He ought to have seen us sometimes this summer

Grace – That was out.

Wakelin – Yeah, I was almost out.

Grace – I don't like to get drunk – makes you do things you wouldn't ordinarily do.

Wakelin – Yeah.

Grace – you know I wasn't home from the Post Office when all this happened tonight. Seems like I always miss everything.

Wakelin – You're just an hour late and a dollar short.

Grace – I was gone for a good bit, I guess – (pause) Shine

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is following Lillian around.

Wakelin - You ought to train him to look after Connie.

Grace - Yeah, he could have held her down. (Yawn) Well, I got nearly three o'clock - good God.

Wakelin - Well, I'm doing pretty good.

Grace - Me too. Be hard to go to sleep now.

Wakelin - Yeah - me too. My eyes stay wide open at night from worrying. My window isn't high enough, though, to jump out.

Grace - You monkey.

Wakelin - Well, I guess you want to get away.

Grace - No. There's no one here now but one girl. One of them went over to

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the Majestic Hotel and hasn't come back yet. Hope she's all right. Connie makes me disgusted. something like this gets me all downhearted. I told her in the beginning that I'd raise hell if she did anything like that.

Loakelin — looks like she's got more sense.

Grace — yeah — and at a front window too. Third floor.

Loakelin — Did somebody try to stop her?

Grace — The maid caught her.

Loakelin — Why'd she break the window?

Grace — just trying to get out of it. When I got home I saw all the glass on the street and wondered what the hell.

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Wakelin - Well, a lot of times that is just bluff. Sometimes they wouldn't try to commit suicide unless they know someone is there to stop them - I don't intend to try it though.

Grace - No. Me either. Not until next Tuesday -

Wakelin - Where is she now?

Grace - Guess she left - got tired of listening to me.

Wakelin - Well, I just called to tell you about that lost kid.

Grace - I saw you turn into the driveway by the station while ~~I~~ was sitting out by the Post Offi I was listening to Dr. Blackshare talk about Carl Baily. I wasn't missin

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nothing - He seemed to think that Bailey is going to raise some Hell over here when he gets in.

Wakelin - I look for it myself -

Grace - Doc must have been campaigning for Bailey pretty strong -

Wakelin - What part is he going to play in it?

Grace - Nothing, I guess - He was just telling me that Bailey would raise Hell here, and for the sake of argument I said he wouldn't - I don't guess he'll have anything to do with it, though.

Wakelin - Well, if Bailey don't start in and show his butt down here, we ought to have a pretty good season

Grace - Maybe he wont. Lot of people say he wont.

Wakelin - Yeah - a fellow at the Southern Grill the other day said everything will be all right.

Grace - Jesus, I hope everything will be all right, so I can make a dollar ninety-eight this winter.

Wakelin - Yeah - me too.

Grace - Well, this is the latest I've been up in a long time.

Wakelin - Me too - I may stay up all night, but I've got to be in court in the morning.

Grace - I've got an advantage over you - I can stay in bed as long as I want to.

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Wakelin - Was just studying whether I'd go out in the country again.

Grace - I saw all the National Guard.

Wakelin - They give me a pain - The men from the Army-Navy Hospital went out in thirty minutes, but the National Guard under Capt. Mac took too long - He wasted two hours by making them dress again. We waited on them a long time in the country - and they still hadn't left when we got to town -

Grace - Good night! (pause) Just stretching.

Wakelin - Well, its about three o'clock now so I think I'll stir around some

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and then go to bed.
(clicks heard in phone).
somebody is trying to call
you or me. You'd better
go to bed. See you tonight.
Wakelin - All right.

(Note: Above conversation lasted approximately 45 minutes.
Dr. W. M. Blackshare is listed as
Office - Medical arts Bl., Ph. 302.
Res. - Malvern Road, Ph. 1046.
Dr. J. O. Boydstone is listed as:
Office - 231 Central, Ph. 722.
Res. - 122 Kenwood Pl., Ph. 2262

Refer also to complaint received over #123 (#2) at 1:00 A.M., 12-21-3
concerning drunk woman at Hatterie Hotel.)

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Has,

3:02 Am. — In #2.
Woman — Asked for Moore.
Corrington — He's not here.

3:05 Am. — In #1.
Officer (Kelly) — Reported at 777.

Has

3:20 Am. — In #2.
Woman — Asked for Moore.
Not in.

4:00 Am — In #1.
Officer — (Kelly) at 777.

Has

4:10 Am. — Out #1
Buchanan — Called 1416 (his res.) &
spoke to his wife about
domestic matters.

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Has.

5:05 Am. - In #1.
Officer (Griffin) - Reported at 777.

6:00 Am - Out #2.
Covington - Called 1038 and woke up Mrs. Mapuntins.

Has.

6:02 Am. - In #1.
Woman - Inquired number of breakpots
Covington - Ten.

6:30 Am - In #2.
Davis (City Nightwatchman) - Advised Griffin that members of national guard had returned from searching for lost child.

Has.

7:02 Am. - out #1.
Moore - Called 1987 (Spencers) no one answered.

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7:15 A.M. – out #1.
Moore – called 1987 (Spencer's) and asked for James, the expressman.
Man – He's not here yet.
Moore – Tell him to call me when he comes in.

Has.
7:30 A.M. – out #2.
Moore – called 661 (City Barn & garage) Requested anyone possible to help locate lost child –

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741 Incoming #123 GRW
Woman called and asked if Mr Sanders was in. She was told that Sanders had been in.

814 Incoming #123 GRW
Carrington = Chief's Office
Man = Let me speak to Bob Moore.
Moore = Hello
Man = Bob, this is James. Did you call me?
Moore = Yes, come by over here. I want to talk with you.
Man = All right

823 Outgoing #123 GRW
Bob Moore = 2142 (Belvedere Dairy)
Man = Hello
Moore = This is Bob. did you call me?
Man = Yes - do you need some men to help look for that child?
Moore = Yes -
Man - OK I send you 2 or 3 men.
Moore - Tell them to come to the jail.

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8:45 Incoming #123 GRW
Call for Curly Evans - Not In

9:00 Incoming #446 GRW
Man called and asked for
Ray Buston. Not In.

9:05 Incoming #123 GRW
Covington: Chief's Office
Man: Is Bob Moore there?
Covington: No, he's up in Court. Call
in about 20 minutes.
Man: Thanks

9:15 Incoming #123 GRW
Officer Kelly called and asked
that someone be sent to the
hospital to relieve him.

9:18 Incoming #446 GRW
Man called and asked for Bob Moore
Was told that Bob was in Court.

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938 Incoming #446 GHW
Arrington - City Jail
Roy Buxton = Is Cecil Brock there?
Brock = Hello.
Buxton = Cecil, come on upstairs
they want you.
Brock = OK.

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950 Outgoing #446 GHW
Pat Moore called Mrs. Rogers and
told her that Capt Rogers would
not be home in view of the fact
that he had gone to search for
the missing baby.

955 Incoming #173 GHW
Woman called and asked for
John Young. She was told that
Young was not in. She asked that
he be told to call 436.

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958 Outgoing #446
Man called #3574 (Klein's Restaurant) and
ordered 12 dinners.

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10:00 Incoming #103 Gher

Tucker: Chief's Office

Woman: May I speak to Arch Cooper.

Cooper: Hello.

Woman: Arch, have you got anything for me yet?

Cooper: No - not yet

Woman: All right.

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10:05 A.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Man: Is the Chief in?
Clerk Cooper: No.

10:15 A.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Man called in for Cecil Brock - not in.

10:16 A.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Man called in and reported an explosion and fire at 6th + Holden Streets.

10:17 A.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Man called in for Hutch - was told he just went out on a call.

10:18 A.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Man: Is Clerk there?
Sgt: No, he isn't.
Man: How did the Yates trial come out?
Sgt: I don't know - you better call later for Clerk.

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10:29 A.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.M.

Woman: Is Glen Buchman there?

Sgt: No.

Woman: Mr. Tucker - this is Edna. When Glen comes in have him call me.

Sgt: All right.

10:48 A.M. Incoming on # 123 J.L.M.

Woman: This is the lady at 411 Prospect Street where that woman burned to death. You might send some one up here to inspect some more things that we found.

Tucker: They're all out now - when some one comes in, I'll send him up.

10:49 A.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.M.

This is Western Union - is John Scudder there? No.

10:50 A.M. Outgoing on # 446 J.L.M.

Tucker called # 3574 and ordered 10 drinks.

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10:51 A.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.

Pete: Is Chief Wakeline there?

Chief: Hello.

Pete: This is Pete from the Sheriff's office - all the boys are out looking for that baby, + I just got an accident report at the Bowement fountain - I wonder if you could send a man over there

Chief: O.K. Pete, we'll tend to it.

11:02 A.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.

Ledgerwood: In regards to Odam Evans - we're going to have him released today - he's been in jail long enough.

Tucker: He's on the chain gang, + won't be in before five o'clock.

Ledgerwood: That'll be all right.

11:05 A.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.

John Connelley called Cecil Brock and asked if he could get him a photograph of Vance Dorris Bardelow, the room prowler, who was arrest

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by the Little Rock Police last week. Cecil said he would send for me, + give it to ~~me~~ him

11:06 A.M. Outgoing no #446 J.L.M.

Arch Cooper: 321 (Mr. W. C. Lee)

Woman: Hello.

Arch Cooper: Is Mrs. Cooper there?

Mrs Cooper: Hello.

Arch Cooper: I'm going to the country to look for that lost boy. I won't be home for lunch.

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11:25 Outgoing #446 GBm
Akers = 222
Man = Hello
Akers = Send 100 Bayers Aspirin to the City Jail
Man = All right.

11:30 Outgoing #123 GBm
Akers called Agent Damron at 6734 Little Rock
Damron = Hello
Akers = This is Akers. I gave you the dope on Linders - the car thief.
Damron = Yes.
Akers = If you get the dope to Memphis I'm sure you'll be able to pick him up. He's got another thief with him and they're driving a new Chevrolet with an Arkansas license. The car is equipped with a solid tire cover.

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Damron: You don't know the other fellows name?

Akers - No, I don't but if you'll get word to Memphis I'm sure they can locate them.

Damron - OK - Thanks for calling.

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11 34 Incoming #173 Glue

Tucker: Chief's Office

Curtis Ridgway - Is Akers there?

Akers - Hello

Ridgway - This is Curtis. Have you talked to Grover again?

Akers - No

Ridgway - Don't you think we might have another session with him this afternoon

Akers - Yes, I'm going up to the rooming house now. They just called and said they had something for me

Ridgway - OK, I'll see you this afternoon

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11⁴⁰ Incoming #446 GPm
Tucker = City Jail
Fannie McLaughlin = Is Cecil Brock there?
Tucker = No, he's not here.
Fannie McLaughlin = Is Mr. Akers there?
Akers = Hello.
Fannie McLaughlin = This is Fannie. That boy that they put in jail this morning — do you want to send him over for treatment. He has an acute case of Syphilis.
Akers = O.K. will send him over after dinner.

11⁴⁴ Incoming #123 GPm
Woman called and entered a complaint about boys shooting fire crackers in vacant lot next to First Methodist Church.

11⁴⁵ Incoming #123 GPm
Man called and asked if boy by name of Prince was in jail. Was told yes.

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1146 Incoming #178 GRW
Man called and asked for
Doctor Merritt was there. Was
told that the Doctor was not there

1215 Incoming #173 GRW
Louise Cooper called and asked
for Cecil Brock. Was told that
Cecil was not in.

1222 Incoming #446 GRW
Mrs Nakelin called for Chief - Not in.

1244 Outgoing #173 GRW
Brock = 2627
Ada Gardner = Hello.
Brock = Ada - this is Cecil. There
is a Department of Justice man
here and he wants to talk
with you about that cripple
boy. Help him all you can,
will you. He's on the way up
there now.
Ada Gardner = All right, I will.
Brock = Thank you, Sugar.

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1:00 Pm Incoming #173 GRm
Brock = Chiefs Office
Man = There's a man over here at the Missouri-Pacific. He looks like he's stolen something.

1:20 Pm Outgoing #173 GRm
Curtis Ridgway = 79 (Gross Mortuary)
Herb = Hello-
Ridgway = Herb - this is Curtis Ridgway There was some talk about Grover being overheard to say that he'd shave it off so no one else could ever have any of it. Did you or can you examine her privates and tell
Herb - Curtis, I didn't notice but I'll take a look and call you.
Ridgway = I wish you would.

1:33 Outgoing #173 GRm
Akers = 1980 J. (Mr. Castleberry).
Woman = Hello-
Akers = Is Mr. Castleberry there?
Woman = No.
Akers = Ask him to call Herbert Akers when he comes in.

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142 Pm Outgoing #173 Jslm

Akers called Chief of Police at Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Chief: Hello.

Akers: This is Herbert Akers with the Hot Springs Police Department. I'm working on a murder case and I want you to help me. Do you know about E.E. Grover who lived there recently and who had some kind of trouble with his wife?

Chief: Yes - she got drunk while she was here and he hit her and gave her a black eye.

Akers: Well, I wish you'd look into the case making investigation at the places they lived. Write me a letter and let me have all the information you can get. We are holding him for the murder of his wife.

Chief: All right, I'll be glad to do that for you.

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1 46 Incoming #446 GRW
Tucker - City Taxi
Hert (Gross Mortuary) - Is Curtis Ridgway there
Ridgway - Hello -
Hert - Curtis - this is Hert. We took
at look at her and we all are
of the opinion that she's
been slaved. You better
Check at the Hospital tho 'cause
it might have been done there

1 55 Outgoing #446 GRW
Man - 5089 - No answer

2 10 Outgoing #446 GRW
Joe Scott called Checker Cab Co
and asked them if they would
send a bus to take out a load
of searchers to look for lost baby
Man said they would.

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316 Incoming #173 Glen
Hart at Gross Mortuary called
Akers and said he had been
unable to locate the Doctor
but would keep trying.

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2:28 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Outgoing call to 969 - No answer.

2:38 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Man: #474 (Western Union) - Send boy around to the City Jail.

2:41 P.M. Incoming on #446 J.L.M.
Buddy: Is the old man there?
Evans: No, he's out in the country looking for that baby.

2:44 P.M. Outgoing on #446 J.L.M.
Arch Cooper called #3339, his residence, + asked if he got that brown envelope with the check in it - was informed No.

2:45 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Evans: #2089
Nurse: New Park Hospital.
Evans: Barnett Moore, please.
Moore: Hello.
Evans: Will you do that for me?

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Moore: I sent Ruby out there instead.
Evans: Jim, I just got in. I'm going to sleep in a little while.

3:03 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 J.L.M.
Arch Cooper called long distance to Atty. Ernest Brenner at Benton, Ark.
Unable to locate him - operator will try again.

3:07 P.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.M.
Moore: Is Hutch there?
Sgt: No, he isn't.
Moore: When he comes in - have him call 359.

3.31 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 J.L.M.
Buchanan: 2185
Moore: Hello.
Buchanan: Check 1936 Ark. State License # 91-463, & let me have all the data on it.
Moore: We don't have any record of the State Licenses - have to get that at Little Rock

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3:53 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J L M

Arch Cooper: 3673

Clerk: Marquette Hotel.

Arch Cooper: Who is this?

Clerk: Smitty.

Arch Cooper: This is Arch - there'll be a party over there in a little while to get a room. What room are you going to give him

Clerk: 215.

Arch Cooper: O.K.

3:55 P.M. Incoming on #123 J L M

Man: Who is this?

Cooper: Arch Cooper.

Man: This is Roy. How badly is Bill ~~[illegible]~~

Cooper: Not much.

Man: He was pretty drunk, wasn't he?

Cooper: Yes, but he's all right now.

3:56 P.M. Incoming on #123 J L M.

Man: Is Arch Cooper in?

Sgt: He just now walked outside.

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3:58 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Woman reported a fire at 1616 Central Ave.

4:00 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Long Distance Operator called for Arch Cooper - not in.

4:15 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Miss Edge: Is this Wabelin there?
Wabelin: Hello.
Miss Edge: Hello. How are you feeling?
Wabelin: Not so good - been up all night looking for that baby that got lost.
Miss Edge: I suppose you're going to be pretty busy between now and the first.
Wabelin: Yeah -
Miss Edge: When I get drunk - don't you take me down there. If you do, I'll pull you in with me.
Wabelin: (laughs) O.K.
Miss Edge: I just called to see how you were feeling. I'll call you sometime again.
Wabelin: All right.

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4:22 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 J.L.M.
Wabelin: #2018. (Mandell Cain)
Man: Hello.
Wabelin: Is Tim there?
Man: Call 193.

4:22 P.M. Outgoing on # 123 J.L.M.
Wabelin: 193
Man: Hello.
Wabelin: Is Tim there?
Man: Tim is out right now. He went over to the telephone company.
Wabelin: Have him call Wabelin or Chicago at 123.

4:25 P.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.M.
Mr. Karsten: Is Cecil Brooks there?
Sgt. Tucker: Not in right now.
Mr. Karsten - When you see him - have him call Mr. Karsten at the Eastman Hotel.

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4:29 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Cecil Brooks: 2418 (Eastman Hotel)
Mr. Karsten: Say Cecil, I'd like to retain you for after January 1st - the same basis as last year.
Cecil Brooks: O.K. Emmett, I'll take it.

Note: Emmett Karsten is manager of the Eastman Hotel which is one of the larger hotels in Hot Springs.

4:38 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Abers: 539 (at Kraft Camera Shop)
Mrs: Hello.
Abers: Is Mr. Russell there?
Russell: Hello.
Abers: Come down & see me this evening.

4:39 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Girl: Mr. Abers please.
Abers: Hello.
Girl: Are you going to be busy tonight?
Abers: Not so busy.

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Girl: How about 7:15 P.M.
Abers: That will be O.K.
Girl: Now, I don't want to miss tonight.
Abers: O.K. I'll watch him.

4:44 P.M. Incoming on # 123 J.L.M.
Radio Station K.T.H.S. called in + reported that they received information that the Warren baby had been found - that the baby was alive + O.K.

4:45 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Woman for Hotel Abers - not in.

5:09 P.M. Incoming on # 446 J.L.M.
Woman: Is Mr. Abers there?
Abers: Hello.
Woman: Did you catch Hindley Downs yet?
Abers: No, do you know where he lives?
Woman: Yes.
Abers: Better come down to the station, + go out there with one of the boys.
Woman: O.K.

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5:10 P.M. Outgoing on #123.
Akers: 1980-J.
Man: Hello.
Akers: Is Mr. Castleberry there?
Man: No, he's not.
Akers: This is Herbert Akers of the Police Dept. have him and the other witnesses be in court tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

5:11 P.M. Outgoing on #123 J.L.M.
Akers: 1037 (Emory + Ridgway, attys.)
No answer.

5:15 P.M. Incoming on #123 J.L.M.
Roy: Is Barnett Moore in -
Sgt: No, he's not.
Roy: Is Glen Buchanan there -
Buchanan: Hello.
Roy: Say Buck - this is Roy. How long will Barnett Moore have to be up there -
Buchanan: Around 9 o'clock.
Roy: O.K. Thanks -

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5:30 P.M. Incoming on #123 DLM
Man called in for Chief Wakelin - out to supper.

5:33 P.M. Incoming on #123 DLM
Man called for Hutch Abra - out to supper.

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5:46 Incoming #123 Glen
Man called and entered a complaint about a turkey being stolen from market at corner of Jefferson and Pleasant Streets. Tucker said an officer would be sent out.

5:50 Incoming #123 Glen
Tucker - Chief's Office
Woman: Is Alexander Stevenson in jail?
Tucker: Yes.
Woman: How much is his fine?
Tucker: $95.
Woman: Will you tell him that Mae - at the Lewis Hospital called and will see him tomorrow.

5:57 Incoming #446 Glen
Mayor called and told Tucker to have either Jack or Louis call him at #600.

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6⁴⁵ Outgoing #123 Glen

Nakelin - 3421 (Grace Goldstein)

Grace - Hello -

Nakelin - What are you doing?

Grace - I was in my room.

Nakelin - How is everything?

Grace - OK.

Nakelin - Didn't go thru the window

Grace - did you?

No. - I've been jawning hell out of her today. I fined her $10 and told her to let that be a lesson.

Nakelin - We found the kid this afternoon.

Grace - You did? Where?

Nakelin - About 3 miles up the creek. He stopped at a country house and said he was hungry.

Grace - Hell, I was just reading the paper about the prints.

Nakelin - Oh - that was just some of Johnnies crap. Those were dog tracks he called prints.

Grace = Have you been home?
Wakelin: No, I've been on the go. I took several loads of people out there.
Grace = Connie claimed I was mad so we went over to the Southern and got Aterman to come over to get me in a good humor. — I've got 20 minutes after six.
Wakelin = Ok - I was alone so thought I'd call you.
Grace - How is the friend.
Wakelin = Better - that's the report today.
Grace = Well pneumonia is a hard thing to get over and it leaves you mighty weak.
Wakelin = I got that thing in today.
Grace - You did? $75 eh! I never did see one - I'll have to practice on you — (laughs)
Wakelin = Oh Yeah - — they want me on the other phone. Same time?
Grace - Ok.

6 28 Incoming #446 GRW

Nakelin = Hello.

Kincannon = Did you call me?

Nakelin = Are those people doing anything?

Kincannon = I know they ain't making anything. He soaked a suit of clothes with me and then made enough in a crap game to get it out. He just borrowed a dollar from me so I know they ain't got nothing.

Nakelin = Hell - his rasing cain with me,

Kincannon = I'll try to find out and let you know.

6 45 Incoming #446 GRW

Mrs Nakelin called Chief - Not In

6 50 Incoming #173 GRW

Mrs. Boland called Akers and asked him to pick up her husband - that he was drunk

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7[4] Incoming #123 GRW

Judge Legerwood called Akers and said he was going hunting in the morning and that the Grover hearing would be postponed until Wednesday morning. Said Dick Ryan was going to hold court for him in the morning.

7[15] Incoming #123 GRW

Tucker = City Jail

Castleberry = Is Akers there?

Akers = This is Castleberry -?

Castleberry = Yes.

Akers = Did you get a line on that woman?

Castleberry = That place is out close to Bismark and Point Cedar.

Akers = Steve, tell the witnesses we won't need them until Wednesday morning.

Castleberry - Ok.

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7²² Incoming #183 GRW

Jackson - City Jail

Bill Davis - Is Arch there?

Arch Cooper - Hello.

Bill Davis - Arch, this is Bill Davis
Did that check come in?

Arch Cooper - No Bill - at least
it didn't come thru me.

Bill Davis - Well, if it comes thru,
will you call me?

Arch Cooper - Yes!

7³⁰ Incoming #173 GRW
Mrs Brock called Cecil and
asked him to take her home.
Brock said he would get her
in about 5 minutes in front
of Store.

7⁵⁵ Incoming #446 GRW
Office reporting - 3337 Jonestown

8⁰² Incoming #446 GRW
Complaint about drunk at 1003 Crescent Ave

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8:08 P.m. — Out #1
Cooper — Called 2089 (New Park Hospital)
spoke to Garnett Moore and inquire
what charges were against a
negro girl named Smith.
Moore — Informed that the girl
had stolen some perfume and
a locket from her employer

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8:10 P.m. — out #1
Cooper — Called 181 (Twin Hospital) and
informed woman who answered
phone of charges against
the negro girl, Smith.

8:12 P.m. — out #1.
Cooper — Called 2425 and inquired
from man details of theft
by Smith girl.

Hos

8:15 P.m. — In #1.
Woman — asked for Dutch Akers.
Not in.

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8:17 P.m. — In #2.
Girl - Asked for Brock
Not in.

8:25 P.m. — In #1.
Woman - Asked for Chief Wakelin
Not in.

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8:35 P.m. - In #1.
Woman - Do you have a fellow name
Fleet Rice in jail?
Man - Yes - Charged Hking drunk.

8:38 P.m. — Out #1
Brock - Called 2089 (New Park Hospital)
Spoke to Garnett Moore and
asked details of charges against
Negro woman named Smith.
Said she was sitting in the
hall & didn't want anyone to
ruin his case.
G. Moore - Informed that he told Coope
to talk to her.

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8:45 P.M. - In #2.
Charlie - asked for Akers.
Akers - Hello.
Charlie - Informed that the man's sister was named Ruby White, 220 Woodbine St., and requested they be picked up in morning, with effort made to locate the "stuff".
Akers - Informed he would pick her up and could hold her for 72 hours before she could make bond.

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9:10 P.M. - In #1
Woman - asked for Bob Moore -
- Not in -

9:20 P.M. - In #1.
Woman - asked for Akers, asked how he felt, and was informed he would be there in few minutes.

9:25 P.M. — Out #2.
Moore — Called 2089 (New Park Hospital) and left message for officer who comes to relieve the guard there to call station.

9:26 P.M. — Out #1.
Moore — Called 545 (Merchants Lunch, Asked for Officer — None there

9:27 P.M. — Out #1.
Moore — Called 1246 (Central Cigar) asked for Officer — None there.

9:28 P.M. — Out #1.
Moore — Called 116 (Miller's Cigar) asked for Officer — None there

9:30 P.M. — In #1.
Officer (Kelly) — Reported in —
Moore — Instructed Officer Murray to call him when he came there —

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9:50 Pm - In #2 for Moore -
Man - Gave his name as Charlie Mitchell, informed Moore he was just in town and would be over to see him

9:55 Pm - In #1.
Andy Irvin - Informed Moore he was relieving G. Moore at the Lew Park Hospital -

9:58 Pm - In #2.
Man - Gave name as Bud Hill, asked Moore if he could make bond for Ailene, a red-headed waitress employed at Southern Grill -
Moore - Informed negative. Complaints against her from wives of married men with whom she was associating -

10:10 Pm - In #1
Officer (Kelly) - Reported at 1246 (Central)

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10:40 Pm - In #1-

Man - gave name as John Cooper - requested Moore to stay there; that he was coming down and wanted to talk to him-

10:45 P.m. - In #2.

Man - (did not give name) Asked Moore what he was doing-

Moore - just sitting here talking to Chief Wakelin.

Man - I thought maybe you were talking to a "G-Man"-

Moore - Aw, I sent him home-

Man - When you get a chance come over to Spencer's.

Moore - After a bit-

11:10 Pm. - In #1-

Officer (Kelly) - Reported at 116 (Millen) - stated that Officer Murray had not reported for duty-

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11:30 P.m. - In #1
Murray - Reported in and that he worked overtime previous day -

11:40 P.m. - In #1.
Officer - Reported at 3337 Jonestown -

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Hot Springs Ark.
F ebruary 1,1937.

Memorandum for Inspector E.J. Connelley.

BREKID.

Attached are the logs for January 27,37, on telephone #125,446 and 648 Located at Hot Springs Ark.

It appears from the conversat on betw Captain Jerry Watkins and P hillips (Jimmie Phillips,Mgr. Southern Club),ove heard at 2.51P.M. over #446, tha Watkins is either presently resing in or intends to move into the house at 125 Florence St.. The conversation indicates that this house is owned by Phillips.

Your attenti n is called to the followi conversations;4.15 and 4.18P.M. over #125;4.35 and 4.37P.M, over #446;4.45 and 4.50P.M over #125, where it appears that Akers is not interested in prosecuting Attorney Frieder for writing a bad check but is working with the Vance Bro Pa wn hop to locate Frieder so that he can get a "Cut" in inducing Friedeito makethe check good.

Previous reports have set out conversation betww Grace Goldstein and Dutch Akers concerning a ring that Grace Goldstein bought. The ring apparently was stolen and "Dutch" and Grace apparently got $50.00 from the sale. The call at 6.28P.M over#125 apparently had reference to that sanring.

Note call at 10.55P.M. over #446 where Officers Ivis and Bradley report they are telephone#116, which is the Miller's Cigar Store, a gambling house.

In the conversation at 9.18A.M. over #648, the May tells Carroll Hollingsworth, a State Representative,a story, somewhabawdy, to make his point that the State Legislative Committee is aiming atim in investigating Circuit Judge Earl Witt. Also note statement of the May that he made $25,000.00 for the city out of that thing(probably referring to gaming houses).

In the conversation at 8.48A.M. over #648, Judge Leerwood agrees to fix a parking or traffic ticket.

Respecully submitted.

D.P. Sullivan
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Specialagent.

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NOTE TO: FILE

J. , on # 446 (City Jail)
c/d # 123 (Chief of Police)
Hot Springs, Ark.
Plant at 207-Laurel.

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HOC

12:02 Am — In #1.
Officers - Reported in.

12:15 Am. — In #1.
Officers - Davis & Rogers at "Baby Elephant

12:25 Am. - Out #2
Garnett Moore - Called 220 (Dr. A. U. Williams) HOC
Mrs. Williams - Hello.
Moore - Advised Mrs. Williams he had recovered her car.

12:30 Am. — In #2.
Woman - Reported house-breaker at 127-Grove St.

12:32 Am. - Out #2.
Covington - Called 3606 (Firestone) and advis Rogers of call at 127-Grove St

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HM

12:45 Am. — In #1.
Officers — Bradley & Moore at "Baby Elephant".

1:00 Am — In #1
Officers — Murray & Kelly at 176.

1:32 Am — out #1.
Rogers — Called 3700. (Sentinel - New Era)
Taylor — Hello.
Rogers — Have a news item for you.
Taylor — Its too late for morning paper.
I'll send over in the morning.

HM

1:45 Am. — In #2.
Man (col) — Reported auto wreck on corner of Guelph & Malvern St.

1:46 Am — out #2.
Rogers — Called 3606 (Firestone). Spoke to officer & instructed him go to Guelph St. for auto wreck.

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HAA.

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

2:10 Am - Out #1.
Rogers - Called 3900 (Mkt. St. Garage).
Informed John of a wreck at
Gilpha St, but "nothing to it
John - I found that out too.

HAA.

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

4:02 Am. - In #1.
Officers - Murray & Kelly at 777.

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

HAA.

5:50 Am. - In #1.
Woman - Inquired the number of
breakfasts for prisoners.

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HOW.

7:20 AM - Out #1.
Covington - Called 181 (Kwi Hospital) advised that he was sending out a man with face cut for treatment.

7:45 AM - Out on #1.
Covington - Called 661 (City Barn) for Haywood Smith.
Man - Has already gone out on the job.

HOW.

7:50 AM - In #2.
Akers - Asked for Rogers.
Covington - Has home for breakfast.
Akers - Tell Garnett Moore to go get the Chief.

7:55 AM - In #1.
Woman - Is Garnett Moore there?
Covington - He went out.

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8:00 Am. — In #2.
Woman — Reported theft of milk from 1102 - Federal street.

8:10 Am. — Out #2.
Officer — Called 608 (Pythian (col) Bath House)
Man — Asked for Pleasant.
Man — He's in the basement.
Officer — I'll call later.

Hos.

8:40 Am. — In #2.
Irene (col) — Inquired from Bradley as to who would collect premiums on her insurance now that he was not doing it.

9:00 Am — Out #2.
Covington — Called 608 (Pythian Bath House) and attempted to speak to Pleasant. Unable to do so.

Hos

#123+446

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8.17 a.m. Incoming on 123 WPS.
Fora Battles reported loss of her 1929 Green Chevrolet Sedan from in front of her residence at 208 Drapaw St.

8.21 a.m. Incoming on 123 WPS
Mrs. W. O'Donnell advised that above Chevrolet Sedan bore 1936 Ark Plates 85292 - motor number # 78083.

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8.59 a.m. Incoming on 446 WPS.
Carrie, niece of Towler talked with Towler about somebody who was in jail

9.10 a.m. Incoming on 123. WPS.
Erickson - When can the Chief mark off that parking space in front of the Milwaukee Hotel
Corrington - He will be up to see you

9.15 a.m. Outgoing on 123 called 608 (Pythian Bath house) WPS.
Man asked for Pleasant - Not there.

9.20 a.m. Outgoing on 446 to 3898 (Res. of Corrington) WPS.
Corrington - I've been trying to get a ride home all morning. I guess I'll have to walk.
Woman - Alright dear.

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9.25 a.m. Outgoing on #446 DPS
To #1995 - (Woodmen of Union Hospital)
Covington. Is Pleasant, the chiropodist there?
Hospital. No, he's not here.

9.26 a.m. In on #446 DPS
Woman calling. Covington, when Fowler comes
in have him call 1579.

9.37 a.m. Out on 446 to 1579. DPS
Fowler spoke with Mrs. Robbins about some
boy's clothes & Mrs Robbins suggested that Fowler
call the Judge about it.

9.40 a.m. In on 446 DPS
Woman talked with "Butch" Akers and he promised
to see her sometime soon.

9.42 a.m. Incoming on 446. (See log on #648) DPS

9.49 a.m. In on 123. DPS
Housley (Juvenile Judge) - Monroe are you sending any
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Boys up here,
Monroe Young. I'll send them up right away.

9.52 a.m. In on 123. DPS.
Mrs Robbins. The Judge said for you to go get that boys clothes.
Fowler - Alright mam.

9.52 a.m. Out on 446 to 648 (Mayor's phone) DPS.
Fowler. - Mrs ~~Fowler~~ Robbins just told me to get that boys clothes.
Judge Ledgerwood. That's right & tell Dr. Housley (a veterinarian) to leave that boy alone. He wants to get back to his mother.

10.01 a.m. Outgoing on 446 to 341 (Spencer Cig. Store) OB
Tom calling. Is Bill there?
Man answers. - No.
Tom - I'm in jail and have to make bond.
Man - I'll send Ben over.

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10 14 Am Incoming on 123 WVS

Man calling asked that Dutch Ahrens call the manager of the Marquette Hotel.

10.25 Am. In on 446 WVS.

Man - When you going to bring those boys to the courthouse

P.D. We've got to feed + fingerprint them. It will be an hour.

10.32 Am. In on 123.

Woman What happened to Phyllis?

P.D. She was fined $100.00

10 42 Am. In on 446

Man left message for Ahrens ~~to call~~ #512

10 43 Am. In on 123

Man This is Davis. Where is Dutch?

P.D. - Call back in 5 minutes

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10 14 am Out on 446 to 512 WPS

Akers calling - Hello

Man - You know where Shelley Hughes is?

Dutch - Yes, we have him in Jail.

10.48 am In on #446 WPS

Violet calling - See if H E Lovett is out on bond.

P. D. He made an appeal bond, but I don't know who signed it.

10.49 am. In on 123 WPS

Man: If you see Andy Irwin, have him come over to the Public Welfare Bureau

10.56 am. Incoming on 123. WPS

Woman called for Dutch Akers and left word for him to call Dr. Wade when he comes in.

10,57 am In on 123. WPS.

Carl Myers. Have you forgotten me

Dutch Akers. No, I have been sick. I'll be up to see you.

Carl I wish you would.

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10.59 Am. Outgoing on 123. to 722 (Dr. H. King Wade)
Dr. Wade reported the loss of a pocketbook, containing $37.00, an American Legion Card, by Griffin Wade.

11.04 Am. Incoming on 446. DTS.
The K'ness Store complained of cars blocking alley in back of store.

11.16 Am. In on 123. DTS.
Is the Chief there – No, he isn't.

11.30 Am. Incoming on 446. DTS
Man calling - Have you some women down there on the liquor force (phonetic)?
Tucker - Yes.
Man. I'll send down and get them.

11.44 Am. In on 123 DTS
Monroe Young - There are two boys here. They had the money. One went to dinner. When he got back the money was gone. What shall I do?
Akers. Yes. Bring them in.

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11.46 a.m. In on 446. DPS.
Collect call from Sheriff at Paris Ark.
Sheriff - We've got Eddie Sherm (phonetic) here. Here he is
Eddie to phone - Hello Dutch.
Dutch Akers - What are you fixing to do. Got a job.
Eddie - Yes, I've got one at Fort Smith.
Dutch - Well, make those payments on
that car and fix that up. I don't
want to keep picking you up.
Eddie - I'll do that Dutch.

12.10 p.m. In on 446 DPS.
Rogers - About Smith. You know he has
some time hanging on him.
Rasberry - Yes, He is running him out of the
state.

12.12 p.m. Incoming on 446 DPS.
Man - This is the Sentinel Record. About Smith
Rexline. Did he steal a car.
P.A. Yes. He's already out.

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12.20 p.m. In on 123. Party hung up before connected NPS

12.34 p.m. Out on 123 to 3846 (Res - Mrs. Young) NPS.
Man: How is the baby?
Woman. He's alright
Young. Well, I'll be up about the same time.

12.40 p.m. In on 123. NPS.
Nutch Akers there: No, his at dinner.

12.45 p.m. In on 123. NPS.
Man calling. Have Akers call Mr. Jackson Arkansas
Trust, when he comes in.

12.55 p.m. Out on 123. NPS.
Young called Firestone Service and asked
if his car was ready.

1.51 p.m. In on 123. NPS.
Akers there? No, he's out.

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1:05 Pm In #446 Glen
Officer reported - 3337 Jonestown.

1:17 Pm Out #446 Glen
Fowler called Chipwood Motor Co.
and asked for Mr. McWilliams - Was
told that McWilliams was not in.

1:15 Pm In #446 Glen
Call for Jerry Hatkins - Not In -

1:1 Pm Out #183
Man - 2745 (Vance Bros Pawn Shop)
Man - Hello -
Man - I Dallas there -
Man - No - Call 187

1:22 Pm Out #183 Glen
Ramsey (prisoner) called Dallas 42906
and asked a Mrs. Robinson to loan him
him $50 - Mrs. Robinson told him she didn't
have any money.

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2.04 p m In on 123. W.P.S.
Mr Williams calling. Mr Fowler we can't do anything about a car, as they aren't making any now.
Fowler. Well, will just have to wait.

2.29 p m. In on 446. W.P.S.
Jerry called and stated he was at the City Barn, getting his car repaired.

2.30 p m. In. on 123. W.P.S.
Woman called and told Jackson she would be down to see him and hung up when he asked her name.

2.46 In on 123 W.P.S.
Dude - What are they going to do with those boys.
Watkins - Ride down and see me, Dude. I want to talk to you for a minute.

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2.50 p.m. Out on 446. called Southern Grill. WPS
P.D. Is Mr. Phillips there?
Southern Grill - No, his at home.
P.D. What is his residence number
Southern Grill. - Its 2063-W.

2.51 p.m. Out on 446 to 2063-W. WPS.
Watkins. How do you get that phone turned on
Phillips. Call the telephone Co. It was listed to
Claude Burns - # 3250-W.
Watkins - OK. the address is 125 Florence isn't
it?
Phillips Yes that's right.

2.52 p.m out on 446 to telephone Co" WPS.
Watkins called the business office and ordered the
telephone connected at 125 Florence St.

2.57 P.M. In on 123. WPS.
Mrs O'Donnell called and said she just saw the
car she reported stolen earlier in the day at
S. Border + Oak St.

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P.M. What is the license.

Mrs O'Donnell - It is 65292 and its a green Chevrolet Sedan

3.15 p.m. In on 446 WS.

Call for Watkins - He's out now.

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3^45 Pm In #446 Glen
Tucker = City Jail
Ed. Vance = Is Dutch there?
Tucker = No - He's out somewhere.
Ed. Vance = Have him call Ed. Vance -
(Vance Pawnshop)

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3:56 P.m. - Out #1.
Officer - Called 3846 (Res. Norman Young) gave details of death of relative named Grover, as received by wire.

4:00 P.m. - In #2.
Man - What'd they do with Ray?
Akers - Thirty days.
Man ("Buster") - Have you anything against me?
Akers - No we don't want you.

4:15 P.m. - Out #2.
Akers - Called 2745 (Vance Pawn Shop.)
Vance - Hello.
Akers - What'd you want with me?
Vance - Too late now. I gave the case to Watkins. That guy skipped out & left a hot check with me for $200.00 for a ring.
Akers - See what I can do.

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Hm.

4:18 P.m. - Out #2 - (C Floyd Huff)
Akers - Called 246 and inquired as to possible whereabouts of attorney Frieder - (Sidney Frieder)
Huff - advised that Breeden's friend was still in town but that Breeden had gone on honeymoon

4:22 P.m. - out #2 (C.C. Disheroon, 625-Central) Hm
Akers - Called 351. Asked for Mr. Disheroon or Mr. Barton -
Clerk - Neither one here now.
Akers - Left word for one of them to call him.

4:25 P.m. - Out #2. Hm
Akers - Called Long Distance to Chief of Police, Little Rock. Instructed opr to ascertain the number of chief's private phone in his office and to ring that one.
L.D. Opr - He's not in office. Will try residence

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4:30 Pm. — In #2.
L. D. Opr. — Reported to Akers that Chief of Little Rock Police was not at his home - phone #8601, but she would try again.

4:35 Pm. — In # 1.
Man — Reported to Akers that he had contacted a friend of Frieder for him and that Fred would return in few days & take care of any "paper" he had left.

4:37 Pm. — Out #1. (Vance Bros Pawnshop)
Akers — Called 2745. Advised "Shotgun" Vance that Frieder was expected to return and take care of his check.
Vance — Requested that Akers handle the case of collection from Frieder and to advise Watkins. Offered pay Akers (2) for collecting the check

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4:40 P.m. - In # 2. HAA.
Officer - Reported at 503-Jonestown -

4:45 P.m. - In #2 -
"Mickey" - supplied Akers with additional information relative to attorney Breeden.
Akers - Requested to be advised on the "Q.T." when Breeden returned to his office from honeymoon.

4:46 P.m. - out # 2 - HAA
Akers - called 184.
Clerk - City Clerk's Office.
Akers - I'm sending the fingerprint boy around I give him $2.00 to buy some stamps with.

4:47 P.m. - out # 1.
Officer - Called 2514-W.
No one answered. HAA

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4:48 P.m. – Out #2.
Akers – Called 870 (Purvis & Purvis, attys)
No one answered.

4:50 P.m. – In #2. For Akers.
Vance – I got that matter straightened out.
Akers – Yeah, I know. What's your home phone?
Vance – 3031. Call me anytime after supper. Tell Watkins not to do anything about that.
Akers – OK.

Hos.

5:00 P.m. – In #2. For Jerry Watkins
Watkins – Hello.
Woman – What did you want to tell me?
Watkins – Call me back about six. The people aren't home yet.

Hos.

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5²⁵ PM In #446 Glen
Tucker - City Jail
Officer - 3337 Jonestown
Tucker - Wait -
Watkins - Charlie. the Chief said to go to Simms Pool Hall and tell Simms to keep all those kids out of there. Also tell Simms to come down to the station -
Officer - OK -

5³⁰ PM In #446 Glen
Call for Akers - Not In -

5⁴⁷ PM In #143 Glen
Manager of Liberty Cash Store called and asked what he could do about a bad check given by Shelly Hughes - He was told to get in touch with Father of Shelly Hughes.

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6th Pm Out #446 — Gkw
Akers = 556 (Citizen's Cigar Store)
Man = Citizen's
Akers = How did the last Race at California go?
Man - It hasn't run yet.
Akers = Ok -

6th Pm Out #446 — Gkw
Akers = 556 (Citizen's Cigar Store)
Man = Citizens
Akers = That race in which "Mr. Bones" ran - How did it come out.
Man = He won it -
Akers = Who else was in the money, -
Man = (named horses placing 2nd & 3rd.
Agent was unable to get these names -

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6 28 PM In #173 Glen

Ben Murray (Bondsman) called Akers=

Akers = Hello-

Murry = Dutch - did you find out about those rings?

Akers = No, I haven't had time to get anything on it.

Murry = OK -

Akers = You heard what they did about those checks, didn't you?

Murry = No -

Akers - They went up to the bank and stopped all of them -

Murry = I guess that's all they could do OK -

6 48 PM In #146 Glen

Jim Williams called and asked Fowler if the Car belonging to Battles had been found - Fowler said it had not been found.

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7:00 P.M. — Out #2.

Akers — Called Long Distance to Sheriff Stanley Rogers, Oklahoma City, Okla asked if Opr. had a straight line open to Okla. City.

Opr. — No, but it'll only take a few minutes.

Akers — Never mind. Cancell the call.

HOV.

7:05 P.M. — In #1

Ross — (At City Barn) Advised that he would be away for an hour.

7:06 P.M. — Out #2.

Akers — Called 494 (Western Union). Requested a messenger boy at jail.

HOV.

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7:10 P.M. — out #2.

Akers — Called L. D. Opr. #4. Inquired if she was able to get his Little Rock call.

L.D. Opr — Reported that Chief of Police had not returned to his residence.

Akers — Cancel the call.

7:15 P.M. — In #2.

Mrs Peters — Complained that women were begging on the streets accompan by their children.

Fowler — Doubt if there's anythin we can do but I'll see.

7:30 P.M. — In #1.

Mrs Robbins — Have you heard anything more about that boy? I talked to Selgewood and he said he told them not to bother him.

Fowler — Yes, I heard that. They (Cont.)

(cont.) HDS.

wont bother him. You'd better wait a few days before moving his clothes

7:35 P.M. — In #2.
Woman - Is Mr. Akers there?
Fowler - No - He's out now.

7:50 P.M. — In #2.
Jerry - Reported at 65. HDS

7:55 P.M. - In #1.
Girl - Is Dutch Akers there?
Fowler - No -

8:30 P.M. - In #1. For M. Young.
M. Young - Hello.
Peck Merritt - Reported theft of his .38 cal automatic. Requested Young to come and arrest his negro maid.
Young - OK I'll be over. HDS.

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9:00 Am. – In #1.
Man – Is Dutch there?
Officer – No he isn't.

Hon.

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9¹⁰ PM In #173 GRW
Call for Akers = Not in.

9¹⁸ PM In #446 GRW
Man called Cap't Rogers and reported that a man had fought with a girl and had taken her shoes – that she was now going up Cottage St.

9³⁰ PM In #446 GRW
Call for Akers = Not In.

9³⁵ PM In #446 GRW
Officer reported = 3337 Jonestown

10⁰⁵ PM In #446 GRW
Officer reported = 3337 Jonestown

10⁵⁵ PM In #446 GRW
Officers reported = Davis & Bradley = 116

3.

Tap on 648 (Mayor)
Hot Springs, Ark.
Plant at 207 Laurel St.

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HOA,

8:45 Am. — In #3.

Woman - Has judge Fedgerwood come in yet?

Miss March - No, not yet. He'll be in a few minutes.

Woman - Does he always come to the Mayor's office first?

Miss March - yes.

8:47 Am. — In #3.

Mrs. Moransky - Is judge Fedgerwood there,

Fedgerwood - Hello.

Mrs. Moransky - Can I see you before Court opens?

Fedgerwood - Sure. Come right down.

HOA,

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8:48 A.m. — In #3.
Man — Is Judge Edgerwood there?
Edgerwood — Hello.
Man — This is Harry Lewis, at the County Clerk's office. My brother got a ticket for parking yesterday.
Edgerwood — Come on over and I'll straighten it out.

Har.

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8⁵⁸ am Out Glen

Mayor = 1111
Clerk = Park Hotel
Mayor = Ring Mr. Condon, please.
Condon = Hello-
Mayor = John, I was just thinking - when this fellow was on the Commission he put a lot of heels on. There are 5 or 6 that are wrong. I think we ought to take care of that.
Condon = Yes - you're right.
Mayor - And another thing - on this book that is going to be published - down there where the officials are listed my name ought to be there as Track Attorney.
Condon = Isn't it there? It should be. I'll see about that-
Mayor = All right - do that-

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9⁰⁵ am Out- Glen
Miss Marsh = 646 (Judge Cotham)
Judge Cotham = Hello-
Miss Marsh = This is the Mayor's Office
Mr. McLaughlin wanted to
know if you could come
over in about 30 minutes
Judge Cotham = Yes - all right-

9⁰⁸ am Out Glen
Miss Marsh = 2410
Clerk = Eastman Hotel
Miss Marsh = Mr. Berry, please -
Berry = Hello
Mayor = Gene - this is Leo. I was
just talking to John. When
you publish that little
book don't forget to put
my name on the front as
Track Attorney. - and on
the programs too.
Berry = O.K. - I'll take care of that.
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Mayor = The Commission, you know, tentatively adopted the Maryland rules. I'll call you when I get a copy of them.

Berry - O.K.

9:10 Am In Gdm

Mrs. Mobin called the Mayor.

Mayor = Hello

Mrs. Mobin = This is Mrs. Mobin. Have you had a chance to do anything yet?

Mayor = I'll get right on that and do what I can. I'll put in a word for her at the Southern.

(Sounded as though the Mayor is to use his influence to procure a position for Mrs Mobin's daughter at the Southern Club - a gambling club.)

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9:18 AM Out Elkin

Mayor called Carroll Hollingsworth at Legislature, Little Rock.

Hollingsworth = Hello -

Mayor = This is Leo - what's going on?

Hollingsworth = Nothing - they are trying to get some money. (Probably referring to the Committee investigation conditions at Hot Springs). They are all tied up and are trying to get it from the House Contingent Fund but they can't get that.

Mayor - Anybody from here been over there?

Hollingsworth - No - as I told you there is only one thing that will cause us any worry.

Mayor - Yes - I know.

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Mayor: I want to tell you a little story: — you heard about the man who went to the Doctor and asked the Doctor to give him a dose of Clapp. The doctor asked him why and he said — well — I want to give it to the hired girl so the hired girl can give it to Father — so Father can give it to Mother — so Mother can give it to the preacher.

The theory of that story is this — they don't care so much about Judge Witt — but then him they think they can get me. I'm responsible for what goes on here. Last year I got $25000 for the city out of that thing (Gambling Houses) and what I don't want is an

innocent man but. Why don't they make my wife testify.
Hollingworth = She's got a smart lawyer.
Mayor = Ah - Hell - She don't know anything. I'll send you a letter this week end by registered mail so it won't get lost.
Hollingworth = All right.

9:40 am In Glen
Call for Judge Lepewood - In Court.

9:41 am In Glen
Mayor = Hello -
Woman = Is Judge Lepewood there?
Mayor = No - he's in Court.
Woman = Will you ask him to call 1579.

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9 42 AM Out GRW
Miss Marsh called #446 and asked that Jack be sent to the Mayor's Office.

9 42 AM Out GRW
Miss Marsh = 2410
Clerk = Eastman Hotel
Miss Marsh = Mr. Berry, please.
Berry = Hello-
Miss Marsh = Mr. Berry, this is the Mayor's office. Mr. Busson of the newspaper wants to see you. What time would suit you best?
Berry = Anytime this afternoon.
Miss Marsh = All right.

9 47 AM In GRW
Miss Marsh = Mayor's Office
Man = Is Judge Legerwood there:
Legerwood = Hello-

Man - This is Long at the Sheriff's Office. Those boys are set for in the morning and that woman says if she has a little time she can arrange to settle.

Legerwood - I'll continue it until day after tomorrow.

Man - All right.

9:55 AM - See Log for Phone #446

10:05 AM - In GRW

Call for Judge Legerwood.

Legerwood - Hello -

Dr. Housley - Judge - this is Doc Housley. Did you send Fowler out here?

Legerwood - Doc - why don't you leave that kid alone. He'll not 'cause you any more trouble. He said you beat him

unmercifully with a garden hose - why don't you let him go and get rid of him.

Dr. Hawley - Well - all that's a damn liar - I tried like hell to make something out of him - that's all.

Lepewood - Let Fowler get the Clothes and forget about the kid

10 38 AM In Glen

Earl Witt called Mayor -

Mayor - Hello -

E. Witt - Leo - this is Earl - can you come over to the Court House. I want to talk with you about a little matter.

Mayor - All right - I'll be up after awhile.

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10^40 AM Out Glen
Miss Marsh - 343 (Dr. Bourdier)
Dr. Bourdier - Hello -
Miss Marsh - Doctor - what time can
I see you?
Dr. Bourdier - Tell him to come on now.

11^02 AM In Glen
Mayor called Miss Marsh and said
he would be at phone #472 for
next few minutes.

11^03 AM Out Glen
Miss Marsh - 871 - No Answer

11^31 AM In Glen
Call for Mayor - Not In -

11^50 AM In Glen
Judge Cotham called Mayor - Not
in - He asked Miss Marsh to
have Mayor call him.

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12⁰⁰ Noon Out GLm

Mayor - 646 (Judge Cotham)

Cotham - Hello -

Mayor - Judge, this is Leo.

Cotham - Yes, can I see you this afternoon?

Mayor - No, I'm going to be busy all afternoon.

Cotham - Well, maybe I can see you over at the Eastman Hotel tonight.

Mayor - All right, I'll be there.

12⁰³ PM In GLm

Girl named Catherine called Mayor.

Mayor - Hello -

Catherine - Can you send some money up here? I'll have to have some when I go to the doctor this afternoon.

Mayor - Oh - the Doctor? What's the matter?

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Catherine - It's this ole nose again.
Mayor - All right! You're kind of a hard luck gal, aren't you? How's the dog?
Catherine - All right.
Mayor - Ok.

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2.17 P.M. In on 648 WPS

Leo called and talked with Hazel Marsh and told her to remind him, mayor is to address the Bottlers Convention at the Eastman Hotel tomorrow morning.

2.56 p.m. In on 648 WPS.

Mayor. Anything doing?

Hazel - They called about that speech you were to make at the Bottlers convention in the morning. You've got to be in Court, you know?

Mayor. Thats right I'll get in touch with them.

Hot Springs Ark.
2-1-37

Memo. to Inspector E. J. Connelley:

Re: Brekid.

Attached hereto are the logs on the taps on telephones numbered 123, 446 and 648. at Hot Springs Ark. also attached are clippings from Hot springs newspapers for 1-28-37

Note should be made of the telephone call at 9:10 P.M. over #446 where Herbert (Dutch) Akers converses in a friendly fashion with a girl who gives her address as 708½ Central. This is the address of a house of prostitution run by a woman named "Bessie".

Your attention is also directed to a conversation at 9:00 A.M. over #648 between Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin and W. S. Jacobs. The exact nature of the subject of this conversation is not known but it appears that the Mayor is doing some kind of work for Jacobs. It has previously been reported that the Mayor represents Jacobs in a legal capacity.

In the newspaper clippings above mentioned it will be noted that the Mayor in representing the chamber of commerce is opposing the sale of radio station KTHS at Hot Springs Ark. to Col. T. H. Barton of El Dorado Ark. It will be recalled that in previous conversations overheard on the taps that the Mayor himself has a plan whereby he, himself, can make some money from the sale or leasing of this same radio station.

Respectfully Submitted

D. P. Sullivan
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Special Agent.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Top rm #446 (City Jail
and) #123 (Chief Police
Hot Springs, Ark.
Plant at 207-Laurel.

1-28-37.

12:01 Am. - In #1.
Officers - Bradley & Davis at 116.

Hon.

1:00 Am. - In #1.
Officers - Bradley & Davis at 126.

1:03 Am. - In #3.
Woman - Is Fowler There?
Evans - No.
Woman - Will you take me home, Curley?
Evans - No

Hon

2:00 Am. - In #1.
Officers - Bradley & Davis at 777.

3:02 Am. - In #1.
Officers - Bradley & Davis at 126.

Hon.

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Has.

4:00 Am. - In #1.
Officers - Bradley & Davis reported in.

5:02 Am. - In #1.
Officers - Bradley & Davis at 291.

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

7:10 Am. - Out #2. Has.
Man - Called 2.
Man - Hello.
Officer - Is this Mr. Fovell?
Man - No. Must have wrong number.
Officer - What number is this?
Man - Number 2.

Has.

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8:00 Am - In # 1.
Man - Is Chief Rosberry there?
Officer - Not here yet.

8:15 Am - In # 1.
Rogers - Hello
Lovell - Requested that the trial of case against Burch be re-set for tomorrow, since Burch had to face charges at Malvern today

Has.

123+446

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8.40 Am. In on 123. HRM.
Man Have you a man from the Army or Navy down there?
P.O. No, we don't.

9.25 Am. On on 123 HRM
Akers called Chief of Police at Little Rock Ark.
Akers - Where were you all day
Chief. I was right at the edge of your town.
Akers. That attorney that is in that case. Can you talk to him? That party over here wants you to talk to him. It might be worth something to you, Jake.
Chief In the next day or two?
Akers. Thats alright. We just want some advance information.
Chief. Alright I'll call you before Saturday night

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9.30 am. In on 123. GPMc.
Mrs. Carpenter called for Mrs. Harrington and was told she was in court

9.32 am. Out on 123 to 618 (Johnson Florist)
Monroe Young Dr. inquired about sending flowers to Phoenix Orig.

9.45 am Out on 123. To 3574 GPM.
Ordered 1 breakfast

10.00 am. In on 446 GPM
Call for Akers - Not in

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10.05 am Out on 123 to 226 - Line busy DPS.

10.08 am. Out on 123 to 226 DPS
Young asked for Otis Hill - Was told to call back.

10.10 am Incoming on 446 DPS
Otis spoke to Young about some person who recently died.

10.36 am In on 123. DPS
Call for Watkins. - He's out now.

10.44 am. Out to 123 to 1065 (Southern Grill) DPS
Arch Cooper. John do you need any hogs.
John. - No - but I may need some later

10.46 am. Out on 123 to 291 (Hot Springs Confectionery) DPS
Arch Cooper - Say, do you need any hogs. I've got a couple
man - Not right now, I don't think.
Cooper - I'll be by there in a minute.

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10.52 am. Incoming on 123. DPS.
Long distance from Little Rock Ark for Ahus- He's out.

11.02 am. Out on 446 to 357-Ordered 4 dinners DPS.

11.11 am. In on 123. DPS
man calling for Edgar York.- He's not here.

11.20 am. Out on 123. DPS.
to 1689.
Arch Cooper - Is Monroe Young there.
man - He was working, but just left.
Cooper - What is his residence telephone no.?
man - 3253-W.

11.22 am. Out on 123. to 253 (Weldon-Young) DPS
Arch Cooper - Mrs Weldon do you need any hogs.
Mrs. Weldon - Sorry, but I dont need any now.

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11.26 a m In, on 123 - Long distance call by OPS.
Mr Woodcock from Little Rock Ark for "Dutch" Ahern. Not there
Woodcock made appointment to call or see Ahern at 1.30 p m

11.31 a.m. In on 123 OPS.
Man calling - Have you received a telegram from
Frank Ramsey yet?
P. D. No, we haven't

11.34. a.m. Out on 123, to 3143 OPS.
Man calling - Is the Judge there.
Woman - No, he's just gone.

11.35 a.m. In on 446 OPS.
Caroline - Can I see you Dutch? Bert is driving
me crazy. I want to see you before I
do anything
Dutch - I'll call you at the shop and meet
you somewhere.

11.38 p.m. In on 446 OPS.
Man. Say, Dutch I think you'll find that
(?)

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party. Barkus at the Milwaukee Hotel.
Dutch - Shanks.

11.42 am. In on 123. DPS.
Jenks. - Is Sherman Rowe there?
Monroe Young - No, try #613 (Sheriff's office)

11.44 am. In on 123.
Curtis - Betty Blair wants to get out on parole.
Dutch - We dont want her here. Make her leave the state.
Curtis - O.K.

12.14 pm. Out on 123 to 2941 (Johnson's Typewriter Svc) DPS
Akers ordered a typewriter ribbon.

12.32 pm In on 123. DPS.
Woman reported a drunk at 209 Orange St.

12.34 p.m. In on 446 DPS
Ellsworth at Dodson's Office left word for Dutch to see him.
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12:49 p.m. In on #123
Woman reported that some of her clothes were stolen from her clothes line. Rosberry told her to come to city jail and make an report of it.

12:53 p.m. In on 446. GRMc
officer reporting at 22 Jonestown

12:57 p.m. Out on 123 to 351 GRMc
Akers - Called 351. (Dodson Ins. Co)
Dodson - Hello.
Akers - Is Mr. Ellsworth in?
Dodson - No.
Akers - Have him call Herbert Akers.
Dodson - OK.

1:14 P.M. - Out on 123.
Brock - Called 87 (Craighead Dry)
Conversed socially with
Miss Cooper -

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gkm.

1:35 P.M. - In on #123.
I.D. Opr. - Chief of Police at Little Rock calling Herbert Akers.
Akers - Hello.
Chief - A few minutes after you talked with me that fellow came in here. Can you come over here?
Akers - Did he want to do something
Chief - No. He's got the whole "lay-out
Akers - I'll find out what I can do and call you back.
Chief - All right.

gkm

1:45 P.M. - In #123
Tucker - Hello.
Akers - Tell Rasberry that I am going out of town and will be back about six P.M.

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1:52 Pm. - On on # 446. gPm.
Man - Is Dutch Aken in?
Tucker - No.

2:08 Pm - Out on # 123.
Evans - Called 1316
Man - Hello.
Evans - Is Kelpy there?
Kelpy - Hello.
Evans - Rasberry wants to see you

2:10 Pm. - On # 446. gPm.
L. D. Opr. - Idabelle, Okla., is calling Mr. Watkins.
Trapper - He's not in.
L. D. Opr. - Have him call Opr # 4 at Idabelle.

2:17 Pm. - On # 123. gPm
Fowler - Reported at 222.

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2:18 Pm. - In on #123. gPm.
George Young - Reported at 27.

2:25 Pm. - In on #123.
Man - is Watkins there?
Tucker - No he is not.

2:29 Pm. - In on #123. gPm.
Man - Chief Rasberry there?
Tucker - No.

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2.55 p.m. In on 446 D.P.S.
Woman asked if Swede was there. - No his out

3.08 p.m. In on 123. DPS.
Girl asked Watkins about a job. He said he would see about it.

3.24 p.m. In on 446 D.P.S.
Jerry Watkins made a date with some girl.

4.04 p.m. In on 123. D.P.S.
Man requested Jerry Watkins to come to the City Drug Store.

4.16 p.m. In on 123. DPS
Woman - Send an officer to the Proctor Hotel, 346 Central

4.36 p.m. In on 446 DPS
Monroe Young told Watkins of a car parked over time - Tag i

4.40 p.m. Outgoing on 123.
ordered 13 meals.

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Hoe.

4:47 P.m. - In #1.
Girl - Is Mr. Aken there?
Tucker - No.

4:55 P.m. - In #1 and out #3.
Miss Marsh - Is one of the boys there with a car?
Tucker - Watkins is.
Miss Marsh - I'll walk down. Want him to take me somewhere.

Hoe.

4:58 P.m. - In #1.
Girl - Is Monroe Young there?
Tucker - He's on the street.

5:00 P.m. - In #1.
George Young - Reported at Deluxe Photo Shop

Hoe.

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HAK

5:04 Pm. – In #2
Woman – Is "Swede" Watkins there?
Trotter – He's out on a call.

5:10 Pm. – In #2.
T.J. Cook – Reported theft of his 1936 Model Chevrolet.

HAK

5:12 Pm. – Out #1.
Brock – Called 184 (City Clerk) asked Emmett (Jackson) how to spell "appreciate".

5:30 Pm. – In #1.
Bryan (cabbie) – Advised Fowler that his cab had been given a parking ticket in front of City Drug Store.
Watkins – I'll call you back.

HAK

5:40 Pm. – Out #1.
Watkins – Called 181 (Levi Hosp.) inquired how Mrs Potts was getting along.

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5:41 P.m. — In #2. HH.
Geo Young — Reported at 50.

5:45 P.m. — out #2.
Brock — Called 87 (Craighead Ldry) — Made date with Miss Cooper to meet him on Bath House Row.

6:05 P.m. — In #2.
Man — Requested an officer to stop at 109 Plateau St when in vicinity

6:15 P.m. — In #1. HW.
Man — Is Mr. Young there?
Watkins — He's gone to supper.

6:17 P.m. — out #2.
Watkins — Called 777 (Black & White Cab) Asked for Dan.
Clerk — He's not here. HW

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7:00 P.m. – In #1.
Man – asked for George or Monroe Young.
Officer – They're not here now –

Hoo.

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8:35 P.m. - In #2.
Woman - Is Dutch there?
Officer - Not in.

8:37 P.m - In #1.
Officer - Reported at 3337 Jonestown.

8:38 P.m. - Out #2.
Evans - Called 777 (Black & White Cab). Asked for Bob.
Clerk - He's in Little Rock now.

8:45 P.m. - out #2.
Officer - Called 341 (Citizen's Cigar). Asked for "Duck" who sells suits.
Clerk - He was here but left.
Officer - If you see him tell him to call the jail.

8:55 P.m. - In #1
girl - Dutch there?
officer - No.

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9:10 P.m. - In #1.
Girl - Is Dutch there?
Akers - Hello.
Girl - Well how are you?
Akers - Better. Where are you?
Girl - At home - 708½ Central. Coming up to see me?
Akers - I guess so.
Girl - If you want to you can come up the back steps.
Akers - No. Never mind. I'll be up the front way. HAS.

9:20 P.m. - In #2.
Woman - Discussed social engagement with Ben Rogers.

9:30 P.m. - In #1.
Woman - Is Mr. Akers there?
Akers - Hello.
Woman - (had hung up). HAS

123 #446.

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9.53 am. In on #446. GRM for. DPS
Call for aliens. Not in.

10 00 p.m. In on 123. GRM
Kelly + Abbott report at #116

10 14 p.m. In on #446 GRM.
Call for Aliens - Not in

10.20. In on 446. GRM.
officers report at 188 Johnstown

10.40 p.m. In on 446. GPM.
Phil at the Chicago Club called Rogers and asked if Frakes was in Jail. Rogers stated he wasn't on the docket and not a holdover.

10 42 Pm. In on #123. GPM
Woman called + said that aliens said to send a car to the Nell Park Legion Store.
OK.

11.05 PM officers Abbott + Kelly report at 494. (21) GPM

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Jap on 648 (Mayor's Office.
Plant at 207 Laurel St.
Hot Springs Ark

8.44 Am. In on 648 GRM.
Hazel Marsh - Mayor's Office
Mayor. - I'll be there in a minute.
Tell Verne (Edgewood) to wait for me
Hazel - He hasn't come down yet.

8.49 Am. In on 648 GRM.
Man calling - Is Judge Edgewood there?
Hazel Marsh. - No.
Man - Have him call 253.

9.50 Am Out on 648 to 191 - Line busy GRM

9.52 Am. Out. 648. to 41-16. (Police dept) GRM
Hazel told Rogers to have Jack come to the Mayor's office.

9.55 Am. In on 648 GRM.
Earl Witt: I just thought that in getting together the list of grand jurors, we get fellows like Moody, Gold and Al Reynolds good business men and also indicate

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their business connection.
Mayor - Thats a good idea.

9.00 Am. out on 648 to 2115 (Wm. D. Jacobs) 8 R.M.
Jacobs - Hello.
Mayor - What time this afternoon are you going to be at the Club? I ought to get this thing in the mail by tomorrow.
Jacobs. O.K. I haven't that much on hand now. Are you going to the funeral? (George Ryan)?
Mayor. No. I've got to try this K.T.H.S. (Radio Station) case today. I won't be able to get away.
Jacobs. I see. O.K.

9.03 Am. out on 648 Mayor called Judge Kilborn in St Louis Mo.
Judge Kilborn. Hello.
Mayor. This is Leo. How are you
Judge Kilborn. Fine.

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Mayor. I just got a letter from Frank Pace about the meeting for Friday of next week on February 5. That makes it better because I've got a meeting of the racing commission that afternoon.

Judge Kilbourn - Thanks for calling.

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9.10 am. Incoming on 648 WPS.
Mrs Cunningham on Rector Ave got permission from the mayor to haul 3 loads of gravel from the Whittington gravel pit.

9.32 am. Outgoing on 648 - number not gotten. WPS.
Mr Laughlin - Dutch, how are you getting along with Freeman on that thing.
Dutch. I'll get to it this week. (Mayor hung up)

9.45 am. Incoming on 648 WPS.
Woman calling for Mrs Smith and talked with Judge Ledgerwood saying she was all packed and ready to move but Young demanded Ledgerwood's signature. Ledgerwood suggested that Young call him about it.

10.00 am. Outgoing on 648 to 1111 WPS
Hazel Marsh - Do you know, who the jockey was who had his picture taken with the mayor after winning a race 2 yrs. ago
Mr. Condon. No, Hazel. I remember the picture but can't

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recall what race or jockey it was.

10.17 a.m. Incoming on 648 DPS.
Mon - Did you order some flowers
Connie. Yes
Mon. Well, I am downstairs.

10.24am. Incoming on 648 DPS.
Jerry (a girl) at Mayor's Office and Alex carry on personal conversation - nothing of interest.

10.11 a.m. Incoming on 648 DPS.
Mon calling - Hazel, did you find out who that jockey was.
Hazel - no, I haven't

11.15 a.m. Incoming on 648 DPS
Mayor - What's doing
Hazel - Swain and that old Appleton were in
Mayor - Alright, I'll call later on.

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11.17 Am. In on 648 WS

Ollie Smith talked to Hazel about learning the identity of the jockey in the photograph with Mayor

12 04 p.m. In on 648.

Man called and told Hazel to tell George McLaughlin his wife was looking for him

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1.52 pm. Out to 648 to 2290 NPS.

Hazel Marsh - Has your good housekeeping come yet.

Mother - No, it hasn't.

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2.15 p.m. Incoming on 648 DPS
Woman - My son got a parking ticket. Is the mayor in?
Hazel - No, You better call him in the morning.

2.42 p.m. Incoming on 648 D.P.S.
Man called re building on Central Ave and was told by Hazel Marsh it was owned by the mayor's mother, but suggested the man call the mayor in the morning.

2.54 p.m. Outgoing on 648 to 1124 DP.
Hazel Marsh - Is Babe there.
Man - This is Rufus talking
Hazel - He wanted me to write a letter for him. Tell him I have time now.

3.33 p.m. In on 648 DP.
The mayor called and asked for any messages - None

4.25 p.m. In on 648 DPS
No answer.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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March 1, 1937.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

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

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

RECORDED & INDEXED 7-576-3-51

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

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

Very truly yours,

Chapmon Fletcher

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

BLD:cpw
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cc - Cincinnati
Mr. Connelley

Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 2, 1937

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Tacoma, Washington

RE: BREKID

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Dear Sir:

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER
Special Agent in Charge

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TWO ONE ONE FIVE APPROXIMATELY SIX OCLOCK LAST NIGHT

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TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. No. 1232; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

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

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

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

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

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

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Stephen Fletcher SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Upon authority of the Director a tap was installed at 10:15 A.M., on February 5, 1937 on the residence telephone of W. S. Jacobs, the number being unlisted number 2115, and located at 116 Cedar Street. The plant covering this tap is located in a duplex at 205½ Cedar Street, and is maintained by Special Agents J. M. Jones and B. M. Suttler.

Re: L. M. STRAUSS MATTER

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

"Hot Springs, Ark. Nov. 25, 1936

L M STRAUSS
WM PENN HOTEL LOS ANGELES CAL

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

DUTCH"

"Hot Springs, Ark. Nov. 30, 1936

LOUIE STRAUSS
WM PENN HOTEL LOS ANGELES CAL

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

DUTCH"

"Hot Springs, Ark. Dec. 21, 1936

L M STRAUSS
CARE ELKS CLUB LOS ANGELES CAL

THINGS OK HERE. APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU IMMEDIATELY.

HERBERT AKERS"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Re: LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATION OF HOT SPRINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Archie Ledgerwood, brother of Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood (25%)
L. D. Cooper, President of L. D. Cooper Co., and formerly President of the Chamber of Commerce.
Douglas Hotchkiss, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.
Harry Strong
Roscoe Johnson
Otis McGraw
Captain William Smith (3½%)
Sam Watt (15%)
W. S. Jacobs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

January 31, 1937

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

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

Rogers: Called 25 (Checker Cab) asked what was trouble with two fellows.

Clerk: Cab driver, Turner, took three of them out to Wilson's place and brought those two back. Argument started over cab fare of $1.50, and Turner tied into them.

Rogers: Who was third party?

Clerk: Johnnie Haines - you know him.

Rogers: Well, tell Turner to be down at nine o'clock Monday.

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

Johnnie Haines: You want me?

Rogers: No. I got the straight of it now. Got three of them here now. One of them claims he was rolled for some money.

Haines: Well, you know that was a proposition out there. I didn't do anything but ride out with them.

Rogers: I know - won't need you.

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

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

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

Sheriff: Go up to the County Court House and talk to the Deputy there.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Party calling: Asked Chief amount of bond required for two men arrested for gambling in rear of Jack Fry's place. Chief suggested $100.00.

Party calling: We didn't bring in Fry because he has no one to take care of the place. One is a local fellow and the other I don't know.

Chief: Fry is no good to sign bond.

Party calling: I'll hold them and see what Dutch says about their bond. Fry will appear in the morning - all three on the docket.

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

11:45 P.M., incoming on No. 123 H.A.S.

Bill (Martins?): Do you have a fellow named "Peggy" in jail?

Corrington: Yes.

Bill: Can you let him out and me sign the bond in the morning?

Corrington: No, you'll have to come down.

Rogers:2 (Taking 'phone) Call the chief at 1696 (his residence) and get his permission.

Bill: Hate to call him and get him out of bed. I'll come down.

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

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

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

Mayor: How are those boys of ours?

Hollingsworth: They have left.

Mayor: What are they doing now?

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

Mayor: They don't have anything on him.

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

Mayor: How is that boy Murray?

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

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

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

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

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

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

L.D. Grady Manning in Little Rock.

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

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

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

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

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

Manning: Well, if Nichols has anything to do with it Woods will write the report.

Mayor: Hamm (Hamilton Lewis?) is very close to some of these boys.

Manning: Yes, I know - I saw him in Washington and will speak to him when he gets here about Wednesday.

Mayor: I think "Joe" can do some good also.

Manning: Yes, I know. I'll see him too.

Mayor: Well, let me know what's doing as soon as you hear.

Manning: O.K.

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

February 1, 1937

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

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

Akers: I am sending a man over with a ring.

Ed: Do you want to buy it yourself?

Akers: Possibly.

Ed: Does he want to make a loan on it?

Akers: That's what he wants.

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

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

Ed: Alright, Dutch.

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

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

Woman: Called 1065 (Southern Club)

Clerk: Hello.

Woman: Let me speak to Frank Nebett, who was a dealer upstairs.

Frank: Hello.

Woman: Jerry (Watkins) will come by for me and we'll pick you up at 6:30 at the Southern.

Frank: O.K.

8:35 P.M., incoming on No. 446 H.A.S.

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

8:40 P.M., incoming on No. 123 H.A.S.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Man: They cost about $100,000, don't they?

Mayor: Yes.

Man calling: Eddie called me yesterday. He said that he agreed with the racing commission this year, that the bill needed some patching up. We are pretty bad off, aren't we?

Mayor: I don't know. Don't you think we should pass on that liquor bill first. That won't pass. If they beat that bill we will have a better chance with our bill.

Man calling: On the day of the resolution to investigation Hot Springs, I got twenty-two calls between 11:00 A.M., and 2:00 P.M., asking me about it. You know it's in the hands of the preachers. A man on the commission told me that the Governor doesn't want to change the present racing law, but they know up there that the administration is getting theirs.

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

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

Mayor: That's right.

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

9:32 A.M., call completed. J.M.J.

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

Mayor: Who did they have over?

Carl: I'll let you know in the morning.

Mayor: How many did they have over.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Johnson calling: Is the Mayor alone?
Hazel Marsh: No, but I can call him in here.
Johnson: (Mayor to phone) I got a telephone call that they have some plans of stopping this thing.
Mayor: No, I haven't heard.
Johnson: Have you heard that Judge Witt may resign?
Mayor: No. That story is just going around.
Johnson: Is there any way of stretching it (Legislative investigation) out?
Mayor: No, I don't know, if Scott Wood is going to run the town.
Johnson: Yes, and the season is coming on.

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

Johnson: Goodbye.

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

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

Mayor: Grady, this is Leo.

Grady: Well, what do you know?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grady: I don't know - I think he is laying off.
(General conversation about procedure as mentioned above.)

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

Grady: Want me to see him?

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

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

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

Grady: I'll be over there noon tomorrow.

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

2:34 P.M., call completed D.P.S.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

February 2, 1937.

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

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

McLaughlin: Called Long Distance to Attorney Grover, Little Rock, Ark.

Grover: Hello.

McLaughlin: Grover, how's my case coming?

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

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

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

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

Grover: Yes.

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

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

McLaughlin: All right.

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

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

Call completed to Johnny Holder of St. Louis.

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

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

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

Johnny: Do you know what he would require?

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

Johnny: OK.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Higgins: Nothing, Leo.

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

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

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

212 (Chamber of Commerce)

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

Hotchkiss: Well, I tell you --

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hotchkiss: Yes. Have you talked to Higgins?

Mayor: Yes. Now the thing that is serious is the reports getting out about the racing law being repealed. You know five people will read a newspaper and three of them will get it right. All these wires and calls have been coming in to Cella.

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Hotchkiss: He isn't going to put up that $50,000 bond guaranteeing racing in 30 days -- (interrupted)

Mayor: No. I told him not to.

Hotchkiss: Well, you see that law requires that.

Mayor: It is, I didn't know. I will have to look into that.

Hotchkiss: Yes, it is.

Mayor: Now that bunch has been calling Cella up. I told him to quit answering the phone - if he kept on two of them would get on the train and go over there and see him. If they know we are anxious about it - the God damn grafters - they will want something and if you don't give it to them they will go the other way. The trouble now is these reports out about the repeal of the racing law, and with the lid in here. But you just sit tight, it will work out.

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

February 3, 1937

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

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

Man calling: (Probably Former Chief of Police Joe Wakelin) That fellow is level. I got that letter back, three and two suspended sentence. I think we could get him. I would suggest, go to Mt. Ida and lay out on the road. He hit a restaurant at the point of a gun.

Akers: He did. Maybe it would be a good idea. I'll see them (Mayor McLaughlin, et al) to see how far they will go. How are you feeling?

Wakelin: Not so good.

Akers: Can you get around?

Wakelin: I can in a car, a little bit.

Akers: Things are still upset. They are still trying to get Leo (McLaughlin)

Wakelin: Who told you?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor: Why, what's the matter?

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

Mayor: What is he saying?

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

Mayor: Alright. I'll find out about it.

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

9:41 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 D.P.S.

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

Hollingsworth: Hello.

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

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

Mayor: Yes. He is just a political man around.

Hollingsworth: They've got another man who was on the Police Department.

Mayor: That's Sellers.

Hollingsworth: It's hard to get anything, the way the way the Committee is working. They're going to subpoena somebody today.

Mayor: How is everything in general.

Hollingsworth: I don't know. Maner's speech (Rep. Maner) was a help. It got a lot of favorable comment, of course, it didn't clear everything up, but it helped.

Mayor: How are the boys over there?

Hollingsworth: Who?

Mayor: Pat and that Jones boy.

Hollingsworth: He's alright. I was talking to a couple of State Revenue men who were up there (Hot Springs) and they said there wasn't anything to it. When can I call you back this afternoon? I may have something.

Mayor: Call me about 5 P.M.

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

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

12:20 P.M., incoming on No. 648 H.A.S.

McLaughlin: Hello.

Bob (reporter): Leo, have you heard anything more today?

McLaughlin: No, not today.

Bob: There's a little in the Little Rock legislative column that just came in - it's old stuff about legislative activities - seems that Nichols and Robinson came to blows the other day.

McLaughlin: Yes. That was on Saturday, after that thing happened Friday night.

Bob: Yes - guess so - it's just being reported in the column on the legislature.

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

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

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

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

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

Bob: Well, thanks, Leo.

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

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

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

February 4, 1937

(Taps temporarily disconnected.)

February 5, 1937

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10:15 A.M. Tap established #2115 J.M.J.

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

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

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

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

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

Jake: They are two of the biggest operators of the "Head and Head" game and are no doubt partners down there.

Party calling: We got three checks returned this morning for $280.

Jake: Pine Bluff?

Party Calling: Yes - will you be down soon?

Jake: Yes - after breakfast - Ostis is coming up here to straighten out a few things, then I'll be down.

Party Calling: O.K.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jacobs: They are going to be a little fooled. They think Ed is going to frame up some races.

Young: But they are wrong.

Jacobs: What does that job pay.

Young: Not sure, but I think the starter's job pays $150. out of which he has to pay his four helpers.

(Further conversation had to do with the fact that "Bill" had been advised by St. Louis not to put any men to work until Monday. (probably at track).

Young: If he gets back, I'll try and get in touch with you!

Jacobs: O.K.

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

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

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

Jacobs: Long Distance, please.

Operator: Connected Jacobs with Long Distance.

Jacobs: Long distance, I'm ready. This is Jacobs, at 2115. Try to locate Louie Pulaski (Tarlowski) for me in the Albert Pike Hotel. (pause) Room 211, he lives there, if you don't get him there, try 4-7251.

L.D.Operator: Thank you, hold the line, Mr. Jacobs. (L.D.Operator completed the connection.)

Jacobs: Hello Louie, what's the big scandal down there?

Pulaski: Why hello there, don't know yet. I've been busy in Pine Bluff all day. Is Leo there? (Probably meaning Leo McLaughlin, Mayor).

Jacobs: No, not yet. He's been with the racing commission all day. Did you hear anything about that committee before you left this morning?

Pulaski: No, I didn't but I'm going down there tonight and find out something. I've got a friend with the Associated Press who'll tell me.

Jacobs: Who? Walsh?

Pulaski: No, Haynes, Pete Haynes. I think Walsh is with the United Press.

Jacobs: I believe that's right. Well, let me hear from you tonight if you hear anything.

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

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

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

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

February 6, 1937

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Long distance call from St. Louis, Missouri.

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

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

Man: I think Hamilton will be with us.

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

Man: How are they treating you?

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

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

Leo: No, I put that in.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9:04 A.M., incoming on No. 123 D.P.S.

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

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

6:00 P.M., outgoing on No. 123 H.A.S.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10:40 A.M., incoming on No. 123 D.P.S.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Man: Yes.
Hanley: He has had some bad luck - in Florida.
Man: How much are you going to charge me?
Hanley: Well, I told you I would charge you one third - - - (indistinct - about paying doctors)

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

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

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

Arch Cooper: Where is George Steele?
Cummings: At Nashville.
Cooper: Wasn't he your attorney?
Cummings: Yes.
Cooper: You know what it is all about? I need a little help, Matt.
Cummings: Yes, I know.
Cooper: I need him for an attorney. Do you think it will be alright.
Cummings: Yes.

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

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

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

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

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

Man calling: This is Bill Hart calling. Don't mention my name. Call a messenger boy and have him bring up a bottle of gin.
Watkins: O.K.
Hart: As soon as I get down to see the old man, I'll fix you up.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor: No, I wont.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11:01 A.M., incoming on No. 648 D.P.S.

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

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

Hazel: (To phone) Hello.

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

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

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

4:30 P.M., incoming on No. 648 H.A.S.

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

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

5:05 P.M., outgoing on No. 648 H.A.S.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

McLaughlin: No. That's all.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Gilkey: $575.00

Johnny: OK. Thanks.

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

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

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

Roscoe: Hello, Jackie.

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

Roscoe: $1000 for fix?

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

Roscoe: What about the fix?

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

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

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

Roscoe: What is their salary?

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

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

Jacobs: What sort of entertainment have they got.

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

Jacobs: What do you want out of this?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bob: Yes, it does.

Leo: OK, then.

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

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

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

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

Jacobs: Hello. Are you in Jail yet?

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

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

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

Jacobs: Well, can't do anything now.

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

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

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

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

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

Louis: I don't know.

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

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

Jacobs: OK, then - Bye.

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

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

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

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

648 (Mayor's Office)

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

Akers: OK.

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

Woman with hushed voice calling for Akers:

Woman: Is it alright?

Akers: Yes.

Woman: They were there?

Akers: Yes.

Woman: They were all back then.

Akers: Yes.

Woman: You say -- (interrupted)

Akers: It is all lit up.

Woman: And is he there?

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

Woman: Well, I'll see you there.

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

(Note: Woman was possibly Ada Garner.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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11:15 A.M., outgoing on No. 123 D.P.S.

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

1:29 P.M., outgoing on No. 446 D.P.S.
To 2379-W (Country home - Judge Ledgerwood)
Akers: You want me to turn those girls over to Bert and get their health cards made out? I am through with them.
Ledgerwood: That's alright, Dutch.

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

Taps discontinued at 2:43 P.M.

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

J.M.J.

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

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

J.M.J.

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

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

B.M.S.

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

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

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

B.M.S.

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

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

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

B.M.S.

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

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

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

B.M.S.

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

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

B.M.S.

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

Smitty: Called 3876 (Capt. Wm. F. Smith) spoke to woman, and asked if there had been any visitors.
Woman: No.
Smitty: I have company now. Harry (Strong?) is here.
Woman: Spoke of some beer in the house, and made remark he should come home through Grand St.
Smitty: Nothing doing. I just want to outsmart this guy. (Sam Watt?)

(The activities of "Cap" Smith would indicate that Sam Watt was the person he thought was placing him on the spot, and might also indicate that Watt is working against the administration.

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Post Office Box 1469,
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March 10, 1937.

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

Re: O'BRIEN.

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Dear Sir:

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

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

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

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

The telephone linemen continued to work on the telephone cable along Cedar Street in the vicinity of the residence of William S. Jacobs until the afternoon of March 4, 1937, at which time, investigation disclosed, they completed their work in this vicinity. From an observation of the activities of these men it appeared that they were engaged in purely routine work and the necessary repairing of cables due to the usual wear and tear, and to date it appears that on one in Hot Springs has knowledge that a tap has been maintained on the residence telephone of Jacobs. Upon completion of the activities in this district by the telephone linemen, and at approximately 5:00 P.M., on March 4, 1937, the tap was re-established on the residence telephone of Jacobs, with the plant located at 205½ Cedar Street.

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent In Charge.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 6, 1937

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

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
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Tacoma, Washington.

Re: O'BREKID.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Very truly yours,

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CHAPMON FLETCHER,
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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

It might be noted that Sam Watt, part owner of the Belvedere Club in Hot Springs, testified during one of the sessions of the investigating committee that the following persons owned an interest in the Belvedere Club: Archie Ledgerwood, brother of Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood (25%); L. D. Cooper, president of L. D. Cooper Company, and former president of the Chamber of Commerce; Douglas Hotchkiss, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Harry Strong; Roscoe Johnson; Otis McGraw; Colonel William Smith (3½%); Sam Watt (15%), and W. S. Jacobs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mack — What's he wanted for?

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

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

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

Mack — Thanks for letting me know.

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

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

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

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

Akers — Do you still get his CCC checks?

Mack — Well, he was in a CCC camp.

Akers — Well, he isn't now?

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

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

Mack — All right - sure will.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor — No, I won't.

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

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

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

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

(The "boss" apparently refers to Governor Bailey)

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

Judge Ledgerwood — Have they had those girls down?

Rasberry — Yes, and they ordered both back to the clinic.

Judge Ledgerwood — Have Bert get some other girls then.

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

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

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

Ledgerwood That's all right, Dutch.

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

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

Respectfully,

L. M. Chipman

L. M. CHIPMAN.

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I. O. No. 1232; ET AL;
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KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Tap on telephone of W. S. Jacobs temporarily disconnected on Feb. 22, 1937 due to repair work being done by telephone company employees. Taps on police and mayor's telephones at Hot Springs re-established on Feb. 26, 1937, and interesting conversations overheard from Feb. 26, 1937 to March 1, 1937, set forth herein.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Ark., dated Mar. 1, 1937.

DETAILS: The tap on the residence telephone of W. S. Jacobs, (unlisted number 2115) was disconnected at 10:30 A.M., on February 22, 1937, at which time Special Agent J. M. Jones observed employees of the telephone company working on the telephone poles and cables in the immediate vicinity of the plant. Agent Jones subsequently observed these activities, which indicated that the same was a routine inspection and repair of the equipment in that neighborhood. There were no indications that these employees were looking for or had discovered the tap, and the same will be re-instated upon completion of the activities in that neighborhood.

On February 26, 1937, at 6:00 P.M., the taps were re-established on telephones 123 (Police Department), 446 (Chief of Police), and 648 (Mayor's Office), and the Bureau notified.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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The following conversations of interest are taken from the logs submitted for the period of February 26th to February 28th, 1937, both inclusive, as to the telephones 123, 446 and 648, there being no activity of interest on telephone 2115 for the dates of February 21 and 22, 1937:

February 26, 1937

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

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

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

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

11:59 P.M., outgoing on No. 123 H.A.S.

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

February 27, 1937

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

9:05 A.M., incoming on No. 648 D.P.S.

Woman calling: This is Martha Miniman. My mother got a ticket for parking, and I'd like to see the Judge about postponing it until Monday or Tuesday.

Hazel Marsh: He's not in now, but I'll tell him when he comes in and it won't be necessary for you to come down.

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

10:57 A.M., incoming on No. 648 D.P.S.

Ledgerwood: He's here now, and says he is willing to assume all the responsibility if he can select the twenty men.

Mayor: Have him call Cella himself. It looks like a plain "shake".

Ledgerwood: Alright, let's just "off" it.

Mayor: Alright.

11:10 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 D.P.S.

To 743 (Verne Ledgerwood)

Mayor: Keep me out of that.

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

Mayor: Alright, I'll do it.

11:24 A.M., incoming on No. 648 D.P.S.

Call to Charles Cella completed.

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

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

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

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

11:31 A.M., incoming on No. 648 D.P.S.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor: I'll call him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1100 (County Tax Collector's Office)

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

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

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

Woman: Well, do you know anything new?
Akers: No - not now.
Woman: Well, Mr. Roland (phonetic), you know is looking for a new place and the car has been moved away. I just wanted to know how the case is going on. (indistinct) told me everything was up there in Court in depositions and it was before the judge - all he had to do was to pass on it.
Akers: Assured her he would make some contacts and find out how things were going.

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

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

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

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

1:07 P.M., incoming on No. 123 H.A.S.

Roscoe: Is Dutch there?
Akers: Hello.
Roscoe: Dutch, did you find out about that party?
Akers: Haven't been able to find out a thing yet. Expect to in a little bit, and I'll let you know.

Roscoe: OK, Dutch. Say, there's a fellow here wants to speak to you.

Akers: OK.

Man: Hello, Dutch - how are you - just got in town. How about some passes - the kind I won't have to pay anything?

Akers: Have some of the other kind - I'll see you up there tonight.

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

1:12 P.M., incoming on No. 445 H.A.S.

Man: Is "Dutch" there?

Akers: Hello.

Man: Dutch, Frankie just got in, and I got that book for you. Are you busy?

Akers: Not much.

Man: Drive by the "Park" (Hotel) and I'll give it to you.

Akers: O.K.

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

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

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

2:44 P.M., ougtoing on No. 123 D.P.S.

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

3:15 P.M., incoming on No. 123 D.P.S.

Call from George Stahl at Little Rock completed.

George Stahl: Hello "Swede". Have you heard anything about that other boy?

Watkins: No, I haven't, George.

Stahl: Could you send that thing over?

Watkins: Yes, what name, S T.A H L?

Stahl: No, my right name will be alright, send it to General Delivery.

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

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

D.P.S.

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

Man Calling: To 743 (Judge Ledgerwood)
This is Curtis Ridgeway. Bill Plummer (phonetic), the prosecutor over at Malvern and "Dutch" (Akers) are here with me. Plummer wants to get "Pug" Dickson over there and prosecute him for car theft.

Ledgerwood: I guess that will be alright, if they don't release him on bond. You'd better call Gibson (Witt) about it, before you do anything about it.

Ridgeway: Alright, I'll get in touch with him.

D.P.S.

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

Curtis Ridgeway: To 1584 (Gibson Witt, 1535 Central Ave.)
This is Curtis. The prosecutor over at Malvern wants to get "Pug" Dickson over there and prosecute him for car theft. I talked to Judge Ledgerwood and he thought it would be alright.

Gibson Witt: I don't know. We had better see Earl (Earl Witt). We are right in the middle of all this. It doesn't affect him much, but it does those other fellows (indicted police officers). We've got to make the best showing we can on those cases. I'll try and get hold of Earl and call you in a few minutes, Curt

Rigeway: Alright.

D.P.S.

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

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

Curtis Ridgeway: Alright, Gib.

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

5:14 P.M., outgoing on No. 123 H.A.S.

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

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

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

6:23 P.M., incoming on No. 123 H.A.S.

Roulliee:(phonetic) Asked for Monroe Young.

Fowler: He's out now.

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

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

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

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

February 28, 1937

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

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

Rogers: Hello.

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

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Webb: Hello.

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

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

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

Man: Asked for Rogers (slightly foreign accent)

Rogers: Hello.

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

Rogers: OK. Thanks.

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

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

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

Mrs. Webb: Hello.

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

Mrs. Webb: Thanks.

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

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

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

Akers: OK.

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

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

7:22 P.M., outgoing on No. 446 H.A.S.

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

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

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March 19, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH F. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, N. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM - KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: HARRY PERLMAN;
Information Concerning.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram dated February 18, 1937, wherein you advised that a Buick automobile had been located in Hot Springs, Arkansas, under suspicious circumstances, and it was noted that the automobile bore Alabama tags 113-406C.

As noted in the telegram from this office dated February 18, 1937, the above Alabama licenses were issued to Harry Perlman of Hurtsboro, Alabama, for 1937 model Plymouth sedan, motor #P4-21,931.

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

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Department of Justice

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

March 12, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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March 18, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Hot Springs Ark.
March 14, 193

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

Dear Mr Hoover:

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

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

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

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Very truly yours

Mrs Scott Wood
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F. B. I. AGENT ENTERS HOT SPRINGS INQUIRY

Income Tax Investigation Reported Under Way

From The Commercial Appeal
Little Rock Bureau

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

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

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

It is understood the agent already is conducting his investigation.

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

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

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

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THE (MEMPHIS) COMMERCIAL APPEAL
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March 19, 1937

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

Dear Mrs. Wood:

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

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

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

March 14, 1937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring Investigation in Hot Springs.

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

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

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 12, 1937

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Mr. E. J. Connelley
cc Cincinnati

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Special Agent in Charge
St. Louis, Missouri

RE: BRIKID

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 19, 1937

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

Dear Sir:

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

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

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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STATE OFFICE
Room 334 Donaghey Bldg.
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Hot Springs, Arkansas
March 16, 1937.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Enclosure
Mr. Edward B. Brennan

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March 24, 1937

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

Dear Mrs. Wood:

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

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

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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March 17, 1937.

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

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.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

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

March 17, 1937.

Time - 4:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring Investigation
at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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

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

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

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

Time - 5:00 P.M.

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

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

Time - 5:10 P.M.

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

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

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

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

Very truly yours,

Chapmon Fletcher
CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. No. 1232; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Conversations of interest overheard on taps on police and Mayor's telephones at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for period of March 1 to 7, 1937, inclusive, set forth. Logs for this period reveal bribe of $500.00 accepted by Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and Captain Jerry Watkins for release of one Earl King, who was arrested for operating a race horse wire service. Tap on residence telephone of W. S. Jacobs re-established on March 4, 1937, and interesting conversations overheard from that date to March 7, 1937, inclusive, set forth. Confidential informant states Mayor McLaughlin has interest in two houses of prostitution. Survey of these two houses made for establishment of telephone taps, which disclosed only one house has a telephone.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Ark., dated March 5, 1937.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Chapman Petek SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Re: JOHN DICKSON MATTER

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

Re: ARREST AND RELEASE OF EARL KING

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

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

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

The following conversations appearing in the logs reveal this transaction:

March 3, 1937

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

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

Tucker: All right.

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

John Condon called a number, but same was indistinguishable, as Agent was trying to catch a call on No. 446 at same instant.

Man: ? Barber Shop.
Condon: See if Frank McCarthy is around there.
Barber: Yes sir, he's in my chair.
Condon: Tell him to come to the phone.
McCarthy: Hello.
Condon: Frank, as soon as you get prettied up, catch a cab and come down to Herbert Akers office at City Jail.
McCarthy: OK, John.

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

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

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

King: Long Distance this is 123, Earl King, calling Dave Schmidman - Woodberry 6-2247, Los Angeles, California, collect.

Operator: I'll call you back.

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

Long distance from Los Angeles, Dave Schmidman, calling Earl King.

Schmidman: What's trouble, Earl?

King: I'm in jail, got pinched this morning, and it's gonna take $500.00 to get me out and square it with them. If I don't get it, I'm going to get those other boys in plenty of trouble.

Schmidman: How much you need?

King: $500.00 by Western Union, care of City Jail.

Schmidman: I'll see Dave and he'll call you or send the money.

King: OK, Dave, be sure.

1:05 P.M., outgoing on No. 123 H.A.S.

Called Long Distance to Little Rock, #4-0602.

Clerk: State Revenue Department.

Man: Auto license Bureau, please.

Clerk: Hello.

Man: This is Police Department at Hot Springs. Give me the dope on 1936 license #168-761.

Clerk: (pause) Issued for 1936 Buick sedan, in name of Andrew Anderson - gave his address as 615 Okard St., Dallas, Texas.

Man: OK, thanks.

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

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

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

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

Operator: Long distance calling Mr. King.

Young: Call back at four o'clock.

4:02 P.M., incoming on No. 123 H.A.S.

L. D. Operator: Has Mr. King come back yet.

Tucker: No, they're still out at the races.

L. D. Operator: Will he be back?

Tucker: Yes, they'll be back after a while.

L. D. Operator: Have him call operator #4 at Hot Springs.

5:00 P.M., incoming on No. 123 H.A.S.

L. D. Operator: Repeated request that Mr. King call her when he returned from the races.

Officer: I don't know him, but if he comes in, I'll tell him.

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

L. D. Operator: Trying to locate Mr. King for Los Angeles Call.

Watkins: Called L. D. operator, who advised him she was trying to locate Mr. King.

Watkins: Said King was in jail, but would be brought to the phone in a few moments.

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

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

Akers: Called 494 (Western Union), talked to Nobles, and asked what kind of identification they wanted on King -- Nobles said any identification would do.

Akers: He's the right fellow OK because I listened while he called Long Distance.

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

Dutch called - spoke to "Swede".

Swede: What do you want me to do put that in an envelope?

Dutch: No, put it in your pocket and put him back in jail. I'll talk to him when I get down there.

Swede: OK.

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

Long Distance calling Mr. King:
"Out for a few moments."

Long Distance: Are you sure? We had a report that he was in jail.

Fowler: He is, but I can't let him talk until Mr. Akers or the day captain comes in.

L. D. The party will talk to you.

Party: Is King in jail there?

Fowler: Yes.

Party: What's the charges?

Fowler: No charges - held for investigation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

March 4, 1937

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

March 5, 1937

9:54 A.M., incoming on No. 123 W.T.M.

Operator announced Little Rock was calling for Akers. Corrington told her he was in court and would be 15 minutes before he could talk. Operator asked him to call Operator #12. The party calling in Little Rock was heard telling operator, "Tell him to call 4-9641 - Anderson".

NOTE: 4-9641, Little Rock, is number of a pay station in the business offices of the telephone company in Little Rock.

10:15 A.M., incoming on No. 123 W.T.M.

Man giving name Anderson called Akers from Little Rock, asking Akers, "What did you do with those two boys?

Akers: 30 days a piece.
Anderson: Let's see - that will be $1.00 a day?
Akers: Wait a day or so - before I can get them straightened out.
Anderson: You mean you can't spring 'em now?
Akers: No, not until about Monday.
(Rest of conversation consisted of an argument in which Anderson insisted that he didn't know "King" and that "King" was connected with the two boys. Watkins cut in, telling Anderson that King would contact him (Anderson) and tell him to call him (Watkins).

4:20 P.M., incoming on No. 123 H.A.S.

Man: Is Dutch Akers there?
Rasberry: No.
Man: Swede Watkins?

Rasberry: No. This is Chief talking.
Man: Is that ex-jockey, Andy Anderson still in Jail?
Rasberry: He's out on chain gang. Got 30 days for vagrancy.
Man: This is his brother. I want to pay a fine for him and get him out. Can I pay $30.00 fine?
Rasberry: You could ask the Judge. He'll probably let you.
Man: Can I get his car out so I can borrow some money on it?
Rasberry: Guess you'd have to see Mr. Akers about that, and get an order from Anderson.
Man: OK. I'll come over tonight.

7:05 P.M., incoming on No. 123 H.A.S.

L. D. Operator: Benton (Ark.) is calling Mr. Jerry Watkins. (From pay station)
Watkins: Hello.
Man: Hello Jerry - you know who this is - this is "E" (phonetic).
Watkins: Who?
Man: Ferrell (phonetic) I'm still over near Benton. Just came in town tonight to get something to eat. Did they turn the "kids" loose yet?
Watkins: No - not yet - they're still in here. Think we can get them out tomorrow, though.
Man: Well, by God, why the Hell haven't you done it before now. I'm afraid to come over there.
Watkins: Well, they should be out tomorrow. Are you going to stay over there? I think it would be all right for you to come over here.
Man: I'm staying over heretonight. Say, a party told me that the "pinks" (or "punks") (phonetic) were in town looking for me over there - is that right?
Watkins: Not that I know of. If they are, they haven't been around here asking about you.
Man: Well, I'll probably sleep late in the morning and call you up tomorrow afternoon - get those "kids" out of there.
Watkins: All right - try my best - tomorrow. Tell you what you do - you come over here tomorrow afternoon. It'll be all right - call me when you get in town. If you don't want to come by the station, call me, and I'll deliver them to you, wherever you say to.
Man: All right. I'll call you. You tell Dutch (Akers) that I'm willing to "go along" with him - but what the Hell - I've got to get some results.
Watkins: All right. They'll be out tomorrow.

NOTE: Call probably refers to the Andy Anderson and King, now being held by P.D. Man's voice calling was not the same as man who called at 4:20 PM (#123) who claimed to be Anderson's brother.)

March 6, 1937

11:45 A.M., incoming on No. 123 W.T.M.

Long distance call for Akers from Little Rock. (call made from pay station)

Anderson: Mr. Akers, Anderson, Andy.
Akers: Alright.
Anderson: Think you will spring those boys today? Watkins said something about getting them out today.
Akers: No, I can't spring them today. It won't be before Monday. Have you seen King.
Anderson: No. (Insists he knows nothing about King except that he heard that he was in Benton).
Akers: I got a message from him for these boys - it's for them.
Anderson: Say, don't let Tex work too hard -- he isn't used to hard work.
Akers: No, he isn't working - they are inside and doing alright. They are alright where they are.
Anderson: I left him a little money to eat on. You know that woman where he was living said something about going down there and taking them a little money. I didn't want to make you mad - understand, th t I was going around you - I just took a little there for him to eat off.
Akers: No, that's alright.
Anderson: If I see King I'll tell him - I don't know if I could see him - everybody in the world is looking for him.
Akers: No, that's alright, I'll reach him today.

1:36 P.M., incoming on No. 123 W.T.M.

Man identifying himself as "Joe at Woodbine" called and asked if "Tex" was still in jail, saying "Tex's" sister had called him (Joe) from Little Rock, saying she was coming over.
Officer replied that "Tex" was still in jail.

2:16 P.M., incoming on No. 123 W.T.M.

Long Distance from Benton
Man Calling: Swede, this is Earl. How's things?
Watkins: Where are you?
Man: Benton. Meet me at that garage.
Watkins: What garage?
Man: Andrew's. I'll be there in half an hour.
Watkins: Alright, I'll be there.
NOTE: This is probably the "King" previously mentioned. Agent H. A. Snow proceeded to vicinity of the Andrews Garage, 1611 Park Ave., and kept a police car, parked on side of road under surveillance for 3/4 hour, but

no contact was made. Agent W. T. Morton took up surveillance upon Agent Snow's return, but the police car was gone.

9:09 P.M., incoming on No. 123 D.P.S.

Woman:	Asked for Watkins, who came to phone.
Woman:	This is Mrs. Sims. What's the latest news about the boys. I talked to Dutch about it, and he said he is going to turn them loose. He talked to Judge Ledgerwood about them. Do you think it is true. Do you think he will do it?
Watkins:	Yeah. I'll see him again in the morning, and I'll stop by and see you.
Mrs. Sims:	That is very nice. Of course, it was unfortunate that he was staying here, but he was sickly, and I know his brother and sister were supporting him. He seemed such a nice boy.
Watkins:	Yes ma-am, I'll see you in the morning.

9:17 P.M., incoming on No. 123 D.P.S.

Woman: (Mrs. Sims)	This is Mrs. Sims again. This is confidential. You know I have known "Dutch" since he was a boy? Do you think he will do what he says he will? I have been asked for some statements by this race commission. You know I think I ought to call my lawyer about this. What do you think, Mr. Watkins?
Watkins:	I don't think it will be necessary. They will be out in the morning.
Mrs. Sims:	You know Dutch came right in and got that boy without a warrant, and walked right through a door, of course, you were with him, but with Dutch it's different. I don't know why they arrested him.
Watkins:	That big fellow, King, he was selling service into California. That was that machine they had in there.
Mrs. Sims:	Was that it? My husband told me they had a "bug" in there. I thought he meant they brought bugs in the house with them.
Watkins:	I'll get hold of Dutch tonight and talk to him. If I don't get a hold of him tonight, I'll get a hold of him the first thing in the morning.
Mrs. Sims:	I sure do appreciate it.

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5:00 P.M., outgoing on No. 123 H.A.S.

Watkins: Called 1901 (Claire Sims, 211 Woodbine)
Mrs. Sims: Hello, Jerry, glad you called. I've been embarrassed - people talking about the raid at my house.
Watkins: Well, I don't think there's anything going to come out of it. Both of the fellows have been out in front all day as trustys. They'll be released soon.
Mrs. Sims: That's good. I didn't see anything wrong with them. Anderson was nice and quiet. They didn't take any money out of Hot Springs. They brought some in. Hope it doesn't get in the papers; would be bad publicity for the town. Thanks for calling.

6:24 P.M., incoming on No. 123 D.P.S.

Anderson, at Little Rock, calling Akers.

Akers: Hello.
Anderson: What time shall I come for that boy?
Akers: I am going to take it up in the morning. I haven't been able to get in touch with that other boy.
Anderson: I saw him yesterday.
Akers: Who?
Anderson: King. I saw him with that boy out at the oil station. Say, you want to release him don't you?
Akers: I've got them out now. They are out in the sunshine now.
Anderson: I want to spring those boys. As soon as you get a release, I'll come over and get him. You want him to get out of town, don't you.
Akers: Yeah. Call me tomorrow.
Anderson: Alright, Chief. I'll call you about six pm. That will be alright, won't it?
Akers: Yes.

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The following conversations of interest to this investigation appear in the logs for the period covered by this report:

March 1, 1937.

The following conversation apparently refers to telephone business at the race track, and indicates that Chief of Detectives Akers is a close friend of Mr. H. W. Shepard, Unit Manager of the Telephone Company:

11:48 A.M., incoming on No. 446 B.M.S.

Shepard: Mr. Akers, please.
Akers: Akers talking.
Shepard: You call me?
Akers: Have you got your passes?
Shepard: Yes, plenty.
Akers: Well, you know what I called you about, don't you?
Shepard: Yeah, if we can get any of that business out there again this year let me know, you know what I mean.
Akers: Yes, sir.

The following call indicates that Cecil Brock, formerly in charge of the Identification Unit of the Police Department, but now employed as house detective at the Eastman Hotel, arranged for the fingerprinting of all maids at the hotel:

12:35 P.M., incoming on No. 123 B.M.S.

Tucker: Hello, Chief's Office.
Housekeeper: This is the housekeeper at the Eastman Hotel. I sent my maids over to be fingerprinted Saturday afternoon, they said they waited from four to five but never did get printed. Now, I can't let them off every day - when can you take them?
Tucker: Call back about 1 o'clock lady.

The following conversation appears to have originated with Miss Fern Griffith, who formerly resided at 648 Park Avenue, Hot Springs (present address of Cecil Brock), as Brock attempted to call her earlier during the day in Little Rock:

1:34 P.M., incoming on No. 123 W.T.M.

Long Distance operator announced a call for Mr. Buck (or Brock) and he answered. The conversation between Brock and the woman calling indicated that she was in great distress because she had become pregnant by him. He said he had gotten "a druggist over here, Petty (phonetic) to fix up some stuff for her and she instructed him to send it to her at 611 West 6th St., Little Rock, by special delivery. Part of his conversation is as follows: "There is enough there for 18 spoonfuls; take 1 spoonful in 1/3 cup of hot water every four hours and tonight get in a tub of very hot water up to your hips, later adding more hot water and at the same time drink a big glass of hot ginger tea." The conversation closed as follows:

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Brock: [redacted]

Woman:

Brock: Oh, yes you will darling, for me?
Woman: No sir, no more, aren't you coming over?
Brock: I will, Honey, just as soon as I can get some chenge and a car.

(611 West 6th Street, Little Rock, is listed as the residence of Mrs. Terrell Harrell, in the current telephone directory.)

"Swede" mentioned in the following conversation is Day Captain of Police Jerry Watkins. Jimmie Phillips, with whom he is talking, is connected with the Southern Club.

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

"Swede" called for Jimmy Phillips at #1069 (Southern Grill), requesting Broken bottle of whiskey, as he had a bad cold. Phillips said "No, but come on up if you want a drink or so". Swede (Watkins) said he needed it as he had a bad cold.

The following conversation between W. S. Jacobs and Chief Akers is self-explanatory. The identity of Nobles is unknown.

7:50 P.M., incoming on No. 446 J.M.J.

W. S. Jacobs called Akers.
Jacobs: Say, I got a letter here from Nobles, with a lot of good things in it about you - do you want to see it?
Akers: Yes, where are you - home?
Jacobs: Yes.
Akers: OK, I'll be up.

The following conversations tend to explain one of the alleged "rackets" in Hot Springs, engaged in by the police and local garages:

9:32 P.M., incoming on No. 123 J.M.J.

Girl called and said she could not get her car because there was a $1.00 storage charge and she had no money to pay same - claimed there should not be a charge because the judge had instructed a charge be placed against her or she should be turned loose - not held for investigation.
Rogers claimed she would have to pay the charge.

10:47 A.M., incoming on No. 123 (3/2/37) W.T.M.

Akers (calling): Chief that woman with the Ford car in the garage - Judge says to release her car without charges - and give her that gambling paraphenalia in the window in my office - and tell her to get the Hell out of town.

10:48 A.M., outgoing on No. 123 (3/2/37) W.T.M.

3900 (Market St. Garage)

Chief Rasberry: Ordered the above car released without charge - describing the car as "that V-8 with Kansas licenses.

The following conversation appears to relate to the employment of Marion Anderson and associates, at the Oaklawn Park race track, to patrol the same.

9:14½ A.M., outgoing on No. 648 W.T.M.

3800 (Arkansas National Bank)

Man: Called for Marion Anderson.
Man: Marion, I hear you got straightened out alright.
Anderson: Yes.
Man: Arch is here, where can he see you. I'll send him out to the track.
Anderson: Listen, I want to see you first. (Made arrangements for meeting at Mayor's office).
NOTE: The voice of man calling was not similar to that of the Mayor.

The following conversations are self-explanatory, and indicate that in the past tax free passes were issued:

11:05 A.M., incoming on No. 648 W.T.M.

Ish Bean asked for tax free passes. Hazel told him she couldn't issue any, and in a confidential tone of voice told him the Government were checking too close.

11:23 A.M., incoming on No. 648 W.T.M.

Man giving name "Reed" asked Mayor about an owner's or trainer's pass. Mayor said he couldn't issue any, and offered him daily passes. The Mayor said in a confidential tone of voice that the Government men were checking the lists too close.

The following conversation indicates that members of the "administration" obtain employment during the races:

11:31 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 W.T.M.

743 (Hot Springs City Judge)

Hazel: Mrs. Caroline there?
Man: No, she has gone, but she will be back at noon.
Hazel: Oh, oh, she was going to do something for me.
Man: Well, she's going to do it - I talked to her and she said she would -- (interrupted)
Hazel: Well, she had better.
Man: You going to the races aren't you?
Hazel: Yes.
Man: Who you going with? I know that Gib Witt (or nit wit) is taking you.
Hazel: (Laughter)
Man: God damn! God damn! That's all I got to say.
Hazel: (Laughs)
McLaughlin cuts in.
Mayor: I read your brief last night, and you handled that last thing just right. (Conversation continued along this line and mention was made of "leaving an opening."
Man: Cella coming to town?
Mayor: Not today, but he'll be here Tuesday or Wednesday.
Man: 4 Well, I want to know if I will be with the race track - you know - let me know how I stand. I was told I was an associate attorney, I will have to know something so I will know how to act accordingly.
Mayor: Sure, that is right. Well, you see him Tuesday or Wednesday and talk it over with him. How is the Coffee (phonetic) crowd coming around?
Man: Oh, alright.
Mayor: Has Potter (phonetic) come over yet?
Man: No, he hasn't. Say, I tell you something you got to be cautious about - Jay (phonetic) Roland.
Mayor: Yes.
Man: Now Jay is "right", you understand, he is "right" but you gotta be cautious.
Mayor: Yes, I see.
Man: Well, I am busy. I got two or three things to straighten out. Vern wants to put Archie Ledgerwood on as a guard on that money truck, "s--t", that won't do - he'd get himself killed and everybody else - we got to change that.

Mayor: Well, don't you know he has been out there at Belvedere - and learned all about firearms?
Man: "S--t", "s--t", aw, "s--t".
Mayor: Ha! Ha! Well, I'll see you.

NOTE: The voice of the man was similar to that of Sonny Davies.

March 2, 1937

The following conversation appears to relate to the activities of Chief Akers in a divorce suit:

9:05 A.M., incoming on No. 446 W.T.M.

Woman (to Akers): Did you ever see another woman as much trouble as I am?
Akers: Why, no.
Woman: Have you called yet?
Akers: No, not yet.
Woman: Well, shall I cal my lawyer?
Akers: Yea - and I'll call the judge.
Woman: Alright - you do that.
Akers: I'll call you.

The following conversation is self-explanatory, but the identity of the caller and "the old man" are unknown:

10:15 A.M., incoming on No. 446 W.T.M.

Man: (with "Dago" brogue) Dutch, what did you do with my partner - the old man?
Akers: In jail.
Man: $50. fine?
Akers: Yes.
Man: You want me to send him out of town?
Akers: Wait a little while and we'll seel

The following conversation is further evidence as to the traffic in firearms by the police. "Curley" apparently refers to Detective Curley
Evans:

12:05 P.M., outgoing on No. 123 W.T.M.

"Curley" asked Akers what he did about that pistol. Akers said he sold it.

Another indication of the varied activities of Akers appears from the following calls:

12:55 P.M., incoming on No. 446 W.T.M.

Mr. Abe Cousely (phonetic) called Akers, who inquired "about that policy you had on that nigger, Arnett Jones, have you paid a claim on it yet?

Cousley: Yes, paid it to his wife yesterday.
Akers: What was the amount?
Cousley: $317.70.
Akers: I am working on that case - might come out a little on it.

12:57 P.M., outgoing on No. 123 W.T.M.

1134 (Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.)

Akers: Mr. Cousley (phonetic) (probably identical with party of previous call)
Cousley: Yes.
Akers: You know if that nigger had any in any other company?
Cousley: No - I don't.
Akers: What I mean is - if he had put that in his application - or he doesn't have to put that in?
Cousley: No, he doesn't have to put that in.

The following calls appear related and indicate a new business being opened (Highland Park Inn) in which Akers and Marshall Purvis, attorney, are interested:

4:30 P.M., outgoing on No. 123 H.A.S.

Watkins: Called 870 (Purvis & Purvis, Attys)
Asked for Marshall (Purvis)
Clerk: Not here now.
Watkins: Have him call either Akers or Watkins at the jail.

6:40 P.M., outgoing on No. 446 J.M.J.

Man (Akers?) Called 3620 (Purvis, Marshall), said he had been to see "Criss", They have stole most of the stock. There's a $40 light bill - the rent is all paid - I told him the place has to be run on the level - If I don't see a lot of entrys I'm going to check up every day.
Marshall: He thinks you are in for half?
Man: Yes, but your name is down for it - if he ever says anything, I'll deny ever having said so.
Marshall: OK.

10:59 A.M., incoming on No. 123 (3/3/37) B.M.S.

Man: Dutch there?
Tucker: No.
Man: Tell him to call 2505
(Phone #2505 is Highland Park Inn.)

The following conversations are self-explanatory:

6:55 P.M., incoming on No. 123 J.M.J.

Man asking if the 1928 Buick Coach reported stolen last night had been recovered.

Jailor: No information yet.
Man: Would you mind explaining what that detective meant about there would have to be a reward posted before the detective department would start looking for it?
Jailor: You will have to speak to Mr. Akers about that, he's in charge of that work.

9:31 P.M., incoming on No. 446 J.M.J.

Man asked for Rogers - reported theft last night about 11:00 P.M. of a 1928 Buick, Iowa 1936 license #77-25488 - advised Rogers - "This fellow will kick in if you get the car back.

Rogers: OK.

From the tenor of the following conversation it appears that the same might have originated with a madam of a house of prostitution:

8:26 P.M., incoming on No. 446 J.M.J.

Woman: Asked Dutch "Did you go down there?"
Dutch: Yes.
Woman: Were they there?
Dutch: Yes.
Woman: Did you go to the races yesterday?
Dutch: Yes, I saw one, but the other one must have been up in the stands.
Woman: Try again tonight.
Dutch: O", give me a call tomorrow night.

The following call indicates that Captain Ben Rogers was able to secure a badge for his wife to enter the races free of charge:

9:22 P.M., outgoing on No. 446 J.M.J.

Rogers: Called 8633, spoke to Bill Hamilton, of 229 Woodbine who advised Rogers he had secured a badge for Rogers' wife.
Rogers will call at the house for it.

The following conversations indicate that Mayor McLaughlin did not want a new election bill passed, as it would affect the coming election:

9:42 A.M., incoming on No. 548 B.M.S.

Hollingsworth calling the Mayor long distance from Little Rock.

Hollingsworth: Mayor?
Mayor: Yeah, listen in reading over that thing I was talking to you about, I find about 10 or 12 objectionable features. Have you read it?
Hollingsworth: No, I haven't.
Mayor: Well, one of the objectionable features is the watcher who stays at the polls all day is supposed to sign the back of each ballot, that destroys the secrecy, see. It seeks to do away with the writing in of names during an election. There are many other objectionalble features. Besides that, it becomes effective now, and we would not want it to affect us next month. You know that.
Hollingsworth: I'll take care of this. Don't worry about it, it's practically in the bag.
Mayor: And listen, I want to bid in that delinquent lot for 500 and 100 penalty, that'll make 600 all told.
Hollingsworth: OK, now send me some more passes.
Mayor: I will, but don't forget this. I told Jim to work with you on this and he will.
Hollingsworth: I'll take care of it, don't worry.

9:52 A.M., incoming on No. 648 B.M.S.

Long distance operator gave the Mayor Mr. Campbell.
Mayor: Jim - Leo. There's a couple of bills I want you to send me a copy of; City Bill #400 and House Bill #291. Now, have you read over this City Bill #240 yet?
Campbell: That's the election bill, no, but it has been referred to a committee and I've got the bill right here in my pocket. I'm going to keep it there as long as I can.

Mayor: Milam told me he would not have amended the bill if he had known us boys didn't want it, but he was opposed to the whole bill. One of the bad features is that it shoots one of our commissioners right out from under us.

Campbell: I understand. I'll take care of it for you, Leo.

(Hollingsworth is Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives. James Campbell is a State Representative from Hot Springs.)

The following conversation is interesting, in view of the fact that the Oaklawn Park race track is outside the city limits, and Chief Akers would have no jurisdiction, exceptas a Deputy Sheriff under Marion Anderson, who is patrolling the track through employment by Charles Cella:

10:45 A.M., incoming on No. 648 B.M.S.

Long Distance from Little Rock.

Sam: Mayor, this is Sam Robinson, lawyer for Louis Michael. I am getting ready to leave Little Rock with him in a few minutes, to come down and see you. I think he's got a good cause of action.

Mayor: I do too, I talked to him while ago, and like I told him that Sigman guy is a no-good son-of-a-bitch, and he can get judgement against him.

Sam: How did it happen? The way he explained it, he has a cause of action against the race track association also.

Mayor: No, he hasn't any action against the track, the way it happened my Chief of Detectives, Dutch Akers, was out at the track yesterday; this man Sigman ran up to him and said the man who robbed him of a diamond ring two years ago was there with the ring on. Dutch told me they looked around for 30 minutes before this fellow put the finger on Louie Michael.

Sam: But I heard that Akers told Michael he was acting in behalf of the track association and created quite a scene.

Mayor: He might have said that, but he didn't mean it. Akers is one of my men, sent out to the track by me to watch for pick pockets, etc., he's not connected with the association at all.

Sam: No use in seeing you then, if I need you further, I'll write or phone.

Mayor: Do that.

(One Eltie Sigman is a resident of Hot Springs and owns several race horses. Louis Michael is listed in current city directories as living at 1302 Cumberland St., Little Rock, occupation not listed.)

The following conversation between W. S. Jacobs and Mayor McLaughlin is self-explanatory:

11:00 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 B.M.S.

Mayor:	2115 (W. S. Jacobs' unlisted phone)
Jacobs:	Hello.
Mayor:	Have anybody out at the Club last night?
Jacobs:	When I left at 7 o'clock there was 40 or 50 cars in the yard, the Governor's secretary and a party were there ordering dinner.
Mayor:	Did they pay for it?
Jacobs:	I don't know, I left a check with Otho and left it up to him, told him if they didn't offer to it was all right. Track was short of folks, wasn't it?
Mayor:	Yeah, folks and money too.
Jacobs:	Maybe more will come in Saturday.
Mayor:	They've put in another bill against us, I think it was put in from the other side of the State. I think I'll be able to block it, just got a few days now, and I think I can keep it pushed around 'til it's over.
Jacobs:	Yeah, two days this week and all next week.
Mayor:	I'll show you the bill when I see you.
Jacobs:	All rightie.

(The Club apparently refers to the Belvedere Club. The bill referred to by McLaughlin appears to be the election bill previously mentioned.)

Several calls on the Mayor's telephone indicated that Hazel Marsh, Secretary to the Mayor, received a tip from one Sanders, and with a girl friend, made a bet on the daily double and won, the double paying $140.10.

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The following conversation indicates the practice of Chief Akers in talking to persons in his automobile. It will also be noted that the Mayor fixed a meeting place which is in the business district and not near his residence:

8:07 A.M., incoming on No. 123 B.M.S.

Mayor:	Let me speak to Dutch Akers.
Corrington:	Just a minute.
Akers:	Hello.
Mayor:	Busy?

Akers: No.
Mayor: Drive on up and park on the other side of the street from Bath House Row. I'll sit in the car with you, I wanna talk to you about something.
Akers: Be right up.

The following conversation, noted in the logs as a questionable transaction, probably originated with Gus Maile, (Not Bailey), Manager of the General Exchange Insurance Company at Little Rock:

10:19 A.M., outgoing on No. 123 B.M.S.

Dutch Akers got Operator 12, Little Rock, re: to his call.

Bailey: Dutch, this is Gus Bailey.
Dutch: Hello, Gus.
Bailey: I've got a check for you in that Wright case at Holland's Garage, made payable to you. Remember?
Dutch: Yeah, just mail it.
Bailey: Well, I would have done that, but you all have been having so much trouble over there lately.
Dutch: That didn't affect me, I wasn't mixed up in it.
Bailey: Good, the check is for $25.00, dated Feb. 13th, I'll mail it to Police Headquarters.
Dutch: Thanks, Gus.

NOTE: This transaction sounds as though it may be questionable.

The following conversation is self-explanatory:

10:30 A.M., incoming on No. 123 B.M.S.

Mrs. Dudley: Mr. Akers, please.
Akers: All right.
Mrs. Dudley: Mr. Akers, this is Mrs. Dudley.
Akers: Who?
Mrs. Dudley: You remember Dr. Dudley, don't you?
Akers: Sure.
Mrs. Dudley: Well, this is Mrs. Dudley. I've had my upper teeth pulled, that's why you can't understand me. Mr. Akers I want to buy something from you. I don't want to mention it on the phone. Will you come by?
Akers: Go ahead and tell me, it's all right.
Mrs. Dudley: Well, you got any diamonds?
Akers: Got some small ones.
Mrs. Dudley: How about some one or two carats?

Akers: I tell you, I'll look around, and see what I can pick up. I'll let you know.

Mrs. Dudley: I was telling Mr. Scott yesterday I wanted to see you, you're not afraid of me, are you?

Akers: Oh, for Christ's sake no.

Mrs. Dudley: Thank you, Mr. Akers.

The following conversations indicate that the "administration" at Hot Springs is now working with the State administration and Governor Bailey:

(Long distance operator announced a call for Mayor McLaughlin from Little Rock)

Mayor: Hello.

Man: Hello, Leo, this is Grover J -- (indistinct) (probably Grover Jarnigan, Bank Commissioner).

Mayor: Why, hello Grover.

Man: Say Leo, I want you to do something for me.

Mayor: Sure will.

Man: They are bringing up a bill here - house bill 521 - by Boyer - about assuming the debts on the toll bridges.

Mayor: House bill 521.

Man: 521 by Boyer.

Mayor: Alright.

Man: We want you to kill it. (Explaining it was adverse to the Refunding Bill)

Mayor: Sure will.

Man: Yes. Want you to call your two representatives and have them kill it.

Mayor: I'll do it. I'll do it.

Man: We'll sure appreciate it.

Mayor: What's the status of that bill now?

Man: They are trying to get it up in the house this morning.

Mayor: Alright, we'll do it.

Man: I am sorry that I haven't been over to your races yet.

Mayor: Yes. I had the pleasure of meeting the "Boss'" wife yesterday. Their box was next to mine? I gave them two losers though, so I guess I am in bad up there again.

10:15 A.M., incoming on No. 648 T.T.M.

(Operator announced completion of call to Mr. Maner in Little Rock.)

Mayor: Hello, Earnest, this is Leo. You know that house bill 521, by Boyer?

Maner: Well, I dunno.

Mayor: Well, they are trying to get it up in the house this morning, aren't they?

Maner: No, they have a Senate Bill up for amendment about the County examiners.

Mayor: Well, I got a call about this bill from headquarters, you understand what I mean?

Maner: Yes.

Mayor: It seems that they are trying to kill this bill because it interferes in some way with that refund bill - something about the toll bridge.

Maner: Yes. What is that number?

Mayor: Yes, get a pencil (pause) it is House Bill #521 - by Boyer. Now, not that we give a damn about this bill but the Governor and them are against it and here we c go with them. You see?

Maner: Yes - vote against it.

Mayor: Yes - vote against it. See Jim and tell him.

10:17 A.M., incoming on No. 648 W.T.M.

(Call to Rep. Campbell connected at Little Rock.)

Mayor: Hello, Jim, just got a call from other there a while ago about that house bill #521 - this is Leo.

Campbell: Alright.

Mayor: Seems like the "Big Fellow"(probably Governor Carl Bailey) and the others down stairs are against it.

Campbell: Yes, that must be that thing of Harris' about those bridges.

Mayor: Well, they are trying to get in the house this morning - it is by Boyer, they told me - they want to kill it - I dunno, they claim that it will interfere with that refund bill - something about the toll bridge.

Campbell: Well, now, I don't know - if it is that thing I am thinking about, I am obligated to those fellows from Jefferson County. I am traded out with them - on that bill of ours - 421.

Mayor: Uh huh.

Campbell: Anyway, I don't think that thing will pass. They've tried it time and again.

Mayor: Well, you see the Governor and them are against it and we can go with them.

Campbell: Well I don't know whether we are talking about the same thing. I'd better look it up.

Mayor: This is by Boyer they told me.

Campbell: Well, I'll look into it and see what I can do.

Mayor: Well, the administration is against it - just let Earnest go one way and you go the other, I guess.

The following conversation appears to be between Mayor McLaughlin and "Sonny" Davies, City Attorney:-

11:56 A.M., outgoing on No. 548 W.T.M.

743 (Hot Springs City Judge)

Mayor: About that income tax - Scott Wood and Fleet have been investigating up there in the Revenue Department. They have been supposed to be "assisting" in that other stuff and they've been looking up those records - what they are after is in connection with my divorce - to see how much income I have.

Man: (voice similar to that of Sonny Davies) Well, I got mine from Brad Smith (indistinct conversation continued audible parts of which indicated Brad Smith is a confidant of Davies and that Davies is preparing to go to Washington) Well, you know another thing - old Houston Emory isn't right.

Mayor: No.

Man: No sir - he's wrong.

(Pause)

Man: Well, you are straight on that income tax aren't you? Have you put this years in - how much did you pay?

Mayor: Sure I am straight. I just paid them $85.00. Gib Witt fixed up for me. Why, they turned back $102 on last year's - Gib Witt made a mistake in it.

Man: You got nothing to worry about then - you know you have put in all of your earnings.

Mayor: Yes, yes, every bit of it. They were just over there looking for money that just didn't exist.

Man: Well, if you know you got that in straight you got nothing to worry about.

Mayor: Naw - they thought they would find something wrong - they didn't find my other interests.

NOTE: Pertaining to the last sentence in this conversation, and particularly "my other interests", in overhearing this conversation, and judging from the Mayor's tone of voice, it is probable that the implication that he has "other interests" would be erroneous. It is believed that he meant that the searchers didn't find the "other interests" which they (searchers) believed existed.)

March 4, 1937

The following conversations indicate that the Mayor and Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood are concerned over a recent act of the legislature defining nuisances. It will also be noted that Carroll Hollingsworth, Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives, apparently works for McLaughlin, and is working on the election bill, previously mentioned. The conversation between Ledgerwood and McLaughlin concerning "books" also appears interesting.

9:30 A.M., incoming on No. 648 W.T.M.

(Operator announced completion of connection of call to Mr. Hollingsworth at Little Rock).

Mayor: Hello Carroll! Say, a bill was passed and approved - House Bill #149 - got your pencil?

Hollingsworth: Yeah - just a minute.

Mayor: House Bill #149, by Wright and Coleman, approved February the twenty fifth. It is now Act #118 - defined as Act To Define Certain Public Nuisences and Abatement.

Hollingsworth: Yes.

Mayor: I guess it is down there in Crip's (phonetic) office now.

Hollingsworth: Yes.

Mayor: I tell you what I wish you would do - go down there and read it. I want to find out what it is applicable to here, you know, and let me know.

Hollingsworth: Alright, I will.

Mayor: What about our other thing?

Hollingsworth: Oh, it's on ice.

Mayor: Fine! Now will you go down and read it and call me back - reverse the charges.

Hollingsworth: Yes, I can do it in no time - call you back in 15 minutes.

Mayor: Oh, no hurry - I just wanted to see what it is applicable to here.

10:47 A.M., incoming on No. 648 W.T.M.

(Operator announced long distance call for the Mayor from Mr. Hollingsworth in Little Rock.)

Hollingsworth: This thing here, I don't see how it is gonna hurt you.

Mayor: What does it say?

Hollingsworth: (Then read most of the bill (Act 118 - House Bill 149) which in substance is as follows: Any public dance hall or similar place becomes rowdy or there is loud misconduct and illegal drinking of whiskey

Hollingsworth (cont'd): in and around it, it may be defined as a public nuisance and breach of the peace. Proceedings against this may be instituted by the Chancellor in the Circuit Court, prosecuting attorney in the Circuit Court, or on petition of ten citizens who must first post a bond for damages and costs. The jurisdiction lies in the circuit Court.) (The conversation was closed as follows:

Mayor: Alright. Now are you staying on that other?

Hollingsworth: I am! Staying on it night and day.

11:00 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 W.T.M.

743 (City Judge's Office)

Mayor: Say Vern, that thing doesn't touch us - he just read it to me. (Mayor outlines Bill referred to in call of Mayor and Carroll Hollingsworth at 10:56 A.M. on this date.)

Ledgerwood: I had read that. I got to watch that close.

Mayor: Yes - the jurisdiction is in the circuit court and 10 citizens can invoke proceedings, but they must give bond.

Mayor: Say, after you left out there I saw ten fellows in that end (or "N") box. They were in that box making books. I stood there and watched - several went up there and placed bets. I threw 'em out. They are booking up in the Arlington. Now, I'm going to call up Chester (Manager of Arlington Hotel). I happen to know those fellows. Now, with our books closed we can't have these son-of-bitches out there making books - out in the open.

Ledgerwood: Send somebody up to them to place a bet and have Akers arrest them. That is what to do.

Mayor: I'll see Dutch.

(It will be noted that apparently Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers is employed at the track and apparently is a member of the patrol in charge of Marion Anderson, Sheriff. Note also previous conversation between McLaughlin and Sam Robinson, Attorney, wherein McLaughlin said Akers was not working for the track.)

Subsequent to the above calls McLaughlin called Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers to his office and then had the following conversation with Mr. Chester, Manager of the Arlington Hotel:

11:06 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 W.T.M.

2400 (Arlington Hotel)

Mayor: Mr. Chester, please.

Mr. Chester Answers.

Mayor: Mr. Chester, Leo talking, you got a bunch of fellows up there - one little grey headed fellow, Frachetti -

Chester: What's his name?

Mayor: Frachetti - he spells it F - r - a - c - h - e - t - t - 8, and nother fellow named Douglas. They've been coming here for years. Now they are up there operating a bookie business in the hotel -

Chester: I will not stand for that! They will have to get out -

Mayor: The boys have been trailing them and watching them close. They've got a wide open hand book business up there. They even go out to the races - yesterday evening they went out there and in that end (or "N") box they were openly taking betw - several of those American Legion fellows went up there placing bets. I just ordered them off. John Condon threw them off. They've got another fellow with them - Sam Bloom, over at the Eastman.

Chester: I am glad you told me - we will work right with you on that.

Mayor: Now they have some racket up there- they've already skinned two fellows. They are not only taking in out of town people, but they are working on guests up there in the hotel. So, I am send Dutch up there and I wanted you to know what he was coming up there for.

Chester: I certainly thank you - we appreciate that.

Mayor: The books in Chicago have been closed and they are now coming down here to operate. That's what they are doing, so I told Dutch to go up there quietly and just tell them that we are glad to have them here, but if they are going to do that kind of business we will have to put them on the train.

Chester: Well, thank you. We will cooperate with him.

Subsequent to this call, it appears that Chief Akers returned to the Police Department, and made the following call:

11:18 A.M., outgoing on No. 123 B.M.S.

Akers: 3322 (Howe Hotel)

Operator: Howe

Akers: Mr. Douglas, please.
Douglas: Hello.
Akers: Doug, tell those boys who are betting across the street to be careful, there's some under cover men in town.
Douglas: You mean the bookies at the Arlington?
Akers: Yeah, there's some under cover men here see, I'll explain when I see you at the Southern for lunch.
Douglas: OK, I'll tell 'em.

The following conversation concerning the coming city election, between A. T. "Sonny" Davies and Mayor McLaughlin appear of interest, especially the remark, "we are telling the others that Tuesday is the last day."

W.T.M.

12:00 Noon, outgoing on No. 648

743 (City Judge's office)

Mayor: Sonny, what's doing - how are you getting along?
Davies: Oh, alright. I am writing up this ordinance. When are you going to have a council meeting?
Mayor: Well - we'll have a call meeting - we didn't adjourn the last time.
Davies: No about this ordinance, of course it will probably affect business men out of town - now I know about the revenue and all that - but, if it is going to affect any of these business men in town, you see what I mean - you had better take it up with them.
Mayor: I tell you, I would talk to them before I did anything -
Davies: I sure would.
Mayor: Sure - Oh yes - I'm going to talk to them and I am thinking about inviting those it will affect to the council meeting.
Davies: Before I acted finally I sure would take it up with those it would affect.
Mayor: Say - what else do you know?
Davies: Oh, everything is lovely. Sofar the only candidates you will have against you is Brad Smith and Potter. Potter's brother is up here now soliciting money for Bob - I gave him $250.00.
Mayor: Of course we are telling the others that Tuesday is the last day.
Davies: Yeah.
Mayor: Let me see - oh - or did you ever get what I was telling to do to Bob?
Davies: No, I haven't gotten around to it yet.
Mayor: He' is the sole agitator - you get to him.

12:04 P.M., incoming on No. 648 W.T.M.

A man (name indistinct) from New Era called Mayor for details about proposed parking meters. Mayor said nothing had been done about that ordinance as yet, but when a council meeting was held to decide it all of the business men on Central Ave., that would be affected would be invited to attend.

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

Davies: New Leo - Partine (phonetic) at the New Era just called. Now, you must stress the point of leaving that to the people.
Mayor: I gave it to him that way.
Davies: No is the time not to get yourself in any wrangle, see what I mean?
Mayor: No, if they don't want it, we won't have it, revenue or no revenue.
Davies: And another thing - have you filed yet?
Mayor: Oh, yes I have. Done tended to that.
Davies: That is the thing now - be sure you got it in - on time. You see if I was on the other side I could bring that up - I would question it.
Mayor: Oh, I am straight on that.
Davies: You be sure.

The identity of "Big Harry", who made the following call, has not been established to date, but conversations indicate that he is a gambler or a "con" man, and a friend of Chief of Detectives Akers and Captain Jerry Watkins, of the Police Department.

3:04 P.M., incoming on No. 123 H.A.S.

"Big Harry" Is Swede Watkins there?
Watkins: Hello.
"Big Harry" Swede, this is Harry - "Big Harry" - you know you stopped me a while ago. Did you want anything with me?
Watkins: Where are you now?
"Big Harry" In back of the "YW" Cafeteria.
Watkins: I'll see you on the street some time tonight. Got a fellow I want you to meet.
"Big Harry": OK, my friend.

The following conversations appear related, and are set forth because of the fact that Attorney W. D. Swaim acts as an informant for Chief of Detectives Akers, and Akers calls him on numerous occasions. It appears that Swaim possibly splits fees with Akers on cases referred to him.

12:15 A.M., outgoing on No. 446 H.A.S.

Rogers: Called 2410 (Eastman Hotel)
Asked for Brock (house detective)
Brock: Hello.
Rogers: Cecil, do you have a man registered in 408 named Ernest Poore?
Brock: I'll call you back.

12:18 A.M., incoming on No. 123 H.A.S.

Rogers: Hello.
Brock: There's a fellow named Ernest Arnold in 408 - might be the one.
Rogers: There's a fellow here named Oscar Gurleck (phonetic) who says he and a fellow Poore worked five weeks in Texas; Poore registered at the Eastman and Gurleck left his suitcase there for a day or two - got it back today with $720.00 missing. I'm sending over for that Ernest if it's the same room this guy says it is.
Brock: OK, meet me at the office.

1:40 A.M., outgoing on No. 446 H.AS

Rogers: Called 2410 (Eastman Hotel) for Brock.
Brock: Hello.
Rogers: Who was that girl in that guy's room over there?
Brock: She was Marion Richards - lives at the Army-Navy Hospital Nurses' home. I didn't know she was in there until we went in.
Rogers: Are you coming over here?
Brock: Yeah - be over in a little bit.

5:00 A.M., outgoing on No. 446 H.A.S.

Rogers: Called 3770
Clerk: Army - Navy Hospital.
Rogers: Give me the Nurses Home.
Clerk: Can't connect this time of night.
Rogers: Is there a nurse there named Miss Marion Richards?
Clerk: Can't tell tonight - call after 7:30 A.M.

2:04 P.M., outgoing on No. 123 B.M.S.

Man: 3770 (Army & Navy Hospital)
Tried to get Miss Richards. She was out. He left a number, 3420 (W.D.Swaim) for her to call.

2:15 P.M., outgoing on No. 123 B.M.S.

Swaim: 3770 (Army & Navy Hosp.)
Operator Army and Navy.
Swaim: Nurses Home, please, Miss Richards.
Miss Richards: Hello.
Swaim: Miss Richards, Earnest wants to know if you are coming down.
Miss Richards: Yes, Mr. Swaim.
Swaim: Do you know where to come?
Miss Richards: Yes, I think so, the jail.
Swaim: I'll tell him you're coming.

6:44 P.M., outgoing on No. 123 W.T.M.

Akers: 3278 (W. D. Swain) Asked for Mr. Swain - he was temporarily out.

6:50 P.M., incoming on No. 123 W.T.M.

Man: Called for Akers (probably attorney Dick Swain)
Akers: Dick, I didn't want you particularly.
Dick: Well, everything is alright - it isn't as good as I expected, but it is alright.

The Bill Miller mentioned in the following conversation operates the Miller Cigar Store (bookie, gambling place and beer parlor).

7:00 P.M., incoming on No. 446 W.T.M.

Bill Miller called for Akers.
Miller: Dutch, you got a friend of mine in jail - drunk - he was fined $10. I want you to see what you can do for him.
Akers: Who is he?
Miller: Ezell (phonetic)
Akers: Aw, crap! He's been in here so many times the Judge is kinda sore at him.
Miller: Well, do what you can for him.
Akers: Well, I'll do what I can.

March 5, 1937

A conversation at 11:10 A.M., on #2115, between W. B. Jacobs and Louis Tarlowski, Attorney of Little Rock, revealed that Jacobs was planning on "big things" if his plans go through.

The following conversation indicates the method of Mayor McLaughlin in dealing with politicians:

12:02 P.M., outgoing on No. 648 D.P.S.

To 3517 (Not listed)

Mayor: Hello.

Ed Farris: I was over home last night. That bill is alright. There is another bill that may come up in the Senate. That one is bad. You know as long as I was over there I kept it out. We raised the purses $18,000.00 this year. We have better horses. We are making money but we are building up the track. That's my argument. At eight this morning I called Conway Hall and had him call Paul Ward. It's a mean thing to combat.

Mayor: When is it coming up?

Farris: Tomorrow or maybe this evening. It didn't go to the committee.

Mayor: What kind of a man is Dick?

Farris: He is a dirty son of a b----. He won't take a dime, though.

Mayor: Can't deal with him, eh? What you want me to do, Ed.

Farris: Call up your senator or anybody else you might know. I am afraid they may slip it through.

Mayor: Alright, I'll get to work on it.

(Ed Farris is Secretary of the Racing Commission. The identities of the other parties mentioned in this conversation are unknown.)

The following conversations further verifies that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers is interested (financially) in the Highland Park Inn:

10:40 A.M., outgoing on No. 123 W.T.M.

Akers asked operator to connect him with Mr. Shepherd (telephone official) Mr. Shepherd was not in, and Akers talked to a lady in Shepherd's office, asking her why no calls could be put out of No. 2505, at Highland Park Inn. The lady told him the phone was temporarily disconnected because of a $31.91 bill, yet unpaid.

11:34 A.M., outgoing on No. 123 W.T.M.

Akers talked with Mr. Shepherd of the Telephone Company about No. 2505, at Highland Park Inn. The conversation disclosed that a man named "Casper" (phonetic) formerly owned this place and had departed leaving a large telephone bill due on this phone. Akers stated that he had bought this place and didn't want to assume that obligation. However, Shepherd insisted that the phone would not be serviceable until the bill was paid.

The following conversation appears of interest, and is being made the subject matter of a separate file in the Little Rock Field Division. It may be stated that C. Floyd "Babe" Huff is United States Commissioner at Hot Springs, and is the subject of an administration investigation at the present time, the file being entitled "C. Floyd Huff, United States Commissioner, Hot Springs, Arkansas."

11:44 A.M., outgoing on No. 123 W.T.M.

Akers placed long distance call to Sheriff's Office at Benton, and when Sheriff could not be located he called the State Prosecutor at Malvern, whom he addressed as "Bill". Akers advised that "Pug" Dixon would not be reutnred to Hot Springs for prosecution and that he could be sent on to Tucker Farm. During the conversation the prosecutor said he brought out on the witness stand that "Babe" Huff harbored "Pug" Dickson in Little Rock while he was being sought in connection with his crime. Akers appeared highly aroused, and urged that the Prosecutor address a letter to the Department of Justice pointing out that Huff harbored a Government fugitive.

The following conversation apparently originated with a "tout" or "bookie":

5:29 P.M., incoming on No. 123 H.A.S.

Man: Is Swede Watkins there?
Watkins: Hello.
Man: Swede, I want you to do me a favor - you know Condon and all those boys pretty well. I got put off the track this afternoon - want you to get me back on. I'm at Miller's now.

(Condon apparently refers to John Condon, who resides at the Park Hotel, but whose exact connections with the track are unknown at this time.)

March 6, 1937

The following conversation indicates that Day Captain of Police Jerry "Swede" Watkins on occasions is employed at the Belvedere Club at night:

8:31 P.M. outgoing on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Jacobs: 123 (Chief of Police).
Man: Chief's Office.
Jacobs: Is Swede there?
Man: Yeah, I can get ahold of him, wait a minute.
Swede: Hello.
Jacobs: This is Jacobs.
Swede: Yessir Mr. Jacobs.
Jacobs: Otho Phillips just called and wanted to know if you could come out.
Swede: Yessir Mr. Jacobs I can go out tonight, how are you feeling?
Jacobs: Oh, not so good.
Swede: I saw that (?) (didn't catch name) and he wants to know if you could use a couple of loads of hens.
Jacobs: Yeah if the price is right.
Swede: $15.00 a piece.
Jacobs: All right.

The following conversation between Mayor McLaughlin and W. S. Jacobs, appears of interest:

8:35 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Jacobs: Hello.
Mayor: Whatdya know?
Jacobs: What's that?
Mayor: Lot of people in town today.
Jacobs: Hello there, I didn't catch your voice for a minute. Yeah, plenty of people in town. I was just getting ready to call the Southern when your call came in, to tell 'em not to take any more reservations for Belvedere, it's full.
Mayor: That's fine. Lot of our friends in here tonight.
Jake: Yeah?
Mayor: Yeah, Saw Bob Crisp today, he told me a bill got lost today in the house. Funny. He saw the bill before it went up. Seems that Tackett (probably Taggert) who lives here and is a brother of Tackett over there and he sent the bil to his brother and his brother sent it back. I believe it was an election bill

Mayor (cont'd): presented by that fellow Gavins. Funny how a bill could get lost in the House like that.

Jacobs: Jim told me today Tackett was gonna run against you.

Mayor: Yeah, he qualified today.

Jacobs: You know Huff, he told Wheatley that there won't be any gambling around here if McLaughlin is elected. (laughs)

Mayor: (Laughs) Well there sure won't be any if Tackett is elected.

Jacobs: You say he qualified today?

Mayor: Yes, today was the last day. That's all right tho, it's perfect. I'm not worried at all.

Jake: I guess it ain't hardy safe to sneak around a little yet. (Gambling)

Mayor: No, I think he wants you to stay quiet a few more days anyhow.

Jacobs: Yeah, all right.

Mayor: I'll be seeing you.

(Bob Crisp is a State Representative from Pulaski County, is personally known to reporting agent, and has an office in the Rector Building. He is an attorney and close friend of former Governer J. M. Futrell. Tackett is Elmer S. Tackett, Attorney of Hot Springs, and candidate for Mayor in the city election to be held at Hot Springs on April 6th. He is opposing Mayor McLaughlin and the "administration." His brother is Representative Tackett of Pike County, a friend of the administration. The election bill apparently refers to the bill mentioned by McLaughlin in previous conversations. Huff refers to U. S. Commissioner C. Floyd Huff, who is opposing the administration and cooperating with Scott Wood in fighting the administration. Mr. Huff called at the Little Rock Division on March 8, 1937 and during his visit stated that several people had hoped the Bureau would take some action in Hot Springs with reference to harboring Alvin Karpis, as Karpis stayed in Hot Springs so long that surely someone gave him protection. Wheatley apparently refers to Hill Wheatley, who owns much real estate in Hot Springs and is friendly to the administration. The expression by McLaughlin of "he wants you to stay quiet, etc" apparently refers to Circuit Judge Earl Witt, and also refers to the opening of the gambling houses. It appears that public gambling is being held in abeyance pending the adjournment of the present legislature, as shown by the following conversation between Jacobs and "Tink" Young of the Ohio Club):

9:14 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Jacobs: 210 (Ohio Cigar Store)

Man: Hello.

Jacobs: Is Mr. Young there?

Young: Hello.

Jacobs: Well, have you got a pretty good crowd?
Young: Yes, fair, the racing crowd didn't get paid off today, waiting 'til Monday. If they had we would have had a big night sho nuff.
Jacobs: All reservations are taken at Belvedere.

The following conversation refers to the arrest of a barber named Gus who was arrested on March 4, 1937, and fined $30.00. Gus made several calls to Jack and Frank at the Reliance Barber Shop and Jack said he would see Judge Ledgerwood.

8:56 A.M., incoming on No. 648 H.A.S.

Man: Asked for Judge Ledgerwood.
Ledgerwood: Hello.
Man: Judge - you know who this is - Jack, at the Barber shop. Do you want to come by here today and collect that fine from that party today?
Ledgerwood: You tell him to hold it. I may be able to arrange it where he won't have to pay any fine. I'll be up there sometime today and talk to you.
Jack: All right. Thanks, Judge.

The following conversation reveals the release of a prisoner fined for being drunk, in lieu of having him serve out the fine:

10:22 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 D.P.S.

Man calling: Is Judge Ledgerwood there?
Judge to phone: Hello.
Man: This is Mr. Stansfield. There was a Mr. Hobbs fined $10.00 for drunkeness. Could you release him until he gets the money. If he doesn't you can throw him back in jail. I don't want to stand good for him.
Ledgerwood: Sure, I would be glad to.

(Mr. C. A. Stanfield is an attorney in Hot Springs with offices in the Arkansas National Bank Building.)

It appeared from calls made by the Mayor and his secretary on this day that the Mayor had the city clerk get up a list of electi on officials in the past, who were called and told to come to the Mayor's office. The county clerk also prepared a list of persons who served on the petit and grand juries, three or four years ago. The Mayor stated to the county clerk, "I want to see if they would be usable now p see what I mean?" Apparently, the Mayor is preparing for the city election on April 6th.

March 7, 1937

At 12:30 P.M. on this date W. S. Jacobs called Room 769 of the Arlington Hotel and spoke to a man he called Judge, who said he would see Jacobs before he left town. The identity of Judge was not disclosed. It appeared however from the logs as to March 6, 1937 that John Bransford, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Pat Robinson, State Representative, made reservations at the Arlington through Mayor McLaughlin, and one of them may be the party referred to as Judge.

The following conversation is self-explanatory. Al and Lillian Pearrow operate a house of prostitution at 105 Prospect Street:

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

789 (A. J. Pearrow, 105 Prospect)

Swede (Watkins) called and said to Lillian: I asked them boys about what Al wanted me to find out for him. Tell him I'll see him about it.

Lillian: He is here now.

Watkins: Which 'un was it that did it?

Lillian: He said Davis.

Watkins: Well, I talked to the man what done it and he swore he knew nothing about it.

Al: Swede, I'll be over there - I'll see you.

The following conversation appears to have originated with Mrs. Herbert Akers or her daughter, who was in Little Rock on this date:

6:26 P.M., incoming on No. 446 D.P.S.

Long distance call from Little Rock, probably from Mrs. Akers, engaged in general conversation then -

Mrs. Akers: Did you hear that Leo (Mayor McLaughlin) and Burns (phonetic made seven trips down here with "dough" They offerred to give Grady Manning (owner of Southwest Hotels) the "books".

Akers: Didn't know that. I knew they were squabbling about something. (Further talk about some person getting married and about woman helping somebody move; that she might not be home until Tuesday.)

Akers: So long, honey.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of March 8, 1937, addressed to Mrs. Scott Wood, Box 315, Hot Springs, Arkansas (7-576-3).

By reference to the reports submitted recently in this matter and especially pertaining to the recent legislative investigation as to alleged lawless conditions in Hot Springs, Arkansas, it will be noted that this legislative investigation apparently originated with Mr. Scott Wood, attorney at law and former Judge of the Circuit Court at Hot Springs. The Mrs. Scott Wood to whom the reference letter from the Bureau was addressed, is the wife of Attorney Scott Wood.

I am enclosing herewith a newspaper article taken from the Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tennessee, under date of March 13, 1937, which indicates that the Bureau's letter to Mrs. Wood was released to the newspapers and misquoted to such an extent that it appeared that an agent was being assigned to conduct an investigation as to income tax reports of city officials and others in Hot Springs.

In view of the fact that an undercover investigation is now in progress at Hot Springs, Arkansas, which includes the alleged lawless conditions existing in Hot Springs at this time, and it appears inadvisable to contact either Mr. or Mrs. Wood until such time as the investigation in Hot Springs is conducted in the open.

Unless advised to the contrary the Bureau instructions to interview Mrs. Wood, therefore, will be held in abeyance until a future date.

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Very truly yours,

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CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Memphis Commercial Appeal

Commercial Appeal
Memphis, Tenn.
March 13, 1937.

F. B. I. AGENT ENTERS HOT SPRINGS INQUIRY

Income Tax Investigation Reported Under Way

From The Commercial Appeal
Little Rock Bureau

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

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

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

It is understood the agent already is conducting his investigation.

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

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

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

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector E. J. Connelley to the Bureau, dated March 12, 1937, wherein he suggests the advisability of placing a tap on the telephone of Lillian Pearrow, who operates a house of prostitution on the second floor of 105 Prospect Avenue, telephone 789, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and to my subsequent conversations with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau on March 17 and 22, 1937.

Authority is requested from the Bureau to establish this telephone tap and to expend an amount up to $75.00 per month for the rental of a suitable place for surveillance of this telephone tap, if and when it is definitely learned that this tap can be established.

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Cincinnati
Mr. Connelley

Via AIR MAIL

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7-576 -3-73 March 29, 1937.
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Mr. Chapman Fletcher,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
500 Rector Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir: Re: GEORGE TIDWINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim; KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated March 22, 1937, requesting authority to expend an amount up to $75 per month for the rental of a suitable place for surveillance of a telephone tap to be placed on the telephone at 105 Prospect Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, said address consisting of a house of prostitution operated by Lillian Pearrow.

You are hereby authorized to expend an amount not to exceed $75 per month for the rental of a suitable location for this surveillance.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MAR 29 1937

cc-Mr. K. J. Connelley,
Tacoma, Washington.

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Edward G. O'Brien

Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 22, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: R. A. RADCLIFFE, ET AL;
Information Concerning.

Dear Sir:

In reply to the letter of March 18, 1937, in your case entitled, "HARRY PERLMAN; Information concerning", your file 62-1123, please be advised that information has been received from Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department, to the effect that investigation of the parties residing in the apartment house located on Ouachita Avenue in Hot Springs was with negative results and indicated that none of the men were wanted, nor were their automobiles stolen. Chief Akers stated that his information as to the suspicious actions of these men originated with Chief Deputy Sheriff Roy Ermey, of Hot Springs, and that subsequent investigation disclosed that these men arrived at the apartment house at different times, and there were no indications that they were engaged in any illegal activities.

With reference to the discrepancy in the description of the automobile in the possession of Perlman and for which Alabama tags No. 113-4060 were issued, it was stated by Chief Akers that investigation disclosed that Perlman traded his Plymouth sedan for a Buick automobile while enroute from Alabama to Hot Springs, and attached the Alabama plates to the Buick without having them transferred.

In view of the above information, this case is being considered closed by the Little Rock Field Division, and a copy of this letter is being forwarded to interested divisions, it being noted that the Detroit Division carries this file under the title, "AUGUSTINE LOVIDE, with alias (62-870); the Washington Field Division carries the file under the title, "JULIUS SILVERMAN; ET AL" (62-3509); the Kansas City Division carries the file under the title, "SUSPICIOUS PERSONS, HOT SPRINGS, ARK., Driving Ford Car, Motor #1661403" (62-1118); and the Omaha Division conducted an investigation as to Robert E. Goode.

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Very truly yours, 7-576-3-74

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CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 23, 1937.

Time - 5:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring Investigation
at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

SAC Fletcher telephoned me from the Little Rock Office with reference to the above, and said that Agent Parry of the Oklahoma City Office, after making a thorough survey of the situation at Hot Springs, has arrived at the conclusion that he cannot put in the latest telephone tap there, and further, he says that unless Agent Jones has some additional information and blueprints, he does not believe that he will be able to put it in without detection.

I told Mr. Fletcher to get in touch with Chicago and find out if Jones' family affairs are in such a situation that he can come on back down there tonight and put this tap in. I told him not to release Parry until he is sure that Jones can come down there.

Mr. Fletcher is going to telephonically advise me in the morning as to what arrangements are going to be made relative to this matter.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACTS

SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

BREMER KIDNAPPING

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March 16, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of March 12, 1937, as to the assignment of additional personnel in order to adequately cover the telephone taps established and expected to be established at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Special Agent H. B. Dill now assigned at Cleveland, who has been working on this case, it is believed would be a desirable employee for assignment at Hot Springs for work on this case in connection with the additional personnel required.

In connection with letter of the Little Rock Division of March 12, 1937, indicating that Special Agent J. M. Jones had returned to Chicago due to the death of his wife's father, it is suggested as soon as conditions will permit that Agent Jones be returned to Little Rock due to his familiarity particularly with the cable situation there and to handle the necessary additional telephone taps, and also to maintain the necessary work and surveillance to discontinue these taps should at any time a possibility exist as to their being detected.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
Inspector

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March 25, 1937

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
732 Rust Building,
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Relative to your letter of March 16, 1937 pertaining to the matter of having Special Agent J. M. Jones of the Chicago Field Division returned to Hot Springs, Arkansas, in order to place certain telephone taps necessary in connection with the investigation of the harboring cases pending at that point, you are advised that Special Agent V. I. Perry of the Oklahoma City Office, who is qualified in telephone surveillance work, has been instructed to proceed to Hot Springs to install the necessary taps in connection with this case. In the event it is found that Agent Perry is unable to place these taps arrangements will be made to have Agent Jones return to Hot Springs.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

MAR 25 1937

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

732 Rust Building
Tacoma, Washington

March 22, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of March 17, 1937, (7-576-3) as to the fact that plants were being maintained at 209 Cedar Street and 207 Laurel Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, without proper authority having been obtained from the Bureau for the necessary expenditures to maintain these plants.

Definite and specific instructions were given to Special Agent in Charge J. B. Little at the time these plants were discussed and contemplated that if and when plants were established in connection with telephones which were to be tapped, the necessary authority should be obtained from the Bureau as to the necessary expenses in connection with these taps, and the necessary authority also be obtained as to establishing taps on the telephones which were to be tapped.

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Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
Inspector

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EJC.B
cc Little Rock
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 22, 1937

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In maintaining the telephone taps at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in connection with the Brekid case, four single phone head sets are now in use. Two of these sets belong to the Little Rock Division, one being carried on the original inventory and the other being added to the inventory recently when the same was received from the Bureau. One of the remaining two sets was brought to Little Rock by Special Agent G. R. McSwain from the Oklahoma City Division and the other set was forwarded to the Little Rock Division by the Nashville Division.

It is requested that the Bureau forward to the Little Rock Division one single head phone set, with condenser, in order that I may meet any emergency that may arise.

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 26, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 8, 1937, extensive investigation was made by Special Agent W. V. McLaughlin of this field division in an effort to ascertain the identity of the Jim Farr, possibly Pharr, mentioned in your reference letter.

At the Identification Bureau of the New York City Police Department, investigation failed to disclose anyone listed under the name of Jim Farr, Pharr, Carr, Parr, who would answer the description of being a gangster and killer.

Inquiry among detectives attached to the main office squad and various precincts of the New York Police Department, who are very familiar with the New York City underworld situation, disclosed that they knew of no one of that name. In the event further investigation is desired concerning the above named person, it is requested that a physical description be set forth for the guidance of the New York Field Division.

Very truly yours,

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 27 1937

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau
cc Cincinnati

Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 24, 1939.

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Special Agent in Charge,
New York City, New York.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

As a result of the confidential set-up presently in operation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, it was learned through the medium of Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Detectives, Hot Springs Police Department, that one Costello, who is reported to be a partner of Charles "Lucky" Luciano, is presently residing at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs. It was also learned that seven members of the Luciano mob are likewise in Hot Springs with Costello, and are probably living at the Arlington. The identities of Costello and the seven men in his party are not known to this division.

The above is submitted to you for your information.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
March 24, 1937

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of my telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm on March 23, 1937, regarding the difficulty of installing the telephone tap on the house of prostitution of Lillian Pearrow at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and in which it was suggested that Special Agent J. M. Jones might be in a better position to place this tap because of his experience, I telephoned Mr. Ladd at Chicago and was informed by Special Agent W. J. Devereux that Mr. Ladd was out of the city. Agent Devereux told me that Mr. Ladd had left instructions that Agent Jones should not leave Chicago unless he were notified, but that Agent Devereux would get in touch with Mr. Ladd and advise me in the premises.

I today received a letter from the Chicago Division that the wife of Agent Jones is still very ill and for that reason he will not be able to leave for several days. In view of the situation described hereafter, it is believed this will be satisfactory at this time, but it is requested that Agent Jones be sent here as soon as the condition of his wife will permit.

In order to acquaint you more thoroughly with the situation in Hot Springs at this time, it should be noted that the Southern Club, a prominent gambling resort, was held up by five masked men on Friday, March 19, 1937, and ostensibly about $8,100.00 taken. My confidential information is that $30,000.00 was actually taken, this amount being on hand because the club was about to re-open that night. The next morning a mailman in Hot Springs found various papers and checks in a mail box, which papers must have been put there after midnight on Friday. Because of this fact and the fact that the robbery was so well "cased", it is the belief of the local police that it was undoubtedly carried out partly by local men. Because of this there has been considerable

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police activity in Hot Springs and Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers has been unusually active and investigations are being made of every suspicious activity in Hot Springs.

During this period Agents D. P. Sullivan, John L. Madala, together with Special Agent V. I. Parry, have been making a survey to determine the possiblity of installing the tap on telephone #789, assigned to Lillian Pearrow.

This house is on the southwest corner of Central and Prospect Avenues in Hot Springs and the telephone line connects to the pole in the alley in the rear which is directly in view of the telephone company offices less than half a block distance. This block on Central Avenue is in the heart of the city and contains three known bookmaking establishments, all of which have several phones connecting to this same cable. The alley is about three-fourths of a block in length and is closed at the South end. An examination of the cable charts in the telephone office at Little Rock reveals that the cable into which the above phone connects does not bridge, which would make it necessary to place the plant for this tap in this same block. There are no suitable places in this block for the tap.

However, at the south end of the block there is an apartment building which is located about seventy feet from this telephone cable, in which it might be possible to secure an apartment for the plant. In order to do this however, it would be necessary to bridge wires on five telephone poles in this alley and then run a line from the last pole to the apartment. In the event it was found necessary, by reason of the operation of any telephone man in this alley, to temporarily remove this tap, same could not be done without the telephone man observing it.

In view of the above situation and the general activity in Hot Springs at this time, Agents Sullivan, Madala and Parry have conferred with me as to the advisability of installing this tap at this time due to the danger of it being detected with resultant possible discovery of the taps now installed. It is believed that it is not desirable at this time.

Accordingly, in a telephone conversation with Mr. Foxworth at the Bureau today, I briefly informed him of the above facts and secured permission to have Agent Parry return to Oklahoma City and Special Agent E. G. O'Brien, who was sent here

to man this new tap, return to St. Louis until such time as they are needed here.

In the event it is decided to install this tap later, it is suggested it might be advisable to have Agent Parry return here to assist Agent Jones, both because of Agent Parry's knowledge of this set-up and because of the experience he could obtain by actually working with Agent Jones.

The Chicago Division is being advised in a separate communication to have Agent Jones report here as soon as his wife's condition will permit in accordance with the instructions received on this date from the Bureau (Mr. Foxworth) and immediately upon his arrival and the completion of the preliminary survey, the Bureau will be advised as to the possibilities.

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher
CHAPMON FLETCHER
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cincinnati
Mr. Connelley, Tacoma

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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March 17, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: BREMER CASE

The following is a resume of the pertinent telephone conversations obtained as a result of the taps on telephones 123 (Police Department), 446 (Chief of Police), and 648 (Mayor's office), Hot Springs, Arkansas, from February 26, to February 28, 1937, inclusive, as reflected in the report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, March 5, 1937:

February 27, 1937

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

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

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

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

To 743 (Verne Ledgerwood)

Mayor:	Keep me out of that.
Ledgerwood:	He says he is willing to "take the fire" if he can carry his own 20 men. He says the "chief" (Rasberry) is going on the payroll if he is successful. Marion (Anderson) said that Cella is to call Martin (Track Manager) and Martin

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will get in touch with Marion. He says he will put "Arch" (Cooper) on and some others. I tell you, you get in touch with Cella and I think it will all be ironed out.

Mayor: All right, I'll do it.

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

Call to Charles Cella completed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On this same date there were a number of calls directed to the Mayor and to the Police Department, indicating that A. J. Pearrow is the husband of Lillian Pearrow, who is the madam of a house of prostitution at 105 Prospect Avenue. Pearrow was in jail apparently for drunkenness. His wife was allowed to take him food, and he was given other favors which indicated that Mrs. Pearrow had a close hook-up with the Police Department. However, no information of particular value was contained in these conversations, and they are, therefore, not being set out in detail.

The following conversation was made on February 27, 1937, which may have some significance:

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

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

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

February 28, 1937.

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

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

Rogers:	Hello.
Mrs. Webb:	Ben, I'm worried about one of my girls - afraid something might have happened to her - she went to Room 1028 at the Arlington (Hotel) some time ago and hasn't come back yet. The bell-boy just phoned me and said that the fellow in the room there wouldn't give her any money or let her out - wish you'd go over and get all you can out of that s- o- b- and I'll split the difference with you. The girl's name is Juanita - not Jerry.
Rogers:	O.K., I'll go over and see the house dick.

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

Rogers:	Called 1571 (Listed - Mrs. C. B. Webb, #3 Crystal Street - evidently madam of a house of prostitution.)
Mrs. Webb:	Hello.
Rogers:	We couldn't find out much, but I'll call you

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

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

Man:	Asked for Rogers (slightly foreign accent)
Rogers:	Hello.
Man:	This is "Mack" (phonetic) over at the Arlington - I just got in that room - they're both up there asleep now.
Rogers:	OK. Thanks.
	("Mack" apparently refers to McAdams, house detective at the Arlington Hotel.)

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

Rogers:	Called 1571 (Mrs. C. B. Webb)
Mrs. Webb:	Hello.
Rogers:	Just found out that they're both up there asleep.
Mrs. Webb:	Thanks.

Respectfully,

L. M. Chipman

L. M. Chipman.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:TMF

March 24, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The telephone taps maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas recently have indicated that Sheriff Marion Anderson has been employed by the persons operating the Oaklawn Park race track at a salary of $50 per day to supervise patrol work at the Park and was authorized to employ ten men at salaries of $5 per day, each, to assist in this patrolling. Sheriff Anderson originally attempted to obtain a total of $4500 to perform this work but Mayor McLaughlin dismissed Anderson's original offer as a shake-down. Municipal Judge Ledgerwood was interested in the employment of Anderson at the figures indicated.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 26th, 1937.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, who is on special assignment at Hot Springs, Arkansas, advised me that the taps had been withdrawn at approximately 11:35 A. M., March 25th, 1937, on the telephones #123, #446 and #648, which are listed to the Mayor's Office and Hot Springs Police Department.

Agent Sullivan has informed me that the reason these taps were withdrawn was due to a conversation overhead at 10:46 A. M., March 25th, 1937 on telephone #648 (the Mayor's office) in which conversation Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin talked with Mr. Sheppard, who is Manager of the telephone company at Hot Springs, Arkansas. In order that this may be entirely clear to the Bureau, I am quoting the telephone conversation, as furnished me by Agent Sullivan:

10:46 A. M. Outgoing on #648, (Mayor's Office) Mayor McLaughlin talked with Mr. Sheppard of the "Manager's Office" at the telephone company.

Mayor: "Shep", if you will look there in your office, you will find that the lines out of my office are being tampered with.

Sheppard: Well, Leo, what makes you think so?

Mayor: It is that every time I take up my receiver on this phone I hear clicking noises. I have also heard some extracts

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of some telephone conversations
of mine repeated around. I know
that nobody could get hold of that
unless they were listening in * * *
It is just that I don't have the
assurance that I can pick up this
telephone and carry on a conversation
without being overheard. * * * * * *
I want you to personally look into it
and see about it - I think you will
find it there in your office.

Sheppard: All right, Leo, I'll personally look
into it and check up on your line right
away * * *.

Special Agent William T. Morton has advised that he heard no unusual noises or clicking on the Mayor's line about the time of this telephone call. He also informs there is a branch extension of #648, which is located in the City Health Office and it is possible that the clicking referred to by Mayor McLaughlin was caused by someone in the Health Department picking up the receiver.

It is the opinion of the writer and the Agents on this assignment that the Mayor's statement that he has overheard portions of telephone conversations repeated, is merely his imagination and that he well knows that such is not the truth.

Nothing has been overheard over telephone #2115, which is listed to W. S. Jacobs, which would indicate any suspicions on the part of Jacobs, as to the existence of the tap on his telephone and, therefore, no necessity appears to withdraw this tap.

A surveillance is now being maintained in the vicinity of the City Hall by the Agents assigned to this case and in the event no activity is observed within the next day or

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two, the taps on telephones #123, #446 and #648 will be reinstated and immediately upon this action being taken the Bureau will be informed.

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 26th, 1937.

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

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions received from the Bureau (Mr. Tamm) by telephone on March 22nd, 1937, Special Agent William B. Matney of this Division, interviewed Mrs. Scott Wood of 106 Watt Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, regarding information which she claimed to have in her possession pertaining to conditions at Hot Springs and her letter to the Bureau of February 25th, 1937, which indicated that she might have information pertaining to some Federal violation over which this Bureau had investigative jurisdiction.

The memorandum which has been prepared by Special Agent Matney covering his interview with Mrs. Wood is forwarded, together with two copies of the same, for the information of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 25, 1937.

Memorandum for Special Agent in Charge Chapmon Fletcher:

Upon being instructed to contact Mrs. Scott Wood, 106 Watt Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, by Special Agent in Charge Chapmon Fletcher, relative to letters written by this woman to the Director, agent immediately proceeded to Hot Springs on March 22, 1937, and contacted Mrs. Scott Wood at her home.

Mrs. Wood advised that she was pleased that an agent of the Bureau was calling on her. Mrs. Wood advised that since she sent her last letter to the Director she has learned that the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not handle income tax evaders. At that point agent deemed it advisable to advise Mrs. Wood concerning the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau, and it was stressed to Mrs. Wood that in all cases this Bureau has to determine whether or not it has jurisdiction. Mrs. Wood advised that this point had been called to her attention by her husband, but had not been called to her attention prior to the time she wrote the Director. Mrs. Wood made inquiry concerning the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Department, and was advised by agent that the Internal Revenue Department investigates violations of the income tax laws. Mrs. Wood advised that she intends to contact the Collector of Internal Revenue in Little Rock in the immediate future and furnish him with information concerning income tax violations in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mrs. Wood was advised that Mr. Hoover's office had called the Little Rock Field Division, and desired that Mrs. Wood be contacted and advised that the Bureau does not disclose information to any person whatsoever, and that no information is given to newspapers. At that point Mrs. Wood advised that at the time she could not believe that the Bureau would disclose information, but it must have been given to the newspaper by someone. She stated that she is positive that she did not give the information to the newspapers and as she had written about income tax evasion, and the newspaper article stated that this was what she wrote about she decided that the newspaper men must have seen a copy of the letter she wrote the Bureau. Mrs. Wood was advised that although agent did not know how the newspapers received their information, he was positive that it was secured from some person outside the Bureau. Mrs. Wood was questioned as to whether anyone other than herself knew about the letter which she wrote to the Bureau, and advised that Roy Smith, Hot Springs, Arkansas, C. Floyd Huff, U. S. Commissioner, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and her husband, Scott Wood, knew of her letter to the Director, as well as the letter she received. Mrs. Wood advised that

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she did not believe at this time that the newspapers had secured their information from the Bureau and that the only other parties that might have transmitted this information are Smith and Huff. In connection with the newspaper publicity given Mrs. Wood's letter, she advised that her husband was in the State Capitol Building in Little Rock, Arkansas, on business and he was approached by R. W. Sisson, Little Rock representative of the Memphis, Tennessee, Commercial Appeal, and this man advised Mr. Wood that he knew all about the letter his wife had written "to Hoover" and he knew that "Hoover" had answered by letter and advised that he was sending a man to see her. It is worth while to note that Mrs. Wood says that Sisson advised Mr. Wood that he knew the identity of the agent who was to contact Mrs. Wood, but when Wood was later talked to, he failed to remember that this was said. Mrs. Wood advised that Sisson keeps a desk on the second floor of the Marion Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas. Mrs. Wood and her husband, who was later interviewed by agent, advised that Sisson did not orally mention that Mrs. Wood had written about the income tax angle, but that this information did appear in the newspaper article that was forwarded to "Mr. Hoover".

In connection with possible harboring charges, Mrs. Wood gave the following information:

"Dr. T. E. Sanders, of Hot Springs, told me that Dr. J. P. Randolph, the local coroner, told him that about a year ago he and his step-daughter (who is married and lives in Canada, name unknown) were in a prominent eating place in Hot Springs about a year ago and this step-daughter advised that 'You have nice people to associate with here in Hot Springs'. Dr. Randolph asked what she meant, and this step-daughter said, 'See those two men sitting behind you, do you know who they are?' Dr. Randolph advised that he did not know, and his step-daughter said, 'There is Public Enemy Number One, Karpis, and the man with him is Luciano, the New York vice ring leader.' Dr. Randolph then asked the chef if he knew who the men were, and the chef advised that he certainly did, and that it was Karpis and Luciano, and that they came there often, and he always knew when they were coming because they sent a special shipment of groceries ahead and requested special dishes prepared."

Mrs. Wood advised that any additional information desired could be secured from Dr. Randolph, who is closely associated with the Hot Springs Police Department. Mrs. Wood advised that as far as she knows, Dr. Randolph did not say anything to anyone else.

At this point Mrs. Wood advised that she cannot understand how Galatas and all the wanted fugitives come to Hot Springs, and everyone knows about it, and they are not bothered. Mrs. Wood, when questioned, stated that

"it is common knowledge that the various fugitives were in Hot Springs." At this point agent stated that the Bureau has no jurisdiction over purely State offenses, and at this point Mrs. Wood appeared to be angry and advised that she could not understand why "someone can't do something."

Mrs. Wood advised that A. T. (Sonny) Davies, the City Attorney in Hot Springs, had rented the house that Karpis was living in, and stated that it was the house that Federal agents surrounded near Hot Springs last summer, and arrested some unknown party after Karpis had left. Mrs. Wood advised that the local police department was warned to stay away by Federal agents. Mrs. Wood stated that she has never received information that any local parties visited Karpis while he lived in or around Hot Springs. It is worth while to note that Mrs. Wood frequently used the terms, "It was in a press report" and "It was common talk".

Mrs. Wood advised that W. G. Bouic, the former Prosecuting Attorney in Hot Springs, told her that "information can be secured that will show that various officials in Hot Springs visited a certain cottage on several occasions, on Palm Street, and that these men had numerous meals at that place." Mrs. Wood advised that she cannot remember who the wanted fugitive was that lived in this cottage, but she believes that it was Karpis or some other fugitive.

At this point Mrs. Wood advised that "Hot Springs is notorious and you can see that it is if you read "10,000 Public Enemies'". It is worth while to note that Mrs. Wood used this publication on several occasion to stress the point that Hot Springs is "notorious the world over."

Mrs. Wood advised that Trages Freeman, who is presently employed by the State Revenue Department in Little Rock, Arkansas, advised her that some time ago his wife was on the Library Board in Hot Springs, and she told him that C. Floyd Huff, the present U. S. Commissioner in Hot Springs, took out a library card, and checked out the book "10,000 Public Enemies". Huff later came back and advised that he had lost this book, and paid for it. Mrs. Wood stated that Freeman was of the opinion that Huff gave this book to Galatas, as he was mentioned in this book several times. Mrs. Wood advised that on one occasion Galatas gave a bird dog to one of the city officials in Hot Springs, but she could not remember the name of the official. Mr. Wood, who was interviewed later, advised that it was Judge Earl Witt, who received this bird dog, but this transaction took place before Galatas became a Federal fugitive.

At this point, Mrs. Wood, without consulting agent, went to the telephone, and phoned Mr. Wood and requested that he come home immediately, as there was someone that wanted to talk to him. After this phone call

Mrs. Wood remarked that agent could get definite information from her husband as he is the party that conveyed a great deal of her information to her. Mrs. Wood again stated that "10,000 Public Enemies" and a recent article in the "American Magazine" gave valuable information concerning the activities of Galatas in Hot Springs.

Mr. Wood advised that it was "common knowledge" that prior to the time Galatas was made a Federal fugitive he was the "fixer in Hot Springs." Mrs. Wood then stated that it was "common belief that a phone call by Galatas to Kansas City, Kansas, was the cause of the Kansas City Massacre." Mrs. Wood advised that the entire story is in "10,000 Public Enemies."

Mr. Wood advised that after Galatas was a Federal fugitive, Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives, Hot Springs, Arkansas, took over the personal property of Galatas. Mr. Wood is of the opinion that Akers will explain this by saying that it was at the request of the wife of Galatas that he did this. Mr. Wood advised that it has been rumored that Akers made the payments on Galatas' car after he left. It was also rumored that on several occasions Akers took Galatas' clothes and money and met Galatas on the highway outside of Hot Springs. Mr. Wood advised that he knew of no way to verify this information.

Mr. Wood said that he did not know that his wife had written the Bureau until after the letter was written, and that all of the definite information he or his wife had at this time was in connection with income tax evasion.

Mr. Wood advised in this connection that Arch Ledgerwood, a brother of Municipal Judge V. S. Ledgerwood, came back to Hot Springs, Arkansas, about a year ago from a tuberculosis sanitarium and that this man has never received more than $100.00 a month for any work he has done. Mr. Wood said that this man has always been a poor man, and until this day is a poorly dressed person. Mr. Wood advised that Arch testified in the State investigation at Little Rock, Arkansas, and stated that he purchased a one-fourth interest in Belvedere at Hot Springs for $15,000.00 in 1933, and stated that he borrowed this money from a man named Ballard, who died a few days after this money was paid back to him. Mr. Wood believes that Arch is the "pay-off" man in Hot Springs. Mr. Wood advised that John R. Thompson, Attorney, Wallace Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, conducted the State investigation and questioning of witnesses. Thompson advised Wood that he was going to have a Federal income tax inspector at the State hearing. Mr. Wood advised that he intends to immediately contact the collector of Internal Revenue in Little Rock and give him his information relative to evasion of the Federal income tax.

In connection with the newspaper publicity in connection with instant case, Mr. Wood advised that Sisson told him that he knew "all about your wife writing Hoover and he is sending an agent to see your wife." Mr. Wood advised that he cannot remember that Sisson advised that he knew the identity of the agent that was to call on his wife. Mr. Wood advised that Sisson did not mention the income tax angle at that time, but that it later appeared in the newspaper article.

Mrs. Wood advised that after the arrest of Karpis there was an article in the Hot Springs newspaper to the effect that Mrs. Alvin Karpis had entered a dog in the dog show at Hot Springs during the fall of 1936 and that her dog had won first place. This article stated that the dog was entered as belonging to Mrs. Alvin Karpis. Mrs. Wood advised that she wrote Mr. Newman (Special Agent in Charge) at St. Louis, Missouri, and forwarded this clipping to him. Mrs. Wood advised that she wrote Mr. Newman on several occasions concerning making a speech at Hot Springs.

Mr. Wood advised that he received the following information in confidence, and for that reason could not divulge the name of the party. This party told Mr. Wood that he was talking to Dutch Akers before Akers went to Kansas City to testify in the Galatas case, and that Akers stated that he did not know what the Government had, but he had arranged everything so that if he didn't come back to Hot Springs everything would be alright. This party advised Mr. Wood that Akers told him that he did not expect to return to Hot Springs, and believed that the Government was going to "handle him." Mr. Wood stated that he could not give the name of this party to anyone.

After agent was out of the presence of Mrs. Wood, but in the presence of Mr. Wood, he made the remark that he was not advised by his wife that she had written the Bureau until after the letter was written and stated that Mrs. Wood was far above the average in intelligence, but was not a lawyer or legally trained person, and could not understand why something could not be done, as Hot Springs has for a long time had a "corrupt set-up". Mr. Wood stated that he does not believe that he will be able to give the Bureau any information which bears upon a violation over which the Bureau has jurisdiction, but that he does have definite information relative to income tax evaders. Mr. Wood's attitude was very friendly toward the Bureau, and he advised that if he receives any information in which he believes the Bureau will be interested he will appear at the Little Rock Field Division office and impart this information.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood stated that they did not desire that agent's

interview with them be known, and were advised that this information, if given out, would necessarily have to be given out by them, as the Bureau, under no circumstances gave out any information to any individual or organization.

Respectfully submitted:

W. B. Matney

W. B. MATNEY,
Special Agent.

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Little Rock, Arkansas	3/23/37	3/8-14,17,20/37	B. L. DAMRON

TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. No. 1232; ET AL;
EDWARD GOERGE BREMER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING;
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Taps on telephones of Police Dept., and Mayor at Hot Springs disconnected on March 10, 1937 due to repair work on lines in vicinity by telephone company employees, but re-established on March 17, 1937. Conversations of interest appearing in logs submitted for period of March 8 to 14, inclusive, set forth. Gambling activities at Hot Springs resumed on March 11, 1937 when State legislature adjourned but closed following day upon orders of Governor.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Ark., dated Mar. 16, 1937.

DETAILS: Upon receipt of advice from Inspector Connelley that a tap should be placed on the residence telephone of Lillian Pearrow at 105 Prospect Street, Hot Springs, the Bureau was requested to assign an agent familiar with telephone taps to establish the same, and that the necessary agents to maintain the plant be sent to the Little Rock Division. Special Agents V. I. Parry and D. P. Sullivan are now engaged in obtaining the necessary information and "lay-out" for the establishment of this tap and the rental of a plant from which the tap can be maintained. In connection with this tap it may be stated that the address of 105 Prospect Street is located on the same street as the business office of the telephone company and about one block west. Upon completion of this survey and if a tap is possible, the necessary authority will be requested of the Director,

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Special Agent in Charge

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and the tap established.

On March 13, 1937 Special Agent J. M. Jones departed from the district and his place has been taken by Special Agent John L. Madala.

On the afternoon of March 10, 1937 telephone company employees began repair work on the cables and lines in the immediate vicinity of the plant at 207 Laurel Street, and to guard against discovery the taps on the telephones of the police department (123 and 446) and the Mayor (648) were temporarily disconnected at the master terminal box. On March 17, 1937 this tap was re-established after a survey indicated the repair work had been completed and without discovery of the tap.

Re: ARREST AND RELEASE OF EARL KING

While in Hot Springs on other matters reporting agent ascertained from an examination of the records of the Police Department (blotters and Identification Bureau) that the persons arrested at 211 Woodbine by Chief of Detectives Akers and Captain Watkins were:

Elizabeth Allen	(Not fingerprinted)
Andrew Anderson alias Gene Anderson	(P.D. #6565)
Arthur Montgomery	(P.D. #6566)
Earl King	(P.D. #6564)

No dispositions were shown on either the blotters or fingerprints cards as to any of these parties, and the Identification Bureau had photographs of only Anderson and Montgomery.

During a general conversation with Chief of Detectives Akers, he told reporting agent of the arrest of King and several others, but did not state what dispositions were made of the persons arrested. He stated that he received a tip that a race horse machine or book was being operated at 211 Woodbine and he immediately proceeded to this address; that upon entering the house he found several men seated at a table eating, one of the men being known to him; that this man (probably "Joe") asked him if he was looking for something and he (Akers) replied that he just wanted to be cut in on something good; that he made this remark several times but without any results, so he arrested all of them. Akers stated that these men had a teletype machine in the house and was connected with California. Upon inquiry as to how this "racket" worked, he said one of the men was an ex-jockey and knew

all the jockeys at Oaklawn; that they would get the jockeys together and fix a race for the following day and then send the name of the agreed winner to California by teletype.

No attempt was made to obtain any further details concerning this matter and no special interest was shown during the conversation by Akers. Also, at this time, he remarked about notifying John Condon of the arrests, etc. and in reply to an inquiry, stated that Condon is financially interested in the track. It will be noted that Condon has been mentioned in previous conversations and from observations and general talk with friends it appeared to the writer that Mr. Condon is a "general handy man" at the race track, and is especially interested in "touts" and possible wire tappings.

The following conversations appear in the logs and refer to this matter:

8:30 P.M., 3/8/37 incoming on No. 446 H.A.S.

Watkins:	Hello.
Joe:	Swede, this is Joe - out at 211. Were you out here looking for me today? Was it about King or Anderson?
Watkins:	Yes, I came out to see if there had been any mail left for him - Anderson.
Joe:	O.K. Is he still in jail?
Watkins:	No. They're out on the streets today.
Joe:	Well, I'll be damned. I can't understand it.
Watkins:	I can't either. Well, I just wanted to know if he had any mail when I was out there today.
Joe:	O.K.

(Joe at 211 apparently refers to 211 Woodbine St.)

8:37 P.M., 3/8/37 incoming on No. 123 H.A.S.

Mrs. Sims:	Is Mr. Watkins there?
Watkins:	Hello.
Mrs. Sims:	Can I come down to the front of the jail and speak to that boy? His sister is here now. Can she talk to him?
Watkins:	They've been out all day. They're over at the fights now.
Mrs. Sims:	Well, you treat your prisoners nice. Are you going to hold him?
Watkins:	I don't suppose so.
Mrs. Sims:	Anybody there now - can you talk all right?
Watkins:	No, not very well.
Mrs. Sims:	If you have a chance, give me a call before you go home.
Watkins:	OK.

10:02 A.M., 3/9/37 incoming on No. 123 D.P.S.

Little Rock calling Akers.

Man: Hello Dutch. Did Swede tell you what I was talking to him about last night?

Akers: No.

Man: I couldn't get to talk to any of them. I thought maybe I could get "Tex" (Anderson) to stay in town. I talked to King. He said he couldn't get in touch with them either. He is going out and tryin get some money, but doesn't know whether he will have enough time. When can I come over and get them?

Akers: I've got to see another man today. I told a man I could get 25 a piece for them. I'll try my best and they should be out today.

Anderson: You know, whatever I do comes out of my own pockets.

Akers: I know.

Anderson: I'll try to do something. If I can find anything around here, I'll let you know and let you and Swede (Watkins) in on it. I may fold up here any time. I'll guarantee you won't lose anything by it.

Akers: Alright, partner.

8:02 P.M., 3/9/37, incoming on No. 123 D.P.S.

Call for Watkins or Akers from Little Rock, Ark.
Watkins to phone.

Man calling: Hello Swede. This is Anderson. What did you do with the boys? Dutch said they were going out.

Watkins: They are still here.

Anderson: I talked to that party. He was somewhere on the other side of Joplin. He said he was too near broke and was going out to see a party about some money. He thought he might go up to Chicago and then to Tanforan (San Francisco Race Track). He may not get back here, as the meeting (race meeting) is too far gone. He might not come back at all but it won't matter if he gets the information he wants. It will be just as good other places as it is here. I heard that Hot Springs would be just as good as ever soon.

Watkins: Yeah, only the matter of a few days.

Anderson: The reason is on account of "Coca Cola" (?) You can handle that and I can handle this. It will be a year around proposition.

Watkins: See me when you come over.

Anderson: But it must be on the "Q.T." If one of them should find out, they would throw a bomb at me.
Watkins: When are you coming over?
Anderson: Maybe tomorrow.
Watkins: O.K. boy.

("Andy" Anderson appears to be a brother of Gene or Tex Anderson and apparently operates a "bookie" in Little Rock.)

10:20 A.M., 3/10/37 incoming on No. 123 W.T.M.

Anderson at Little Rock talked to Watkins, asking when "those boys" were going to be released. Watkins said he would take it up with "Dutch" and if Akers wants to release them today he (Watkins) will have Anderson's brother (one of the prisoners) call Anderson. The conversation closed by Anderson saying, "I'll see you, I want to talk to you about some other things."

11:45 A.M., 3/10/37 outgoing on No. 123 W.T.M.

Akers called Southern Club, asking for "Roscoe".
Akers: I put them boys on the bus for Little Rock.
Roscoe: What about that finger guy?
Akers: He's on the payroll out there - I'll see you.

(Roscoe appears to be Roscoe Johnson of the Southern Grill.)

9:00 P.M., 3/10/37 incoming on No. 2115 J.M.J.

"Anderson" from Little Rock calling. L. D. advised his mother about 4:00 P.M. today that Jacobs was trying to reach him.
Jacobs: Don't know nothing about the call. Someone must have used my name.
Anderson: Advised Jacobs that he, Anderson, used to have an account with him and knew Roscoe very well. Anderson's brother was in some sort of trouble re the races today and he thought the long distance call was in this connection.
Jacobs: Stated he knew nothing of the brother's trouble and did not place the call.

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MARCH 8, 1937

The following conversation indicates that the Hot Springs newspapers receive racing entries, etc., over the wire service maintained by W. S. Jacobs for the "bookies."

7:02 P.M., incoming on 2115 B.M.S.

Jacobs:	Hello.
Man:	They cut the wire off at 510 today.
Jacobs:	Yeah, I know. The books are open in Little Rock. Opened yesterday.
Man:	Is that right? Well, we can't give the papers the entries.
Jacobs:	Get hold of Gousley and tell him they've cut the wire out on us and we can't give it to him anymore.
Man:	How about the scratches?
Jacobs:	Might pick them up through Little Rock.
Man:	O.K. Jake.

The following conversations pertain to legislation affecting the Oaklawn Park race track and racing and the activities of Mayor McLaughlin in killing the legislation. The proposal of Ed Farris, Secretary of the Racing Commission, to bribe members of the Senate is to be noted, as well as McLaughlin's statement that he is paying Farris one "C" to fix up the bills:

9:25 A.M., incoming on No. 648 D.P.S.

	Ed Farris from Little Rock calling.
Farris:	It looks like trouble in the Senate. They claim 21 votes on that racing bill. I talked to Shaver about it. Johnny Wells said to pay no attention to it. He said he had not talked to the Governor about it.
Mayor:	What do you think we should do?
Farris:	Go up there with a little change and change a few votes.
Mayor:	How much will it take?
Farris:	Maybe four or five C's ($100.00 bills). I'd say not to go over one grand. I believe I could underwrite it for that.
Mayor:	I will have to call somebody on it - what's your number?
Farris:	4-2961. It will come up today. They are trying to crowd it on that account.

9:27 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 D.P.S.

Mayor calling Charles Cella (owner of Oaklawn Race Track) at St. Louis, Mo.

Mayor: Ed (Farris) called me about that Bill. He said they claim 21 votes in the Senate for it. The Sec'y. of the Governor said not to pay any attention to it and to keep the Governor out of it. Farris said that for one G ($1000.00) he could stop it. I told him I had no authority to give him. He said the Senate is in session until noon. I am just reporting what he told me.

Cella: It's just a "shake". It looks like they are trying to get the grand. ($1,000.)

Mayor: He said four or five approached him. That means only four or five for the bill. If he could guarantee it for five C's, it would be alright. I know what they get over there. They get one C a piece. He'll keep the other five C's for himself.

Cella: (Talked about what Farris did when the other bill was "hot". Said would tell the Mayor about it when he saw him.)

Mayor: I'll try to get in touch with Hilliard. He's here in town. I'll call you.

(Hilliard is Chairman of the Racing Commission.)

10:36 A.M., incoming on No. 648 D.P.S.

Senator Borney from Little Rock calling.

Mayor: About that Bill in the Senate.

Barney: It passed this morning - 21 votes. We'll have to catch it in the house.

Mayor: Much obliged, Senator.

10:44 A.M., incoming on No. 648 D.P.S.

From Ed Farris at Little Rock

Farris: They passed that Bill on 21 votes. I didn't have anything to stop it with. I talked to Johnnie Wells. I'll be over this afternoon. I'll see you at the races.

Mayor: Alright, Ed.

12:01 P.M., incoming on No. 648 D.P.S.

Long distance call from Mayor to Charles Cella at St. Louis, Missouri.

Mayor: I talked to Senator Borney after I talked to you this morning. Borney told me they had 21 senators for it, two days ago; that there wasn't a chance of stopping it in the Senate and the only way was to let it go before the committee. Borney is a pretty good man. He said that 21 were already pledged and we should stop it in the House. I have a pretty good man there for that. He's right in there, not like these other fellows.

8:06 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Leo called St. Louis operator #223, she in turn called 4438, a man answered but his name was not mentioned, he started talking immediately.

Man: Leo, Joe just called me and said that "breakage bill" was coming up tonight, did you hear that?

Mayor: Yes, there are two bills coming up tonight for reading. Campbell is going to object to reading the bill more than once tonight, then they can't vote until after the second reading; that will put off the voting until Wednesday at least. Today out at the races I met Hale, England, and that fellow, whatshisname, Flourshelmer or something like that. The four of us fixed up a statement. We then found three members of the racing commission, Ferris and two others. We went over the statement with them to show that if the State takes the breakage they are going to lose money in the long run. We showed them that you would have to decrease your purses to make up that 18,000.

Man: What did they say?

Mayor: Well, they saw it. Figures don't lie. They called Little Rock and got in touch with three of the other four members of the commission and got them to agree to signing it.

Man: That's good.

Mayor: Now, I told Farris that if he would get these bills fixed up I'd give him one C, he doesn't know that the man he is to see is the one who handles my business, see? Now, I also found out that the reason that bill got 21 votes this morning was this: it seems a man named Thomas who introduced the bill went to 21 Senators

before the vote was taken and told each of them that the Governor wanted this bill to pass, so each one signed it and voted for it.

Man: Well, how does the Governor feel about it?

Mayor: He don't want it and when these 21 men find that out it will be killed.

Man: You don't know what the sentiment of the house is?

Mayor: Pretty fair, with the help we are throwing in there I think they'll kill both bills.

Man: Well, I don't want this damn bill to pass. If it does, we'll have to reduce the purses $18,000 to make it up and then we won't be able to get the good horses there.

Mayor: I know that and the commissioners know it now. We've got a solid front in the commission. We've done all that human effort can do.

Man: Well, I'll be up until twelve, if you hear anything call me.

Mayor: OK.

The following conversations indicate that Verne Ledgerwood may possibly be disqualified as a candidate for Municipal Judge, but that Mayor McLaughlin is guarding against a contest:

10:39 A.M., incoming on No. 648 D.P.S.

Call to Jack Holt, Attorney General's Office, completed.

Mayor: Saturday was the last day a person could file a pledge under the Corrupt Practice Act. The Clerk went out to the races in the afternoon. We got a pledge this morning that was postmarked 5 A.M. yesterday.(Sunday) It was delivered to the Clerk this morning. The post office closes about 9 pm. A person may say he dropped it in the mail Saturday night as he could not find the Clerk.

Holt: What race is that?

Mayor: For Municipal Judge - Ledgerwood. He's the only one. The question may come up and I wanted you to know so you could think about it.

Holt: I'll think it over.

11:59 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 D.P.S.

Call to Jack Holt, Little Rock, completed.

Mayor: Did you mention what I said to you to anybody?

Holt: No.

Mayor: Don't mention it. I'll tell you why when I see you.

The following conversations indicate "fixing" of cases in Municipal Court:

8:57 A.M., outgoing on No. 446 W.T.M.

1723 (Former Chief Wakelin)

Akers called Wakelin, who advised him that Jim Hall - a good friend of the administration - was in jail for drunk and disorderly conduct and asked that Akers "take care of him." Akers agreed and informed Wakelin that Mr. Tackett has qualified as candidate for Mayor.

11:26 A.M., outgoing on No. 123 W.T.M.

743 (Judge Ledgerwood)

Mrs. Charles Woodcock called Judge Ledgerwood saying her brother, W. H. Cary, 72 years old was in jail for drunkeness and fined $10.00, and she "wanted you to do me a favor and help me with his charges." Judge Ledgerwood said he would have to stay in jail until tomorrow morning, when he would turn Cary over to her.

12:40 P.M., incoming on No. 446 W.T.M.

Ray Jimson (phonetic) asked if Jim Hall was in jail. Dismissed this A.M.

The following conversations originated at houses of prostitution in Hot Springs:

8:45 P.M., incoming on No. 446 H.A.S.

Woman:	Is Dutch there? (Voice similar to Mrs. C.B.Webb, madam)
Akers:	Hello.
Woman:	Dutch, there's a man here trying to make Juanita move out. She doesn't even know him. He's arguing with me now. I don't know him.
Akers:	Do you want an officer?
Woman:	Yes, send one over to get rid of this guy.
Akers:	O.K.

11:03 P.M., incoming on No. 123 D.P.S.

Mrs. Proctor left message for Akers to call her at 413, Proctor Hotel "It's important".

MARCH 9, 1937

The logs indicated that Mayor McLaughlin was absent from Hot Springs on this date.

The following conversations indicate that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers assists in disposing of jewelry. Ruby Barnes is not listed in the current directories of Little Rock. One Robert Baum, whose nickname is "Ruby" is a jeweler of North Little Rock, and is reported to be a "fence".

10:02 A.M., incoming on No. 123 D.P.S.

Long distance call from man named "Ruby" (last name not gotten) at Little Rock, Ark.

Ruby: Do you have a prospect to buy diamonds?

Akers: Yes. I'll give you her telephone number. It is Mrs. J. W. Dennis, widow of Dr. Dennis, telephone 1675. She lives at 1803 Central Ave. Call her right now. She's got plenty of money. Bring so ething nice over with you and I'll go out with you. She has plenty of money. Bring some nice stuff over.

Ruby: Alright.

7:03 P.M., incoming on No. 123 D.P.S.

Mrs. J. W. Dennis calling - said that a Mr. Barnes had called her today and said he would be over at 11 o'clock. She asked Akers if he was alright.

Akers: Absolutely. Did he say he would bring anything over with him?

Mrs. Dennis: Yes.

Akers: I probably will be out with him. I have a ring less than 2 Karats, I'd like to sell you. I need the money and would sell it to you cheap.

Mrs. Dennis: I wanted a 2 Karat. You know, Mr. Akers, I'll keep this confidential. I want it, and I don't care where it comes from. You know you can trust me.

Akers: Oh, I have known that for a long time.

Mrs. Dennis: I want two 2 Karats. You may be able to get a hold of another one.

Akers: Alright, Mrs. Dennis.

The following conversations indicate fixing of cases in the Municipal Court:

12:10 P.M., incoming on No. 123 W.T.M.

Ed Bradley called Chief Rasberry to "fix" traffic ticket #9433 - Fowler, for double parking. Rasberry said he would fix it.

10:53 A.M., incoming on No. 123 D.P.S.

Man: (Sounded like Judge Ledgerwood) Told man at Police Department to release Mrs. Jones, whom he believed was a sister-in-law of Johnnie Jones and to tell her to come back to court in the morning.

10:14 A.M., 3/10/37 incoming on No. 648 D.P.S.

Man calling: This is Mr. Jones. My wife was down there in jail.
Ledgerwood: Yes. I turned her loose.
Jones: She had $14.50. They took it away from her. She had seven or eight bruises on her arm.
Ledgerwood: Who arrested her?
Jones: There were three of them.
Ledgerwood: You know she was drunk and down on the street. Why did she have to break the stove, turn on the water and turn loose the gas in the jail?
Jones: I didn't know that. She said she had $14.50 which they took away from her and wouldn't give back.
Ledgerwood: Well, Rasberry is a high class fellow. I'll talk to him and have him call you - what's your number.
Jones: You can reach me through 45 (Moncrief Printing)

10:17 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 D.P.S.
To 123 (Police Department)
Ledgerwood, telling Chief Rasberry that the Jonesboy, whose wife was in jail, and who is a brother of Johnnie Jones, just called him and said that his wife had $14.00 which the police took away from her. Rasberry said she didn't have any money. Ledgerwood suggested that Rasberry call Jones, who apparently either lives at or is employed at the Arlington Hotel. (Johnnie Jones is Clerk of the Circuit Court.)

The following conversation is self-explanatory, originating with Mr. O. B. Webb, madam of a house of prostitution at 3 Crystal Street:

5:30 P.M., outgoing on No. 446 H.A.S.

Watkins: Called 1571 (listed Mrs. C. B. Webb)
"Peggy": Hello.
Watkins: Who's this? Did someone there want Watkins?
"Peggy": This is "Peggy" - I'll call Mrs. Webb.

Mrs. Webb: Is this the Day Captain - "Swede"?
Watkins: Yes,
Mrs. Webb: Just wanted to let you know that I had some trouble with a guy here last night - Harlow, he works at O'Neals - I had a nice crowd here and he started raising hell, so i had him put out. He threatened that he would have me "put in the iron" but he can't do that. He's a no good son of a bitch - drives a car drunk with a fellow from Indianapolis. Just wanted to let you know, so you'll know who he is in case he tries to cause me trouble.
Watkins: Yes - all right - I'll come over and talk to you.

The following conversation indicates that Chief of Detectives Akers may possibly be interested in the bond business of D. Ben Murry, professional bondsman:

7:24 P.M., outgoing on No. 123 D.P.S.

Akers: Called 3675 (D. B. Murry - Bondsman)
Akers: Ben, did you make that boy's bond today?
Ben Murry: No.
Akers: He's got a record.
Murry: He might walk off then. We don't want anything like that do we?
Akers: No.
Murry: See you in the morning.

MARCH 10, 1937

The following conversation indicates a possible connection between W. S. Jacobs and the Oaklawn Park race track, it being noted that previous conversations indicated Jacobs controlled only the gambling and "bookies":

11:41 A.M., outgoing on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Jacobs: 2633 (Bill Hamilton, 229 Woodbine)
Hamilton: Hello. That you Jake?
Jacobs: Yeah Bill, you want me?
Hamilton: Did Tink see you last night?
Jacobs: No, why?
Hamilton: That drunken son-uv-a-bich, you must have been hiding from him then.
Jacobs: I wasn't hiding, I talked to him over the phone about nine or ten o'clock.

Hamilton: Well, I want to see you this afternoon or tonight.
Jacobs: I'm busy with my income tax this afternoon, but suppose you come by my house at 7 o'clock. It's 116 Cedar St., right across the street from St. Joseph's Infirmary.
Hamilton: OK, Jake, I'll do that.

The following conversations further indicate that Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers has purchased an interest in the Highland Park Inn, which is located at 835 Central Avenue:

10:43 A.M., incoming on No. 446 W.T.M.

Man giving name, "Miller" called Akers and both entered into conversation about relative profits in 10¢ and 15¢ sizes of bottled beer. Miller agreed to make for Akers 3 small signs advertising 15¢ bottle beer and Akers agreed to handle the caller's beer.

10:45 A.M., outgoing on No. 446 W.T.M.

Akers called 2505 (Highland Park Inn) and spoke to "Pat", cancelling an order to make some beer signs.

The following conversation, apparently refers to the appointment of a U. S. District Judge to succeed John E. Martineau, deceased, as C. Hamilton Moses, Attorney of Little Rock, has been mentioned in the press as a prospective appointee. It was also noted that the press reported that C. T. Cotham, attorney of Hot Springs, was recommended by the Garland County Bar:

10:05 A.M., outgoing on No. 648 D.P.S.

To 477
Mayor: Let me speak to J. Roland
J. Roland: Hello.
Mayor: Don't say anything to the rest of the fellows of what I am going to say. Dick Ryan, Verne (Ledgerwood), and I were just talking here. That fellow is already appointed. They are just shaking a red flag against "Ham" Moses.
J. Roland: Some of the bunch wanted me to have a meeting.
Mayor: When Sam Garrett comes in, Tell him they are waving the "red flag" against that fellow. He's already got it anyway.

MARCH 11, 1937

On the morning of March 11, 1937 reporting agent proceeded to Hot Springs on general investigative matters, and while there noted that the gambling establishments opened during the afternoon, after adjournment of the legislature, and Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers and Detective Garnett Moore advised that the gambling rooms at the Southern Club and Belvedere Club were re-opening that night. On Friday, March 12, 1937 reporting agent noted that the bookies had re-opened, and upon visiting Robert Moore, former Night Captain of Police, at the Southern Club, that evening, it was noted that gambling was in full swing at that time. Upon returning to headquarters on Saturday, March 13th, it was noted from the evening papers that Supt. Gray Albright of the Arkansas State Rangers had proceeded to Hot Springs and notified local authorities that unless these establishments were closed they would be raided. The newspapers subsequently quoted Supt. Albright as stating he took this action at the request of Governor Bailey. It appears from the logs that all "bookies" and gambling establishments were closed on Saturday, March 13th, after this visit by Supt. Albright.

Many telephone conversations were overheard on the telephone of W. S. Jacobs (2115) on this date, most of which consisted of arrangements being made by Jacobs to re-open the "bookies" and the gambling establishments.

It appeared from these conversations that Jacobs obtains his gambling equipment from the B. C. Wills Company, Detroit, Michigan, telephone Cadillac 5974.

The following conversation indicates that the money derived from gambling is converted into certified and cashier's checks and kept in a vault instead of being run through a bank account.

10:25 A.M., outgoing on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Jacobs:	109 (Morris Ins. Agency)
Charlie:	Hello.
Jacobs:	Charlie, when you come up here, go by the bank and bring those certified and cashiers checks out of the vault.
Charlie:	All right and say, we had our money counted twice, once on winners and once on the room when it should have been counted only on winners; that'll make a difference of $1500 on the tax. I'm revising the schedules.
Jacobs:	O.K., be sure and go by the bank.
Charlie:	Yes sir, Mr. Jacobs.

(The identity of Charlie is unknown).

The following conversation between Mayor McLaughlin and Jacobs appears to refer to the Breakage bill that passed the State Senate and was sent to the House:

12:13 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Morris:	Hello.
Leo:	Who's talking?
Morris:	John Morris talking.
Leo:	Jake there?
Morris:	Who is this?
Leo:	Leo.
Morris:	Just a minute Leo.
Jacobs:	Hello.
Leo:	We succeeded in not letting that thing come up this morning. The speaker just let several talk as much as they wanted to about any and everything. They've been raising hell over there for the last 30 or 40 minutes but adjourned at 12 o'clock without it coming up.
Jacobs:	Good, I'm going to open up today.
Leo:	You gonna be near the phone a while?
Jacobs:	Yeah, on crutches today!
Leo:	Better leave that damn liquor alone.
Jacobs:	That's good for it, try it sometimes.
Leo:	I'll call you later.

The following conversation reveals that the employees of Jacobs have been "booking" the races at Oaklawn Park race track, even though Jacobs promised Mayor McLaughlin that the local races would not be booked:

12:23 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Jacobs:	1065
Woman:	Southern.
Jacobs:	Roscoe, please.
Roscoe:	Hello.
Jacobs:	We're gonna get open tonight with gambling in the side room. The legislature just finished.
Roscoe:	Do you want me to go out to the track then today. There's one fellow I can beat out there, we made eleven hundred off him yesterday.
Jacobs:	Don't bother with that today. Send Cecil out in your place. Show him how you bet. Is Smitty there?
Roscoe:	OK, I'll do that. Wait a minute I'll call Smith.
Smith:	Hello.

Jacobs: Jacobs talking. Get all dining room tables together and send them out to Belvedere. Get the tools, dice table, wheel, poker, etc., from the other place. Call Watt and tell him to help you. Get the porters to clean things things up.

Smith: OK Mr. Jacobs, I'll attend to everything.

The following conversation indicates that Earl Witt, Circuit Judge, refused to allow the "bookies" to operate downstairs (implied consent to operate upstairs.) It will also be noted that Mayor McLaughlin cautions Jacobs about operating the bookies and suggests that he stay upstairs:

12:34 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Jacobs: Hello.

Mayor: Those other fellows were here this morning, Corrigan and Bus Smith both. Smith ask me about using his downstairs and Corrigan answered the question by saying Earl said he would handle him if he did use the downstairs. So be careful, don't take any chances.

Jacobs: Well, we're not gonna do anything.

Mayor: Just so you stay upstairs. Have you made a deal with the Kentucky yet?

Jacobs: No, I was waiting to see Mattors, he claims Ryan owed him back rent. We're opening Ohio, Southern and Belvedere today.

Mayor: This fellow will be over here in the morning, I want to get six hundred from you for him.

Jacobs: OK, I'll see you.

(The reference to the Kentucky apparently refers to the Kentucky Club, a bookie and gambling place, formerly operated by George Ryan, now deceased. Mattar appears to refer to Selim E. G. Mattar, who owns the building in which this establishment is located. Subsequent conversations indicated that Jacobs has purchased this establishment. Corrigan is possibly "Ike" Corrigan, who appears to be a close friend of Earl Witt. The identity of Bud Smith is unknown, as is the identity of "this fellow" to whom Mayor McLaughlin is deliverying $600.00.)

The following conversation indicates that Otis McGraw, of the Southern Club, keeps some of the gambling money in his box. (possibly safety deposit.)

1:37 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Morris: Hello.
Otis: Who is this?
Morris: Johnny Morris, that you Otis?
Otis: Yeah, lemme talk to Jake, Johnny.
Morris: He just wanted to know if you had five hundred in your box and ten - five altogether.
Otis: That's correct. Tell him I'm gonna send in a twenty-one table and the necessary check racks from the country.
Morris: Sure will Otis.

The following conversation indicates that the "combination" has an interest in the "bank" at the Southern Grill gambling rooms. It is unknown whether the combination refers to an outside organization or the local administration:

4:00 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 J.M.J.

Roscoe: I was talking to that fello - the OK has to come from New York back to Chicago - he believes he can cut in late today or tomorrow.
Jacobs: O.K. See what you can do.
(Phone turned over to "Phil")
"Phil" and Jacobs talked about Phil running a poker game and using "Doc" to take care of things the same as last year. Jacobs agreeable to that.
Phil: Going to operate the bank?
Jacobs: Yes. Guess it'll open at six.
Phil: How about a piece of that?
Jacobs: Can't Phil. It's split so many ways now - the combination is in on that.
Phil: O.K.

The following conversations indicate that "Sonny" Davies, City Attorney, is either interested in the Kentucky Club, or the attorney for Mrs. George Ryan, part owner of the Club:

4:12 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 J.M.J.

Jack: Hello Mr. Jacobs, you wanted me?
Jacobs: Yes, I was wondering if we could have the use of those tables up there until mine arrive.
Jack: I guess so - you would have to call her up and I guess she would want to talk to Sonny (Davies) first. When do you want them?

Jacobs: Tonight - may use them for two or three days and will pay for the use of them.
Jack: Oh, there'll be no charge.
Jacobs: I want to take them up to the Southern tonight, and of course, will pay for them if they burn them up.
Jack: OK, I'll get hold of Sonny (Sonny Davies) and call you back.
Jacobs: O.K.

10:55 A.M., incoming on No. 2115 3/12/37 J.M.J.

Judge: How are you feeling?
Jacobs: Hello Judge - not so good.
Judge: Sonny is here with me - what do you need.
Jacobs: Two wheels and a hazard table will do - my wheels will be here in the middle of the week.
Sonny: Two wheels and a hazard table - anything else Jake? She will be glad to help you out.
Jacobs: No, that's all, thank you.

11:30 A.M., incoming on No. 2115 3/12/37 J.M.J.

Sonny Davies: Say, I spoke to Siene (phonetic) and he said you could have the tables but would have to sign a receipt in case anything happens to them. He claims there is some rent due but I don't want to get mixed up in that.
Jacobs: O.K. we'll give you a receipt.
Sonny: Well, when do you want them?
Jacobs: Anytime - as soon as you can.
Sonny: OK, I'll call Mrs. Ryan (widow of George Ryan, deceased Hot Springs gambler) up for the key - when will you be down for them.
Jacobs: Right away.
Sonny: O.K.

(Seine apparently refers to Selim Mattar)

The following call is self-explanatory and originated with Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers:

5:45 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 J.M.J.

Dutch Akers: Is what I hear so?
Jacobs: You mean about our opening up? Yes. We are going to open up a little tonight.
Dutch: Did you hear from my wife?

Jacobs: No, she may have got in touch with Otis. He's been out the club all day - I've been sick in bed.
Dutch: What's wrong?
Jacobs: Oh, everytime we have bad weather I get a touch of gout.
Dutch: You haven't been drunk?
Jacobs: I should have.
Dutch: OK, partner.
Jacobs: OK.

With reference to this conversation it will be noted that Akers inquired if his wife had called Jacobs, who replied that she might have called Otis. These remarks may refer to the employment of Mrs. Akers at the Belvedere Club as a shiller or may refer to some activity in Little Rock. It was noted from previous conversations over the lines of the Police Department that Mrs. Akers called her husband from Little Rock and mentioned that she had arranged for the rental of a house owned by the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, but that the person who was to live in the house could not move in at that time. Akers also mentioned about some things being hauled from Hot Springs to Little Rock

Although the party making the following call did not identify himself, it appears that Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood made the call, as he maintains offices with "Sonny" Davies:

8:35 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 J.M.J.

"Judge" called Jacobs and asked if Miss Ryan had call yet - Jacobs: "Yes, Thank you." Judge: "O.K."

A call at 9:20 P.M., from 2115, indicated that Mayor McLaughlin was with Jacobs at that time.

MARCH 12, 1937

The following conversations appear related and reveal the "tie-up" between the "administration" and gambling, the first call originating with Mayor McLaughlin:

9:30 A.M., incoming on No. 2115 J.M.J.

Leo called Jacobs
Leo: How is your health?
Jake: Not so good the doctor is here now.
Leo: What's wrong?

Jake: Oh, bile, etc., he's giving me the treatment you told me - diet.

Leo: Well, have Roscoe drop by. I want to tell him something.

Jake: O.K.

10:15 A.M., incoming on 2115 J.M.J.

Tink (Tink Young) from Ohio Club called Jacobs:

Jacobs: Say they said no bets less that $2 are to be taken. They'll get an injunction if any $1 bets are taken or if any bets are taken downstairs.

Tink: O.K.

Jacobs: Leo told them fellows 1 bet downstairs and he would padlock the place.

Tink: O.K. - only had about a dozen people here last night but the Southern had so many they all could not play.

Jacobs: Yeah I know - I'll have some more wheels in today.

10:33 A.M., incoming on No. 2115 J.M.J.

Roscoe: You want me?

Jacobs: Get $600. Go over and see that party (Leo) he'll tell you something.

Roscoe: O.K.

Jacobs: Charge it with that other money.

Roscoe: O.K.

(Note that the $600.00 is the amount referred to in the call at 12:23 P.M. on March 11, 1937.)

10:55 A.M., incoming on No. 2115 J.M.J.

Judge: How you feeling?

Jacobs: Hello Judge - not so good.

Judge: Sonny is here with me - what do you need?

Jacobs: Two wheels and a hazard table will do - my wheels will be here in the middle of the week.

Sonny: Two wheels and a hazard table - anything else Jake? She will be glad to help you out.

Jacobs: No. That's all, thank you.

(The Judge apparently is Verne Ledgerwood, Municipal Judge, and "Sonny" is A. T. Davies, City Attorney.)

11:15 A.M., incoming on No. 2115 J.M.J.

Roscoe: Did he tell you what he wants?
Jacobs: No.
Roscoe: Well, they want the Witt (or Wood) boy to go back to work and Ruth.
Jacobs: Who?
Roscoe: Ruth - Sonny's wife.
Jacobs: Well, OK, I guess.
Roscoe: Who's going to open up this afternoon.
Jacobs: We are not going to open till seven tonight.
Roscoe: Do you want to put the boy shilling?
Jacobs: I don't thinkhe will shill - you better just let him hang around watching.
Roscoe: How about the girl?
Jacobs: I don't know - there's no room around the tables yet - just keep her around.
Roscoe: Would you want them at the Belvedere?
Jacobs: No, I don't want them around there.
Roscoe: O.K. Did they tell you how they made out last night?
Jacobs: No.
Roscoe: I don't know, but they were way d own. I gave them a $1000. then I borrowed $2000 from Louie and 500 from another fellow.
Jacobs: The house lost then I guess - I gave them $10,000.00 in cash in the afternoon.
Roscoe: I don't think they went into that - let you know how things were later.
Jacobs: Did he (Mayor McLaughlin) say anything about the $2 bets?
Roscoe: No - guess we go along the same as ever.
Jacobs: Yes. Call the races - but not loud.

(The "Witt boy" apparently refers to a relative of Earl Witt and Gibson Witt, Circuit Judge and Prosecuting Attorney, respectively. "Sonny's wife" apparently refers to Mrs. A. T. Davies. "Louie" apparently refers to Louis Bloom, of the Kentucky Club.

The following calls apparently originated with someone at the Kentucky Club, probably "Louie" Bloom:

11:46 A.M., incoming on No. 2115 J.M.J.

Man: Say, Mattah (Mattar - auctioneer) called me up and wanted to know what I intended to do - someone else wants the place - Sonny Davis (Davies) called me up for the key.
Jacobs: That's OK they are just going to get me a couple of wheels (roulette wheels) until mine come in next week.

Man: O.K., but I wanted to call you up before I done anything.
Jacobs: That's right.
Man: What do you think about the other?
Jacobs: I don't think it's worth more than $00, do you?
Man: Well, I wanted to talk to you about that.
Jacobs: O.K. come up when you get a chance.

12:00 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 J.M.J.

Man: What do you want - just the wheels - how about chairs?
Jacobs: No chairs - just the wheels, hazard tables and chips.
Man: O.K.

The following call reveals that the gambling loses for the night of March 11, 1937 at the Belvedere Club was $5,000.00 or $6,000.00, and a loss of $2,700.00 on the "bookies":

1:43 P.M., incoming on #2115 H.A.S.

Man: (Probably Phillip, at Belvedere) for Jacobs.
Jacobs: Hello.
Man: We didn't do so well out here last night. Went down $5,000.00 or $6,000.00. I didn't get in until about six this morning.
Jacobs: Well, you probably need some cash - you had $10,000.00.
Man: Don't need so much. Some of that that went out was in cashier's checks.
Jacobs: All rightie.
Man: I'll be down after a little bit.

6:15 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Roscoe: How you feel Jakie?
Jacobs: Oh a little better.
Roscoe: Well, we handled $5,600 on ? (couldn't catch) and $10,500 on the big sheets and the house lost $2700. Just one of those things. Old man B bet me $2800.00 all told and won $900.00 finally. He's still here.
Jacobs: Got a good crowd?
Roscoe: Yep. Plenty of folks here.
Jacobs: Alrightie.

The following conversation between Jacobs and Mayor McLaughlin is self explanatory. It is interesting to note that Jacobs mentions that the gambling paraphenalia had to be run right because of the lack of tools.

9:20 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Jacobs: Hello.

Leo: Just finished with a long council meeting. We're gonna put in meters from Fountain Street to Market.

Jacobs: When?

Leo: About 10 days.

Jacobs: Had a big loss today, six thousand downtown, two thousand in the country. We haven't many tools yet, so we've got to run 'um right.

Leo: Yeah, you'll be all right in a few days, plenty of business around. You know the fellow I told you about last night, well, his brother asked me today if he could come in and I just put the whole proposition up to him, see. Saw that other fellow at the track today, you know, he says Ed (phonetic) is here and he makes plenty everywhere he goes. The boys were over from Little Rock today and everything looks pretty fine.

Jacobs: There's plenty of nice business around, we'll get straighten out in a few days.

Leo: Is somebody there?

Jacobs: Yeah, Mrs. Riebold, Dr. Smith sent her over.

Leo: That's best. I'll call you sometime.

Jacobs: OK.

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The following conversation indicates that the gambling money of Jacobs is maintained in the form of "certificates" in addition to cashier's check and certified checks:

10:39 A.M., outgoing on No. 2115 W.T.M.

109 (John H. Morris, Insurance Agency)

Jacobs: Spoke to "Charles" asking him to come up to the house "open up the box and give some certificates to Roscoe."

The following calls are self explanatory:

12:25 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 W.T.M.

Louie called Jacobs, saying he had seen "Sonny" (Davies) and Mrs. Ryan was moving "that stuff upstairs" and also he had seen Mr. "Matto" (phonetic) (Mattar) about the lease. Both agreed that the price "Matto" was asking for the lease was too high.

(Call between "Louie" Bloom, of the Kentucky Club and Jacobs.)

12:29 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 W.T.M.

Unidentified man called Jacobs about "using that other boy". Jacobs said to put him on a phone temporarily as he had gotten Picci and Ryan's interest and was getting "Matto" straightened out and would open up the Kentucky Club soon and could use "that other boy" there.

(Picci is Matt Picci of the White Front Cigar Store. Ryan is George Ryan, deceased. "Matto" is Selim Mattar.)

1:32 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115 DPS

To 210 (Ohio Cigar Store)

Jacobs: Is Mr. Young there?

Young: (To phone) Hello.

Jacobs: Have you got the phones upstairs?

Young: Yes. Phones, chairs and everything.

Jacobs: Did Wade get you?

Young: No.

Jacobs: He got a footboard out there.

Young: Wat about the forms?

Jacobs: Keep giving them away.

Young: Alright. It amounts to quite a bit of money, but we can get away from that later.

Jacobs: That's right.

Young: How about $1 bets?

Jacobs: No. Nothing less than $2.00. The newspapers don't want anything less than $2.00.

Young: How about a man wanting to bet $1.00 to win and $1.00 to place? Some of the places downtown have been taking them.

Jacobs: No, better not taking anything less than $2.00. Have any play on the dice?

Young: Yes. Pretty good last night and two or three now.

Jacobs: How much? A dollar?
Young: No, fifty cents. Wanta make it a dollar?
Jacobs: Yes. You'd better. They want to get away from that cheap gambling.
Young: Alright. I'll fix it Monday.

(Note that racing forms or sheets are being given to the "bookies" free of charge. "They want to get away from that cheap gambling" apparently refers to the administration.)

1:38 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115 D.P.S.
To 2791 (Unpublished - Southern News Club)
Man Calling: Is Roscoe (Johnson) there?
Roscoe: (To phone) Hello.
Man: How ya bets?
Roscoe: Taking $1.00 at some places. I called "The Kingfish" (Mayor McLaughlin) about it.
Man: That's what I told 'em.
Roscoe: What did the Chicago Office say?
Man: I called but couldn't get them. I'll get 'em as soon as this race is over.

(The "Kingfish" apparently refers to Mayor McLaughlin. The Chicago Office refers to the Chicago headquarters of the Nation Wide Service.)

1:40 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115 D.P.S.
To 210 (Chio Cigar Store.)
Man:4 Mr. Young there?
Young: (To phone) Hello.
Man: Roscoe said he called back a second time on those fellows downtown. He said the Kingfish said "no bets less than $2.00.

The following calls reveal the activity that followed the arrival in Hot Springs of Supt. Gray Albright of the State Rangers:

3:19 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 D.P.S.

Man: Mr. Jacobs?
Jacobs: Yes.
Man: Otho (Phillips) calling. The Rangers are in town. They're closing everything up, but not taking any furniture. Marion (Marion Anderson, Sheriff) called and said to close everything down.

Jacobs:	Were you out to the race track?	
Phillips:	No.	
Jacobs:	I'll see what there is to it.	
3:20 P.M., outgoing	on No. 2115 210 (Ohio Cigar Store)	D.P.S.
Jacobs:	Did you hear anything about the Rangers being in town?	
Tink Young:	No.	
Jacobs:	Otis and Marion called and said they were closing everything, but aren't taking any furniture.	
Young:	Leave everything as it is?	
Jacobs:	Yes.	
3:21 P.M., outgoing	on No. 2115 To 2791 (Southern Club)	D.P.S.
Jacobs:	Anybody been up there trying to close you?	
Man: (Otis McGraw)	No. Herb said someone told him they were going around and closing places that were open downstairs. Want me to call Marion? (Marion Anderson)	
Jacobs:	No, but walk around there a bit, though.	
3:22 P.M., outgoing	on No. 2115 To 1117 (Kentucky Tap Room)	DP.S
Jacobs:	"Doc", be careful about taking anything downstairs. They are going around a bit.	
Doc:	Alright, Mr. Jacobs.	
3:26 P.M., outgoing	on No. 2115 To 613 (Sheriff's Office)	D.PLS.
Jacobs:	Who's talking? Pete?	
Pete:	Yeah.	
Jacobs:	Any new orders?	
Pete:	Yes. Tried but couldn't reach you. They will be up there in a few minutes. Just got a call from Marion (Anderson) at the track.	
Jacobs:	You mean close everything, or you mean downstairs?	
Pete:	No. Everything.	
Jacobs:	Alrightie.	
3:27 P.M., outgoing	on No. 2115 To 2791(Southern Club)	D.P.S.
Jacobs:	Roscoe (Johnson) there?	
Roscoe:	Hello.	
Jacobs:	I think you are right. I just talked to Pete. Marion phoned and said to close everything up. Orders from Little Rock, I guess.	

3:30 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115 D.P.S.
To 210 (Ohio Cigar Store)

Jacobs: Tink there? (Tink Young)
Young: Hello.
Jacobs: That is going to be right. Pete said they come up from Little Rock to close everything up. If they come, better close. Marion called from the race track.
Young: Alright.
Jacobs: It may be a mistake, but I don't think so.

3:31 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 D.P.S.

Smitty: Jake, this is Smitty. Did you get anymore stuff?
Jacobs: Don't know. Are the doors locked?
Smitty: Yes.
Jacobs: Looks like they're gonna tell us to close.

3:34 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115 D.P.S.
To 2791 (Southern Club)

Jacobs: Roscoe, have you heard anything yet?
Roscoe (Johnson): No.
Jacobs: Give Marion a call out there.
Johnson: Don't know where to reach him. Want me to send a boy out there and have him call me?
Jacobs: Yes. You can do that.

3:36 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115 D.P.S.
To 613 (Sheriff's Office)

Jacobs: Heard anything yet, Pete?
Pete: No. Roy Ermey is on his way up.
Jacobs: What's he going to do? Tell 'em to close?
Pete: Yeah. Haven'theard anything from the track yet.
Jacobs: Alrightie.

(Roy Ermey is a Deputy Sheriff)

3:37 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 D.P.S.

Man: Ermey and a deputy are here and said to close. They got orders to close. Ermey said he would call you up from downstairs.
Jacobs: I know the deputy, Bill Howe.
Man: Should we move the stuff?
Jacobs: Not until we hear something. It may only mean the horses.

(Call apparently originated on 2nd floor of Southern Grill.)

3:53 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 D.P.S.

Mayor McLaughlin: They report about cutting the "take" in two at the race track yesterday, and that taking bets did it. Have you been taking them?

Jacobs: No, not one.

Mayor: I was talking to the Comptroller. There were four or five there. Albright (Head of State Rangers) was there and asked about the Belvedere. Somebody said they were against all organized gambling.

Jacobs: We won't open until we get further word. You'll call me soon as you hear?

Mayor: They said that during the races, the "books" shouldn't be open.

Jacobs: In a lot of places, they close the "books" when there's races. We're closed.

3:56 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 D.P.S.

Man calling: Mr. Jacobs?

Jacobs: Yes.

Man calling: This is Irmey (Ermey, Deputy Sheriff). Did you get those orders?

Jacobs: Yes.

Ermey: Not to open. To close the Belvedere tonight.

Jacobs: Alright.

(Note that this is an apparent "tip-off" by Deputy Sheriff Roy Ermey.)

4:02 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 D.P.S.

Man calling: All the people are out of here. There's no use in going out the track now is there?

Jacobs: I guess not. Got orders to stay closed. Leo (McLaughlin) said to close tonight and stay closed.

Man: Did Leo call you?

Jacobs: Yes. He said they cut the "take" out at the track in two.

Man: Ha, Ha, Ha!

Jacobs: Don't tell anybody we handled that much.

Man: No.

4:07 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 D.P.S.

Tink Young: What's new?

Jacobs: Just talked to "The Kingfish" (Mayor McLaughlin) He said they cut the "take" in two at the track yesterday.

Young: Hah! What about it?
Jacobs: It cut the State's share. Yesterday was a bad day. It ruined. He said to close everything; Southern; Belvedere.
Young: Guess we'll have to go on the sneak again.
Jacobs: If you can grab anything, take it, but don't let them upstairs.
Young: O.K.

(Note"double-cross" of Mayor McLaughlin by Jacobs and his men.)

4:37 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115 to 1876 (?)(1876J- R.C.Raef) D.P.S.
(1876W-F.W.Doster)
Man asked woman if Miss Limbach (phonetic) at home. Was told she went downtown. Man said he would be home in a little bit.)

(1876-J is listed to Roy C. Raef, Clerk of the County Court. 1876-W is listed to Frank W. Doster, whose identity is unknown. Apparently the call was made by Raef.)

5:27 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 D.P.S.

Man Calling: Tink. Hear anything?
Jacobs: Got orders not to do anything, especially on the Southern and Belvedere. I was talking to the "Kingfish" and he said not to do anything until he got over there.
Tink Young: Think we can "sneak" a little crap?
Jacobs: I don't know about that. He sounded pretty sore. They said it cut the "take" in half at the track yesterday.
Young: They're exaggerating. That sounds like some of Ed Farris' stuff.
Jacobs: They forgot that yesterday was a rainy day.
Young: He ought to be able to find the low down on it.
Jacobs: He's got it. He told them fellows over there that we haven't been taking any bets. I told him when we were talking about re-opening that they ought to keep the books "closed" for a month. If fellows like Martin or Farris get anything it's like striking a match. He's trying to get connected, but Saturday night it's hard. Persons are out on parties and everything. I'll try to get hold of him and Marion (Anderson). Understand, not so many at the races.

Young: Heard there were 8,000. That ought to be enough. I think I will go home for dinner.

Jacobs: Alright, Tink.

(Martin apparently refers to Joe Martin, Manager of Oaklawn. Farris is Ed Farris, Secretary of the Racing Commission.)

7:15 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Leo: Hello.

Man: Lemme talk to Jake.

Leo: Jake is in bed sick, this is Leo.

Man: That's fine, I was gonna ask Jake what you had found out.

Leo: Well, I talked to Grady Manning and his idea of this thing is that the books were interfering with the State tax. The take is not what it should be. The handle dropped off 50% and they blame the books for it and there is some justification to this. But Belvedere just got caught in the rush. He thinks the fellows from Little Rock did not intend to touch Belvedere - it was an after thought. We should get it ironed out by Tuesday.

Man: OK, thanks a lot Leo.

(Grady Manning is President of the Southwest Hotel Chain, with offices in Little Rock, and reported to be close to the State administration.)

9:05 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Women: Is Leo there?

Jacobs: No, Leo has been here more than an hour, but he is gone now.

Woman: Thank you.

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5:20 P.M., incoming on No. 2115 H.A.S.

Jacobs: Hello.

Man: Hello, Jake, how are you feeling?

Jacobs: Better, thank you.

Man: Have you heard anything?

Jacobs: Our people have got a connection - think we'll get it straightened out by Tuesday.

Man: O.K. That's fine.

Jacobs: Yes, we'll be ready by Tuesday.

An outgoing call at 7:15 P.M., on this date indicated that Mayor McLaughlin was with Mr. Jacobs at that time and was with him at 8:53 P.M., when he made another call.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
March 30th, 1937.

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

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:

The report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, March 5th, 1937, rendered in connection with the above captioned matter, has now been approved by me, as instructed by the Bureau in communication of March 19th, 1937 (7-576), and the same is returned herewith.

It is regretted that the Bureau has been caused any inconvenience in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher

CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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I. O. No. 1232; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

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NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Conversations of interest overheard on taps on police and mayor's and W. S. Jacobs' telephones at Hot Springs, Ark., for period March 15 to 20, 1937, inclusive, set forth herein. Taps on police and mayor's telephones re-established on Mar. 15, 1937. Logs for this period reveal that C. E. Palmer, publisher of the daily newspapers in Hot Springs is apparently go-between for gambling syndicate in Hot Springs and Gov. Carl E. Bailey. Through this medium the gambling at the Southern and Belvedere Clubs, both owned by W. S. Jacobs, were unofficially permitted to re-open on March 19, 1937. Logs and newspaper articles also reveal that the administration at Hot Springs has started to corruptly operate to retain political control at Hot Springs by buying poll tax receipts in wholesale lots in order to have the upper hand in the Democratic State Primary in 1938.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated March 23, 1937.

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DETAILS: As previously reported, the taps on the telephones in Hot Springs, Arkansas, were temporarily removed on March 12, 1937, because of the activities of the local telephone company employees in the immediate vicinity of the Bureau's point of surveillance at 207 Laurel Street. On March 17, 1937, after it was definitely determined that the telephone company had apparently finished their work in the vicinity of the Laurel Street address, these three taps were re-established by reporting agent, and were in operation at 2:40 P.M. on that date. The Bureau was advised by letter on the same date of the re-installation of these taps.

Reporting agent reported for duty at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on the afternoon of March 15, and is assisting Special Agents B. M. Suttler and D. P. Sullivan in the maintenance of the tap on telephone 2115, the unlisted telephone of W. S. Jacobs, the point of surveillance being at 209 Cedar Street. Special Agent R. H. Laughlin reported for duty at Hot Springs on the night of March 19, 1937, and is, together with Special Agents H. A. Snow and William T. Morton, maintaining the surveillance of the police and mayor's phones at 207 Laurel St.

Special Agent B. L. Damron is temporarily relieved of his duty of preparing weekly reports in this case, and these reports will be submitted by reporting agent.

The data contained in this report has been taken from the telephone tap logs submitted by the agents at Hot Springs, and supplemented by articles of interest taken from the local newspapers. Telephone 123 is listed to the Hot Springs Police Department, 446 is listed to the Chief of Police, 648 is listed to the Mayor's office, and 2115 is an unlisted number, assigned to W. S. Jacobs. This report covers the logs submitted for the period March 15 to 20, 1937, inclusive.

The following conversations taken from the logs, and supplemented data, appear to be of interest to this investigation. The agent who overheard each conversation has placed his initials opposite the reported conversation for future identification reference. The following conversation appears to be of interest in connection with the political set-up at Hot Springs:

9:15 A.M. Incoming on No. 2115 W.T.M.

Man with voice similar to that of Mayor McLaughlin carried on general conversation with Jacobs about his health and the weather, and also informed, "We won the case in the Supreme Court." The caller also advised Jacobs that Mr. McHaney (phonetic) had just called reporting the loss of his field glasses at the Belvedere the other night, and wants Jacobs to see if he can find them.

The above statement, "We won the case in the Supreme Court.", undoubtedly refers to the decision handed down by the Arkansas Supreme Court on March 14, 1937, upholding the right of Marion Anderson to serve as Garland

County Sheriff, in which it was held that the Garland County Circuit Court acted correctly in dismissing an election suit in which Clyde Wilson, one of Anderson's opponents contested his nomination. It is of interest to note that Sheriff Anderson was represented in this contest by A. T. Davies, Gibson Witt, James R. Campbell, and Leo P. McLaughlin, the nucleus of the political machine at Hot Springs.

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The following two conversations indicate that W. S. Jacobs has some participation in the opening of a new gambling casino in Hot Springs. Recent conversations have revealed that a new gambling room will soon open upstairs at 514 Central Avenue:

9:17 A.M. March 15, 1937 Incoming on No. 2115 W.T.M.

Unidentified man called Jacobs, asking about his health. Jacobs said, "We won our case in Supreme Court - that case where they were trying to put Anderson out - our side won." Jacobs also told him to go on with his preparation of "that room" as he thought "things would be straightened out by Tuesday - but I guess we'll have to give up the horses."

3:00 P.M. March 15, 1937 Incoming on No. 2115 H.A.S.

Man: (After inquiring as to Jacobs' health.) I've got the lease to that property in my pocket - haven't signed it yet - was just going to take it up the Charlie Harmon's and have it notarized. We'll have to pay for running a new water main from the house, under the sidewalk, to the meter - he was down there the other day in a car with his mother, so couldn't get to talk to him much - didn't get to ask him about that $40.00.

Jacobs: How much did you get it for?

Man: Got it for $75.00 per month from April 1st to next January 1st, and for $100.00 month during all of 1938.

Jacobs: I think I'd try to cut off that part of the lease about 1938 and just offer $75.00 month for 1937 - you know we may not be able to open up at all for the next two years while that damn fool is in office and would just be stuck for that extra $1200. That would be a lot of dead money to pay out.

Man: Yes. All right. I won't sign it until I see him again and talk to him. Bill, here, wants to talk to you.

Bill (Miller?): Mr. Jacobs, you know I'm trying to sell my place - I've got three safes - one big one - I'd have to store somewhere. You are welcome to use them if you need them.

Jacobs: Thanks, I'll let you know.

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The following conversations indicate that W. S. Jacobs purchased some gambling equipment from Chicago and Detroit for the Southern and Belvedere Clubs, probably to replace paraphenalia confiscated and subsequently burned by officers of the State Revenue Department on January 29, 1937:

2:30 P.M. March 16, 1937 Outgoing on No. 2115 H.A.S.

Jacobs: Called 82 (Murray Transfer Co.) Inquired whether another shipment had been received from Detroit.

Wood: Yes, one shipment today was just sent out to Southern Grill - Roscoe told me - you had one shipment the other day too.

Jacobs: I want the shipment from Chicago to go to the Belvedere and the shipment from Detroit to the Southern Club.

Wood: Yes, sir. It's already gone.

2:45 P.M., March 16, 1937 Incoming on No. 2115 H.A.S.

Jimmie (Phillips): Informed Jacobs that express company was unloading a shipment of seven boxes in ally by Southern Club - four boxes from Chicago, and three from Wells Co. at Detroit.

Jacobs: Informed Jimmie that the Chicago shipment was to go to Belvedere and Detroit boxes from Wells were to go upstairs in the Southern Club. Said he'd call Murray Transfer Co.

2:48 P.M., March 16, 1937 Outgoing on No. 2115 H.A.S.

Jacobs: Called 82 (Murray Transfer) advised man there to send to Southern Grill for boxes to go out to Belvedere Club.

Man: Yes, sir.

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The following conversation between Leo P. McLaughlin and W. S. Jacobs indicates that an individual in power, possibly Governor Carl E. Bailey, wants Jacobs or the administration to give some friends of his a job: Bransford, mentioned herein, is probably identical with John Bransford, Speaker of the Arkansas State House of Representatives. This conversation also indicates that W. S. Jacobs contemplates doing some gambling on the sneak, and the Mayor sanctioned this procedure:

6:00 P.M., March 16, 1937 Incoming on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Jacobs: Hello.
Leo: Well, how you feeling?
Jacobs: Better; I can turn over in bed without any pain now.
Leo: I just came in from the track, betting was pretty brisk. Say, you must have been talking to a lot of gals lately, someone was just telling me your telephone was tapped. How about it?
Jacobs: (Grunted) Uh huh - I dunno.
Leo: I was talking to that fellow Bransford out at the track today. He said that he was talking to "you know" and he expected us to give those people jobs. I told him that we was going down the line with him all the way but we can't give 'em a job now. He said, 'well those folks have got to have a place to stay so why don't you open up that place over there." I told him I'd see him later about it and for him not to tell him he had talked to me. He said he wouldn't tell. I think Bransford is all right.
Jacobs: Yeah he's all right. What do you think about us sneaking a little dice down at the Ohio tonight?
Leo: Well, you've been doing it anyhow haven't you?
Jacobs: No we haven't. We've been painting upstairs and getting things fixed up, we just thought we'd sneak a little dice tonight.
Leo: Well, I'd be mighty careful about it.
Jacobs: We will.
Leo: Well, I'll see you later.

10:10 P.M., March 16, 1937 Incoming on No. 2115 D.P.S.

Tink: Hello.
Jacobs: I was talking to "that fellow" (McLaughlin) and asked him about "sneaking" a little and he said you are "sneaking" a little already. He said we should be particular and I told him we were just painting up there. If I don't hear anything by tomorrow night, we will sneak a little.

Tink Young: Well, we'll be ready.
Jacobs: I won't see him before six o'clock.

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The following conversation reveals the political set-up at Houston, Texas, where Lee Brown apparently resides:

6:14 P.M., March 16, 1937 Incoming on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Jacobs: Hello.
Otho: Otho talking Mr. Jacobs, how you feel?
Jacobs: Feeling better, Otis.
Otho: That's good. I've been out to the track. I've got a letter in my pocket for you from Lee Brown, do you want me to bring it by or read it to you now?
Jacobs: Open it up and read it to me, might be a check in it. (Both laugh.)
Otho: He says, "I went up to see Mr. Anderson about that machine and he says he'll look out for you and let you know. I talked to Tom Reid and with that service man, he said to thank you for what you had done on that. The City Council has this fellow Packindau (phonetic) up for investigation, he's on the vice squad; we are holding out until this fellow is kicked off the vice squad and the Police Department gets settled. If he gets kicked off it will be much better for me here. Am holding to the apartment but will not open until this Police thing is settled. Jessie Jones will be here tomorrow, I'll see him about that thing". That's about all he says Mr. Jacobs and there's no check in here. I hated to bother you by calling but am glad to hear you are feeling better.
Jacobs: Thanks Otho, just call or come by any time.

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The following conversation indicates that W. S. Jacobs is booking horses on the sneak at either the Ohio or Southern Club:

7:21 P.M., March 16, 1937 Incoming on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Man: How you feel Jake?
Jacobs: Oh, little better.

Man: We did a good business today, handled lots but lost ten seventy-five thirty-five ($1075,35), the markers were 9100, chases 3199. Levy bet me 600 on one horse, he bet 1210 altogether and lost.

Jacobs: Well it can't be helped. None of those track officials come around, do they?

Man: I don't know any of 'um, who you mean?

Jacobs: You know, the racing commission.

Man: Landers (or Landis) was around today about one o'clock.

Jacobs: Well, I wouldn't bell him too much, him or Farris neither, they both are trying to be little big men. Landers is the one that turned me into Sam.

Man: OK, Jake, I'll see you.

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The following conversation indicates the extent of the dining room business at the Southern Club:

9:30 A.M., March 17, 1937 Outgoing on No. 2115 W.T.M.

1065 (Southern Grill)

Jacobs: Jacobs talking. How was business yesterday?

Woman: Very good - 733 on food - that was very good. (usual exchange of conversation about Jacobs' health followed, when he advised that he would be out in a day or so.)

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The following conversation reflects to some measure, the extent of Jacobs' gambling operations:

3:32 P.M., March 17, 1937 Incoming on No. 2115 B.M.S.

Jacobs: Hello.

Man: Kutch (or Dutch) gave me a check for $2000 dated December 15, said he was leaving tomorrow and wanted to settle up before he left. The other thousand he'll send a check for later."

Jacobs: Well, just stick it in your pocket.

Man: OK.

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Mr. John Atkins, a State Revenue Officer, became disorderly at the Belvedere Club on the night of March 17, 1937 and was thereafter taken to the Sheriff's Office and booked for disorderly conduct and drunkeness by Arch Cooper, guard at the Belvedere Club, and former city police officer. the following conversations appear to be of interest in regard to this matter:

10:13 P.M., outgoing on No. 2115, March 17, 1937 D.P.S.
To 613 (Sheriff's Office)

Jacobs: Is Cooper there?
Man answering: No, he's gone.
Jacobs: This is Jacobs. Do you have a man there?
Man answering: Yeah. He's here in the office right now.
Jacobs: I wanted to do what I can for him. He was out there drinking and using bad language.
Man: Yessir.
Jacobs: You can let him go.
Man: Alright, we'll turn him out.

11:03 P.M., March 17, 1937 Incoming on No. 2115 J.L.M.

Otho: How do you feel?
Jacobs: All right.
Otho: I just got back - it was a long and tiresome ride.
Jacobs: There was a fight at the Club tonight.
Otho: Yeah, I heard about it - anything serious?
Jacobs: No. They got this fellow Atkins, at the Sheriff's Office now. We had no right to arrest him at the club; we can only put people out of the club if they become disorderly.
Otho: Arch Cooper should have been out there when we opened - he came there drunk.
Jacobs: Yeah, that's bad. This fellow's brother is head of the Penitentiary Board, and is a Robinson man. He has got plenty of pull.
Otho: This Atkins got in trouble at the club once before - he's a wild when he gets drunk.
Jacobs: Yeah, I remember he took part in that last raid - he was at Miller's place. Of course, he couldn't help it. He had to go along.
Otho: What are they going to do with him?
Jacobs: I told Marion (Anderson) that I would like to get him out if we could - Marion said he would take care of him.
Otho: I hope there won't be a squawk about this - now is a bad time to have any trouble with those fellows.
Jacobs: Yeah, I know - that's the way those things happen.
Otho: I'll run out to the club for awhile and then go to bed. I'll call you tomorrow.

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The following conversation reveals the Mayor's interest in W. S. Jacobs' gambling enterprises in Hot Springs, and his strategy in keeping in line with people in political power, so as not to cause any unnecessary "heat" on the gambling operations in Hot Springs, Arkansas:

9:45 A.M., March 18, 1937 Outgoing on No. 648 B.M.S.

Mayor contacted Operator 4, Little Rock, Ark.

Will Atkins: Hello, Leo.

Leo: The reason I called you was to tell you about John (Atkins) before you heard it from someone else, so as not to impair our friendship. I think John got mixed up around here last night. The Sheriff was telling me about it. He had about two drinks too many out at the Belvedere last night and got to talking too loud about bringing some officers in here. Anderson talked to him but didn't get far, they took him down to his hotel. Just wanted to let you know.

Will Atkins: Thanks a lot Leo, I appreciate you calling me a whole lot.

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There appeared a newspaper article in the Hot Springs New Era dated March 8, 1937, disclosing that Elmer Tackett will oppose Leo P. McLaughlin in the general city election on April 6, 1937 for the office of Mayor of Hot Springs, Arkansas. The article went on and related that Tackett was drafted by a cross section of the business, professional and laboring men of Hot Springs, to make the race for Mayor, and that from all indications the mass of people apparently feel that the future welfare of Hot Springs depends largely upon a change in the Mayor's Office at this time. The following two conversations apparently refer to the general city election on April 6, 1936 and clearly reveal the corrupt politics prevalent in Hot Springs:

10:50 A.M., March 17, 1937 Incoming on No. 2115 W.T.M.

Mayor called Jacobs, saying it looked like "that fellow is going to stay in" and that they needed to begin to get organized right away. He instructed Jacobs to get up a list of all outsiders, outside help - also mentioned the orchestra now at the Belvedere and the one formerly there - with addresses, and send them down to his (Mayor's) office.

NOTE: "That fellow" in the above conversation probably refers to Elmer Tackett.

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[illegible] the Mayor's office [illegible] the past few days. [illegible] told [illegible] brother about the gubernatorial [illegible] at the Belvedere on June [illegible]

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[illegible] the following [illegible] indicated as spoken [illegible] from Collinsville, operator of the Batteris Hotel, [illegible] Hot Springs Police Department:

[illegible] the Batteris Hotel.

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[illegible] Is Grace there?

Thelma: No. She's at the Beauty Shop - who is this?

Watkins: Watkins of the Police Department - who is this?

Thelma: [illegible]

[illegible] - she's at the Beauty Shop. [illegible]

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[illegible] March 16, 1937 [illegible] the Arkansas Gazette [illegible]

[illegible] the Oaklawn Race Track in Hot Springs, an employee of [illegible] soliciting names of strangers for use in obtaining poll tax receipts which [illegible] used in next year's State Primary election; that he conveyed this information in a letter to Governor Bailey. He further said that he had been informed by a reliable source that solicitation of names for use in paying poll tax had been ordered by the administration Thursday morning in the Mayor's office. He [illegible]

the gamblers and bookmakers were requested to attend. Huff went on to relate that while standing in the grandstand at the race track he saw one of the ushers in uniform present a document to various persons for signature; that naturally this aroused his curiosity, and he succeeded in getting close enough to hear him request two spectators, strangers to him, to sign the paper and to hear the usher explain that it was to be used to buy poll tax receipts. Huff stated that he was successful in getting a glimpse of this paper and from what he saw it appeared to be a petition or authorization for the person concerned to assess the poll tax of the person signing the document. He said there appeared to be some 30 or 40 names signed to the paper; that when the usher, whom he did not know, recognized him, the usher took the paper and put it in his coat pocket and walked off and attended his duties as usher.

With reference to the underscored sentence appearing above, it would appear that the following calls emanated from the Mayor's office, confirming the statement of Mr. Huff in regard to this matter:

9:31 A.M., March 18, 1937 Outgoing on No. 648 B.M.S.

Hazel:	1987 (C. J. Spencer)
Operator:	Line is busy.
Hazel:	Then give me 341 (Citizens Sporting Results)
Woman:	Citizens.
Hazel:	Is Mr. Harris there?
Woman:	No.
Hazel:	Just a minute.
Geo. McLaughlin:	Say is Nix there?
Woman:	Yes.
Nix:	Hello.
George:	Nix, George McLaughlin. When Ben gets down there tell him to bring all the boys and meet Leo at 11 o'clock down here.
Nix:	Sure will.

9:32 A.M., March 18, 1937 Outgoing on No. 648 B.M.S.

Hazel	1987 (Spencers)
Man:	Hello.
Hazel:	Is Spencer there?
Oliver:	Hello.
Hazel:	Oliver, Hazel. Leo wants you up here at eleven o'clock, and bring all the boys.
Oliver:	O.K. Hazel.

9:33 A.M., March 18, 1937 Outgoing on No. 648 B.M.S.

Hazel: 840 (Blue Ribbon Club)
Woman: Blue Ribbon.
Hazel: Is Louie there?
Woman: No.
Hazel: Gordon?
Woman: No.
Hazel: Well, George Hackers.
Hackers: Hello.
Hazel: George, Hazel. Could you and Louie and Gordon and the other boys meet Leo at eleven o'clock down here?
Hackers: Sure, we'll be there.

9:35 A.M., March 18, 1937 Outgoing on No. 648 B.M.S.

Hazel: 764 (Millsaps Sporting Results)
Man: Hello.
Hazel: Is Mr. Smith there?
Man: No, this is Mike (phonetic).
Hazel: Well, Mike, Leo wants all the boys who are around to come over to a meeting at eleven o'clock.
Man: All right. I'll tell 'em.

9:36 A.M., March 18, 1937 Outgoing on No. 648 B.M.S.

Hazel: 210 (Ohio Club)
Man: Hello.
Hazel: Is Henderson there?
Man: No, Jackson talking.
Hazel: Jackson this is Hazel, Leo wants all the boys around there over at the City Hall at eleven o'clock.
Jackson: Sure Hazel.

9:37 A.M., March 18, 1937 Outgoing on No. 648 B.M.S.

Hazel: 1065 (Southern Club)
Hazel: Is Mr. Phillips there?
Mrs. Phillips: No, he's at home asleep, this is Mrs. Phillips.
Hazel: Mrs. Phillips this is Hazel, tell Jim to bring all the boys with him to the City Hall at eleven o'clock Leo is having a little meeting.
Mrs. Phillips: Sure Hazel, I'll call Jim now.